

# Lifting Up The STANDARD

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19).



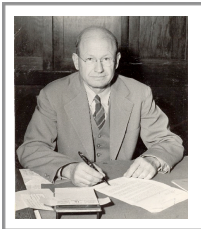
Challenging And Encouraging God's Remnant To Remain Faithful

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## The Bible

In the book “Science Speaks,” mathematician Peter Stoner applied the rules of probability to only eight prophecies given in the Scriptures that have happened as prophesied. Stoner concluded that the chance of all eight being fulfilled in one person is one in ten to the power of seventeen. That’s a one with seventeen zeroes behind it. (100,000,000,000,000,000)



If we were to take that many silver dollars and lay them on the surface of Prince Edward Island, they would cover the island to a depth of two feet. Then, if we were to mark one of these silver dollars and mix them all up, and we were to blindfold a man and tell him he must pick the marked silver dollar, he would have exactly

the same chance as these eight prophecies would have in coming true for any one man.

### The Influence On Society

No other book has influenced society like the Word of God has. For example, the title “*The Dominion of Canada*” came from Psalm 72:8 where we read, “*He shall have dominion also from sea to sea.*”

**Connecticut Charter Reads,** “*To preserve the liberty and purity of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ*”

**Salem Charter Reads,** “*We covenant with the Lord...to walk in all his ways...in his blessed Word of Truth.*”

**USA Coins,** were minted with “*In God We Trust*” stamped boldly on them.

**The Liberty Bell,** has the inscription, “*Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.*” This is a direct quote from the Bible. The verse is found in Leviticus 25:10.

**Western Civilization,** was founded on the Bible. The seven day week, the yearly timetable, the calendar and many major holidays were founded on the Bible.

**Famous Authors** such as Longfellow, Shakespeare, Ruskin and Irving quoted thousands of Bible verses.

**Art** has also been influenced by the Bible. There are more than fifty famous paintings that hang in every important museum in the world that are paintings depicting stories from the Old Testament and another sixty-five different paintings from the New Testament.

**Music,** has been influenced by the Bible; in printing thousands of hymns and other classics like Mendelssohn’s “St. Paul” and “Elijah.” Beethoven wrote the “Mount of Olives” and “Samson and Delilah.” Handel’s “Messiah” quotes from fifteen different Books of the Bible.

## Testimonies

**Christopher Columbus** made his fateful trip of 1492 on the strength of the Bible. He read in Isaiah 40:22 about, “*the circle of the earth.*”

He determined that the earth was round rather than flat as was commonly believed at that time. It was the Bible that led to the discovery of the United States of America.



**The American Revolution,** was under way in 1777. The British cut off all shipments of Bibles to the USA. Because of the high esteem the Bible had in the minds of those in congress, they imported Bibles from other European sources.

**George Washington,**  
*"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."*

**Abraham Lincoln,**  
*"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has given to man."*

**George Washington Carver,**  
*"The secret of my success? It is simple. It is found in the Bible." He then quoted Proverbs 3:5-6. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."*

**John Quincy Adams,**  
*"I have for many years made it a habit to read through the Bible once a year."*

**Andrew Jackson,**  
*"The New Testament is the very best that ever was or ever will be known in the world."*

**Theodore Roosevelt,**  
*"If a man is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss that he had better make all possible efforts to correct. A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."*

**Sir Isaac Newton,**  
*"There are more marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history."*



**Noah Webster** (Webster's Dictionary) *"Education is useless without the Bible. God's Word has furnished all the necessary rules to direct our conduct."* He used the Bible to help give the definition of words in the Webster's Dictionary.

### **It Has Only Been In Recent Years Man Has Forsaken The Bible**

According to USA TODAY (1985) the top public school problems before removing the Bible was:

Talking...Chewing Gum...Making Noise...

Getting out of turn in line...Wearing improper clothing...Not putting paper in the waste basket.

