

HERBERT LOCKYER

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Herbert Lockyer was born in 1886 in a small town just outside of London.

His parents were non-Christians. His father worked at Woolwich Arsenal making armaments. Herbert also went to work there although he wanted to be a thespian. He was six foot three and had a commanding voice.

As already indicated, while young, he wanted to be an actor but was converted as a young adult as a result of meeting his future wife, Lily Flory. He had fallen in love with her and she was a committed Christian. They married in 1912.

He attended Glasgow Bible Institute.

During World War I, he was a minister in a church in Perth, Scotland. He was a member of the Lanarkshire Evangelistic Association. For about 25 years he had pastorates in Scotland and England.... Dundee and Hawick in Scotland and Leeds Road Baptist Church in Bradford.

In 1936, he spoke at the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He gave extensive lectures in the USA.

He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Northwestern Evangelical Seminary in 1937.

At a conference at Montrose, Pennsylvania, he met Pat and Bernie Zondervan, the owners of the Zondervan Publishing House.

He was a leader in the Keswick Higher Life Movement. He had met Keswick stalwarts such as Dr W Mitchell and Dr Stuart Holden.

By 1955, he was living back in England but the last seven years of his life he lived in Colorado Springs with his son Herbert Lockyer Junior who was a Presbyterian minister.

He was a brilliant teacher with an eye for detail. He was admired by very many others. Billy Graham praised him highly. Lockyer wrote many books particularly in the 'All the' series namely

- All the doctrines of the Bible
- All the Divine names and titles
- All the kings and queens of the Bible
- All the men of the Bible
- All the women of the Bible
- All the Parables of the Bible
- All the Prayers of the Bible
- All about Bible Study
- All about God in Christ
- All about the Holy Spirit
- All about the Holy Spirit

All about the Second Coming
All about God's Comfort
All about the 2's of the Bible
All about the 3's of the Bible
All about the angels of the Bible
All about the apostles of the Bible
All about the animals of the Bible
All about the books and chapters of the Bible
All about the children of the Bible
All about Holy day and holidays in the Bible
All about Messianic prophecies in the Bible
All about the Miracles of the Bible
All about the music in the Bible
All about the promises in the Bible
All about the teaching of Christ in the Bible
All about trades and occupations in the Bible
Other books include
How I can make my life more effective
Seasons of the Lord Bible Centered Devotions
The Funeral Source book
The Gift of Pentecost
The Heritage of Saints
The Immortality of Saints
The Man who died for me
The mystery and ministry of Angels
The Rapture of Saints
The week that changed the world
Portraits of the Saviour
Revelation : Drama of the Ages
Last words of saints and sinners
Power of Prayer
Everything Jesus taught
Devotional studies in the Psalms
Dark threads the weaver needs
Illustrated Bible Dictionary

Light to live by

Seasons of the Lord

The finest hour (ancient history)

Lockyer was a marvellous teacher. His dedication to collecting all the prayers of the Bible, all the Men of the Bible and the series 'All about...' is a magnificent achievement and must have taken painstaking time. He was very interested in aspects of the Second Coming and his devotion to the Lord Jesus is shown in his writings.

As a preacher he was direct and always Biblical. I recall his stunning address from Isaiah 21 Watchman what of the night? One does not want to compare a sermon, if that is what it was, with Beethoven or Wilkie Collins but this address was masterly. It is a striking address.

I chaired a meeting for him on one occasion and when he got up to pray the congregation were inspired and reduced to tears of love for the Saviour. He had the ability, as stated in one of his books, to bring a vision of the Christ to us. But he was not sentimentalising but revealing his love for the Lord.

I think he disapproved of emotional Christianity as we all should. People should not be swept away by heightened feelings but to have a vision of Christ and their need of Him. The cost of discipleship is high and cannot be sustained by emotions and feelings.

Faith feeling and fact were walking on the wall

If fact falls off, can the others walk at all?

Dr Lockyer died on 3 December 1984

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