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THE 1980'S: DECADE OF DESTINY

WHY IS AMERICA IMPORTANT TO GOD?

By JERRY FALWELL

Never before have the American people faced a Decade of Destiny as we are now facing in less than 90 days. When January 1, 1980 arrives, for the first time in our illustrious national history, we will find ourselves entering the most crucial period we have known.

Why do I say the 1980's will be a Decade of Destiny? Why am I saying that this is the most crucial decade America has faced?

The 1860's were very difficult times in this young nation. However, regardless of who had won the War Between The States, the republic would have survived. I am convinced that this is so. The decade in which we fought World War I was a very trying one. However, it is doubtful that any American ever questioned the outcome. The 1930's were a time of economic disaster for our nation. Millions suffered. But again — the future of the republic was not in question.

As a young lad, I well remember World War II and the 1940's. The world has never passed through a bloodier time. But even then, none of us ever doubted that we would win.

As we face the 1980's, the very survival of this nation and everything that we hold near and dear is at stake. There are three reasons why I believe this is the most critical decade America has known:

inside

The Decade of Destiny.

America is entering the 1980's, a period when we face the critical last days.

Never before have Americans been attacked in the home, public schools, the media, national defense.

Never before have Americans been faced with a startling lack of leadership as they are today.

Never before has the ministry of the Old-Time Gospel Hour, the Thomas Road Baptist Church and the Liberty Baptist College and Schools been faced with the critical days of survival.

Christians must be concerned with national repentance; a national fasting and prayer for the survival of the family; and a national day of jubilee where God will restore the United States to leadership in the world.

Will the ministry of Dr. Jerry Falwell continue to grow and lead Christians during the Decade of Destiny?

Christians hold the answer as Dr. Falwell leads the way into the 1980's with determination to fulfill God's Will.

(1) The United States, for the first time, may well lose her freedom and liberties in the 1980's. Capitulation to the Soviet Union is a very definite possibility

(2) The monogamous family — one man for one woman for one lifetime — may become extinct during the Decade of Destiny.

(3) There is an absolute vacuum of leadership today. The young men and women who would normally assume the leadership of this nation in the 1980's have grown up in the midst of humanism, socialism and moral permissiveness. Where are our future leaders?

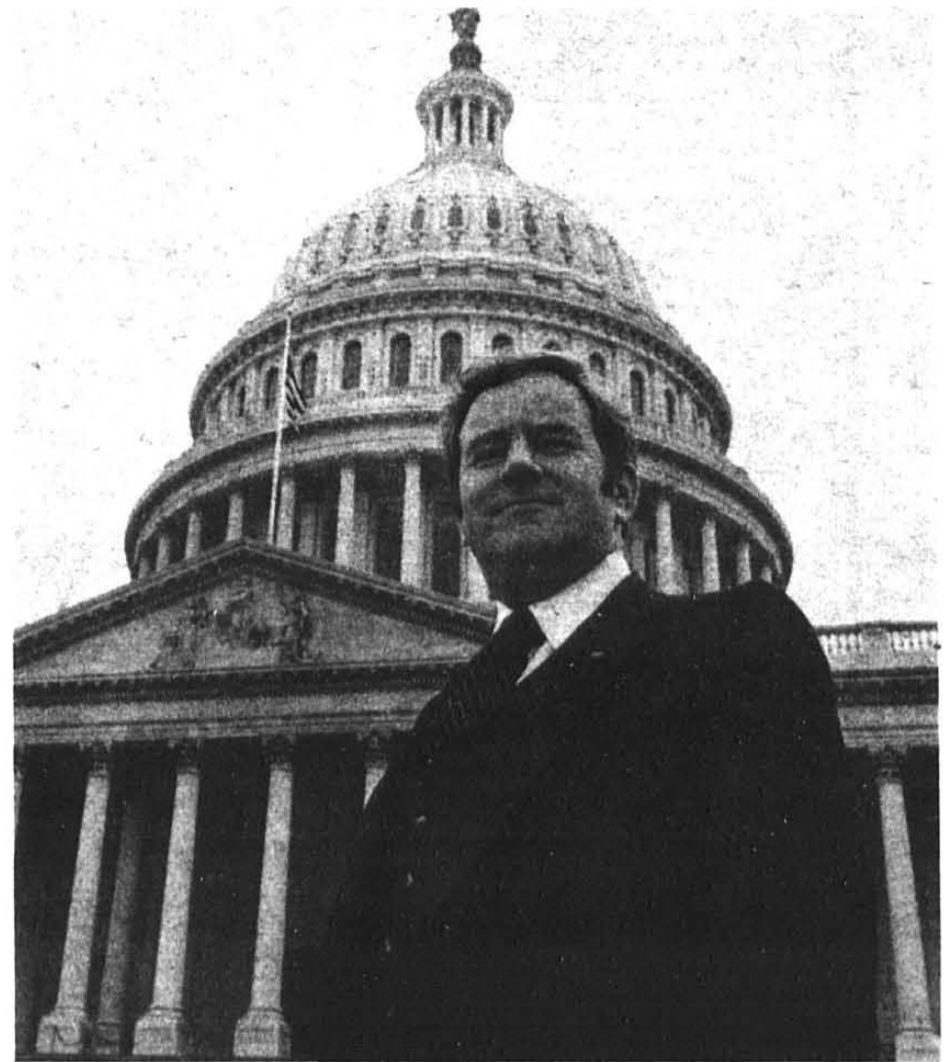
Why do I believe America may lose her freedoms in the 1980's? We are no longer the most powerful nation on earth. We find ourselves negotiating with the Russians and the Chinese from a position of weakness. SALT II, like SALT I, is leading us into a position of inferiority militarily. I don't know if we can reverse that trend. We are spending less money on defense than the Soviet Union spends. We have a "will" crisis in this country. We are not committed to victory. We are not committed to greatness. We have lost the will to stay strong. We have lost every war since 1945.

Because of the overwhelming conventional and nuclear strength of the Soviet Union, it is now possible that the Soviet government could demand capitulation by this country by the early 1980's. They could do this on the basis that we are unable to respond to a nuclear attack. Unwillingness to pay the price of a nuclear conflict could well force our leadership into lowering our flag and surrendering the American people to the will of the Communist party in Russia. There has never been a time in our history when such a condition existed.

Why do I believe the family could become extinct in the 1980's? The divorce rate is now approaching 40 percent. The feminist movement is a vicious assault on the monogamous Christian home and family. This movement is headed up by women who are failures in marriage and in life — for the main part. Now, the children's rights movement has entered the arena. The same people who have fought the battle for the feminist movement are now exercising their muscles in the children's rights movement.

Christians do not believe in equal rights for women. Christians believe in superior rights for women. Christians honor their women. It is only in Moslem and heathen countries that women are degraded. We do not want our women fighting on the battlefield. That is one reason that we oppose the Equal Rights Amendment.

The Children's Rights movement is not designed to protect children from abuse. It is designed to wrest ownership of children from the parents



Dr. Jerry Falwell

and give that ownership position to the government. That is pagan and wrong. That is why we should fight vigorously the International Year of the Child.

Beside these awesome pressures, the family is being assaulted by the homosexual and bisexual revolution. We are fast being brainwashed into accepting perversion as an alternate lifestyle.

The Hollywood movie industry and the television industry are now featuring divorce, homosexuality and moral permissiveness as "the American way." Can the family survive these pressures?

Why do I say there is a vacuum of leadership? The young people between the ages of 20 and 30 have been born and raised in a different world than other Americans of years past. The TV set has been their primary baby sitter. From the TV set they have learned situation ethics and immorality. They have learned a loss of respect for human life. They have learned to disrespect the family as God has established it.

They have been educated in a public school system which is permeated with humanism. They have been taught that

the Bible is just another book of literature. They have been taught there are no absolutes in our world today. They have been introduced to the drug culture. They have been raised by the family and by the school in a society that is totally void of discipline and character building.

These same young people have been reared under the influence of a government that has taught them socialism and welfarism. They have been taught to believe that the world owes them a living — whether they work for that living or not.

AMERICA IS IN TROUBLE

For that reason, I believe that we need, as never before, to dedicate these next 90 days to prayer and fasting. America can be saved. Our plight is not hopeless.

"Nothing is too hard for the Lord."

II Chronicles 7:14 is still a promise from God, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

editorial

Vacuum Of Leadership

By HARRY COVERT

There is an absolute vacuum of leadership in America. This is the future for America in the 1980s. But, there is something Christians can do.

The vast majority of young people who grew up in the 1960s and 1970s have been actually brainwashed by educators, sociologists and media opinion makers.

The public education system has been destroyed as a positive part of American life by the intrusion of liberal thinking, teaching and a lack of concern of the basic family unit.

Dr. Jerry Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church and chancellor of Liberty Baptist College and Schools, said young people of modern America "have been raised up under the philosophy of the welfare state. Socialism is more popular with them than capitalism and free enterprise is in serious danger of collapse."

America was built on solid principles of aggressive men and women working and developing their local communities, their state governments and sending quality leaders to the national offices. How times change when people don't care, he said.

"These same young people have been taught permissiveness by the number one babysitter of the 1970s — television. Public schools have taught the young people humanism and we are fast becoming an atheistic society. There are very few pioneers among the youth of today," Dr. Falwell said.

The philosophy of something for



nothing has invaded American society and this is in opposition to the teachings of the Christian ethic, the Bible and foundations of the United States.

Where are the leaders who will lead us out of this divisive decade of 1970 into a period of growth, return to family

living and Godly daily living?

"Apart from a Divine intervention, I don't see a leadership among young people," Dr. Falwell said. "I keep asking the question what is the hope for America? Will we survive as a nation during the 1980s? Is the family — as we know — destined for extinction? Is there no hope of training a generation of young people who can turn this nation around?"

Falwell's ministry is serving as a focal point for many Christians concerned for the future leadership of America.

"Nothing is too hard for the Lord," he said. "I do believe that God has a plan for this nation and I do not believe that God is finished with us yet but Christian Americans must — and I keep repeating this — Christian Americans must return to Godly living, Godly teaching and Godly leadership."

