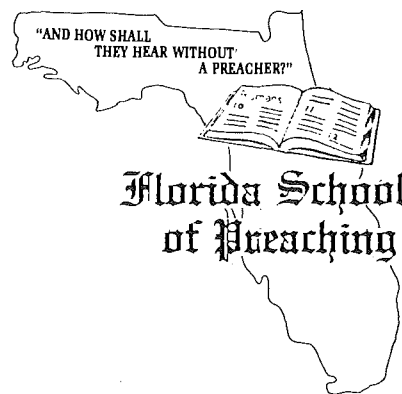


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A King Who Knew Not Joseph

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A familiar statement to many is found in Exodus. *Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph* (Ex. 1:8). This change in leadership was to result in radical changes that would effect God's people.

Under the Pharaoh who knew Joseph, Israel had been greatly blessed. They had grown from seventy souls to perhaps three million people. They had

The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted (Psa. 12:8).

been given choice land for their cattle in the land of Goshen. Their wealth had increased. The God of heaven was respected because of Joseph (Gen. 41:32-45). When Jacob died the nobles of Egypt honored him (Gen.

50:7).

How things have changed because the new leader knew not Joseph. He did not know his God. Israel is regarded as an enemy (Ex. 1:10). They were made slaves. Cruel taskmasters were placed over them (Ex. 1:11). Orders were given to kill the male babies (Ex. 1:15-16). What changes had taken place because of a change in leadership!

Changes In Leadership Is Changing The Church

We have seen a generation of great men pass on. Men like G.C. Brewer, Foy E. Wallace, Jr., G.K. Wallace, N.B. Hardeman, H.A. Dixon, Gus Nichols, B.C. Goodpasture and a host of others who stood for the truth without wavering. They challenged false teachers and engaged them in debate. The church grew and remained strong in the faith. Strong elders watched over the churches.

False teachers were not allowed in the pulpits. Error was condemned by their teaching. Young people felt secure under their leadership. Now these have gone on. There is a new leadership in the church. Some preachers now ridicule these men of the past. Elders are giving place to popular demands

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Psa. 11:3).

for softer preaching and entertainment. They have been deceived into thinking this will cause the church to grow.

What We Hear Today

From the same pulpits where brave and faithful men stood we are hearing:
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1. Salvation is by grace alone. There is nothing man can do toward his own salvation.
2. Others are saying we are saved by faith only.
3. We are told that instrumental music is a matter of tradition or opinion. We should not make this a test of fellowship.
4. Pattern theology is to be rejected. We should be less rigid in our beliefs.
5. The "old paths" mentality should be rejected.
6. We should not believe we are the only true church.
7. The scriptures should not be used as proof-texts.
8. We need to give women a more prominent role in the church.
9. Preachers are swapping pulpits with denominational pastors.
10. Fellowship among all who believe in Christ should be practiced.

These are just a few things being heard today in pulpits of the church where they could not have been preached just a few years ago.

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn (Prov. 29:2).

Lectureships which use faithful preachers to expose

He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD (Prov. 17:15).

such false teachings are being avoided by the new breed. Faithful preachers are not being used by these liberal churches. Schools which still teach the Bible without fear or favor are not being supported by these who "knew not Joseph" because they do not know the God of Joseph. Some of the same congregations which condemned false teachers a few years ago have since employed them as their preachers. The church is suffering because of changes in leadership.

What Can We Do To Prevent Apostasy?

1. We need to **appoint and support faithful elders** who will properly oversee the flock (Acts 20:28-32).
2. We need to be busy now **training other leaders** to take their place. Consider Joshua's training and the influence he wielded (Josh. 24:31).
3. We need to learn again **proper respect for the Word of God** (Psalm 119:9-16). We must teach this to our children (Deut. 6:4-9).
4. We must **vaccinate** against the errors of our day by

- exposing all false teachers—even if this means being negative (Acts 20:29-32; II Tim. 4:1-5).
5. We must **indoctrinate** each generation—it is right to teach doctrine (I Tim. 4:16; II John 9-11).
6. We need to **pray** fervently for elders and preachers (James 5:16).
7. We must be **set for the defence** of the gospel (Phil. 1:17).

Why Can't They Preach?

[The following letter is from a preacher in the Lord's church. He is not a graduate of the *Florida School of Preaching* or from any of the schools supported by our brotherhood. He has two degrees from well known and respected colleges. He has a B.S. and a M.S. from State Universities. He is not in the State of Florida. I think he said some things that I need to hear and some of our fellow teachers and administrators in our schools need to consider. Following is a part of what he wrote.]

July 30, 1991

Dear brother Stearsman,

. . . I approve of your work wholeheartedly at the Florida School of Preaching . . .

