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A ONE WAY JOURNEY
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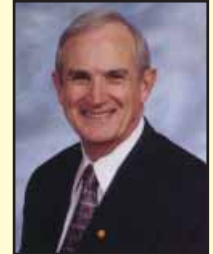


"For ye have not passed this way heretofore" (Josh. 3:4).
Back of the Israelites was the desert with its hunger and thirst, its restlessness and danger. In front of them was Canaan, unknown and feared. The journey through the desert had been a long, costly, and weary test, but this crossing into the promised Land would be a more severe test. They were now going from the known to the unknown, from forty years of simple life to the complexities of strange cities and fierce and wicked foreign peoples. Thus, Joshua said, "For ye have not passed this way heretofore" (Josh. 3:4).

As it was true of the Israelites, so it is true of mankind. We "have not passed this way heretofore." The most incredible situations often confront us. This is the common experience of every life. The unknown plays upon our destiny. Amid a changing world, man is the greatest migrant. Peter wrote, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Pet. 2:11). What are some of the things we must, with God's help, face and master?

1. We must master "self." Socrates said, "Man, know thyself," but the process of self-knowledge is exceedingly difficult. The Bible teaches us to examine ourselves. "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (2 Cor. 13:5). Morally and spiritually, how unwilling are many of us to know ourselves! We see defects in ourselves which we hope have not been seen by others; we see defects in others they have not seen in themselves. The real study of man is not the house he lives in, but man himself. Between the cradle and the grave, there is enacted a mighty drama by every living soul. We have never passed this way before, and we shall never pass this way again. It is fair and logical to ask not merely why we are called upon to make this journey, but how can we make it with honor to ourselves and

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From The Director

BENEFACTRESS OF MSOP PASSES

Curtis A. Cates

Several months ago, sister Josephine Setliff, dear friend of the Memphis School of Preaching and outstanding Christian woman, passed to her reward. Her beloved husband, brother Darwin Setliff, had preceded her in death.

Brother and sister Setliff had lived many years in Atoka, Oklahoma, where brother Darwin (with sister Setliff) had operated a hardware store. Through the years, sister Josephine also taught English in the public schools, from which she retired. Brother and sister Setliff were university educated (he in agriculture and she in education and English), and both were also excellent business persons.

The Setliffs loved the truth of God. Each had a splendid knowledge of the Scriptures, and both lived very influential lives for the Cause of Christ. They appreciated very much the work of the Memphis School of Preaching, and established a significant charitable remainder trust which will make possible one of the student housing buildings, which will be built upon final approval of the City of Germantown.

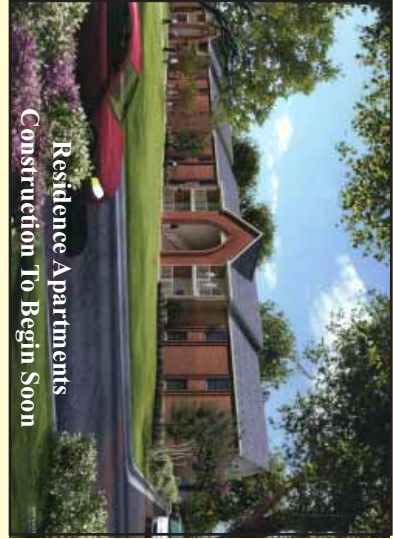
Brother Darwin and sister Josephine were given to hospitality. She was an excellent cook and a very gracious host. Brother Garland Elkins and I were privileged to be in their home on a number of occasions, and to be with them was always a pure delight. Their home was blessed with three children, six grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. We certainly cherished this fine couple as dear friends.

The lives of brother and sister Setliff were a great blessing to their family, to all who knew them, to the church in Atoka, and to us at the School. Truly, they were an inspiration to stand in the Old Paths. Not only will their influence live on in their family and brethren, but it will powerfully live on in their great gift to the Memphis School of Preaching through the training of faithful gospel preachers. Like Abel of old, "through it [they] being dead yet speaketh" (Heb. 11:4). Our sincere prayers and sympathy are expressed to their dear family.

