

PORTRAIT OF THE *King*



ATONEMENT

“The Sweet Smell of Service”

MATTHEW 26:1-13



1. Recorded in each of the Gospels: Mark 14:1-9, Luke 21:37-22:1-2, and John 11:45-12:11
2. Not chronological. Why?
 - A. Matthew's primary audience (Jews) did not write history chronologically.
 - B. To show contrast between religious leaders and Mary
 - C. To give an example of good works (Matthew 25:31-46)?

Notes About This Passage



1. The Servant of the Lord in a number of passages (Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12)
2. He came to earth to serve and give His life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28).
3. Four times in the Book of Acts, Jesus is referred to as a Servant (Acts 3:13, 26; 4:27, 30).
4. Philippians 4:7-8 – a willing servant

**Jesus Christ is the
Ultimate Servant**



A true servant doesn't mind being treated like a servant.



“God gives each believer special abilities by the Holy Spirit as a means to serve and build up the whole Body of Christ thus helping the Body grow as it should. This only works as intended when Every One uses their God-given abilities for the benefit of the body. Regardless, whether their special abilities are behind-the-scenes or more visible,...

**Everyone Serves –
A Core Value at WBC**



“...whether they are used within the church or for the benefit of those outside the church, the exercise of these special abilities is essential for the proper functioning, growth and fruitfulness of the body.”

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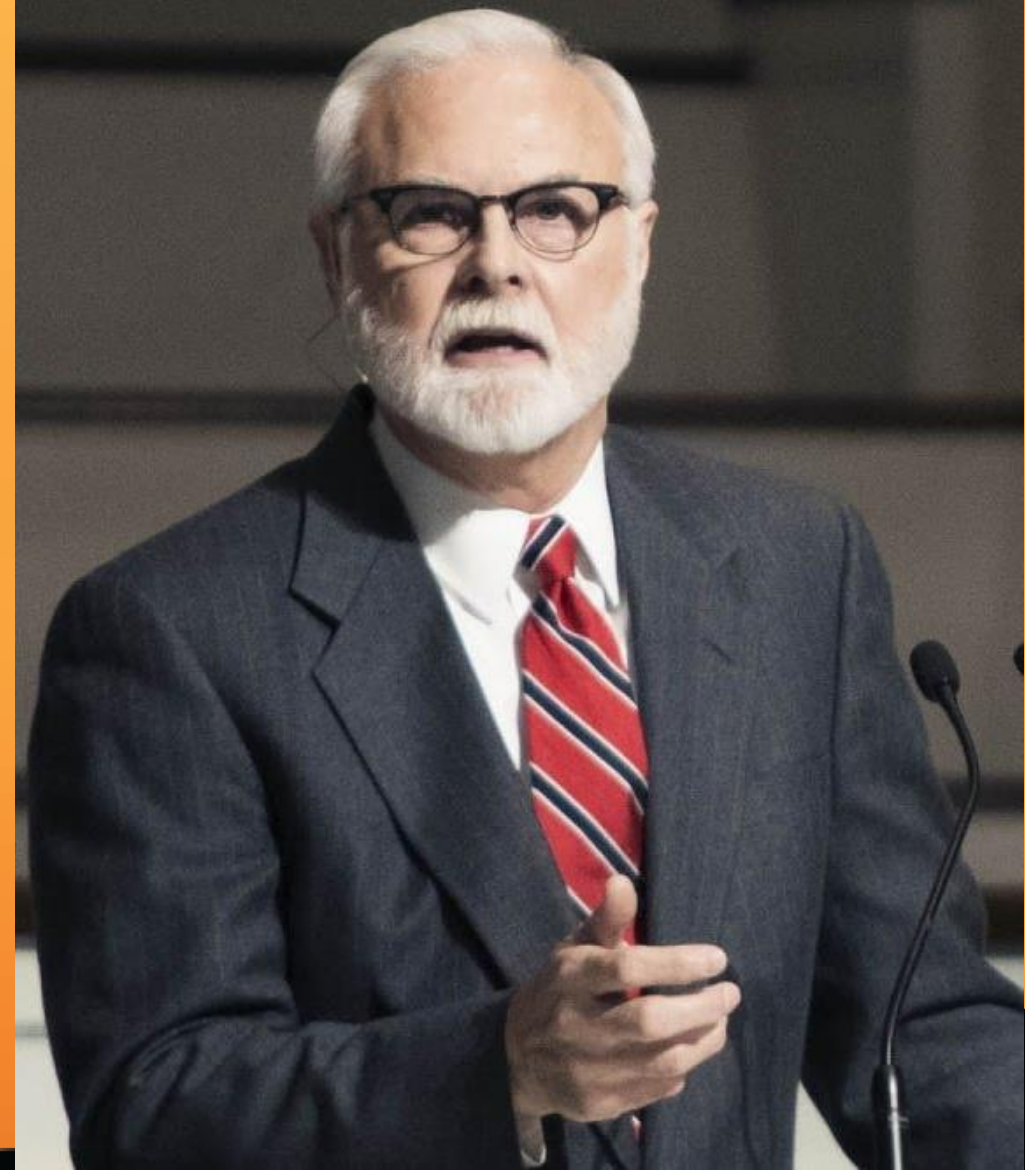
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Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church

“The church needs soldiers who will enlist and fill the ranks, not people who will help only as last-minute reinforcements and if the battle won’t last too long.”