Liberty Baptist College and Schools is one of the fastest growing educational systems in America today.

"We are not alone in this growth because we want to be a part of the growth of other Christian school systems in America to teach our young people how to lead this nation as Christian parents, professional men and women, Christian mechanics, Christian politicians and Christians for all walks of life," he said.

In 1979, there are more than 15,000 private Christian schools educating young boys and girls from kindergarten through high school. In one decade alone, the growth of private Christian

schools has been faster than any other educational system in the nation and by 1990, Christian schools will outnumber the public school system.

"This is where the leadership of America will arise from," Dr. Falwell said. "We must strive and it is costly to provide quality education for our sons and daughters."

At Liberty Baptist College and Schools we are facing the high cost of construction, inflation and lack of funds.

"We are attempting to erect buildings on Liberty Mountain fast enough to keep up with the phenomenal growth of our schools," Dr. Falwell said. "The only hope we have for turning this country around is to train the leadership."

At Liberty Baptist College and Schools, officials have declared a moratorium of 18 months on new construction on the miracle of Liberty Mountain. "We have been building for the past 2½ years and all of the funds have come directly from the weekly contributions," Dr. Falwell said. "We have been unable to find satisfactory bank or institutional financing."

The backbone of the Liberty Baptist College and Schools is the friends and supporters of the Old-Time Gospel Hour television and radio network. "Because of the recession, our contributions have not increased this year as in past years and it is simply a matter that we cannot continue to build on Liberty Mountain. Costs are increasing at an unbelievable rate."

A CHAMPION FOR JESUS CHRIST

DeMoss Called 'Home', Priority In Heaven

By JERRY FALWELL

Saturday evening, Sept. 1, 1979, I was in attendance at the opening game of the Liberty Baptist College Flames football team when an emergency call was relayed to me from the family of Arthur DeMoss. I was shocked to hear that my dear friend and brother in Christ, Art DeMoss, had, without the slightest warning, gone to be with the Lord. With deep emotion, I stopped and thanked God for this great man who has had a profound influence for Jesus Christ upon our generation.

My own grief was deeply felt as I thought of the loss of one of my closest, most loyal friends on this earth, a man with whom I kept in close contact, and to whom I looked with great respect and confidence. I knew that the death of Arthur DeMoss was a great loss to, not only the business world, but to the Thomas Road Baptist Church and to lay evangelism.

Those who knew Arthur DeMoss personally or were acquainted with him through insurance coverage, know he was founder and president of National

Liberty Corporation, a multi-million dollar insurance firm. Without question, Art DeMoss was a genius, an exceptionally talented man. But the priority of his life was not making monetary gain; it was advancing the cause of Jesus Christ in his generation. He was a wise man, one who understood the will of the Lord for his life and was totally committed to doing God's will at any cost. God entrusted him with abundant material wealth which Art DeMoss used to the glory of God. His greatest wealth, however, was the blessing of God upon his life. "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich" (Proverbs 10:22).

Art DeMoss was a dear friend to the Thomas Road Baptist Church and to the Liberty Baptist Schools. He was on the Board of Directors of the Old-Time Gospel Hour and was frequently in Lynchburg.

Art DeMoss was a devoted father and husband, one who continually challenged, not only himself, but each of his family members to mental and spiritual growth. Art DeMoss has left on this earth a godly wife who feels after

almost 22 years of marriage to him that she is "the most uniquely blessed woman in the world."

He leaves behind seven wonderful children, ages 8 to 21, all of whom know Christ in a very personal way. It is little wonder that the DeMoss children are all born-again Christians and eager witnesses for Jesus Christ. Some of their earliest memories are of people accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour in the DeMoss home. They saw the Gospel in action in changed lives and homes put back together as a result of their family's witness. These children are now following in the footsteps of their loving father.

Art and Nancy DeMoss have always made their home a haven of Christian love. One of the many ways they shared their faith in Jesus Christ was through monthly evangelistic dinners given for unsaved business and professional men and women. At these dinners easily identifiable public figures gave their personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. Hundreds of people have made salvation decisions in the DeMoss home, where it was not uncommon to see 400

people gathered for dinner. They were followed-up by the DeMoss' who hosted several Bible studies for new Christians.

On Sept. 10, 1979, I participated in a memorial service for Arthur DeMoss. Overflow crowds gathered to pay tribute to his memory. It was a moving sight when those who had been won to the Lord through the witness of Art DeMoss were asked to stand; a large majority of those assembled stood with tears in their eyes.

In His sovereignty, God chose to call Arthur DeMoss home to glory after a 53-year journey on this earth. We rest in the assurance that God makes no mistakes and that His timing is perfect. We will miss Art DeMoss greatly and will look forward to the time when we will be reunited in heaven.

If My People, Which Are Called By My Name, Shall Humble Themselves, And Pray, And Seek My Face, And Turn From Their Wicked Ways; Then Will I Hear From Heaven, And Will Forgive Their Sin, And Will Heal Their Land.

II Chronicles 7:14

Has Taken Its Toll

The future of America is in the hands of our young people, who are being trained and have been educated with excellence "in our school system," Falwell said. "But, what shall we do?"

Falwell's vision for the future of America is guided by the direction from the support of God's people in the nation.

"I must ask our faithful friends and supporters across the nation, shall we stop building and begin to restrict our enrollment? At this point we are forced to make that decision."

For the 1979-80 school year, LBC did not halt enrollment and have admitted a record number of 2,530 in Liberty Baptist College, 189 at Liberty Baptist Seminary, 1,200 at Lynchburg Christian Academy, 200 at Liberty Bible Institute, and 8,940 in the Liberty Home Bible Institute.

"We completed a number of buildings during the spring and summer of this year so that we would not be forced to restrict enrollment," Falwell said. "All the necessary funds did not come in from the contributors to enable us to pay for those buildings which are now occupied by new students."

Shall we eliminate the Old-Time Gospel Hour television and radio ministry from many parts of the United States?

"With our nation in a crisis, we actually need to increase our efforts to give," he said. "We must commit ourselves to sacrificial giving. We must ask God for a miracle as we enter the Decade of Destiny."

Falwell is asking, after much prayer and fasting, for God's people across the land for a \$6½ million miracle. Can it be done?

"I believe God can do it and will do it," Dr. Falwell said. "But, we will need an effort that surpasses anything we have ever accomplished before. All of the odds are against us — inflation and recession. But, we serve a great God."

Why do we need \$6½ million?

Liberty Baptist College must complete five additional dormitories at a cost of \$400,000 each in order to guarantee that we will not restrict enrollment next year. Each dormitory houses 160 students.

"I am compelled to report that two board members of the Old-Time Gospel Hour loaned the college \$2½ million to complete buildings this past year on Liberty Mountain. This permitted us to have more than 4,000 young people to attend classes at the four Liberty Baptist Schools," Falwell said.

The pastor-chancellor continued: "Because of the recession and the fact the contributions did not increase as in past years, we still need \$2 million to finish the gym and chapel extension, a classroom building, and four dorms now over half completed.

Dr. Falwell was quite lucid in his appeal.

"We will enter the 1980s with all accounts current and Liberty Baptist Schools keeping every qualified student who enrolls if we receive \$6½ million

above our operating needs for the ministry. It must be done this way. If we have the Miracle from God, we will not be forced to eliminate a single television or radio program from the Old-Time Gospel Hour network."

The OTGH network is the Christ-centered network which is reaching the world for lost souls and that is the ultimate goal of this ministry. "If we ever needed to be crying out against the sin of our nation and calling this people to repentance, the time is now and we must never stop the preaching and teaching of God's word."

Falwell has called the entire staff of his ministry, his friends across the United States and Canada to believe God for the \$6½ million miracle during October.

"I am asking Christians to be one of the one million people who will be fasting and praying with us on Oct. 14 and I am asking our friends to make their largest single gift to this ministry during this month."

The question is simple. "Is our nation worth saving?" he asked.

"The only thing that can save this nation is a spiritual awakening," Dr. Falwell said, "and through the teaching and preaching of God's Word through the Old-Time Gospel Hour, and the training of young champions for Christ in Liberty Baptist Schools, we believe God will miraculously turn around the nation we love — the United States.

WE MUST REACH THE WORLD

Jesus died upon the Cross that all men in all nations might be saved. We must increase our efforts in sending out and supporting missionaries worldwide. Liberty Baptist Schools in Lynchburg, Va., are committed to sending missionaries and church planters all over the globe during the Decade of Destiny.

We have hundreds of young people in our schools now who have already surrendered their lives to go to the foreign mission field. As long as America is sending the Gospel to the world, America is important to God. Every Bible-believing Christian movement in America must intensify its efforts to get the Gospel out to the world.

If we will do this, God will protect our nation and prevent disaster in this republic.

50,000 DURING THIS CENTURY

Liberty Baptist College opened its doors for the first time nine years ago. The four Liberty Baptist Schools have an enrollment of full-time students exceeding 4,000 in number at this date. Our faith goal is to reach an enrollment of 50,000 students in this century.

If we can reach and train hundreds of thousands of young champions for Christ between now and the year 2000, if Christ has not returned, we can effectively mobilize the troops — the Christian soldiers — to provide the necessary leadership America must have in the years that lie ahead.

