



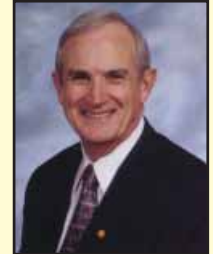
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THE OLD TESTAMENT
TAKEN AWAY--THE NEW
TESTAMENT IN FORCE
 Garland Elkins



From The Director

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Franklin Camp, A Study Of The Book of Colossians
 For many years the dearly beloved, scholarly, lamented brother Franklin Camp taught classes for preachers at Shades Mountain in Birmingham and Bible classes at the Adamsville, Alabama congregation. These classes were extremely rich and covered most of the books of the Bible. They are available on audio cassettes and CD's from Adamsville. Now, brother Sam Wilcutt, splendid preacher of the Munford, Tennessee, congregation has taken the material by brother Camp on Colossians and has made it available in thirteen lessons, with questions suitable for study in Bible classes in the local church. Adamsville published the class books on Colossians.

Franklin Camp, The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Redemption
 In 1974, brother Camp produced a classic, extensive work on the Holy Spirit. The Adamsville church has reprinted this volume in softback. This book should be in the home of every Christian.
 We commend brother Wilcutt and Adamsville for making the material on Colossians available in print. All profits from the sale of these books on Colossians and the Holy Spirit go to the Franklin Camp Preachers Scholarship Fund. Some students in the MSOP are recipients of this fund. Order from Adamsville Church of Christ, 4207 Veterans Memorial Dr., Adamsville, AL 35005, 205,674-5659.

Mark Turner, Operation Victory: Homeland Defense For The Soul
 Brother Turner is the gifted evangelist of the
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Those who contend that the Old and New Testaments are identical have either not studied them carefully, or at least they certainly have not learned how to rightly divide the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15). It is impossible for a person to live by both of them (Rom. 7:1-4). The Hebrews writer makes clear that the Old Testament was taken away that the New Testament might be established. "For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah" (Heb. 8:7-8). "Then said, he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:9-10). "And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth" (Heb. 9:15-17).
 In the fullness of time, God sent His only begotten Son into the world to abolish the first covenant and establish the second. On this point, Paul said, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross" (Col. 2:14).
 The Old Testament was sealed by the blood of calves
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and goats. "Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you" (Heb. 9:18-20). Those who embrace the old law, and try to keep it, must of necessity reject the priesthood of Christ and accept the priesthood of Levi. "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law" (Heb. 7:12). "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant which was established upon better promises" (Heb. 8:6).

The New Testament Is Binding

The New Testament is to be supreme in the lives of all who would be blessed of God. In the matters pertaining to eternal salvation, men must subject themselves to the revealed will of God. Men must discard the opinion that "faith only" will save, since inspiration states that "faith without works is dead" (Jas. 2:26). Preachers who teach that the Holy Spirit acts directly and independently of the Word must heed the Holy Spirit's statements, "The gospel of Christ is the power of God

unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16), and "receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (Jas. 1:21). The gospel of Christ says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). This scripture eliminates the false doctrine of praying through to pardon.

Isn't it amazing that men will deliberately set aside the revealed will of God for their own thoughts and ways? The Bible says: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8-9). "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor. 1:23-25). "Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein" (Hos. 14: 9).

Men who will not subject themselves to the will of God teach directly opposite to His word in many things. Marriage, as per such men, has become a farce, fornication a common thing, and some have even publicly defended the view that, "A person may be unscripturally divorced and unscripturally married and remain in such a state with God's approval." Who can believe such teaching? Unfortunately, there have always been and apparently still are, pseudo men-of-God willing to teach people "after their own lusts" (2 Tim. 4:5). Misguided men also loudly and piously proclaim that social and moderate use of alcoholic liquors is quite all right; however, the Bible still declares that those who practice such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19-22).

As the Israelites journeyed to Canaan there were foes on every side. If they had always kept their minds on God, they could have gone directly to the land of promise, but because they thought their own ideas better than the Lord's, it took them forty years to get there, and the majority of those who left Egypt never made it. They did not follow the safe course by walking with the Lord. Man's only safe refuge is in the Lord. David said, "Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance" (Psa. 32:7).

As Christ made Himself subject to His Father's will (Luke 22:42), so must those who would live in heaven for ever. The inspired apostle John has written this wonderful promise "he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (1 John 2:17).

Garland Elkins

A Message From The Elders Of The Forest Hill Church Of Christ

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Brother Curtis Cates and all of

the instructors willingly teach classes at the Forest Hill congregation and preach here when called upon. Their knowledge of the Scriptures and brotherhood issues is helpful to us.

These dedicated men and their families have elevated our own spiritual level, and we strive to be a church that conducts its affairs in a manner pleasing to Christ. We feel a responsibility to be a good example to them. If you are thinking of enrolling in the School, we will do everything possible to make you feel welcome and an integral part of the congregation here.

The Forest Hill church could by

no means conduct a work of this magnitude without help from others. We do recognize, however, that our members contribute very liberally of their means. They see firsthand the fruits of their giving. We are grateful to all.

We have had the opportunity of hearing many prominent speakers at the annual lectureships, and we have been greatly enriched thereby.

Please continue to remember the Memphis School of Preaching in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,
Elders,
Forest Hill Church of Christ

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