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Early expectations of the directions our lives will take don't always eventuate. I was going to be a farmer. I would own my own farm. I would get married and have a family. I would be active in the public and church life of the district in which I lived. My expectations were being realised. I owned my own farm. I was married and our family had grown to include three children. I taught Sunday school and preached on occasions

when asked to do so. Our life was proceeding as we expected it would. Then God made it clear it was His will for us to make a big change and commit ourselves to a future of service to Him, in a way that He would reveal to us. You probably ask how did God do what you say He did? This book will explain that in as far as it is possible to explain it. Probably the best proof that we heard and responded to God's will is in the evidence of God's enabling hand on us in the years that followed. The blessings poured out on churches and in the personal lives of many were of God's doing. The story of what He led us to do is brought out and related to His glory in the pages of this book. One of the purposes of writing this book is to give praise to God for His unfailing and enabling grace. He enabled us to be channels through which He was able to pour out blessings to many. He gave us strength and help in the times when the going was tough. He reminded us in those times and always that for us and all to whom we ministered there was a present and future for all who put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. G. Campbell Morgan Reprint Series Foreword If it is true that the measure of a person's greatness is their influence, not only on his own time but on future generations, G. Campbell Morgan must be regarded as a great person. His greatness is seen not only in the wide impact of his ministry on both sides of the Atlantic, but in the fact that his books are still read and studied sixty-five years after his death. Named one of the ten greatest preachers of the twentieth-century by the contributing board of Preaching magazine, Morgan made the Bible a new and living book not only to the congregations who listened to him, but the vast multitude of persons who read his books. For sixty-seven years Morgan preached and taught the Scriptures and served churches in England and the United States. What is remarkable is that his commentaries and

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trends, a large number of lay preachers and bivocational pastors have assumed the principal responsibility for filling the pulpit week by week in local churches. Most of these individuals, observes Clifton Guthrie, can draw on a wealth of life experiences, as well as strong intuitive skills in knowing what makes a good sermon, having listened to them much of their lives. What they often don't bring to the pulpit, however, is specific, detailed instruction in the how-tos of preaching. That is precisely what this brief, practical guide to preaching has to offer. Written with the needs of those for whom preaching is not their sole or primary occupation in mind, it begins by emphasizing what every preacher brings to the pulpit: an idea of what makes a sermon particularly moving or memorable to them. From there the book moves into short chapters on choosing an appropriate biblical text or sermon topic, learning how to listen to one's first impressions of what a text means, moving from text or topic to the sermon itself while keeping the listeners needs firmly in mind, making thorough and engaging use of stories in the sermon, and delivering with passion and conviction. The book concludes with helpful suggestions for resources, including Bibles, commentaries, other print resources and websites. G. Campbell Morgan Reprint Series Foreword If it is true that the measure of a person's greatness is their influence, not only on his own time but on future generations, G. Campbell Morgan must be regarded as a great person. His greatness is seen not only in the wide impact of his ministry on both sides of the Atlantic, but in the fact that his books are still read and studied sixty-five years after his death. Named one of the ten greatest preachers of the twentieth-century by the contributing board of *Preaching* magazine, Morgan made the Bible a new and living book not only to the congregations who listened to him, but the vast multitude of persons who read his books. For sixty-seven years Morgan preached and taught the Scriptures and served churches in England and the United States. What is remarkable is that his commentaries and expositions of the Bible still speak to persons of a new millennium. There have been many changes in the world since he faithfully preached and taught the Scriptures, but the wide appeal of his books

