



TELEVANGELIST BROADCAST SUMMARIES
October 16 - November 13, 1983

Old Time Gospel Hour
October 16, 1983

John the Baptist

Continuing his 12-part series on God's champions, Rev. Falwell delivered a sermon on John the Baptist. He also used the program as an opportunity to raise money for the 15,000 Club -- the scholarship fund for Liberty Baptist College.

Liberty Baptist College

Falwell said that LBC is the fastest growing college and has broken all attendance records. LBC's purpose is to "train students to become young champions for Christ." He also remarked that because LBC receives no federal funds, "we can run the school the way we want to."

OIGH's "Ministries"

In discussing John the Baptist -- who led a simple life and served God -- Falwell said his ministry attempts to live out John's promise. Examples: The OIGH opened a Family Center that has helped over 1,000 families by giving them free food and clothing. However, Falwell noted that the city of Lynchburg charges him property taxes but lets the Moose & Elks lodges go untaxed. He said:

"That's just part of the persecution for representing and serving our Lord and taking a stand for what's right."

Falwell talked about the "Save-A-Baby" ministry which counsels pregnant women and serves as an alternative to abortion. So far over 1400 women have used the center. The Elim Home Ministry serves alcoholic men while the OIGH helps refugees in 65 countries.

Falwell then spoke about John the Baptist. He said that, if John was living today, he'd be speaking out against abortion, pornography, and the homosexual revolution -- and he'd probably belong to the Moral Majority!

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The topic of today's sermon, Esther the Queen, is the ninth in Falwell's series on champions from the Bible.

Comparing Esther's indomitable spirit to the many problems in today's world, Falwell stated that "it's really tough today to take a stand for the Lord" especially in the face of abortion, pornography, drugs, homosexuality, etc. Falwell quoted from a newspaper editorial by conservative journalist Pat Buchanan and then he said:

Kudos to
Schlafly
and Bev
LaHaye

"America has lost a sense of right and wrong... There is moral befuddlement everywhere... Like Esther we need to stand up to what's right and against what's wrong. There are some Esthers around today. I think of what Phyllis Schlafly has done and the pro-life cause and the family cause. I think of so many women around this country today. Bev La Haye ... Oh, there are so many... And I believe the men and women of this country and the kids at Liberty [LBC] can turn America around. We know right from wrong. Let's not be browbeaten and join the crowd and take the easy route. Let's win the victory."

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October 30, 1983

LBC fund-
raising

Rev. Falwell delivered this sermon at Liberty Baptist College and spent the majority of this program raising money for LBC. Falwell said that when he travels around the country, he meets LBC students who work on Capitol Hill, in the media and run businesses. About LBC students, Falwell said:

"The hope for changing America is training young men and women who will go out and literally infiltrate society with the gospel of Jesus Christ -- the message of a living savior -- and the principles that are taught by the word of God."

"You Can
Change The
World"

LBC's goal is to have 50,000 students and train young champions for Christ. Falwell launched into his main theme -- "You Can Change the World." He said that LBC's students have a God given obligation to make an impact on the world. He went on to say that America has two rivers of freedom -- political and religious -- and that the founding fathers merged the two by proclaiming America to be "one nation under God." However, "freedom is born in the heart of God," Falwell warned. He said, "God hates slavery and bondage and wants liberty and self-expression." Falwell said that LBC students should be trained as subversives, "like communists and secular humanists." However, LBC students will "light a few candles." He then

talked about the five great controversies of today: God as the source of light, the eternity of God, the promise of the Messiah, the Jews as God's chosen people, and God as the creator of life. Specifically, he said that the "Jew is the apple of God's eye and America must always side with Israel." "You must always stamp out racism and anti-Semitism," he proclaimed. Falwell talked about the Soviet persecution of Jews; he referred to the Russians as "tryannical" who will eventually be punished. Falwell exhorted LBC students to devote their lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ. They do this by believing that the Bible is the word of God, and by "never being ashamed of God."

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November 6, 1983

Falwell devoted much of this program discussing Paul the Apostle, the last in his series on God's champions.

1984 ---
Year of
Destiny

He called the 1980's the "Decade of Destiny" and proclaimed in 1984 as "the Year of Destiny." Falwell then dedicated himself to saving America by asking God for a spiritual awakening. Falwell said that in 1984 he will be speaking 25 times a week while travelling over 6,000 miles per week to help turn America around.

Falwell strongly asserted the importance of God's truth. He told the audience that he is both loved and hated but that the only poll that matters to him is God's poll. (Last year, Good Housekeeping's poll showed him to be the second most admired man in America.) He stated:

Norman Lear
mentioned

"...if I can get past that one [God's poll], I could care less what Mike Royko and Carl Rowan and Norman Lear and all the rest of them think about Jerry Falwell. And you [the audience] better think the same thing."

Falwell talked about how lonely it is when you stand for God. "Friends will forsake you, but God never will," he said.

Falwell compared the death of Paul the Apostle with those killed on Korean Airline Flight 007. He said they died as martyrs and had this to say about the Soviets:

They are killers, murderers, butchers, liars and we need to say that everywhere we go to everybody."

Old Time Gospel Hour
November 13, 1983

Rev. Falwell is beginning a new series -- 12 Great Chapters from the Bible. Today's program featured the 23rd Psalm. Falwell also continued to solicit funds for Liberty Baptist College. He refers to LBC as the "fundamentalist Harvard" and hopes to have 50,000 students enrolled there in the next twenty years. Falwell mentioned the Baptist Fundamentalist Conference, to be held in Washington, D.C. on April 11-13, 1984. He predicts that more than 20,000 people will attend.

23rd
Psalm

In discussing the 23rd Psalm -- or the Shepherd's chapter, Falwell emphasized the phrase "The Lord is my shepherd." He went on to add:

"The Lord, not the labor union, not social security, not your pension plan, not Blue Cross or Blue Shield, is my leader."

Falwell said that, each month, he receives two or three threats on his life, but he's not concerned because God will take care of him. Everyone must put their life in God's hands -- nothing can escape God's omnipotence. He said:

Trust
God's
Judgment

This country may fall. Don't you think for a moment we are immune from falling. If El Salvador goes, Costa Rica, Honduras, Panama, Mexico, God only knows what's next. We don't have any idea. I pray we don't. But I don't find a verse of scripture that says we're immune to the judgment of God... And if we go down, you'll find who really loves God and who's playing church. Those who really love God will still worship Him and serve Him if it means prison camp or death. That's the way the saints are doing it in Russia today..."

He ended by asking the congregation: Is the Lord truly your shepherd?