Donald Whitney



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2. Is the church a better place because of your service?

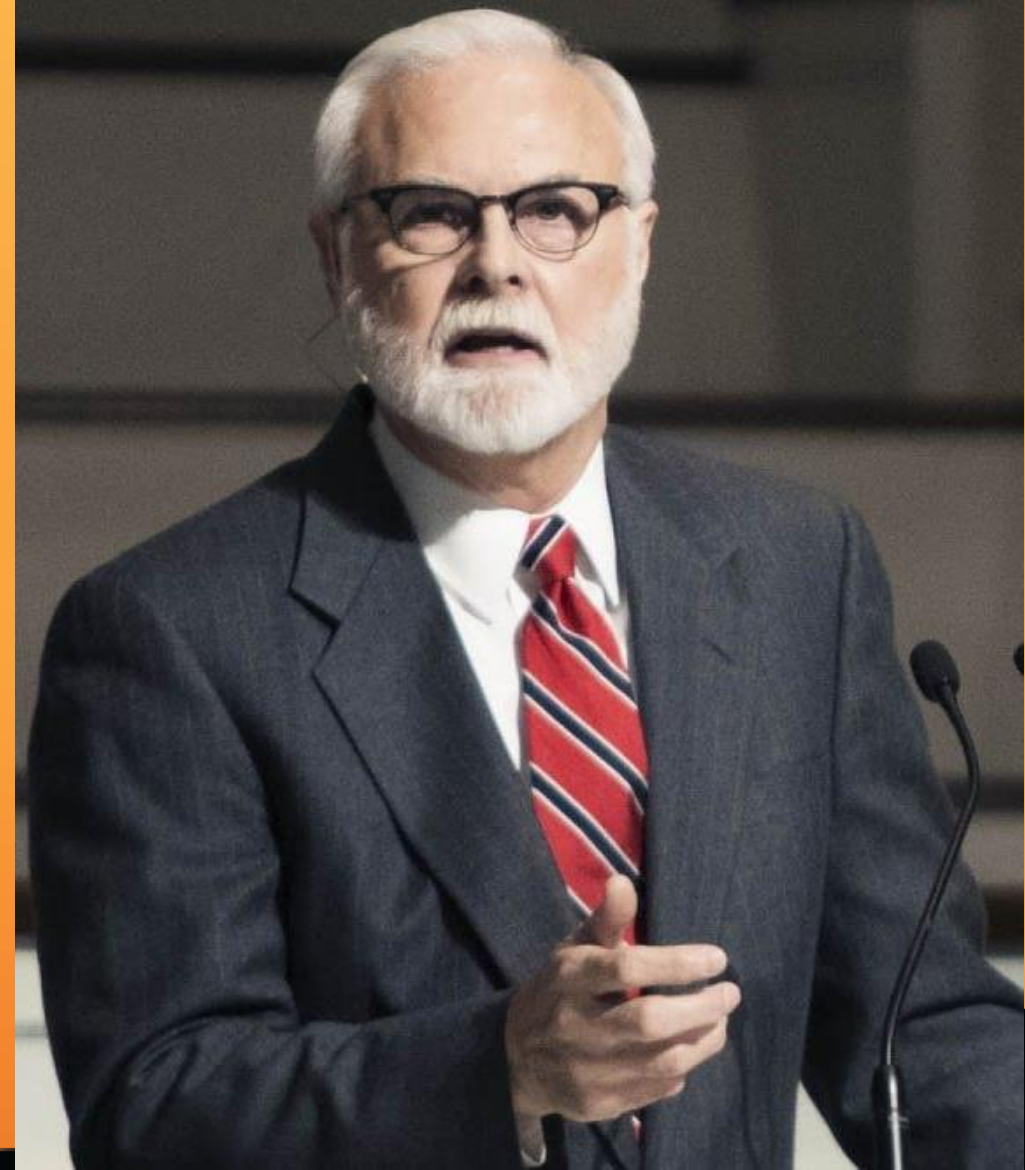
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“Nutritionists speak of ‘empty calories.’ In order for these calories to be processed the body must use some of its nutritional resources, yet empty calories do little or nothing to nourish the body in return. Calories from other types of food,...