**The top public school problems since the Bible has been taken out is now:**

- Rape...Robbery...Assault...Burglary.
- Arson...Bombings...Murder...
- Suicide...Absenteeism...Vandalism...
- Extortion...Drug Abuse...
- Alcohol Abuse...Gang Warfare...
- Pregnancies...Abortions...
- Venereal Disease

***"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."***

(Galatians 6:7)



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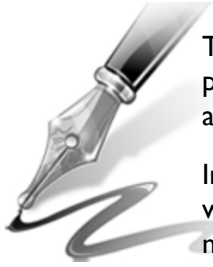
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A.W Tozer  
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Pastor Bob Kirkland



The church we attended was picking up speed on the pathway to apostasy.

In 1966 we met a preacher who wanted to start a church and as mentioned previously we unfortunately jumped from the frying pan into the fire.

We went west looking for a doctrinally solid church, and after a frustrating search we returned to Ontario.

We started a kid's club that grew to over a hundred in attendance and, put on a daily radio program for children.

**The Adventure At Hammond**

In 1972 we heard that Jack Hyles was starting a college. We had made the trip to Hammond, Indiana every year to the Pastor's school for many years, and so with a sincere heart, and a brain that was in neutral we set out for Hammond, to check it out.

We were totally unaware of all of the garbage they were sweeping under the carpet, and are still sweeping under the carpet at First Baptist Church in Hammond.



**This next part of our story could have been avoided** if it were not for those preachers who called themselves fundamentalists covering up all the depravity that was flooding out of that cesspool of immorality. One can only wonder how many young people will end up totally disillusioned with Christianity because of the coverup

that still is being promoted by Baptist leaders who should be openly exposing First Baptist for what it is.

(For information concerning the hypocrisy at First Baptist in Hammond, click on "**Dealing With Problems**" at the end of this article.)

Totally ignorant of the situation I talked with Hyles about coming to the college. He thought it was a great idea and suggested I could continue my radio program from Hammond. Now, as I look back, the program would obviously be a good marketing tool for the college. I would be his drone into Canada.

I drove home and found a letter saying "Congratulations! You have been accepted as a student at Hyles Anderson college. You have met the necessary entrance requirements...we take this opportunity to welcome you to our student body." It was signed by Max Helton - Dated July 17, 1972. Met the requirements??? I had not been told about any requirements.

On July 20, 1972 I wrote Hyles. The letter included, "Brother Helton has found out the immigration department will allow me to work 'on campus,' and has arranged for me to begin working on the 7th. of August."

I quit my job, sold our house, packed the trailer and was ready to take my family on our most exciting adventure so far. All that was left to put in the trailer was our mattress which would be packed when the house deal closed in a couple of days.

**Our Adventure...part four**

I was born on December 21, 1942, I was "born again" (John3:3) on October 7, 1955. We joined a little Baptist church that was meeting in a house. The church grew numerically and soon built a new building.

During my teenage years I headed up a children's program, was president of the youth group and enjoyed preaching. Unfortunately, I received no real spiritual training in that church and soon was influenced by the young people I associated with to "cool it." Oh, I was still preaching in the youth group and going to church every week; however, no one knew about the cigarettes I had in my suit coat pocket.

By 1964 social insurance cards were introduced for the first time in Canada, the great Canadian flag debate was on, and Queen Elizabeth visited Canada.



The average annual income was now \$6000.00, gas had risen to thirty cents a gallon, and a loaf of bread cost twenty-one cents.

Postage stamps were five cents; however, the big news of the year was on July 25, Bob Kirkland and Daphne Jones were married.





### **The Adventure Turned Sour**

It was then that I received word that the college was not able to get the I-20 form that would allow us to cross the boarder into the USA.

I had been promised a job on campus but was now informed that job was not available, and foreign students could not work off campus. I found out the house I was told we could rent at a good price, if I agreed to paint it, was already rented to someone else.

We had two days to get out of the house we had sold. I phoned Hyles three times and he finally phoned me back at one o'clock in the morning.