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**BILLY BLAND AND DANIEL F. CATES
COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE M.A. DEGREE AT
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

Congratulations are in order to brethren Billy Bland and Dan Cates upon their having completed all course work requirements and the Comprehensive Examination for the Master of Arts Degree at S.C.U. Both of these brethren are graduates of the Memphis School of Preaching and serve on its faculty.

Brother Bland also attended Co-Lin Junior College and Northwest Junior College in Mississippi before being graduated with the Bachelor of Arts Degree (Summa Cum Laude) from Southern Christian in May, 2000. He and Terry have two children, Anna and Jared (deceased), and two grandchildren, Abby and Kara Johnson. Brother Bland began preaching nearly thirty years ago and is in his twelfth year with the School, serving as Dean of Students and instructor. He heads up the campaigns and world evangelism efforts of MSOP. He has made seventeen evangelistic trips to Russia and three to the Far East. He is director of the Far East/World Evangelism, following brother Ira Y. Rice, Jr., in this great work. He is also Chairman of the Board of Four Seas College. His is a great influence upon the student body in taking the pure gospel to the whole world.

Brother Cates attended David Lipscomb University, Memphis State University, and the University of Arkansas Little Rock, before being graduated from Southern Christian University with the Bachelor of Arts Degree (Summa Cum Laude) in 2000. He and Shelly have two children, Maggie and Conor. Dan preached his first sermon at age thirteen at Knight Arnold (now Forest Hill), and preached in Tennessee, Alabama, and Arkansas. He and Shelly are doing a great work with the Independence, Mississippi, congregation, and he is in his fourth year on the faculty of the Memphis School of Preaching.

We are proud of the academic accomplishments of brethren Billy and Dan and appreciate their being a vital part of the work of the School in training solid, capable "men of the Book."
Curtis A. Cates

**ARCHIVES/ SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF
N. B. HARDEMAN LIBRARY
RECEIVE EMPHASIS**

The Memphis School of Preaching has been greatly blessed by the erecting of the dignified, wonderful N. B. Hardeman Library building. It is the new home of some 35,000 titles [books, tapes, etc.] of materials. Work is ongoing to get all of these volumes on the new computer system of cataloging, research, and checkout.

Another very significant area of emphasis is archives/special collections, which includes the very valuable, significant, and rare memorabilia of brother N. B. Hardeman, for whom the building is named to the glory of God. There are also many other great artifacts in the collection.

It is the aim and purpose of the School to gather, house and catalog one of the finest collections of brotherhood memorabilia anywhere. Thus, brother Daniel F. Cates will be working with the N. B. Hardeman Library in the area of Archivist. He has a college major in history and a keen interest in the Restoration Movement.

If you, dear reader, have materials which you feel are significant, valuable historically (letters, documents, etc.), please contact the Library. It may be that soon, some will be approached about possible materials which you might wish to donate so that these materials can be professionally preserved and protected for future study and historical value.

Curtis A. Cates

LECTURESHIP DISPLAY RESERVATIONS

Those who plan to have displays during the Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship **must** make reservations by no later than **March 19, 2004**, since space is **very limited**. Liberal displays/materials are not allowed.

Please contact sister Kathy Jones at (901) 751-9964.

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God? After we, through a study of the Bible, learn our purpose for being here, we see we are to be "the salt of the earth" (Mat. 5:14), and the "light of the world" (v. 6). As the Lord knew and always kept in mind His mission to save the lost (Mat. 1:21; Luke 19:10), we should be able with Him to say of our work and lives for Him, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world" (John 18:37).

2. The world is an unknown factor outside of self. How difficult to master it! The world is an arena where every man plays his little part. The world is composed of strange and mocking contrasts. It is very cruel to some, offering them a stone instead of bread. To others, it is strewn with roses which are often more dangerous than stones. We are instructed to:

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17).