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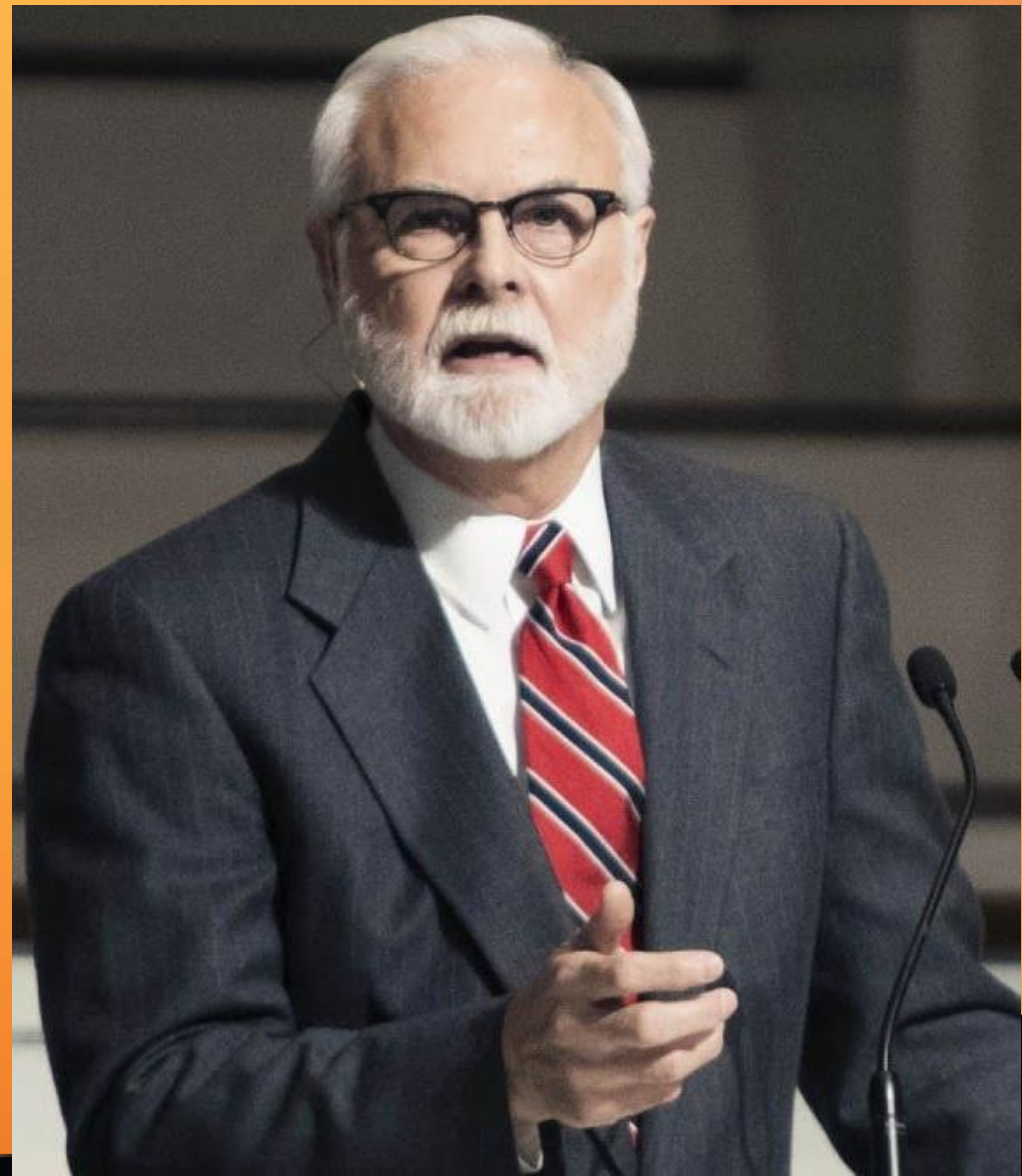
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“...however, not only take from the body’s strength as they are metabolized, they replenish it. Do you receive more ministry from the church than you minister to it?”

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1. Jesus would lay His life down on His own accord (John 10:18).
2. After He transfigured Himself in Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:21)
3. He would be given up by men (Matthew 17:22-23).
4. When James and John argued who would be the greatest in heaven (Matthew 20:18-19)

Predictions from Jesus About His Crucifixion



- The High Priest and President of the Sanhedrin (A.D. 18-36)
- Son-in-law of Annas, the High Priest (A.D. 6-15)
- A conniving, treacherous, liar
- A political role who represented the Jews before Rome

Caiaphas



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Four Characteristics of a Christian Servant



For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown FOR HIS NAME in serving the saints, as you still do.