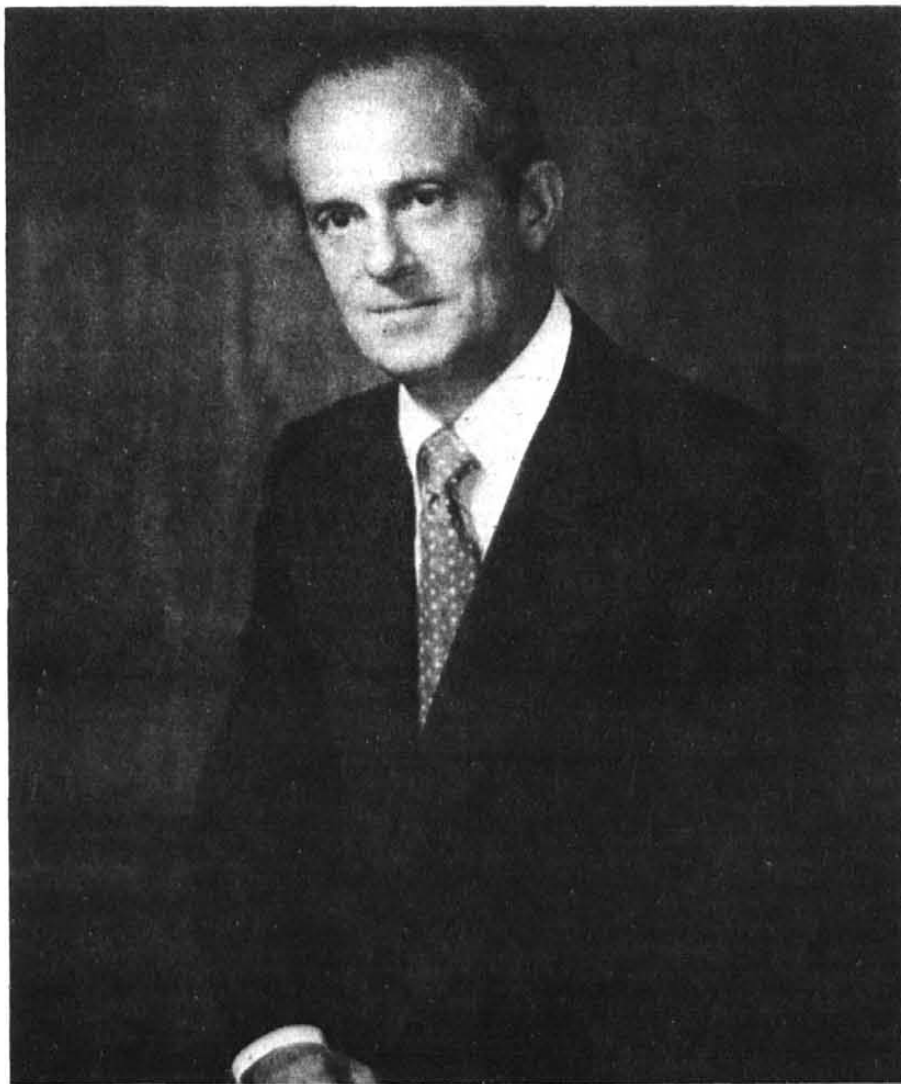
AMERICA CAN BE SAVED

I am convinced that we must train the preachers, missionaries, and evangelists for the decade ahead of us. That's why the Liberty Baptist Schools are in existence. That's why we are building millions of dollars worth of edifices on those 3,500 acres of land called Liberty Mountain — right now.

We must also train the business men and women who will head up the business community in the days ahead of us. The free enterprise system must be preserved. That's why we have a very large business major in Liberty Baptist College.

We must train the political leaders for the era ahead of us. That's why we teach political science at Liberty Baptist College. We want to train the next generation of senators, congressmen, governors, and state legislators. Perhaps God may allow us to train a future president for this country. Nothing is too hard for the Lord.

That is why we have a major in television, radio, and film. We must get godly persons into the major television and radio network leadership positions. Presently, these networks are so biased against God, the Christian community, and free enterprise. We must reverse that situation.



Mr. Arthur DeMoss

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Christians Must Be Committed To Evangelizing

II Chronicles 7:14 begins with the words, "If my people." The obligation for bringing revival to America rests on the shoulders of the saints in America. We must fast and pray for revival. That is why we have established Oct. 14 as a National Day of Fasting and Prayer. God will hear us if we pray.

The local church is God's agency for world evangelization.

According to Dr. Donald Howard, president of Accelerated Christian Education, there are

approximately 108,000 Bible-believing and evangelistic churches in America today. Every one of these churches and pastors must begin crying out against sin. If we do not, a generation of boys and girls will grow up in America who do not know right from wrong.

Before there can be revival in America, there must be Holy Spirit conviction because of sin. There can be no conviction of sin unless the Christian leaders tell the nation what sin really is. That is why we

must preach and cry out against the evils of our day.

Local churches need to be more committed to the cause of evangelization. We are helping churches all over America, and the world for that matter, to dedicate themselves to soul-winning activity. We must capture our cities for Christ.

Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., is more dedicated than ever to reaching every citizen of the city of Lynchburg with the Gospel of

Jesus Christ. We are not trying to get every citizen into the membership of Thomas Road Baptist Church. We are trying to get every resident into the family of God by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every local church needs to make a fresh commitment to the cause of personal and corporate evangelism. We must win our cities for Christ. We must give the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to our states. We must reach the nation and the world.

We want to plant 5,000 churches. During the Decade of Destiny, the 1980's, we have set a faith goal of planting 5,000 new Bible-believing and soul-winning churches in North America.

During this 10-year period, we are attempting to train and send out the young pastors who can accomplish this feat. And each

local church is to establish immediately a Christian day school. This is the hope for America. There are many other great Bible-believing Christian colleges that are doing the same work we are attempting to do.

Together, we must evangelize America through the local New Testament church. The more people we win to Jesus Christ, the more interest God has in America. The more believers there are in America, the more protection we may expect from God.

Remember, we are the salt of the earth. Salt is a preservative. Salt prevents spoilage. God has built a hedge around America because of the number of saints who live here. We must win more people to Jesus. Every soul we lead to Christ makes America more important to God.

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WE MUST TRAIN CITIZENS

Recently, I have become convinced that we must teach the 50 million persons in America who profess a new birth experience the importance of assuming a role as good citizens in America. We cannot turn America around unless we elect good leaders and eliminate, at the ballot box, bad leaders. If God blesses a nation because of her stand on morality, we must elect men and women to high positions of leadership who believe and practice Bible morality.

A good Christian must be a good citizen. Just as good Christians need to run for public office, all Christians need to exercise the right of citizenship which each of us possesses — that

is of voting every time possible.

Every preacher and Sunday school teacher needs to carefully explain to our constituencies what Bible morality is all about. We need to magnify freedom and liberty. We need to expose the men and women in leadership who are opposed to these Biblical positions. We must take our stand and do it now. America can be saved. But the hour is late.

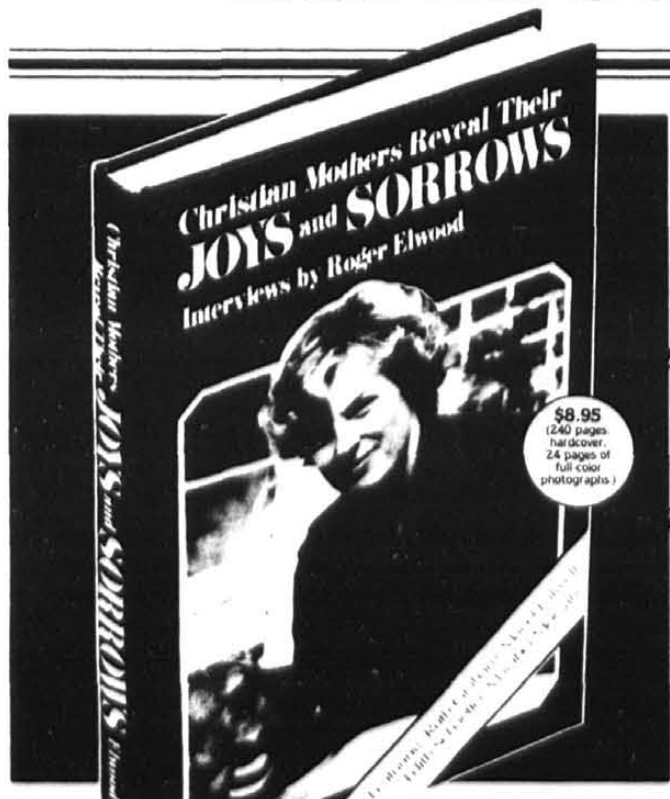
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According to many of our more scholarly historians, America was truly born in the winter of 1777-1778 at the moment when General Washington made his dramatic decision not to surrender — as he rose from kneeling at prayer in the snow at Valley Forge.

As pointed out by Washington's first biographer, the Reverend Parson Weems, throughout his life, George Washington was a deeply religious man. So, in that merciless frigid winter, when the valiant struggle for independence seemed all but lost, it was only natural that Washington looked to God for divine guidance. According to Weems, this tall, proud Southern gentleman from Virginia went alone into the forest, fell to one knee, and prayed fervently.

Consider the misery and despair that surrounded Washington at that awesome moment. Troops in tatters. Soldiers deserting. Bitter cold. No supplies. No finances. Colonies in dissent. Congress in turmoil — and talk of surrender everywhere.

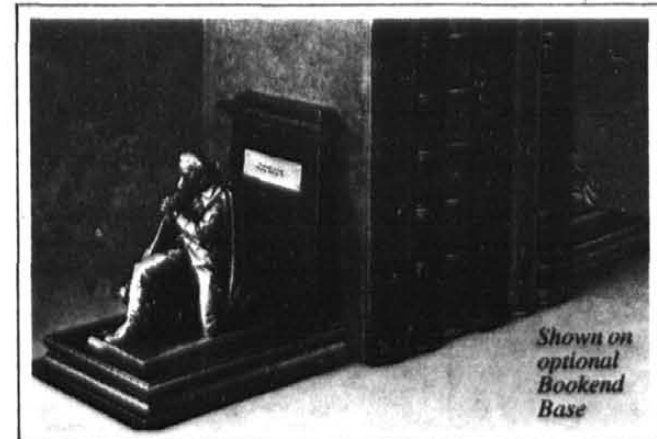
This great American had a fateful decision to make; he knew that without the help of the Almighty, he could not carry on. The destiny of a nation would be determined in the *power of that one prayer!* Strengthened by divine guidance, he chose to return to the field with renewed hope, and lead his bedraggled army to victorious battle in the cause of Freedom.

