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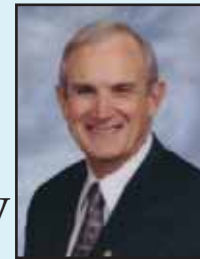
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2005 MSOP LECTURESHIP REVIEW



THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MSOP LECTURESHIP: A REVIEW

Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

This magnificent and marvelous lectureship began in 1967 and has continued each Spring since. It is always held the last Sunday of March through the following Thursday night—five full days of rich, in-depth Bible study. The one, just past, was conducted March 27-31, 2005. It has been my treasured privilege to speak on each one since 1970. Toward this annual lectureship, I feel much like the precious little boy taking out his third helping of his favorite chocolate pudding. Moved with gratitude, he told his mother, “Mommy, it just gets gooder and gooder and gooder!” What appreciative mother would correct the grammar of such an assessment by a grateful child?

To borrow from the little fellow, these lectures just get “gooder and gooder and gooder,” or better and better and better. Each one builds on the solid stance and expanding reputation of all the preceding ones. Each one reaches new lectureship heights of excellence. Each one is a pace setter. Each one is consistently on the cutting edge of truth. Each one is set for the defense of the gospel. Truth is under attack today, and the MSOP annual lectureship is an able defender of that assailed faith once delivered to the saints of the most high God (Jude 3).

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS LECTURESHIP

There have been only three—Roy J. Hearn, Curtis A. Cates and Bobby Liddell. Loaded with talent, knowledge and dedication, these three men have proved to the satisfaction of all that they know what makes for a successful lectureship. Truth is always safe in the hands of such men. Error is never welcomed by such giants in the brotherhood. They know that truth must be defended and error exposed and defeated. Brother Hearn early set that very tone and tenor. Brother Cates continued to march to the same tune. For three years now, Bobby Liddell has followed the same illustrious path. He gets much help from many others, but he is the mastermind as were brethren Hearn and Cates before him.

THE THEME

Three single syllables composed it and how stately they are: “What Is Man?” It is both an Old Testament and New Testament query. It is as relevant now as when first raised thousands of years
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Co-Editor's Column

Review Of “Redemption Through The Bible”

Garland Elkins



Brother Franklin Camp, faithful and able gospel preacher for many years, now deceased, and a great Bible teacher, taught a series on “Redemption Through the Bible.” A book, covering part of his classes, has been published entitled: *A Study of the Book of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon*. It was my privilege to count brother Camp as a good friend, and it is an honor to write a few words of commendation about this book.

Proverbs. Relative to the book of Proverbs, brother Camp wrote: “This book of Proverbs is one of the greatest books of the Bible that deals with human relationships. It contains so much information and many principles essential for good relationships. If we want to learn how to get along with other people, the book is invaluable. If we would digest the truths found therein, it will have a tremendous impact upon our lives in getting along with others (parents, children, wives/husbands and all relationships).”

Ecclesiastes. Brother Camp wrote about Ecclesiastes: “We ought to remember that Solomon had the opportunity to make all the experiments of life one can make without God to try to find satisfaction in life. I am not very smart if I think that some experiments in life exist today in which Solomon did not engage to try to find satisfaction, and that I will succeed where Solomon failed. That is foolish? Yet, too many of us perhaps think that way and sometimes try to live that way.”

Song of Solomon. In brother Camp’s introduction, he wrote: “This book has given people all kinds of difficulty in trying to deal with it, but I want to study it in view of the principle that I believe it sets forth—this book is a poem that emphasizes love, and we will try to look at it from that standpoint.... In the book of Proverbs, we learn how we base wisdom upon the fear of God and how we apply it to everyday life. In the book of Ecclesiastes, we learn about the emptiness of life when men try to walk by sight. We would realize then that the book that followed the book of Ecclesiastes would surely suggest that instead of life being empty and only vanity, life could have meaning and purpose, which is what we have in the Song of Solomon.”

Conclusion

A Study of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and The Song of Solomon is a book of gems, containing some of brother Camp’s finest work. It is a pleasure to recommend this book, unreservedly, as suitable for Bible Class work, devotional services, or private study.

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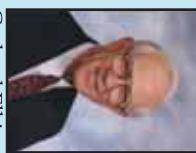
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ago. Every lecture was geared to some facet of this fundamental query. Each chapter in the two-volume set does more of the same. It is doubtful there has ever been a more thorough study of this question. I know of none. It was an idea whose time had come, and what a marvelous materialization and beautiful flower it bore in its arriving, actuality and full blossoming.

THE SPEAKERS

Sixty people were invited to come and participate including eight of our lovely Christian ladies who taught special classes for women. Four current students spoke Monday through Thursday, 8:30 to 9:00 A. M. Of the fifty-two men invited to come, more than half of this number were alumni who have excelled as preachers and writers. All are a credit to the School that helped educate them. It is nothing short of amazing how much Bible this School puts into the impressionable minds of willing, dedicated students who hunger and thirst after righteousness (Matt. 5:6). I heard many of the speakers in person and will read every printed lecture this Spring and Summer. I have already begun this pleasant perusal. All my fellow speakers did a par excellent job.

THE AUDIENCE

Attendance was fascinating especially in view of the highest of gas prices. People came from many states, both near and afar. Foreign countries were represented. Many could be there only one or two days. Others came for the whole five days. Many took vacation time to be present. This says much for their dedication.