Hebrews 6:10



*And the King will answer them,
'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of
these my brothers, you did it to me.'*

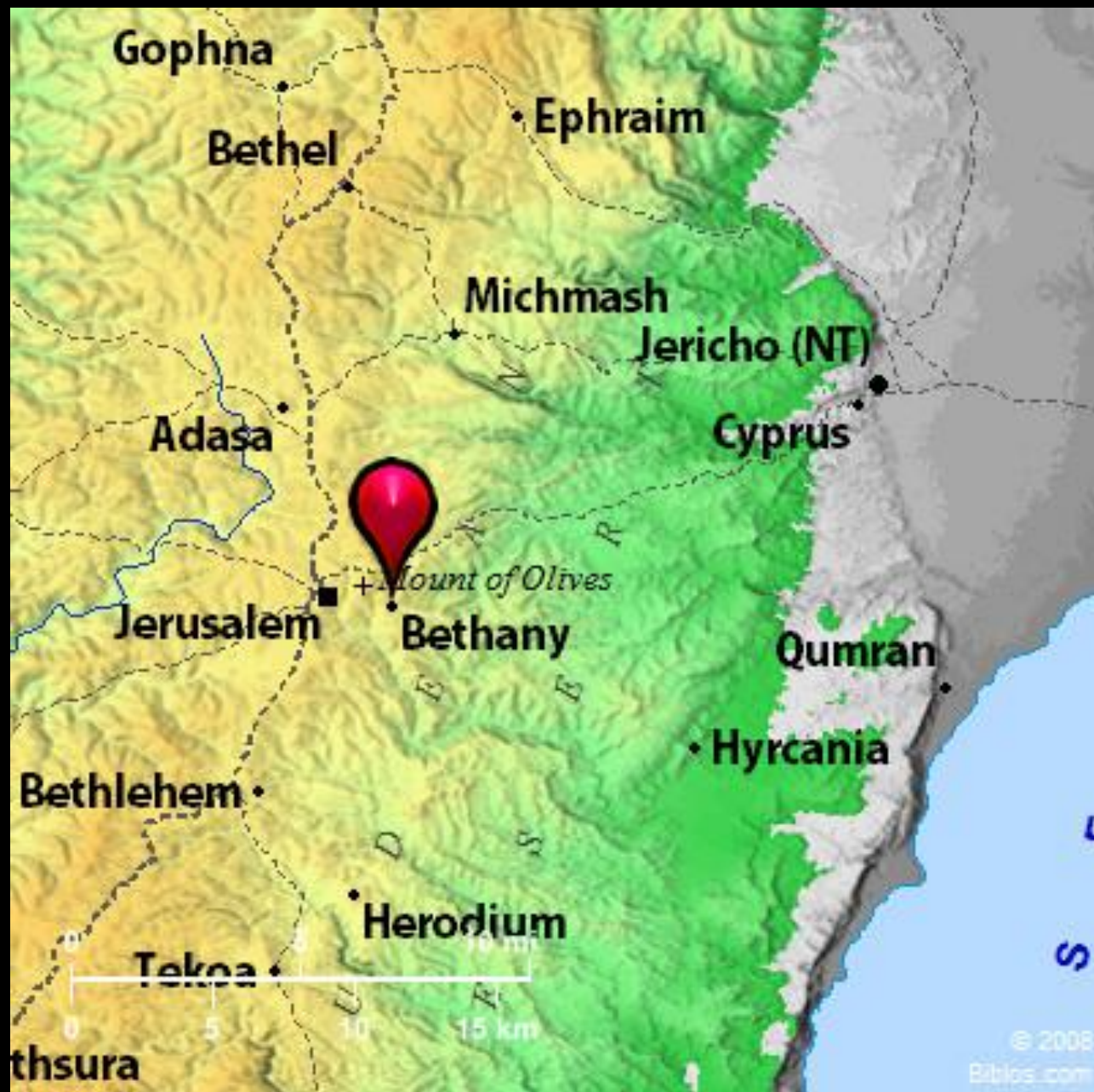
Matthew 25:40



“He is no Christian who does not seek to serve His God.”