Today, over 200 years later, millions of free Americans visit Valley Forge National Park every year. Standing in the Medal of Honor Grove, at the headquarters of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, they see the famous nine foot tall bronze sculpture of Washington kneeling, head bowed, eyes closed, and hands locked, depicting that singular sacred moment of his prayer which led to his historic decision to fight on. This majestic statue is called "The Power of Prayer."

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October 7

A Day of Repentance

By JERRY FALWELL

I am asking millions of believers across America to designate Oct. 7 as a day of repentance. There is Old Testament precedent for this. When the Jews found themselves overrun by their enemies, they repented nationally in sackcloth and ashes. God always took notice of such contrite cor-

porate action. The Book of Judges tells the story of many such experiences in Israel's history. We serve the same God as Israel served. If we will repent of our sins, God will have mercy upon us. Proverbs 14:34 "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any

people." I am asking that we beg the Lord to forgive us for our national immorality. Let us call before the Lord the sins which, in my opinion have brought the judgment of God upon us. Our present energy crisis, economic recession, un-

controllable inflation, military inferiority, and general moral decadence can be attributed to the fact that we, as a nation, have gotten away from God. God is whipping us nationally. We must nationally repent. On Oct 7, on the *Old-Time Gospel Hour* program, I will preach a message designed to call America to repentance. Please ask

all your friends to join with me on that day by way of television. I would like to speak to the nation on that day regarding the importance of immediate national repentance. In a matter of weeks, we will enter the 1980's. We cannot enter the 80's in the same spiritual stance as we have lived during the 70's. If we do, we will not survive as a free nation.

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October 14

A Day of Fasting and Prayer

I am writing a personal letter to many of my friends nationwide. I am searching for one million persons who will fast and pray on Oct. 14 — begging God to save our great nation — America. There is Old Testament precedent for fasting and prayer. There is New Testament precedent for fasting and prayer. In Old Testament history, the Jewish day began at 6 p.m. and closed 24 hours later at 6 p.m. Therefore, I am asking one million persons to fast for the 24 hours

beginning on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m. and concluding at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14. That will mean abstaining from breakfast and dinner on Sunday, Oct. 14. See Day Of, Page 7 Col. 1

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Day of Fasting and Prayer

October 21

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That will mean praying continuously as we walk, work, and worship during that 24 hour period. That is a very small sacrifice for what we are asking God to do for us. Will you be one who will fast and pray with us?

I have written a book entitled "Fasting and Prayer, America's Only Hope." I am sending a copy of this book to every person who will pledge to fast and pray with me on Oct. 14.

A new sex education course that is to be mandatory for elementary school students and optional and the secondary level in Dade County, Fla., has been delayed at least until Spring. The Board of Education reportedly has not been able to meet the Fall deadline for writing the material. Religious groups have complained that Judeo-Christian values are being totally left out of the sex education course and one attorney, Robert Brake of Citizens Against Unacceptable Sex Education (CAUSE), is threatening court action if the curriculum does not reflect such values.

In Old Testament history, every 50th year was a year of jubilee. It was a year of release and rejoicing. It was a year of re-establishing the old lines and forgiving all indebtedness. It was a time of praise and thanksgiving.

I am preaching nationwide on Oct. 21 on the subject, "The Day of Jubilee." I am asking that we make that a day of praise and worship to God. We need to thank God in advance for saving our nation, the family in America and for providing the leadership to take us on to greater heights. We want to make this a day of national thanksgiving.

When you receive a personal letter from me regarding these matters, please read all six pages of my letter carefully and prayerfully. I am asking you to join me in a prayer effort for the salvation of

If My People, Which Are Called By My Name, Shall Humble Themselves, And Pray, And Seek My Face, And Turn From Their Wicked Ways; Then Will I Hear From Heaven, And Will Forgive Their Sin, And Will Heal Their Land.

II Chronicles 7:14

A Day of Jubilee

this nation. Nothing is too hard for the Lord.

During October, we are designating Philippians 3:13,14 as our text for memorization. We are closing out the decade of the 70's with genuine repentance. We are opening the decade of the 80's with a look of faith and expectation from the Lord.

We are truly ashamed as a nation of what has happened to us during the past 10 years. On Oct. 7, a day we have declared to be "a day of repentance," we are asking God's forgiveness for our national sins. We are forgetting those things which are behind. On Oct. 14, we are calling for "a day of fasting and prayer." I am asking one million persons to fast from sundown on Saturday, October 13, till sundown on Sunday, Oct. 14. I am asking one million persons to skip their

breakfast and lunch on Sunday. I am asking them to pray with me for revival in America and for restoration of the things that have made this the greatest nation in human history.

And Oct. 21, "the day of jubilee," we are going to rejoice and thank God nationally for the decade that is ahead of us. The decade of the 1980's must be a time when the family is re-established as God's basic unit on this earth. We

are begging God for a buildup of our moral and military strength during the 1980's. We are asking to once more enable us to assume the place of world leadership in the things that count.

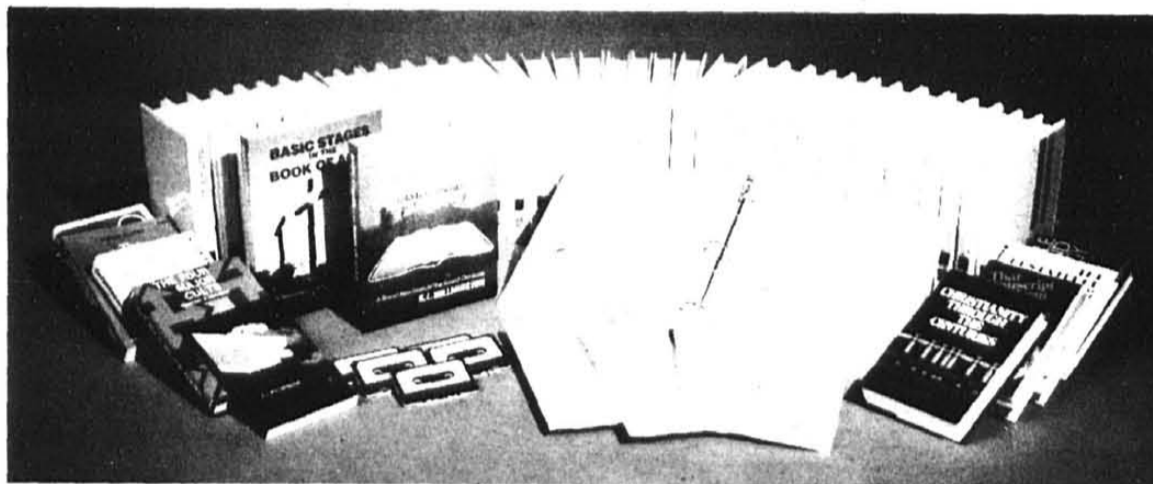
We are by faith asking God to help us, on Liberty Mountain, to train thousands of young men and young women who will lead this nation on to greater heights during the 1980's and the years that follow.

MEET CANDIDATE

A group of fundamentalist ministers met privately with Republican Presidential candidate John Connally at his Texas ranch. One of those attending the meeting says Connally has decided to end his opposition to a human life Constitutional amendment and

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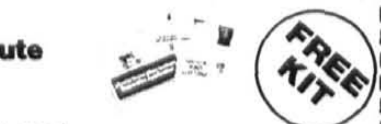
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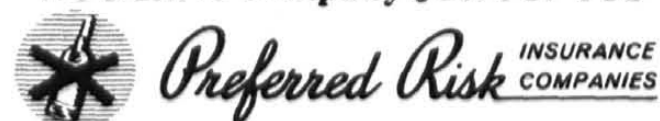
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THE FRACTURED FAMILY

By DR. ED HINDSON

Nearly 20 years ago, Christian teenagers were singing a chorus: "Decade of Destiny."

They rightly recognized that the dawning of the decade of the

60's was destined to be one of the most crucial in American history. However, that chorus went on to state that Christian youth would "lead the way" in that approaching decade. Nothing could have been

further from the truth.

Christian young people not only failed to set the pace in the 60's, they were nearly absorbed by the rock-and-drug culture of the "hippies."

"1984" IS ALMOST HERE!

We have just come through the "calm before the storm" as the Seventies are closing. Again we stand on the edge of a "Decade of Destiny." George Orwell's 1984 is almost a reality. If Christians do not wake up, we again will be caught unprepared by a wave of unprecedented and shocking change. Old moral values are fast fading away. Respectable immorality has replaced the sloppy life style of the "groupies." The dressed-up disco look has made sex and pop music more "respectable." Already, on the West Coast, so called Christian discos are springing up.

Christianity will either lead society or be led by society. There is no neutral ground. Ethical neutrality always leads to moral breakdown. We are facing a greater moral crisis than ever in the decade ahead.

DECADE OF SHOCK

We cannot survive another decade of religious and social upheaval. Yet, all the signs point to one ahead. Yesterday's drug-laced "hippie" is today's 30-year-old adult. He is the father of today's elementary children. As the seeds of his ungodly past are sown in his children, we can expect another generation of chaos. By 1980, our national divorce rate will be 40 percent; one million abortions will be performed annually; hundreds of thousands of illegitimate babies will be born; and 75 percent of all teenage girls will no longer be virgins.

Indeed, our moral foundations are weak and our national instability can be readily traced to our moral erosion.

THE VANISHING FAMILY

Signs of what lies ahead already appeared in the later Seventies. As of January 1977, there were more television programs about divorced families than married families. Nearly every major family-theme TV program openly justified divorce, homosexuality and adultery. Some sociologists believe that the family unit as we know it could disappear by the year 2,000.

Increased divorce and remarriage has broken down family loyalty, unity and communication. Many now hesitate to attend a wedding or a funeral, for fear that "they" will be there. Insecure children are almost always victims of divorce. They must harden themselves to the possibility of genuine love, for fear they will be hurt again. Their insulated lives make poor candidates for marriage. Many young people have no desire to marry whatever. In fact there are more people living together unmarried who are over 50 than there are those who are under 20.

