

Lectureship Preview

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“Lift Up Your Eyes” is this year’s timely theme for the 32nd annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship at Getwell. Supported by other activities 34 speakers will develop 37 topics including three Open Forum sessions conducted by Robert R. Taylor, Jr. Overall, the lectureship will serve to encourage us all to take notice of the innumerable opportunities to fulfill the Great Commission with which each one of us is blessed. The underlying scripture text for the theme is John 4:35, “Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”

Sunday, October 14th

As a precursor to the lectureship to begin seven days later, Winford Claiborne has volunteered to arrive early and speak on “Lift Up Your Eyes And Look on the Opportunity Of Mass Communication (Radio).”

Sunday, October 21st

At the evening session on this first day of the lectureship proper, I will deliver the bench mark lesson or “point of reference” lesson from the text at John 4:35. Curtis Cates, who has spent his adult life qualifying himself to train preachers and having done that with distinction, will deliver a lesson on this subject that is very close to his heart. Allen Webster, the editor of HTH/HTH which enjoys a 2,500,000 circulation, will have in-depth and insightful remarks on the power of the printed page. Raymond H. Bush, Nigerian missionary, will show us the fertile fields for evangelism and edification in Africa.

Monday, October 22nd

The day will begin with a study of New Testament worship taught by Dennis Gulledge. B.J. Clarke will focus our attention on the Great Commission. Lionel Cortez will show us what the Latin American countries have to offer the Lord Jesus Christ. Bill Burk will edify us with a treatment of the satisfaction in living a godly life. Jerry Martin, who has done extensive personal preparation to qualify himself as a professional counselor, will speak on the power that resides within the Christian family. The

day will be rounded out with Robert R. Taylor, Jr. talking to us about the New Testament itself. In the evening Jason McDade will fill us with hope of eternal life, and Paul Sain will underscore our unshakable faith.

Tuesday, October 23rd

We will devote our attention to lessons on world evangelism, the zeal and potential of youth, the fertile fields of Russia, edifying our elderships and our rewarding fellowship as respectively taught by Barry Gilreath, Sr., David Powell, Billy Bland, Robert Ball, and Sam Willcut. Brother Taylor will conduct the Open Forum and the day will be brought to a close as Dave Miller delves into the subject of our sacrifice of praise and current challenges to it and as Jim Dearman shows us the vast opportunities to fulfill the mission of the church using television in general and satellite television in particular.

Wednesday, October 24th

Andy Cates, Jason Roberts, Jimmy Ferguson, Dale Willis, and Keith Mosher will direct us through studies of the Far East, the grace of giving, God’s kind providence, the promises of the Bible, and the fulfillment of prophecy. The day sessions will end with brother Taylor again conducting the Open Forum. That evening Phil Sanders and Brad Harrub will each bring a lesson on how to effectively use the internet for evangelism and a study of the evidences of Christianity.

Thursday, October 25th

The last day subject matter and speakers include the care of children by Victor Eskew; the scripturally organized congregation by David Jones; the power of the pulpit by Bobby Liddell; the New Testament church by Mike Hixson; the gospel plan of salvation by Bobby O’Dell; the last Open Forum with Robert Taylor; strengthening the church by Alan E. Highers; and the rich rewards of Bible study by William Woodson.

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