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continued to teach homiletics on semester contracts at the Soft and the Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). He remains active as a teacher, speaker on the subject of preaching, and preacher. Assimilating the work of other scholars, Hethcock developed his own process for approaching sermon preparation on a weekly basis. This book summarizes and describes the Hethcock method. When followed, his process reliably gets the preacher to the pulpit with a biblical proclamation that resonates with individuals in today's congregations. The *Pulpit Commentary* was first published between 1880 and 1919 and is a highly respected work written by conservative, trustworthy men. Containing over 22,000 pages and 95,000 entries, it is one of the largest and best-selling homiletic commentary sets of all time. It was directed by editors Joseph Exell and Henry Donald Maurice Spence-Jones and utilized more than 100 authors over a 30-year span. When reading this commentary, it is not difficult to see why it has remained a favorite amongst pastors for more than 100 years. There are three key elements which set this apart from its contemporaries, the first being that it gives an exposition, or verse-by-verse, annotation of each verse in the Bible. The second element is that it explores the framework of the text, the homiletics. Finally, it supplies the homilies with multiple model sermons from various authors. Also included is a translation as well as historical and geographical information. The *Evangelical Magazine and Missionary Chronicle* declared, "This commentary bids fair to take a conspicuous place among the ever-multiplying aids to the study of the Holy Scriptures. It will revive the great work of Lange, and will far exceed the *Speaker's Commentary* in the bulk and fullness of its material. The peculiarity of the *Pulpit Commentary* is that it offers special assistance to the preacher: first by giving him a critical and exegetical exposition of the text of Scripture, and then providing him with succinct and helpful directions as to the preachable aspects of the chapter and paragraph already explained." The print edition of this set typically retails for more than \$1,000 making the current offered price a very good bargain. Due to its size, it has been broken up into nine separate volumes: Volume 1 Genesis to Joshua Volume 2

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HAVE THE PULPIT IN THE JUDEA-CHRISTIAN CHURCH LOST ITS RELEVANCE" Historical and contemporary evidence reveals there are more Christian Churches in the United States of America than any other nation, and there is a "pulpit" in each of these churches, but it evident the messages being preached from each Church is not the same as God has ordained. It is not that Americans do not know where the local churches are located, and what Jesus' Bride, the Judea-Christian Church was established by Him to be the "Salt" of the earth, that is seasoning power to encourage godly living, for this was demonstrated in living colors during 9-11-2000 during a vicious attack on our nation by our sworn enemy radical Islam; for three months the local Judea-Christian churches were capacity filled ever Sunday morning for regular worship services. Criminal activity inside and outside the correction systems was reframed, but as soon as it was realized that America was not going to be destroyed in the foreseeable future, you guessed it, we returned to our corrupt and criminal conduct. As I travel our nation, I visit local Christian churches and here the men and women preaching from behind the "pulpit", but the messages being preached are not at all in many instances the message God has ordained for the healing our nation. What, Why, When, Where, and How did we allow false preaching to become acceptable from behind God's consecrated "pulpit" in the Judea-Christian Church? The results are NO JESUS CHRIST, NO CHRISTIAN CHURCH; NO CHRITIAN CHURCH, NO OBLIGATION TO GOD. The Judea-Christian communities have began to ignore the Holy Bible, God's inerrant Word, and is replaced with entertainment instead of worship and praise unto God, and the Word o God has been watered down to meet the standards of the world. It is imperative that the "pulpit" in the Judea-Christian Church return to preaching the gospel as God has ordained, for only the Word of God can change the heart-mind of men, women, boys, and girls from the flesh desires to the desires of