TIME FOR ANOTHER "Flood"?

Jesus warned (Matt. 24:32-39) that the last days before His second coming would be like the days of Noah, when men "were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage" with no regard to God at all. The devastating judgment of the flood wiped out the generation of Noah's day because they had destroyed the basic unit of all society, the family! Ungodly people ("daughters of men") married Godly people ("sons of God") and the end result was that "wickedness filled the earth."

We have gone full-cycle since the days of Noah.

Again, man is intoxicated with a life style of pleasure-seeking, eating, drinking and his casual indifference to marriage is but a symptom of his deeper moral corruption.

Jesus predicted that the days before His return would be like the days of Noah and certainly they are! We are again mired in the quicksand of humanist relativism and blatant rejection of God's righteousness. The total collapse of the family can mean only one thing: impending judgment is just ahead. The judgment of the "Great Tribulation Period" will be far more severe than the flood of Noah's day.

IT'S NOW OR NEVER FOR THE FAMILY!

This is not the time to muse about future possibilities. It is a time for action to save our children and preserve a heritage for the next generation. The coming crisis calls for the resolve of modern-day Joshuas who will loudly proclaim: "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

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By JERRY FALWELL

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What is the Biblical plan for saving America? It is old as the Word of God itself. Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

We must have a spiritual awakening in America. There must be a moral reformation in our land. It must happen quickly. Why are we going through such difficult times? Why an energy crisis, economic recession, uncontrollable inflation, military inferiority, etc., etc.? All because we have displeased the Lord. We have forsaken the Biblical principles upon which this nation was founded.

I do not advocate that all the founding fathers of the United States of America were dedicated Christians. I do advocate that the men who founded America were, for the main part, influenced by the Biblical principles which are necessary if God is to bless a person, a family, or a nation.

The free enterprise system — referred to derisively by many as capitalism — has its roots in the Book of Proverbs. Any student of the Book of Proverbs will know that the free enterprise system is clearly outlined in this portion of God's Word. On the other hand, socialism and communism are decried by both Old Testament and New Testament writers. Jesus made it clear that the work ethic was a part of His plan for man. Ownership of property is Biblical. Competition in business is Biblical. Ambitious and successful business

management are clearly outlined as a part of God's plan for His people.

Freedom is God's desire for all people. God is against dictatorship. God is against godless Communism. God is against any system of government that destroys the dignity of human beings. America is not a democracy. America is a republic.

While theocracy is the ideal form of government, we will not enjoy this program of government until the Lord returns in power and in great glory and establishes the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ upon this earth. Meanwhile, the

American form of government is the best plan human beings have ever put together. It dignifies human life. It magnifies the importance of liberty and freedom for all. It is based upon fairness and equity.

America is great because God promoted America to greatness. America is not the greatest nation on earth because we are smarter than other people. America has not been promoted to a pinnacle of greatness because we have more financial resources than any other nation. God has blessed America because America has been good. With all our problems and all of

the sins that now beset us on every hand, America still is the greatest nation on earth as far as Bible morality is concerned.

It is because of our deviation from that stand on Bible morality that God has pushed the panic button in America. God is attempting to bring us to our knees. He wants to get our attention. I am convinced that our economic woes will be passed when we, as a nation, get right with God and come back to the faith of our fathers. I am convinced that our military strength and our position of superiority in the family of nations will be restored when we

are restored spiritually.

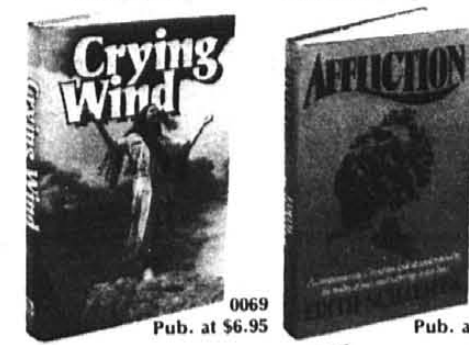
I have spent the last two years on the Old-Time Gospel Hour television and radio network crying out against the sins and spiritual cancers of this nation.

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If My People, Which Are Called By My Name, Shall Humble Themselves, And Pray, And Seek My Face, And Turn From Their Wicked Ways; Then Will I Hear From Heaven, And Will Forgive Their Sin, And Will Heal Their Land.

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Rev. H. David Brown Accepts Pastorate In Uniontown

Rev. H. David Brown, controller for the Old-Time Gospel Hour, has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church in Uniontown, Pa.

Born in Rome, Ga. and raised in Detroit, Mich., Rev. Brown has been the OTGH controller for the past two years. As controller, his duties included being responsible for all accounting and budgeting information and other related data. Approximately 25 people work in the OTGH accounting department under the leadership of Dave Brown, handling over \$40 million per year.

Mr. Brown graduated from Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. with a B.S. degree in accounting in 1969 and from Midwestern Baptist College, Pontiac, Mich. in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in religious education.

As senior auditor, he worked for Arthur Anderson & Co., a CPA firm in Detroit from 1969-1973.

Rev. Brown was associate pastor of a church in Southgate, Mich., for four years prior to working for the OTGH. He was also administrator for the Michigan Baptist Bible Fellowship



REV. H. DAVID BROWN

Youth Camp for four years and vice president of Southern Michigan Youth Fellowship in Detroit for three years, holding rallies for over 1,000 teenagers per month.

Rev. Brown is looking forward to resuming a pastoral role. Uniontown, Pa. is 50 miles southeast of Pittsburgh and has a predominately Catholic background. The immediate city, including the Central City, Northunion Township and Southunion

Township has a population approaching 50,000 people and within a 20 mile radius of the city, in a predominately rural setting, is the home of another 40,000 residents. The area is severely lacking a thriving fundamental work and little has been done to reach the area with the Gospel.

Brown and his wife, Beverly are the parents of three children: Angie, 4; Matthew, 2; and Rachel, 1 month.

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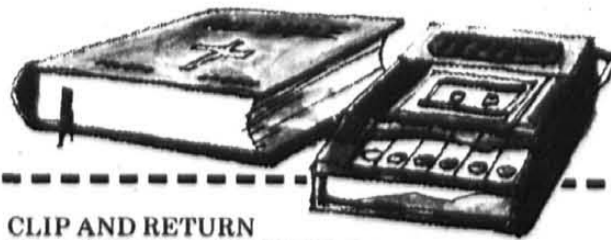
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God's People Hold The Destiny Of America

Is America truly "one nation under God?" Can America be saved from what seems to be inevitable disaster? Why should God be interested in saving America? Why is America different from all other nations?

Recently, I read a book entitled "The Light and the Glory" published by Fleming Revell Co. and written by Peter Marshall Jr. and David Manuel. I recommend that book to every Christian that loves America. In fact, I recommend that book to every American—believing in Christ or not believing in Christ.

There are many books covering the subject matter found in "The Light and the Glory." However the authors have done a thorough job compiling the information and the evidence that this is "one nation under God."

From the reprinting of the words of Christopher Columbus who clearly indicated God led him to America to establish a Christian nation for the purpose of world evangelization—to the words of our pilgrim forefathers and the patriachs who designed the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and all the documents that have shaped this into the great republic that it is—the evidence is clear—this is a Christian nation.

During the bicentennial year, 1976, I travelled this nation from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to Mexico. With the "I Love America Singers" from Liberty Baptist College, Robbie Hiner, Charles Hughes and a host

of others, we conducted "I Love America" rallies in most of the major cities of our nation. During that time, I preached a sermon all over this country entitled "America Back To God."

It is my sincere conviction that God raised up America as a free Christian nation for one purpose only—God wanted America, in these last days, to be a citadel of the faith. God wanted America to be a base for world evangelization. Christ died for all men in all nations. During the population explosion, God wanted America to be the launching pad from which the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ could be carried to every creature in every land.

PROTECTOR OF THE JEW

I believe America is important to God because we are charged with the responsibility of being "The Protector of the Jews". If the United States were to withdraw her support of tiny Israel, one hundred million Arabs, supported by the Soviet Union, would drive her into the Mediterranean Sea. We must not withdraw our support of Israel.

God promised Abraham in Genesis 12:3, "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." If Adolph Hitler could rise from the dead, he would tell you that God cursed him because he cursed the Jew.

The Jews are God's chosen people. They are in spiritual blindness today—but nevertheless, they still remain the people of God. And God gave the land of Israel to the people of Israel.

Genesis 15 clearly delineates the boundaries of the land of Israel. The homeland for the Jew, as given them by God himself, is on both sides of the Jordan. Ultimately, the Jew will have, not only the present land of Israel, but a great deal more.

If America ceases protecting and blessing the Jew, we can expect the judgment of God upon this nation. That is why it is very frightening when Ambassador Andrew Young recently met in secret with the PLO. It is disturbing when our government begins to vacillate on the subject on the matter of standing by God's people and God's land.

Jesus calls believers "the salt of the earth." Salt is a preservative. I was raised in the country. As a country boy, I know why salt is placed on meat. It prevents spoilage.

The saints of God have

Israel has issued a new medal, commemorating Christian pilgrimage to the Holy Land. One side of the medal depicts Jerusalem at the center of three continents. The reverse side has the verse in Hebrew, "They all gather and come to you," with English and French translations. Bronze and silver versions of the medal are for sale.

prevented the spoilage of this country. Regardless of whether Madeline Murray O'Hair realizes it or not, she and other infidels are enjoying the highest standard of living in human history because of the millions of grains of salt sprinkled all over this land.

There are more born again believers in America, per capita, than can be found in any other nation on earth.

When God was preparing to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of their wickedness, and particularly the sin of homosexuality, Abraham was crushed. Abraham remembered that his nephew, Lot was living there. He begged God to spare Sodom and Gomorrah.