Thanks be unto God, we can overcome the world: "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

3. Death is another unknown factor with which we are faced daily (Heb. 9:27). This path we must, but have not yet, trodden. We often think of death in an abstract and impersonal way as if it were something others might well meet while we ourselves are immune. Yet, the strongest are smitten daily, and death's shadow falls upon all alike.

4. The future is unknown, and yet its grip is upon us all. The past is behind us, and we read its records; the present is with us, and we are shaping its history, but the future is a riddle that no man can solve. Therefore, how grateful we should be that "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27).

God's Word—Sufficient Light To Guide Us Home

Since we enter a new year, we need to seek the continued guidance of our heavenly Father. We must ever keep in mind the great statement of Jeremiah: "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23). We must heed the advice of the inspired James: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (Jas. 1:5). As we contemplate the brevity of life and the significance of life's opportunities, we pray, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps. 90:12).

With calm minds, courageous hearts, and contented spirits, let us go forward to face the unknown experiences of life fully aware that we do not know the future, but we do know Him who holds the future! We need to have in our lives a great renewal, so that old duties may become fresh, and old affections ardent, and our good old aspirations filled with strength. We need to grow in faith and love even this year to the end that at the conclusion of the year it can be said of us, as Paul beautifully complimented the Thessalonians, "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth" (2 Thess. 1:3).

A marvelous scriptural motto for us is: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Prov. 3:5). In order to accomplish all of the above, we, as children of God, must come before our Father, bowed down with our unworthiness and an awareness of our sins. Then, we need to comply with the Lord's conditions of pardon for His children that we may be in a right relationship with Him. Precious to God's faithful children are the great truths set out in these words,

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:7-9).

We can change directions, correct tendencies, obtain pardon from sins, but we can never retrace the steps already taken. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that we add the Christian graces (2 Pet. 1: 5-7). "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" (2 Pet. 1:10). *Garland Elkins*

**THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP
MARCH 28-APRIL 1, 2004
THEME: "SIN AND SALVATION"
MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING
3950 FOREST HILL IRENE ROAD, MEMPHIS, TN 38125-2585**

