

September 4, 1983

"Word of Life" Rev. Falwell gave his entire sermon from the "Word of Life Institute," a fundamentalist retreat and school in the Adirondacks. Like the last two weeks, Falwell's sermon focused on the revival Falwell sees beginning in the 1980s. Falwell said: "I am seeing America begin to wake up now." Of the '60s and '70s, Falwell said repeatedly, "We've sown to the flesh, and we are, to the flesh, reaping corruption." In his discussion of the moral decline of the last two decades, Falwell discussed abortion, premarital and extramarital sex, homosexuality ("the most vile of all orgies"), pornography, drugs, divorce, herpes and AIDS.

Rebirth Falwell concluded by saying that all signs point to a revival among our young people. Falwell said that, according to a Gallop poll, more young people are reading the Bible now than were five years ago. Falwell added, "And Norman Lear didn't have a thing to do with that. The three networks didn't have a thing to do with that. The NEA didn't have a thing to do with that. The ACLU didn't have a thing to do with that."

Abortion Focusing more on abortion than any other topic, Falwell said:

"I am wondering what kind of judgment God must be reserving, preparing for America because of the 13 million little babies we've murdered since the Roe vs. Wade decision...The carnage continues."

Falwell took credit for making abortion a campaign issue. He said, "You can't run for dog catcher in America today without declaring where you stand on the abortion issue."

September 11, 1983

Three world problems In the sixth of 12 lectures on God's champions, Rev. Falwell stopped to explain why he had decided to give this series of sermons. He said we need champions for Christ to "lead the free world out of impending disaster." Falwell cited the following three problems those champions must overcome:

(1) "the Soviet commitment to world conquest," which Falwell said was a "threat to freedom on this planet." He said:

Central America

"This Soviet commitment to world conquest, most recently and most seriously, has been manifested in Central America. That is one reason I am so supportive of our President who would rather deal with the Communists in El Salvador than in El Paso. It has manifested itself in the international nuclear freeze movement, orchestrated in the Kremlin, trying, attempting to force the free world into capitulation. We all want peace but not peace at any price, not the kind of peace the Poles and Afghans are experiencing today. Peace with freedom ...."

Free  
Market

(2) "the recovery of the economy." Falwell said:

"In this country, we need a new commitment to the rebuilding of the free enterprise system. And I am glad that our President is attempting to drive down taxes. Reducing taxes is so important and with that, getting government out of the entanglements over, and controls over, business. Rebuilding the economy and the free market and allowing it to be a free market. And a reversing of all trends towards socialism in this country. And somehow getting the children of this country -- unlike their parents -- to understand that Uncle Sam is not the healer of all ills, the provider of all needs."

Rebirth

(3) "a moral and spiritual rebirth in this country." Falwell said:

"We need to return to those family and traditional values that are so important...We need a renaissance of basic education in this country so that young people sit down in classrooms and are not taught amoral and immoral values, but are taught the Judeo-Christian tradition in the public as well as the non-public schools in this country."

Elisha

Falwell spent the rest of the sermon focusing on Elisha, the farmer, and on fundraising for Liberty Baptist College.

September 18, 1983

Special  
On LBC

Falwell devoted the entire hour to a special program entitled, "The Difference." The special focused on Liberty Baptist College and pictured Falwell as a classroom professor, television viewers as his students. Referring repeatedly to Liberty Baptist College as "the fundamentalist Harvard," Falwell spoke on four basic topics that he said differentiate LBC: history, philosophy, academic excellence, and finances. Comments of note include:

"Liberty is the fastest growing college in America."

"We'll be adding buildings 'till Jesus comes."

"Every janitor [at LBC] is born again."

Fund  
raising

Falwell issued a "challenge and a charge" to his viewers to donate money for the training of "young champions for Christ."

September 25, 1983

Daniel Continuing his series of sermons on Biblical heroes, Falwell spoke this Sunday on Daniel. He called Daniel a man of purpose, of courage, of prayer, of the Book, and of accomplishment. The rest of the program focused on fundraising for Falwell's "young champions for Christ," his Liberty Baptist College students.

October 2, 1983

Neimiah In the ninth of 12 sermons on God's champions, Rev. Falwell lectured on Neimiah, the wall-builder. In addition, he spent a large segment of the program raising funds for Liberty Baptist College.

James Robison: In The Word

August 21, 1983

Prayer/  
Abortion Rev. Robison introduced his program by saying that if we lose the spiritual battle against Satan, then we lose on every other front. He continued retrospectively, by saying:

"Our President is concerned about seeing the privilege of voluntary school prayer restored and I thank God for his concern there. However, had we not failed to pray in our homes and our churches as we should, we certainly would not have lost that privilege in the schools. We would not be losing the battle on the issue of abortion. We would have impeached the Supreme Court for those Godless decisions of allowing those innocent children to be taken in the wombs of their mothers. But you see we're losing too often on the spiritual front."

Reagan Robison made a point of saying that he had recently been invited to the White House to have dinner with the President and to be briefed on some "national issues."

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Soviet  
Union Robison indirectly stressed the theme that the Soviet Union is, as President Reagan has said, the embodiment of evil and of Satan. About the Korean airline massacre, Robison said:

"The cry that should be heard around the world is: You can never trust a deceiver. You cannot trust one committed to destruction and to control, who lives by deception, who denies God. We are at war with a

spiritual enemy who is a destroyer and a deceiver. We are at war with Satan. The manifest actions of many nationalities many countries who have committed to Satanic schemes and philosophies is simply a public, visible expression of the character and nature of a destroyer, and my dear friends, you do not make peace with an enemy by compromising the truth of God. You do not overcome the enemy by compromise, but by standing and living by every word of God."

The LaHayes on Family Life

Depres- Rev. Tim LaHaye and his wife, Beverly, spent the bulk  
sion of August and September discussing tenets of Rev. LaHaye's  
book, How To Win Over Depression. The covered topics  
including the spiritual needs of the handicapped, children  
and depression, depression and the death of a loved one,  
depression and mental attitude, and the power of one's  
self-image.