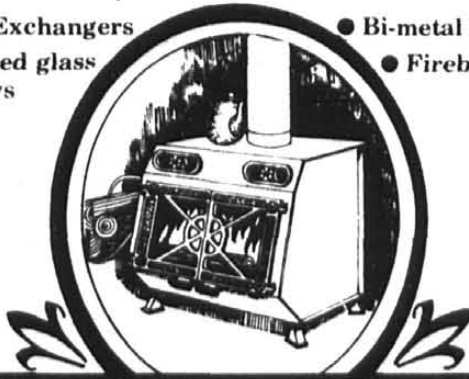
His proposition to the Lord was, as was recorded in Genesis 18, that if 50 righteous people

could be found in all of Sodom and Gomorrah, perhaps the Lord would not destroy the place. God agreed on that. Abraham then bargained on the basis of 40 righteous people. Finally, he asked God if he would spare Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of 10 righteous people. God agreed.

If God was willing to spare Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of 10 grains of salt—how much more interest has the Lord in America where millions of believers live!

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OUTLINE FAST FOR REVIVAL IN AMERICA

SERMON OUTLINE FOR PREACHERS
By JERRY FALWELL

(Since we have proclaimed Oct. 14 as a national day of fasting and prayer for revival in America, I thought that many of our preacher friends might want to preach on the subject of fasting and prayer. Therefore, I am enclosing an outline of a message I recently preached on the subject. Obviously, each pastor will make many changes in the outline and develop his own sermon. I simply felt that this outline might be a study help and a guide to my preacher friends.)

I. CRISIS AT THE END OF A DECADE

- A. The 1970's have been, in many ways, the worst decade in American history. The eventual result could be the end of liberty as we Americans have known it for 203 years.
- B. Why is this the worst crisis? The crisis of the World War II Hitler era (the 1940's) and the crisis of the Depression (the 1930's) brought our nation together and gave us national purpose. Our present crisis of anarchy is tearing us apart.
- C. The 1970's produced a crisis of anarchy. This is situation ethics. It is every man doing that which is right in his own eyes. Judges 17:6 described a similar time in Israel's history.
 1. ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) advocates women doing their own thing — in spite of the teaching of God's word.
 2. The homosexual revolution is sexual perverts doing their own thing.
 3. The International Year of the Child (the children's rights movement) is children doing their own thing.
- D. Anarchy is our present crisis. We do not have national leadership because of the moral dilemma. Also, we do not have national purpose because each man has become a law to himself. The results of anarchy are humanism, atheism, socialism and communism.

II. WHY SHOULD WE FAST AND PRAY FOR REVIVAL?

- A. Some have mistakenly thought that it is wrong to talk openly about fasting. Jesus commanded that we should not brag about fasting. However, he also taught us to fast. He himself publicly taught the importance of fasting. "Moreover, when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward" (Matthew 6:16)
- B. In the book of Esther, we read of the possible annihilation of the Jewish nation. God placed Esther in the right place at the right time as the queen. Because of Mordecai, the man of God, Esther was encouraged to approach the king for the preservation of the Jewish people. Esther asked that a national fast of three days be proclaimed (Esther 4:16). God saved the nation.
- C. Jehoshaphat called a national fast when threatened by Edom. "And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah" (II Chronicles 20:3).
God saved the nation.
- D. Ezra proclaimed a fast for the protection of God as he and his people returned to the land. "Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance" (Ezra 8:21). Again, God answered and saved the nation.
- E. Joel called a national fast at the onset of a locust plague. "Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly; gather the elders, and all the inhabitants of the land, into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord" (Joel 1:14). We can even fast and pray for the economic and material well being of our land. The energy crisis can be approached in this way.
- F. We are faced with a national crisis in America. Fasting and praying as the people of God could well be God's way of bringing revival to our land. We prove our sincerity and our genuine burden to God by denying ourselves and devoting additional time to prayer and the reading of God's word.
- G. We want a national response to a fasting campaign. We are asking one million persons to fast and pray from sundown on Saturday, Oct. 13, to sundown on Sunday, Oct. 14, for revival in America. We need the help of God's preachers everywhere to mobilize their people to this end. We are asking each pastor to write to me: Jerry Falwell, Lynchburg, Virginia 24514 — and advise me of the head count of persons fasting and praying in each church for revival in our country.

III. THE CORRECT ATTITUDE ON FASTING

- A. Fasting is not just doing without food. Dieting or missing a meal because you are busy or overweight is not fasting. Fasting must be a self-determined attitude of heart toward God. It must include prayer, repentance and self-examination. There must be a spiritual purpose for fasting. There must be a burden on our heart for which we are asking God for miraculous deliverance.
- B. Fasting is mandatory. Nowhere in the Bible is fasting required or commanded in the same way as Baptism and the Lord's Table are commanded. Fasting is voluntary. It is a

spiritual means by which we get things from God.

- C. Fasting is not self-destruction but self-denial. Some have done foolish things like fasting 40 or 50 days until their health was damaged or they lost their lives. Christians should fast, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, for brief or extended times in order to effect miraculous happenings.
- D. Fasting is withholding that which is needful and delightful to demonstrate to God the sincerity and the credibility of our prayers. Sometimes we pray and God does not answer because we are not sincere and consistent. We change our minds and we fluctuate. We do not have faith. (James 4:2-3).
- E. Only a few people have ever fasted for 40 days. And even then, many conservative Bible scholars do not believe that this fasting involved total abstinence. Most scholars believe that those persons took some sustenance during the fast, but the sincerity of their fast was their self-denial. "But I keep under my body, and bring it unto subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (I Corinthians 9:27).
- F. Fasting is saying NO to your body so God can say YES to your prayers.

IV. WORKMEN TOGETHER WITH GOD. (Practical Hints For Fasting)

- A. In our national day of fasting and prayer, we will follow the Old Testament pattern. In the Old Testament, fasting was from sundown to sundown. We will fast from sundown, Oct. 13 till sundown, Oct. 14. "Then all the children of Israel and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the Lord, and fasted that day until even. . ." (Judges 20:26).
- B. Refrain from eating solid foods, but drink liquids. "And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward hungered" (Matthew 4:2). Note that at the end of Jesus' fast, He hungered. It does not say that He was thirsty. Most scholars believe that He drank liquids during these forty days.
- C. Read large sections of Scripture as you fast. This is God's way of talking to you. I would suggest that everyone double their daily Bible-reading during our national day of fasting and prayer.
- D. Select key verses to memorize. I would suggest that you memorize a verse that becomes a prayer promise tied to national repentance. Suggestion would be Proverbs 14:34, II Chronicles 7:14, etc.
- E. Repent of all known sins. Pray for national repentance. Pray for specific leaders.
- F. Give your food money to others. As I have researched the history of fasting in the United States, I found that Americans made a practice of giving the money that they saved on food during their fast. Many of them gave that money to missions or to some area of the Lord's work. The breakfast and lunch money that we will save by fasting on Sunday, Oct. 14, could amount to from \$7 to \$15 if we were eating in a restaurant. This depends, of course, on each individual person and how much they eat. Every person could receive a special blessing from God by giving that food money to the Lord.

V. CONCLUSION

- A. The pilgrims fasted on board the *Mayflower*, the day before they finally landed. Specifically, they were fasting and praying for God to lead them to the right location for the establishment for the first city in America.
- B. History shows that different colonies and towns proclaimed a collective fast when faced with a crisis — during the early days of our nation.
- C. "Decade of Liberty." "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family" (Leviticus 25:10). On Sunday, Oct. 21, I am going to preach on "The Year of Jubilee." Every fiftieth year was a national jubilee after a time of national prayer, fasting and worship. The result of obedience was jubilee. During jubilee, they proclaimed liberty throughout the land. We are fasting for liberty. Let us pray that the 1980's will be a decade of liberty.
- D. Hannah was a simple wife who wanted a son. She prayed and fasted. "Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?" (I Samuel 1:8). The nation suffered the anarchy of the period of the judges. Every man did that which was right in his own eyes (Judges 17:6). The spiritual life was fading. "And the word of the Lord was precious in those days" (I Samuel 3:1). This means the Bible was scarce. The nation needed leadership so God gave them a son — Samuel — to be their leader. This happened because one woman was burdened, she fasted and she prayed. This is what can happen to our nation. We read nothing about her husband fasting or praying. When Hannah was given a boy, she sang a great song of rejoicing. (I Samuel 2:1-10). Her husband did not fast. He did not pray. When God intervened, he did not have a song of joy.
- E. Those who fast for revival in America will enjoy the liberty God gives when heaven answers.

Please Read My Letter

By JERRY FALWELL

When you receive a personal letter from me regarding these three special days, these three important days in October, please read all six pages of my letter carefully and prayerfully. I am asking you to join me in a prayer effort for the salvation of this nation. God is able.

I would appreciate it if you would read my letter twice. As you read the letter, I want the burden of my heart to become the burden of your heart. This is my earnest prayer. If America is worth saving, the people of God must be His instruments in accomplishing it.

During October, Phil. 3:13-14 will be our faith text. I want you to memorize these two verses. Paul said, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." We are closing out the decade of the 70's with genuine repentance. We are facing and entering the decade of the 80's with a look of faith, true expectation from the Lord.

We are truly ashamed of what our nation has done in the past 10 years. The moral decay that has corrupted this republic during the 1970's must be reversed.

Therefore—please join me on Oct. 7 for a National Day of Repentance. Let us beg God to forgive our nation for our sins. Let us plead with the Lord to speak to all our legislators, the members of the judiciary, our preachers, our teachers, the decision makers and opinion shapers of this nation—that we might turn around and walk towards God as we face the Decade of Destiny—the 1980's.

On Oct. 14, please join me in a day of fasting and prayer. I have put a fleece before the Lord. I am asking for one million persons to fast from sundown on Saturday, Oct. 13 to sundown, Sunday, Oct. 14.

And on Oct. 21, we are going to rejoice and thank God on a special "day of Jubilee".

The decade of the 1980's must be a time when families reestablish as God's basic unit in this nation.

We are begging God for a build-up of our moral and military strength in the 1980's.

We are asking that God will once more enable us to assume the place of world leadership.