**Charles Spurgeon,
“Serving the Lord
with Gladness”**

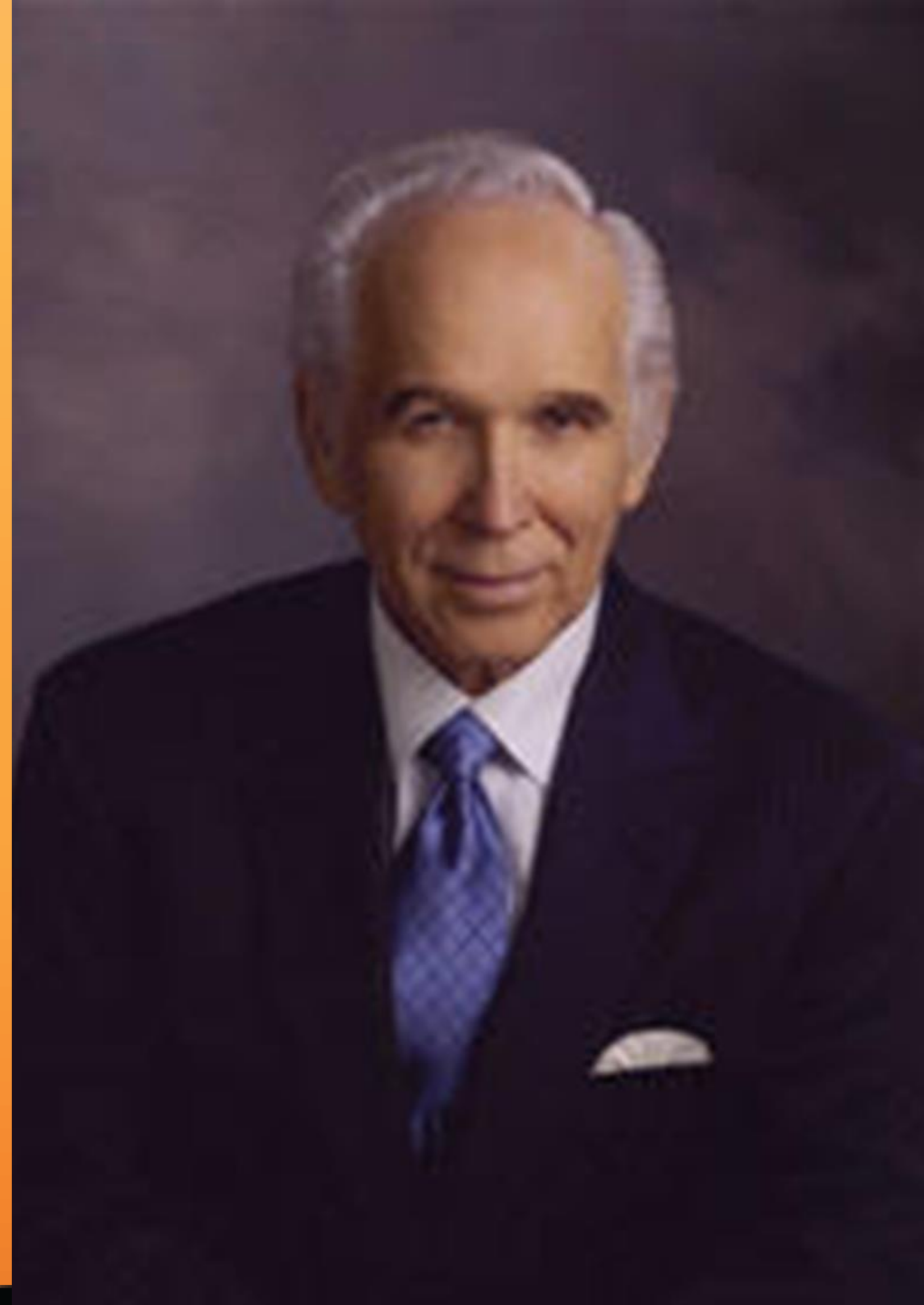




“The delicious fragrance ran down over His shining hair and thick beard. It enfolded His body with its delightful aroma.