When I said in my letter to you [continued on page 4]

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Franklin Camp Preachers' Scholarship

By
Bobby Duncan

Our late beloved brother Franklin Camp was a man of many good works. He was best known throughout our brotherhood for his brilliant mind, his vast knowledge and tremendous understanding of the Bible, and his sagacity in the application of Biblical truth. Those of us who knew him quite well knew him as a warm and gentle person whose soul glowed with love for God, for the church, and for all mankind. One of the things closest to his heart was training and encouraging young men to preach the gospel. For the past three decades he has regularly conducted a preachers' class on a weekly basis, with preachers driving from miles in every direction to attend.

A preacher's scholarship fund has been established in his memory and under his name to help deserving men prepare themselves to preach the gospel of Christ. This fund will not be tied to any one Christian college or preacher training school, but may be used to help support preacher students in different schools.

The fine elders of the

church in Adamsville, Alabama, men who sustained a very close relationship to brother Camp during the latter one-third of his

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life, and whose lives have been greatly influenced by him, have chosen to set up this fund as one of many works the Adamsville church is doing. The Adamsville church has already committed itself to a contribution of \$10,000. Since it will be a work of the church, the elders will oversee it and determine how it will be used. This arrangement will also make it possible for churches which wish to contribute to the fund to do so.

All contributions to the Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund, either by churches or individuals, will be

acknowledged, and the names of all contributors will be sent to sister Camp.

What better way could there be to honor the memory of a man like Franklin Camp than to contribute to a fund to help train preachers?

The last sermon brother Camp preached was at Adamsville on Sunday morning, May 5. He spoke on some things the Bible teaches which had been reinforced by his own experiences. It was a classic! This sermon, and his last Bible class, which he taught that same morning, were recorded both on audio and video. When you mail your contribution to the scholarship fund, you may wish to request a copy of this audio tape.

Checks should be made to Adamsville Church of Christ and earmarked for the Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund. They should be mailed to Adamsville Church of Christ, 4207 Adamsville Parkway, Adamsville, Alabama 35005.



that there were men that had never attended one of the schools that could preach far better than some that had I really had reference to some of the preachers I have heard that have come from the four year Bible colleges. I stand by that statement for it is simple truth. I do not know what the problem is. Is it that the teaching is not being done in the colleges that once was done? Is it that anyone and everyone is accepted into the schools that wants to be a preacher regardless of natural ability or talent? I do not know what the problem is but I assure you there is a big problem in this area with regards to the preachers that are coming into . . . from the four year schools. The most of them I had heard just cannot preach.

I sincerely believe the schools of preaching do a much better job and turn out a better product in this regards. . . .

I am sure there are things I could learn from attending one of the schools, Greek for example. By the same token tho I do not believe most schools require the reading of McGarvey, Franklin, Hardeman, Wallace, Nichols, Woods, and Brewer let alone Larimore, Srygley, etc. These men have been my personal teachers and I dare say there is not a better group of instructors in any of the schools. Again, I have reference primarily to the four year schools. . . .

Sincerely,
[Name withheld]

August 10, 1991
Again I say thank you for send-

ing me *The Harvesters*. I read and enjoy every word in it. I always look through and read your financial report. In the bulletin I see the names of various ones I use to be associated with, Jessie Edwards, and I remember brother Foster, he was a friend of Jessie's. Time sure has a way of changing people's whereabouts.

I have been in a small way connected with the school since the beginning. I am sending a check and wish I could send one each month but with situations and conditions I can't, but I will always help and be interested in the work there, so keep up the good work, and may the Lord bless you.

In Christian love
Eunice Perry

Among Brethren

We did not list our travels among our brethren in the August issue so in this issue we will update our travels.

Kentucky

June 30 through July 7, 1991, I was in Madisonville, Kentucky. I spoke for morning services July 7 in the absence of their regular preacher Lester Kamp. The Madisonville Church of Christ is a supporter of the school.

Lakeland, Florida

July 14, 1991 I attended both services at the South Florida Avenue Congregation in Lakeland. When not traveling I attend here. It is where the school meets as most know.

Venice, Florida

Sunday, July 21, 1991, I preached in Venice. Ted Wheeler and his wife Renee are graduates of the *Florida School of Preaching*. Ted was in Africa for a return visit where he did mission work. While doing mission work Ted and his family were supported by the South Florida Avenue Church of Christ in Lakeland, Florida.

Port Charlotte, Florida

Sunday July 28 and August 25, 1991, I preached for the Port Charlotte Church of Christ. These brethren are anxiously awaiting the coming of their new preacher, Marlin Kilpatrick. Marlin is a graduate of the *Florida School of Preaching* and will begin his work in September.

Clearwater, Florida

Wednesday evening, July 31, I visited the Central Church where Billy Davidson preaches. They were in VBS. Brother Davidson will be one of our new teachers in the fall.

New Port Richey, Florida

Sunday, August 4, I preached at the River Road Congregation. Brother Chris Steele, graduate from the school preaches here. We also have many friends from other places that attend here now.

Rocky Mount, NC

August 11-14, 1991, I worked with these brethren in a gospel meeting. The lessons were based upon the Book of Revelation. These good brethren support our work. Brother Carr was here earlier this year in a study of the Holy Spirit.

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