We are a nation under God. We are by faith asking God to help us on Liberty Mountain during the 1980's to train thousands of young men and women who will join as a part of the national leadership during the Decade of the 1980's.

If My People, Which Are Called By My Name, Shall Humble Themselves, And Pray, And Seek My Face, And Turn From Their Wicked Ways; Then Will I Hear From Heaven, And Will Forgive Their Sin, And Will Heal Their Land.

II Chronicles 7:14

OTGH Prepared For 1980's Needs

By JAMES E. SOWARD JR.

I have observed the growth of the Thomas Road Baptist Church since my first visit to Lynchburg in 1960. It has been an honor to be involved in the ministry as a staff member for almost nine years. What I have seen is nothing short of a miracle—a miracle of faith-in-action and a miracle of what God can do through a man totally committed to God's Work. The man... Jerry Falwell.

The greatest period of growth and expansion for Thomas Road Baptist Church and its related ministries has been during the 1970's. As a testimony of God's enabling power, here are a few exciting facts.

- The Church itself has grown from a membership of 35 in 1956 to 17,000 in 1979.
- The Sunday School, started in 1956, now numbers approximately 10,000 in attendance. High days of 19,000 and 35,000 have been seen. Over 600 workers are involved in the Sunday School Ministry.
- The Old-Time Gospel Hour Radio and Television Ministry began shortly after the church was organized in 1956 and now is recognized as the largest network in existence.
- Liberty Baptist Schools originated with Lynchburg Christian Academy in 1966 and now totals over 4,000 enrolled in Lynchburg Christian Academy, Liberty Baptist College, Liberty Baptist Seminary and Liberty Bible Institute. Another 8,940 are enrolled in the Liberty Home Bible Institute.
- The buildings and grounds of the Thomas Road Baptist Church have grown from a 30

by 50 foot building purchased for \$18,500 in 1956 to an annual budget in excess of \$50 million and several thousand acres of ground.

- The missions outreach of the church touches every major continent. Missionaries supported by the church are establishing churches in many foreign countries.

Teams from the schools and the SMITE Ministry go abroad on special tours to aid missionaries and nationals in guiding mission stations and witnessing for Christ.

- AWANA Clubs for children, Grade K-5 through early teens, offer Bible training and physical activities as a way to build Christian character in those who are involved.
- A major printing and mailing ministry that produces millions of pieces of printed matter annually. Of major importance are *The Journal Champion*, *Faith Aflame* and *The Old-Time Gospel Hour Pathways*. These three major publications reach into thousands of homes and multiplied thousands of lives through the year.
- Other ministries with far reaching effect are:
 - A nationally known Youth Ministry.
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 - A Conference Ministry that provides help, guidelines and motivation for thousands of Christian Workers.
 - A Family Counseling Ministry whose trained staff is available for consultation around the

clock.

- Elim Home for Alcoholics, founded in 1959, offers a spiritual oasis for men caught up in the grasp of alcoholism.
- A nationally recognized ministry with senior

citizens.

We could go on page after page with comments and reports, but time nor space is available. So many great things have happened during the 1970's that we can only say "to God be the glory, great things He has done." But what of

the 1980's?

My personal feelings are that God is just beginning to use the TRBC and its ministries. The need of America for spiritual leadership is great. The door is open. We must not look back—only forward. There is much yet to do.

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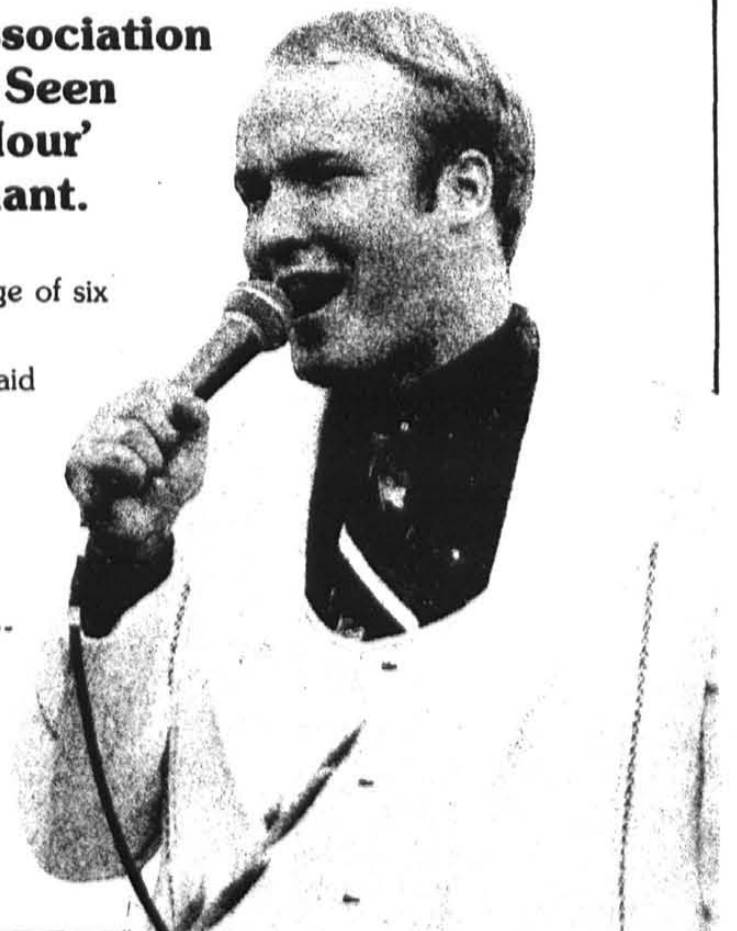
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October has been set aside as a special month — dedicated to mobilizing God's people in a unique effort to save America.

Sunday, Oct. 7, has been proclaimed a National Day of Repentance. I am asking millions of believers across America to spend this day repenting of our national sins. The prophets of God in the Old Testament repented in behalf of the nation of Israel.

We need, on that special day, to remind the Lord that we are sorry for our national sins. The

cancers of homosexuality, unisexuality, abortion, pornography, and our weakening position as the God-appointed protector of Israel are all sins for which we must ask God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us beg the Lord to forgive us. We cannot expect unbelievers to join us in this effort. The saints of God are charged with this responsibility of repenting on behalf of our nation.

- Why is America experiencing an energy crisis?
- Why are we in a time of economic recession?
- Why are we being plagued with uncontrollable inflation?
- Why have we become militarily inferior?

It is because we, as a Christian nation, have gotten away from

God. God is whipping us nationally. We must repent as a nation.

I would recommend that every believer read the book of Judges during the week of Oct. 7. The book of Judges describes a time of crisis and moral decadence in Israel. Time and time again, the people of God had gone off into

idolatry and materialism. God sold them into slavery. They found themselves in bondage to heathen nations. Finally, they cried out to God in genuine repentance and begged for mercy.

When they repented, God sent a deliverer, a judge. It is an amazing story of God's mercy and God's

forgiveness when His people truly repent. The key verse in Judges is found in chapter 21 verse 25 "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." This is a simple definition of situational ethics. This is where we find ourselves today.

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One hundred people carrying black umbrellas marched from the White House to the U.S. Senate Wednesday, Sept. 5, demonstrating opposition to the SALT II treaty.

The umbrellas, a symbol of appeasement since the days of British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, were imprinted with Chamberlain's words, "I believe that it is peace for our time."

William Billings, executive director of the National Christian Action Coalition which sponsored the march, said, "We believe the SALT II treaty is nothing more than an attempt to appease the

Soviets. And we remember where Chamberlain's policy of appeasement with regard to Hitler led Britain... to war."

"SALT II will not end the arms race," Billings said. It will simply give the Soviets more time to continue preparing for war while restricting the United States from doing what the Constitution requires it to do — provide for the common defense."

"We had people participating in the march from 47 states — all except Nebraska, Iowa, and Nevada," said Billings. "An Eskimo Indian presented the umbrella to Senators Gravel and

Stevens of Alaska."

The National Christian Action Coalition is a nationwide Coalition of ministers, Christian school administrators, teachers and Christian businessmen.

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Goal: World Evangelization

The ultimate goal of the Gospel is world evangelization. Jesus died for the whole world. He did not die for Americans alone. God is no respecter of persons.

America alone has the Foundations For Learning: The Schools

By C. CHRISTOPHER ROSS

With the phenomenal growth of private Christian schools in America during the past few years, Christians are faced with the responsibility of providing quality institutions of higher learning for the nation's young people.

There is no doubt that the college and university system was started in the United States by churches. Just remember the foundations of Harvard University, Brown, Yale and Princeton during the early days of the colonies and compare their Bible-teaching relation to the modern day.

Certainly, these outstanding secular institutions have become liberal schools of learning that no longer are guided by the founding principles of Christian education.

Today, Liberty Baptist College and Schools is one of the foremost Christian liberal arts institution in the nation. It is also the fastest growing college in America as it enters its ninth school term.

Chancellor Jerry Falwell believes that Christian young people deserve and can demand the best in education as God wants the best-trained, the best-educated and the most dedicated young men and women in his service.

"Liberty Baptist College and Schools is today providing academic excellence in all areas," the chancellor said. "We must produce first class citizens in all phases of daily life and that is the reason we want to serve the Lord with the best facilities, the most qualified teachers and the zeal necessary to turn the world around for Christ."

Liberty Baptist College has been action-oriented. It will continue to be a fast-paced institution of higher learning where the goals of academic excellence in an atmosphere of Christian leadership and devotion is prevalent.

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Philippians 3:13-14

dedicated Christian young people, the churches, the Christian schools, the Bibles, the media, the printing presses and the financial resources to evangelize the world in this generation of 4.5 billion souls.

God is not impressed with buildings, budgets and programs. God is impressed with people. "For God so loved this world (of people) that he gave. . .". "God is not willing that any (of these people) should perish..." Yes, God loves people. And, as America and the church within America becomes vitally interested in carrying out the Great Commission of world evangelization, we may be sure that God will be interested in preserving America.