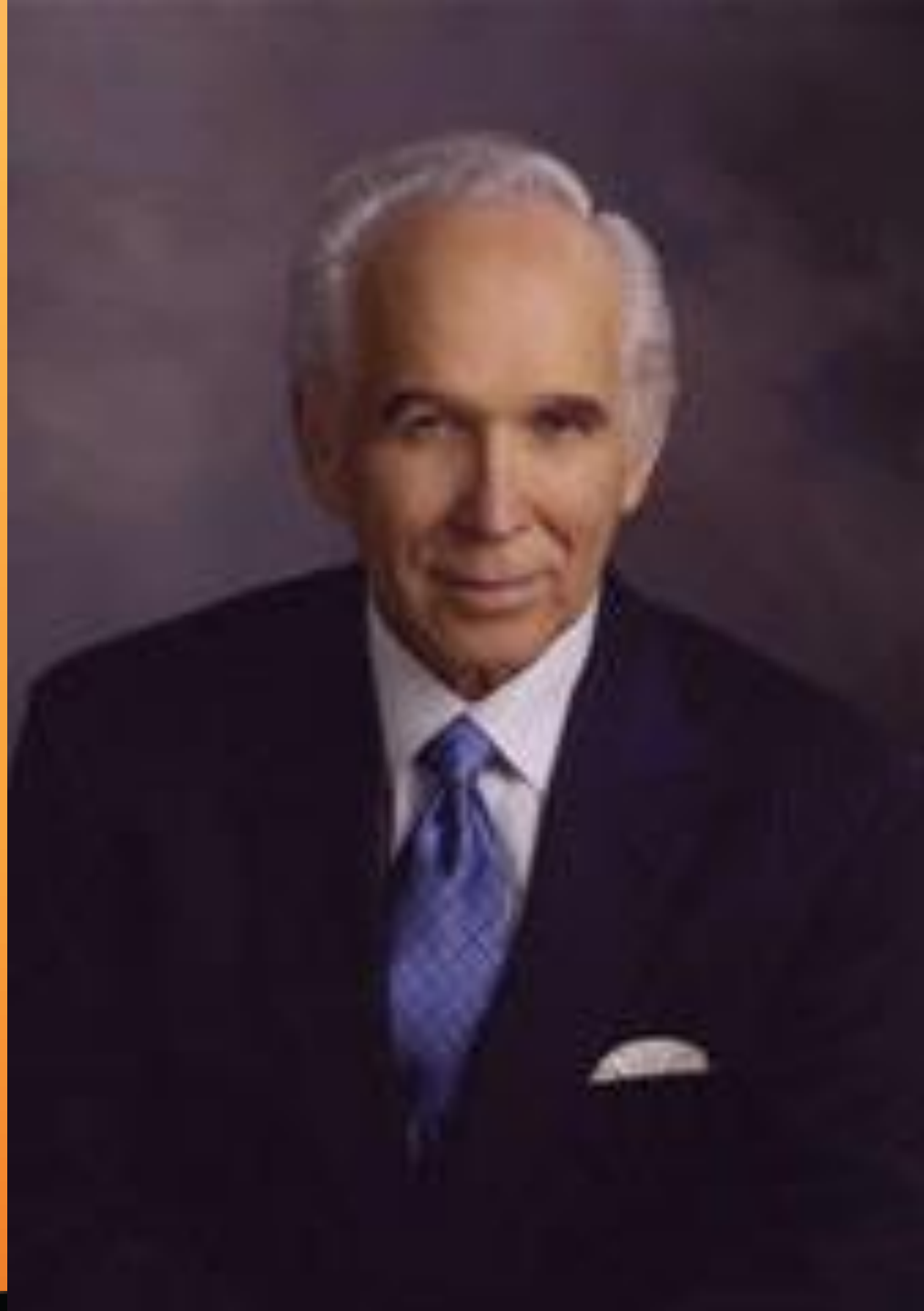
Even His tunic and flowing undergarments were drenched with its enduring pungency. Wherever He moved during ...

Philip Keller



“... the ensuing 48 hours the
perfume would go with Him:
into the Passover, into the Garden
of Gethsemane, into the high
priest’s home, into Herod’s hall,
into Pilate’s praetorium,
into the crude hands of those
who cast lots for His clothing at
the foot of the cross.”

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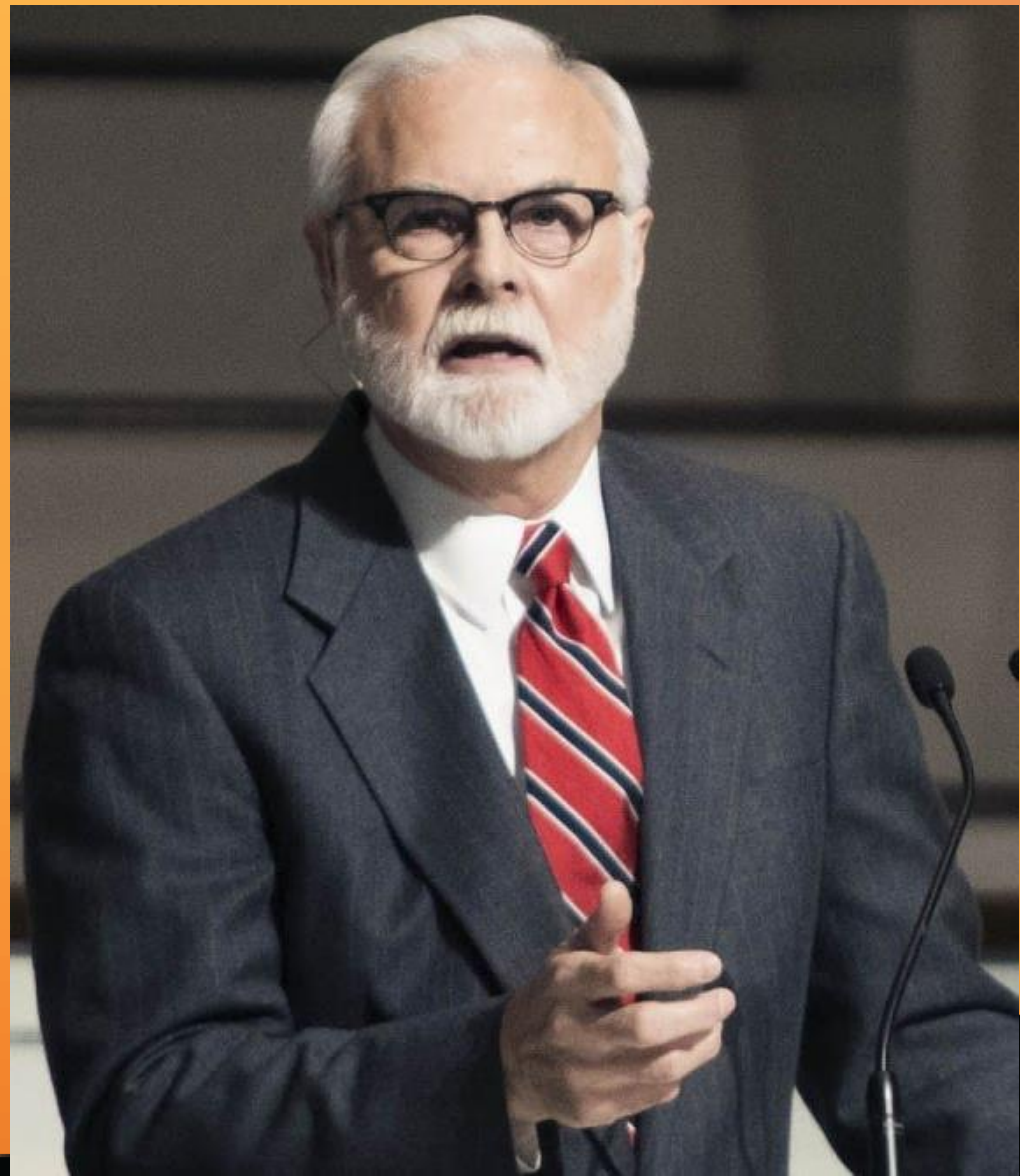
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“Service to God has always shown generally who is right with God and who is not...Those who are content not to serve in the work of God are those who do not know God. But those who do know Him can't help serving Him...