the Holy Spirit. **A STRANGE PREACHER ON MY ALTAR**One day, within the first five years of my being in an independent ministry, a young smooth talking young man came in. words came out of his mouth with ease. It will not be an overstatement to say that his mouth ran like a tap. He was as eloquent as a radio writer. He told me the kind of things that I would like to hear. I was a young man who just started ministry with little or no experience and I was very anxious to grow the work. Little did I now that it was not my work and I did not need to be desperate about anything. He said he had not come to preach but to share his testimony. He claimed to be a former witch, occultist, and armed robber now in Christ! I realized that was the kind of story that people would love to listen to. Without crosschecking, I made posters and handbills. We shared them day and night to make sure a large number of people came to listen to what we considered a wonderful testimony. We combed the entire city and promised help to anyone that wanted to come but could not for financial reason. One d-day, the hall over-flowed. The crowd kept on increasing each new day till we had no more space for people to stand and listen. The man was up to his billing and his message kept the people at the edge of their seats. However, two weeks after he left, I found that instead of increasing, our ministry was fast losing members. In fact we crumbled into factions for no reason. In the course of my damage control, I discovered that the guest speaker I had a week before was the problem. Further investigation showed that all the ministries he had visited in our area had the same problem - we were all fragmented. Please do not ask me what the problem was, because even up to this moment of writing, I cannot put my finger on the main issue. The only thing I can tell you is that all the churches he visited, had issues that led to fragmentation. It might have been a case of pollution and evil deposit. Suddenly, all the people began to find enough faults with their local pastors and to the extent that they began to leave in droves! Be careful! One can never be too careful when it comes to things of God because the people that God has led to you, He will ask you to give account of. Remember the parable of the ten talents? And each time the disciples went out in the time of

Jesus Christ, he asked them for an account on returning. Do not forget that to whom much is given, much is expected. The Bible says in Mathew 26:41[a] that we should: "Watch and pray that we fall into temptation...."Remember that the Bible mentions repeatedly that we should beware of the many wolves in sheep's clothing now masquerading as prophets and pastors. While there may not be any science to know the mind's construction from the face, to borrow from William Shakespeare, there are some people whose case is so obvious that this book can only serve as a reminder concerning them. G. Campbell Morgan Reprint Series Foreword If it is true that the measure of a person's greatness is their influence, not only on his own time but on future generations, G. Campbell Morgan must be regarded as a great person. His greatness is seen not only in the wide impact of his ministry on both sides of the Atlantic, but in the fact that his books are still read and studied sixty-five years after his death. Named one of the ten greatest preachers of the twentieth-century by the contributing board of Preaching magazine, Morgan made the Bible a new and living book not only to the congregations who listened to him, but the vast multitude of persons who read his books. For sixty-seven years Morgan preached and taught the Scriptures and served churches in England and the United States. What is remarkable is that his commentaries and expositions of the Bible still speak to persons of a new millennium. There have been many changes in the world since he faithfully preached and taught the Scriptures, but the wide appeal of his books testify to the timelessness of his message. Although he held pastorates in the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations, he had an ecumenical appeal to persons of all denominations and traditions. The mystic Thomas á Kempis once wrote, "He to whom the eternal word speaks is delivered from many opinions." In one of his sermons, he referred to the words of Amos that there would be a famine for hearing the word of God (Amos 8:11). The timeless work of G. Campbell Morgan addresses that hunger, as his books enable his readers to get beyond opinions to the living Word. Wipf and Stock Publishers have rendered a great gift to the religious world in reprinting dozens of

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means to be saved into a body of believers, why the various parts of a worship service matter, and how to engage in the world as a citizen of heaven, then *The Life of the Church* is for you. It answers this critical question: "Why does the church exist, and how does it shape my life?"

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Why am I here? What am I called to do? Do I even have a call or purpose? Do my actions or ministries in my local church have any real impact on eternity? Throughout history, believers have struggled over these questions and more. Thankfully, there are answers available to all who seek the truth. Join author, pastor, and missionary Ted Brancheau Jr. in *Your Ministry Matters*. Imagine knowing with surety what you're called to do and where you're called to do it. Experience the simplicity and fullness of what God himself has equipped you to do! Many are convinced that their work is not important. But to God, everyone is equally significant, and he has a purpose and plan for every piece in his puzzle. Perhaps you hold the key to harvest and revival in your pocket. *Your Ministry Matters!* explains how you can find out. When we hear the word ministry, it typically brings to mind the pastor, teacher, or evangelist. That's real ministry, right? Not so fast! God himself supernaturally calls every person in the body of Christ to ministry. Whether you are an eye in the body or the smallest toe, God has plans, power, and glory ready to enable you to do his will. No matter what you do in the local church, from handling the parking lot to preaching from the pulpit, you have a ministry that matters.