Yes, America is unique in the family of nations. No other nation was established as "one nation under God" like America. No other nation has been so blessed of God. No other nation has done so much in 200 years to give the Gospel to the world as America has.

Many Bible scholars and

preachers, and I am one of them, believe this to be the terminal generation. We are expecting the Lord's return within this generation. Since there are more people living on the earth than have ever lived here before--we have a mammoth responsibility of getting the Gospel out to everyone. In order to do this, we must be a free nation. We cannot be enslaved by Communism. We must have the liberty of continuing the free enterprise system. The financial resources of this land are necessary for world evangelization.

In other words--America must stay intact as a free Republic. We must not lose our freedom. We must be about the Master's business. We must plant churches and strengthen the churches that are already in existence. We must build Christian schools everywhere. America can be saved under God. The people of the Lord must be instrumental in carrying out this plan.

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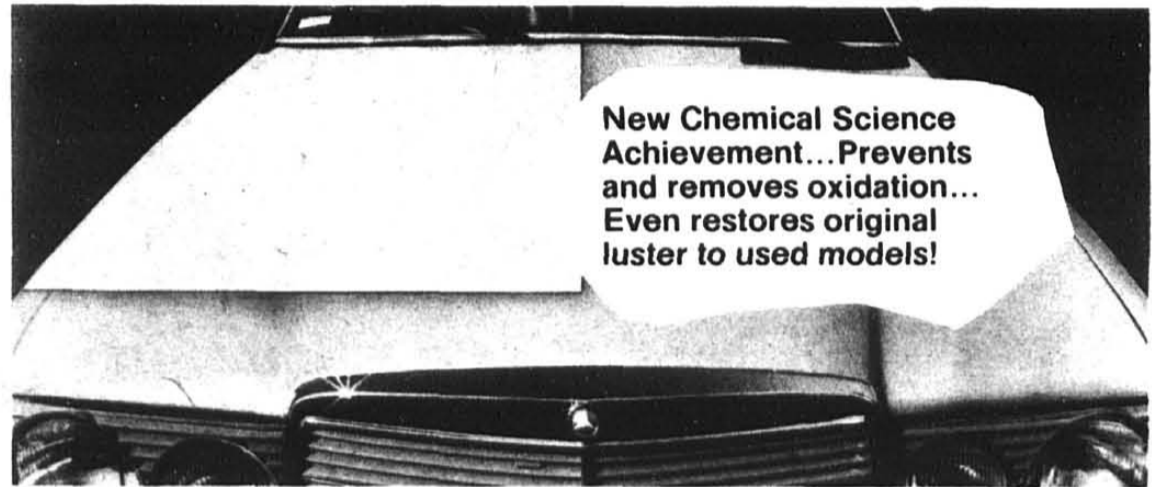
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A Chronicle For The Preservation Of The American Heritage

The Fleece Is Out

By JERRY FALWELL

"In this issue of the Journal Champion, we have attempted to present fairly "The State of the Union" as we see it. America is quite sick. We are in a tailspin. We are falling fast.

We have also attempted to state clearly that we are optimistic about the future of America. America is important to God. We are the God-ordained protector of the Jews. We have more saints per capita in America than any other nation on earth. That makes us important to the Lord. America is the last logical launching pad for world evangelization. That makes America very important to God's plan for world evangelization.

Now, I would like to share my heart with all my friends everywhere regarding the part that I am to play in calling this nation back to God. I believe the Lord has given me a Divine calling to awaken this republic to her national sin and to call this nation to a real moral reformation. I further believe that God wants to use me to awaken the people of God in this country to their responsibility in turning America around. I am willing to pay the price to accomplish this purpose.

When God led me to establish the Thomas Road Baptist Church in June 1956, with 35 charter adult members, I little realized the eventual international impact of this ministry. Twenty-three years have passed. The Old-Time Gospel Hour television and radio ministry is now the largest of its kind in America. The Liberty Baptist Schools now have more than 4,000 students and are training young champions who can turn this nation around.

The local church here in Lynchburg has become one of the largest churches in the world with an equivalent of one-fourth of the city's population belonging to this local assembly. The Elim Home for Alcoholics, the children's ministry, the youth ministry and our world-wide missions outreach have become enormous. We are aware that God is responsible for all this. We are simply His instruments. We are thankful that God could use us in this respect. We are glad that He is continuing to use us.

The 1970's have been a very important time in the formation of this world-wide ministry. Another article in this issue of Journal Champion written by Rev. James Soward tells of the major occurrences for this ministry for the 1970's. Please read that article carefully. Now, we are less than 90 days from the decade of destiny-the 1980's. I have stated in another story in this newspaper that America is facing the most critical times in our history. The burden is heavily upon us. We must move now.

I Have Prayed Much

I have earnestly sought the face of God as to what He wants me to do in calling this nation back to God during the "Decade of Destiny." The financial cost of our ministry has grown from a budget of \$1 million in 1970 to a present budget of \$56 million in 1979. If we maintain all our ministries intact, our

first budget in our Decade of Destiny, 1980-1981, will be approximately \$75 million. It is hard to believe that our God has provided so wonderfully and so rapidly. Our vision is growing as the blessings of God continue.

During the 1970's, more important than the financial story, hundreds of thousands have been led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through our ministries. Someone has estimated that more than one million persons have come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior during the past ten years because of these ministries in Lynchburg. This is something for which we give praise to God.

But during the 1980's we must make every movement count. The spiraling costs of television and radio have made this our most expensive ministry. At the same time, it is our most effective outreach to the nation and world. If we are to continue the television and radio ministry of Old-Time Gospel Hour in the 1980's, God must move miraculously and do for us some things that have never been done before.

I am definitely convinced that the Liberty Baptist Schools must continue. We must move on to a 50,000 enrollment in this century. This is the only hope for saving America and evangelizing the world. We must train the soldiers who must do it.

Can We Continue Television?

The question is, Can we financially afford to develop the Liberty Baptist Schools, erect the buildings and train the young people while at the same time continue under the tremendous financial burden of maintaining the television and radio outreach? I have been under severe pressure the past ten years. I have not minded this. I have been willing to work day and night to keep all our programs on the air. Every time I hear of a precious soul coming to know Jesus Christ, I rejoice that I have been privileged to work and raise the funds to put that program out into the homes. However, I am not as young as I once was. At age 46, I find it difficult to go day and night as I have in the past. My wife and three children need me as never before. We now have three teenagers in our home. Jerry Jr. is 17, Jeannie will be 15 next month on Nov. 7, Jonathan just turned 13. They do not need an absentee father. I must not forsake them at this important time in their lives.

I am also needed in Lynchburg more than ever in the past because of the enlargement of the schools and the local church.

So here's what I am facing. We will eliminate the Old-Time Gospel Hour Television and Radio ministry from the air in January 1980, unless God definitely shows me that He wants us to continue in this media. If God does not want us to continue the Old-Time Gospel Hour Television and Radio Ministry, I do not want to continue.

If God does not want me to continue the television and radio ministry, He evidently has another plan and a better plan for reaching more people than we are now reaching. However, I cannot honestly think of what that

means would be. I do not know, at this point, how we could reach more people than we are reaching now with television and radio.

My only desire is to be sure that I am pleasing the Lord. If God clearly shows me that He wants the Old-Time Gospel Hour Television and Radio ministry to continue, as well as the development of the Liberty Baptist

schools, I am willing to trust him for the strength necessary to move into the Decade of Destiny under the burden of both ministries.

I am willing to work day and night, trusting Him for supernatural strength, in order to raise the funds to build the schools and maintain the Old-Time Gospel Hour. I know He will give me the strength if He wants me to do it.

What Is That Fleece?

When you receive my personal letter, if you have not already received it, please read carefully and prayerfully every word I have written. In that personal letter, I share with you the fact that I have placed a fleece before the Lord.

After the biblical example of Gideon in Judges 6:36-37, I have put a fleece before the Lord regarding whether we should continue the television and radio during the 1980's.

Judges 6:37-38, "And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. Behold I will put a fleece of wool on the floor." I am sure you are acquainted with this Old Testament event.

My fleece is two-fold. I am asking God to show me, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that He wants the television and radio ministry to continue as well as the enlargement of the Liberty Baptist Schools.

That two-fold fleece is this:

(1) I am asking God to give me one million persons who will fast and pray with me on Oct. 14 for revival in America. I am asking these one million persons, in writing, to agree to fast from sundown on Saturday, Oct. 13, until sundown Sunday, Oct. 14.

(2) I am asking God to give me \$6.5 million during the month of October. This \$6.5 million would enable us to finish the buildings which are already under construction on Liberty Mountain. We could pay off the \$2.5 million loaned us by two board members. This loan enables us to finish the buildings which were occupied by students one month ago, and this \$6.5 million would enable us to move into the 1980's with our financial house in order and truly established to turn America around during the Decade of Destiny.

Have You Written Me?

If you have received your letter, what have you done about it? If you have not received it yet, you will in the next several days. When you receive that letter, please write me immediately, pledging to fast and pray on the national day of fasting and prayer, Oct. 14. We're praying for God to send revival to America.

Please indicate the number of persons in your home who are fasting and praying with you. I must enlist one million persons. God has definitely burdened me to make this a part of the fleece that I will put before the Lord. If one million persons do not commit to this fasting and prayer experience, I will assume that God wants us to

eliminate the television and radio ministry. I will then seek His will for the direction He wants us to go in bringing revival to America. I am committed to that goal.

The \$6.5 Million Is Necessary

If the \$6.5 million is mailed to this ministry on or before Oct. 31, and one million persons have in fact committed to fast and pray for America on Oct. 14, I will have the assurance I need that God wants us to continue the television and radio ministry while, at the same time, moving ahead with our development on Liberty Mountain.

Do You Want Us to Continue the Television?

I will be awaiting your letter every day. I want to know how you feel about this. I am fasting and praying. I am looking to God for a miracle. I want to see America saved. If you feel the same way, please write to me, Jerry Falwell, Lynchburg, Virginia 24514.



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