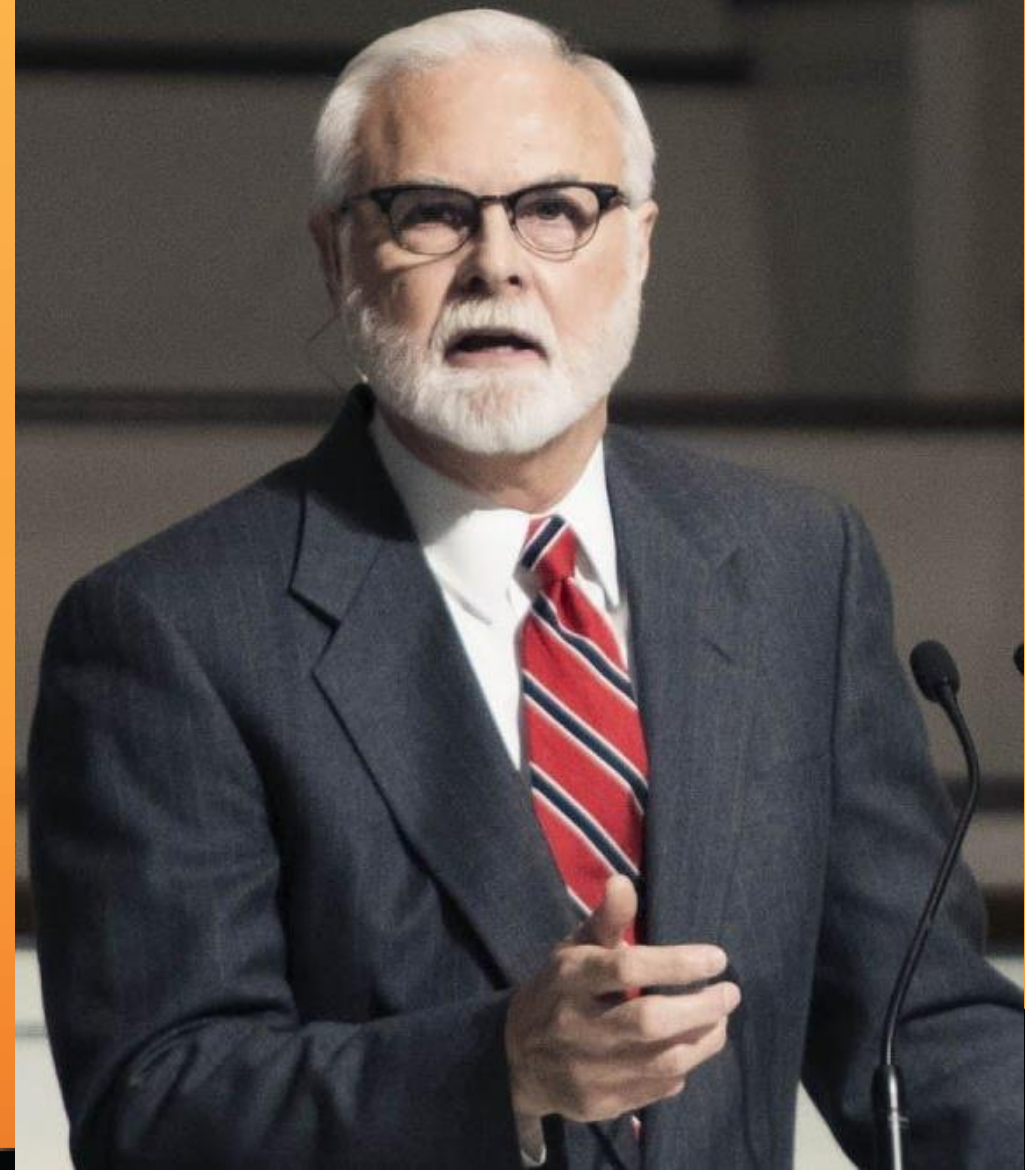
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“...They cannot be content for very long to ride the bench in the kingdom of God.”