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2004 9:30-10:20 A.M. Is The World Really Lost Without The Gospel? 10:30-11:30 A.M. What Is Sin? 6:00-7:00 P.M. Heaven: Eternal Home Of The Saved 7:00-8:00 P.M. The Savior's Invitation	Billy Bland Barry Grider Paul Sain Curtis A. Cates	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2004 8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill): Sin Separates 9:00-9:50 A.M. The Sin Of Sodom 10:00-10:50 A.M. Hell: Place Of Eternal Punishment For Sin Class 1: Saved At Home—Lost At School? (Women's Class) Class 2: Salvation Of Man Demands The All-Sufficient Word 11:00-11:50 A.M. With Whom Do The Saved Have Fellowship? Class 1: The Hope Of Salvation Class 2: The Futility Of Man-made Attempts To Escape Sin LUNCH 1:10-2:00 P.M. Is There A Sin Which God Will Not Or Cannot Forgive? Class 1: How Should A Christian Look At Sin? (Women's Class) Class 2: The Sin Of Worldliness 2:10-3:00 P.M. Confession Of Sin Class 1: He That Believeth And Is Baptized Shall Be Saved Class 2: Satan's Steps For Sinful Compromise 3:10-4:00 P.M. Open Forum 4:00-7:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 7:00-7:30 P.M. Will God Always Bless America?	Barry Kennedy John Bercus Mark Bass Irene Taylor Gary Summers Kent Bailey Jerrri Manasco Paul Vaughn Gary McDade Lavonne McClish David B. Jones Michael Hatcher Lester Kamp Jerry Martin Garland Elkins George Bailey
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004 8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill): His Name Is Jesus 9:00-9:50 A.M. Forgiveness 10:00-10:50 A.M. What Does It Really Mean To Be Saved? Class 1: The Sin Of A Self-Centered Life (Women's Class) Class 2: The Works Of The Flesh And The Fruit Of The Spirit 11:00-11:50 A.M. Ye Must Be Born Again Class 1: The Sin Of Perverted Worship Class 2: Without Shedding Of Blood, There Is No Remission LUNCH 1:10-2:00 P.M. Calvinism And Neo-Calvinism Class 1: Sins Of A Prayerless Life (Women's Class) Class 2: What Is Repentance? 2:10-3:00 P.M. The Sin Of Fear Class 1: Sins Against The Home Class 2: Sins Against Is By Grace, But Not By Grace Only 3:10-4:00 P.M. Open Forum 4:00-7:00 P.M. INTERMISSION 7:00-7:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 7:30-8:30 P.M. The Origin Of Sin	Paul Meacham Bobby Liddell David Sain Corinne Elkins Tom Larkin Perry Colham Mark Reynolds Terry Mabery Dub McClish Annette B. Cates Dale Hubbert Bonnie Hayes Toney Smith Victor Eskew Garland Elkins Wendell Winkler	THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2004 8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill): The Joy Of Salvation 9:00-9:50 A.M. What Must Brethren Do When A Brother Sins? 10:00-10:50 A.M. Cases Of Non-Conversion Class 1: The Great Physician (Women's Class) Class 2: Refuting The Error Of "Once Saved, Always Saved" 11:00-11:50 A.M. Must One Be A Faithful Member Of The Church Of Christ In Order To Be Saved? Class 1: Encouraging And Training Men To Preach The Gospel Is The Law Sin? Class 2: Is The Law Sin? LUNCH 1:10-2:00 P.M. Salvation Is By Faith, But Not By Faith Only Class 1: Sin Brings Sorrow, Pain, And Death (Women's Class) Class 2: Can One Today Be Saved Like The Thief On The Cross? 2:10-3:00 P.M. What Does It Really Mean To Be Lost? Class 1: Partial Obedience Is Disobedience Class 2: Does Man Have A Sinful Nature? 3:10-4:00 P.M. Open Forum 4:00-7:00 P.M. INTERMISSION 7:00-7:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 7:30-8:30 P.M. Sin Is Man's Greatest Problem; Salvation Is Man's Greatest Need	Phillip Brannon Wayne Coats B. J. Clarke Vada Rice Dan Cates Charles Box Rick Brumback Kenneth E. Ratcliff Gary Colley Cecilia Grider Gene Bench Clifford Newell Steve Wiggins Tim Kidwell Garland Elkins Robert R. Taylor, Jr.
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2004 8:30-8:50 A.M. CHAPEL (Forest Hill): Except Ye Be Converted 9:00-9:50 A.M. Cases Of Conversion 10:00-10:50 A.M. Sin Keeps The Church From Growing Class 1: The Sin Of An Adulterous Marriage (Women's Class) Class 2: Sins Against The Church 11:00-11:50 A.M. The Seed Line Of Salvation Class 1: The Angels That Sinned Class 2: Does The Body Sin While The Spirit Does Not? LUNCH 1:10-2:00 P.M. The Work Of The Holy Spirit And Salvation Class 1: Sin's Desecrified Appeal (Women's Class) Class 2: An Analysis Of "The Sinner's Prayer" 2:10-3:00 P.M. SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS 2:10-3:00 P.M. The Common Salvation Class 1: Sins Of Indifference And Neglect Class 2: The Cost Of Salvation 3:10-4:00 P.M. Open Forum 4:00-7:00 P.M. INTERMISSION 7:00-7:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 7:30-8:30 P.M. The Second Coming, Resurrection, and Judgment	Randy Chambers Flavil Nichols Johnnie Scaggs Dorothy Mosher John Moore Keith A. Mosher, Sr. Andy Cates Kenneth Gossett David Brown Jane McWhorter Jason Roberts Harrell Davidson Stacy Grant David Watson Garland Elkins Winford Claiborne	NOTE: There will be classes and activities for pre-school children daily, and also for the evening lectures. WATER/ELECTRICAL HOOKUPS PROVIDED.	