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principles and some of the Christian rules of conduct. Finally, the book focuses on the pulpit, where sermons are preached without the preachers practicing what they preached—hypocrisy! Dr. Etsekhume has written an insightful, thoughtful, and thought-provoking rationale for getting “back to basics” in terms of the way the Church approaches ministry. Moving from pulpit to pew, from leadership to “follow-ship,” and from minister to member, Dr. Etsekhume identifies the spiritual, organizational, and interpersonal challenges facing the Church and recommends Scriptural principles for addressing them. By turns compassionate and passionate, *Moving Jesus Beyond the Pulpit* is a wonderful reminder of the restorative, renewing, and revitalizing power of Christ, both in the congregation and in the community at large. —Minister Sonja A. West Associate Minister, Mariners’ Temple Baptist Church, New York, NY. Dr. Sunday Etsekhume analyzes some of the issues that address the Church, both from inside the institutional church and issues in the context that hinder the mission of the Church. In this book, one finds thoughtful and pragmatic methods for addressing some of the problems of the church and the larger community! *Moving Jesus Beyond the Pulpit* is an important work that will be beneficial both to the church and the academy. I highly recommend this work! —Dr. Cleotha Robertson, Ph.D. Assistant Professor Department of Old Testament at Alliance Theological Seminary, New York City and the Senior Pastor Sound View Presbyterian Church, Bronx, New York. Jesus was a master storyteller, and his preaching was filled with parables because he knew his listeners would relate to them -- and therefore connect with his message. Likewise, insightful and well-told stories are an essential element of the contemporary preacher's toolbox; they are invariably what people remember long after the sermon is over. If you're looking for a collection of fresh, imaginative, and inspirational stories that's sure to help you create dynamic sermons, *Lectionary Tales For The Pulpit* is just the resource for you. Gregory Tolle sheds new light on Cycle B lectionary texts with modern parables that take you right to the heart of the scriptural witness. His thought-provoking reflections remind us that God's grace is always present,

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established by Him to be the “Salt” of the earth, that is seasoning power to encourage godly living, for this was demonstrated in living colors during 9-11-2000 during a vicious attack on our nation by our sworn enemy radical Islam; for three months the local Judea-Christian churches were capacity filled ever Sunday morning for regular worship services. Criminal activity inside and outside the correction systems was reframed, but as soon as it was realized that America was not going to be destroyed in the foreseeable future, you guessed it, we returned to our corrupt and criminal conduct. As I travel our nation, I visit local Christian churches and here the men and women preaching from behind the “pulpit”, but the messages being preached are not at all in many instances the message God has ordained for the healing our nation. What, Why, When, Where, and How did we allow false preaching to become acceptable from behind God’s consecrated “pulpit” in the Judea-Christian Church? The results are NO JESUS CHRIST, NO CHRISTIAN CHURCH; NO CHRISTIAN CHURCH, NO OBLIGATION TO GOD. The Judea-Christian communities have begun to ignore the Holy Bible, God’s inerrant Word, and is replaced with entertainment instead of worship and praise unto God, and the Word o God has been watered down to meet the standards of the world. It is imperative that the “pulpit” in the Judea-Christian Church return to preaching the gospel as God has ordained, for only the Word of God can change the heart-mind of men, women, boys, and girls from the flesh desires to the desires of the Holy Spirit. The Pulpit Commentary was first published between 1880 and 1919 and is a highly respected work written by conservative, trustworthy men. Containing over 22,000 pages and 95,000 entries, it is one of the largest and best-selling homiletic commentary sets of all time. It was directed by editors Joseph Exell and Henry Donald Maurice Spence-Jones and utilized more than 100 authors over a 30-year span. When reading this commentary, it is not difficult to see why it has remained a favorite amongst pastors for more than 100 years. There are three key elements which set this apart from its contemporaries, the first being that it gives an exposition, or verse-by-verse, annotation of each verse in the Bible. The second element is that it

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