I asked him what he knew about this and he straight-out lied about it. He denied knowing anything about a meeting concerning foreign students not working on campus. I told him the night the meeting took place and named the five men who were in his office at the time. At that point he went into a yelling rage wanting to know how I knew about that meeting.

I did not reveal my source as I figured it would cost him his job. He suggested I had no character. I said *"I have enough character not to tell you where I got my information."* He hollered and screamed some more and hung up.

**In a few minutes he called back** at which time I asked again about the I-20 form. He advised me to tell the authorities at the boarder that I was a tourist. I asked what I should tell them about the trailer full of furniture at which point he hollered *"has God called you to come to college here or not?"*

He said Abraham went on faith and he wanted to know what was the matter with me. I said *"Abraham was very wealthy, I have nothing."* I said *"Abraham didn't need an I-20 form."* I asked him if God would call me to lie at the boarder and he said, *"I'm not going to answer that question."* He started yelling again and hung up again.

**He phoned me the third time** and still yelling at which point I said *"Dr. Hyles, I have a problem. I called you because I thought you were the greatest man of God on the earth. I said all you have done is holler and yell at me. I guess I needed that. Thank you."*

**At that point he got very quiet.** He said, *"If you will come down here I will help you."* I said, *"no I won't be coming."* At that point he went ballistic. He told me he didn't recognize my kind of Christianity and hung up again. (Note: I later received a letter from Max Helton apologizing for his part in this mess.)

### **I Wept Until I Had No More Power To Weep.**

I got off the phone and wept until I had no more power to weep. We had only our mattress to pack in the trailer and so we laid on the mattress on the floor of an empty house wondering what this was all about. I did not understand it at the time; however, I certainly did come to *"know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."*

**Soon my phone rang again.** I hesitated to answer it; however, my curiosity got the best of me. It was a man from Alberta. He said *"I am calling you to tell you that God does*

*not want you to go to Hyles Anderson College."* (No kidding).

He said *"God wants you to come over here and help us start a church."* Well, we had the trailer packed, our house was sold, and we had to go somewhere, so off to Alberta we went. We went down a 2000 mile hallway and the door was locked. It was definitely not God's will.

We rented an apartment and began checking out Bible schools in the west; however, it was not to be.

My wife went shopping and I was at our apartment praying about what the Lord wanted us to do. I decided to listen to a message on a cassette tape. In that message the preacher asked the question, *"why don't you just start a church where God put you in the first place?"*

When my wife came home I asked her if she had gotten any of the groceries in boxes. She asked why? I said, we are packing up and going home.

### **Was I Crazy???**

Everyone who knew us had heard we were going to Hammond. Now, here we are, driving back from Alberta with two children, no job and no place to live. I knew that all my friends were going to think I was crazy and quite frankly I was beginning to wonder.

I had taken the radio program off the air when we left; however, I thought it wise to keep the post office box open. As I parked in the lot in front of the post office in Pickering, Ontario, I prayed, *"Lord I really don't care if everyone thinks I'm crazy as long as I know I am following your will for my life."*



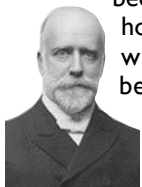
I went into the lobby of the post office and opened P.O. Box 22. There was one letter from a man whom I had met a year earlier at Perry Rockwood's church in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He had no idea of any of the things that had taken place in my life. I opened the letter and the first sentence read, "A lot of things have happened since we first and last met but we can thank God that he foreknew it all." There was forty dollars in the envelope for the radio ministry. I drove straight to the radio station and put the broadcast back on the air. The next day I was approached by the personnel manager of a large company and offered a job that would pay four to five times what I was earning when I gave up the other job.

**Romans 8:28 is true.** "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." We purchased a home and wondered what God had in store for us next in our adventure in Christian living.

To be continued...

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**R.A Torrey said,**



"The reason why many fail in battle is because they wait until the hour of battle. The reason why others succeed is because they have gained their victory on their knees long before the battle came. Anticipate your battles; fight them on your knees before temptation comes, and you will always have victory."