FOREST HILL AND COOPERATING CONGREGATIONS

Forest Hill is home to the MSOP. They, and neighboring congregations, provide the noon meal each day. The meals are always super good and served in the shortest of time, and provide additional times for precious fellowship. Forest Hill extends the red carpet of Christian hospitality at its finest. They graciously make each of us feel right at home. They are glad we come each year and it shows by their thoughtfulness and helpfulness.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR

Cliff and Marty Lyons were honored this year on Monday evening. Several gave speeches about their great work and sacrificial service in the states and abroad. Two of their sons spoke, much to the delight of their pleased and proud parents. Each Tuesday evening, there is the annual banquet for Alumni and Friends. Joe Nichols spoke this year. He was one of the first graduates of the School. **The Gospel Journal**, edited by Dub McClish, had a successful dinner on Wednesday. The singing and prayers always add much to the overall lectureship. Jim Green has done the video work for many years but is retiring from this. We all owe him a great debt of thanks.

THE LECTURESHIP VOLUMES

Yes, there is an "s" on that word. As was true last year, this year also produced two volumes of some 1,316 pages. Cloth bound in green, they are masterfully crafted by Sain Publications. These books form an encyclopedia of rich material on the study of man. They sell for \$25.00 with \$5.00 added for shipping. (For an additional \$10.00, one can purchase a CD with all past MSOP Lectureship books, and other valuable volumes--more than 17,700 pages: Editor.) These two volumes need to be in every library and they need to be read and digested. One will never outgrow books like these.

CONCLUSION

We salute Bobby, Curtis, the School, the elders, and the Forest Hill church for a job well done. We all are in your debt. Next year's theme will be "The Gospel of Christ," and will be conducted March 26-30, 2006. See you in marvelous Memphis then!

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THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE LECTURESHIP'S SUCCESS!

The 2005 Lectures on "What Is Man?" were well attended, and well received. We are truly blessed with this time, yearly, to study the Bible, gather for fellowship, and worship God, and it causes us to rejoice! It is so good to see the great crowds of people from far and near who come to renew acquaintances, to have their spirits lifted, and to be encouraged to follow faithfully in the way of the Lord. It renews our hopes of the joyful homecoming in Heaven one day.

Attendance was high at all sessions, interest was great, and each speaker presented his topic with reverence for God and His Word, and with sincerity and ability. Their scholarly, scriptural sermons insured a splendid treatment of our theme--orally, in written form in the two-volume set of books, and in audio and video recordings. We trust their efforts shall bless generations to come if the world continues.

Our prayer is that the combined efforts of so many brought honor and glory to God, lifted up the Christ, and encouraged men to follow Him, and we extend our deepest gratitude to ALL who helped.

Most would never know all that must be done in the preparation and presentation of such a lectureship. First, we thank all the good brethren of the Forest Hill Church of Christ, and the godly men who serve as elders, for their wisdom and foresight in the work of the Memphis School of Preaching. Thanks to all the members who expended countless hours of labor, and did so with such joyful willingness! Truly, Forest Hill is a great congregation of loving, dedicated, hard working brethren.

Thanks to all who worked to prepare the buildings, and to keep them clean, to those who worked so hard in preparing and serving delicious meals for hundreds every day, to those who made our surroundings so beautiful and comfortable, decorating and arranging things so well, to those who welcomed guests into their homes, to those who helped with parking Rvs, and parking cars, to those who recorded the lectures, and made the sound systems and internet broadcasting all work so well, to those who directed our worship and led us in such thrilling singing, to those who cared for children and taught children's classes, to those who directed visitors, to those who worked in the book displays, "and such like."

Thanks to the Phillips Street congregation, and to OABS.org under the direction of Tom Bright for broadcasting the lectures over the internet. Go to OABS.org (or link from MSOP.org) to view them.

A very special thanks to the Griders for all their help, to the students and their wives for all they did, and to the members of area congregations for their splendid help in providing meals every day.

Thanks to brother Curtis A. Cates for his superbly capable direction, his kind encouragement, and his wise counsel. Thanks to all the faculty and staff, with whom it is such a blessing to work. Every detail was handled flawlessly, with a delightful spirit of cooperation.

A special thanks to brother Paul Sain, and to Sain Publications for their expertise and excellent work in printing the lectureship books, and in working, along with brother Tony Lawrence, to make possible the CD (containing all the lectureship books from 1982 through 2005, and much more valuable material). We are indebted to sister April Meacham who devoted hundreds of hours to help proofread the manuscripts, and who was a constant source of encouragement.

Thanks, also, to all the speakers whose excellent work has made such an impact for good. They contributed thousands of man hours to prepare 1,316 pages of such rich study on the topic: "What Is Man?" They gave of themselves, using their talents, traveling and being away from their homes, and contributed in such a wonderful way. Who knows how many souls may be encouraged to salvation, and to greater service by their work?

We are grateful for all who attended the 2005 Lectures. We look forward to your being with us next year (March 26-30, 2006), for the Fortieth Annual Memphis School of Preaching Lectures on "The Gospel Of Christ."

Most of all, we express our thanksgiving to God for His great mercy and loving kindness. To God be the glory, honor, and praise!

Bobby Liddell