**Times Have Changed**

There was a time when preachers preached and God blessed.

D. L. Moody, Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards, D. Talmage, Cartwright, Charles Finney, C.H. Spurgeon, John Wesley, R.A. Torrey, Sam Jones, Billy Sunday, Gipsy Smith, and others announced meetings and crowds came to listen to them preach. Even the local newspapers reported the news about thousands being saved.

**God Opened The Door**

God said, "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Revelation 3:8).

God was pleased with the way the "works" were being done and He opened a door that no man could shut.

**God Closed The Door**

In Revelation 3:7 we read God, "shutteth and no man openeth." Men, who are no less sincere than those who preached a hundred years ago, preach today but without the same results. God's blessings are not upon our efforts like they once were.

**Sincerity Is Not Enough, God's Work Must Be Done God's Way!**

God's word says, "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your



**Ephesians 5:10**

"Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."

**Question # 1** - Is it acceptable with the Lord for people to join His local church with little or no commitment to the cause of Christ?

**Question # 2** - Is it acceptable with the Lord for people to become members of His local church and miss the Sunday evening and mid-week services?

That would mean that these "fundamentalists" miss 104 meetings out of 156 that are held each year.

**Is that acceptable with the Lord?** If it is not, why would any pastor make it acceptable?

Would any pastor putting together a church baseball team allow anyone to join the team if he refused to show up for two-out-of-three games? By doing this we are teaching the young people in our churches that the local church is not as important as a ball game.

*God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not Obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you" (Deuteronomy 11:28).*

God's work done God's way will not lack God's blessing. God said when we, "turn aside out of the way which I command," we will not have the blessings that came with past obedience.

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### How Disgusting This Must Be To God



### Should we wonder why God is not blessing like He once was?

The pastor's study is now the pastor's office. The pulpit area is now the platform.

A revival was once a time when soul-searching Christians cried out to God for forgiveness for their sin, rather than a fellowship meeting for Christians, with a few sermons tossed in. I recently saw a church ad promoting "revival meetings" at an independent, Baptist church and part of the enticement on the flyer was the revival would include a trip to an amusement park.

This is our new "fundamental," degenerated, view of "revival." "This people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me" (Isaiah 29:13).

### A Church Cemented In The Routine

A.W.Tozer

"What is the worst enemy the church faces today? This is where a lot of unreality and unconscious hypocrisy enters. Many are ready to say, "The liberals are our worst enemy." But the simple fact is that the average evangelical church does not have too much trouble with liberalism. Nobody gets up in our churches and claims that the first five books of Moses are just myths. Nobody says that the story of creation is simply religious mythology.

Nobody denies that Christ walked on the water or that He rose from the grave. Nobody gets up in our churches and claims that Jesus Christ is not the Son of God or that He isn't coming back again. Nobody denies the validity of the Scriptures.

We just cannot hide behind liberalism and say that it is our worst enemy. We believe that evangelical Christians are trying to hold on to the truth given to us, the faith of our fathers, so the liberals are not our worst enemy. Neither do we have a problem with the government. People in our country can do just about whatever they please and the government pays no attention.

We can hold prayer meetings all night if we want, and the government would never bother us or question us. There is no secret police breathing down our backs watching our every move.

We live in a free land, and we ought to thank God every day for that privilege. The treacherous enemy

facing the church of Jesus Christ today is the dictatorship of the routine, when the routine becomes "lord" in the life of the church. Programs are organized and the prevailing conditions are accepted as normal.

Anyone can predict next Sunday's service and what will happen. This seems to be the most deadly threat in the church today. When we come to the place where everything can be predicted and nobody expects anything unusual from God, we are in a rut.

The routine dictates, and we can tell not only what will happen next Sunday, but what will occur next month and, if things do not improve, what will take place next year. Then we have reached the place where what has been determines what is, and what is determines what will be."

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