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“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?”

John 12:5



“Judas uncorks the vial of his
poison, and the vile odor begins
to spread.”

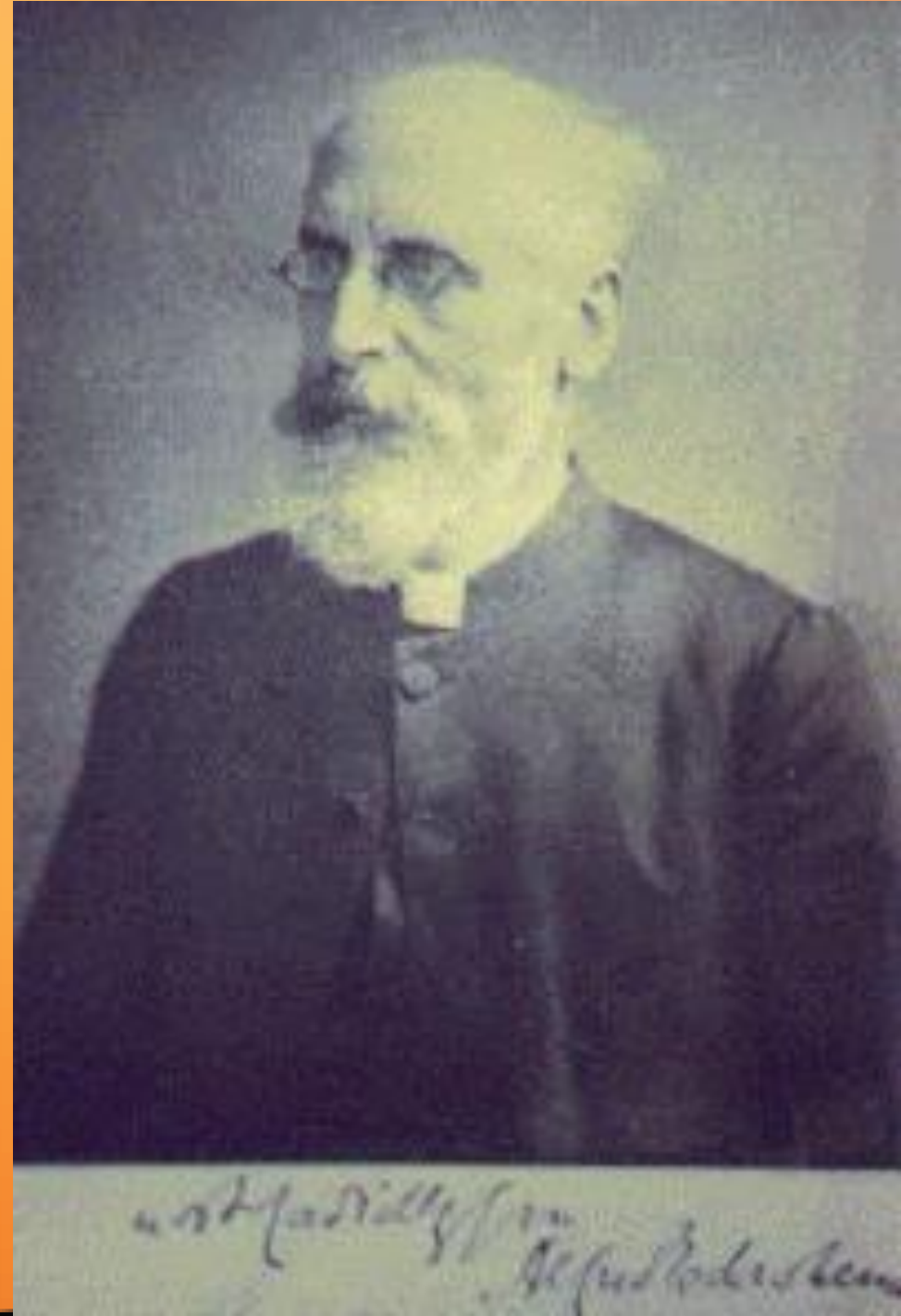
**R.C.H. Lenski,
Matthew Commentary**



Mary's faith "cast the features of Judas in gigantic dark outlines against the scene. He knew the nearness of Christ's betrayal, and hated the more; she knew the nearness of Christ's precious death, and loved the more."

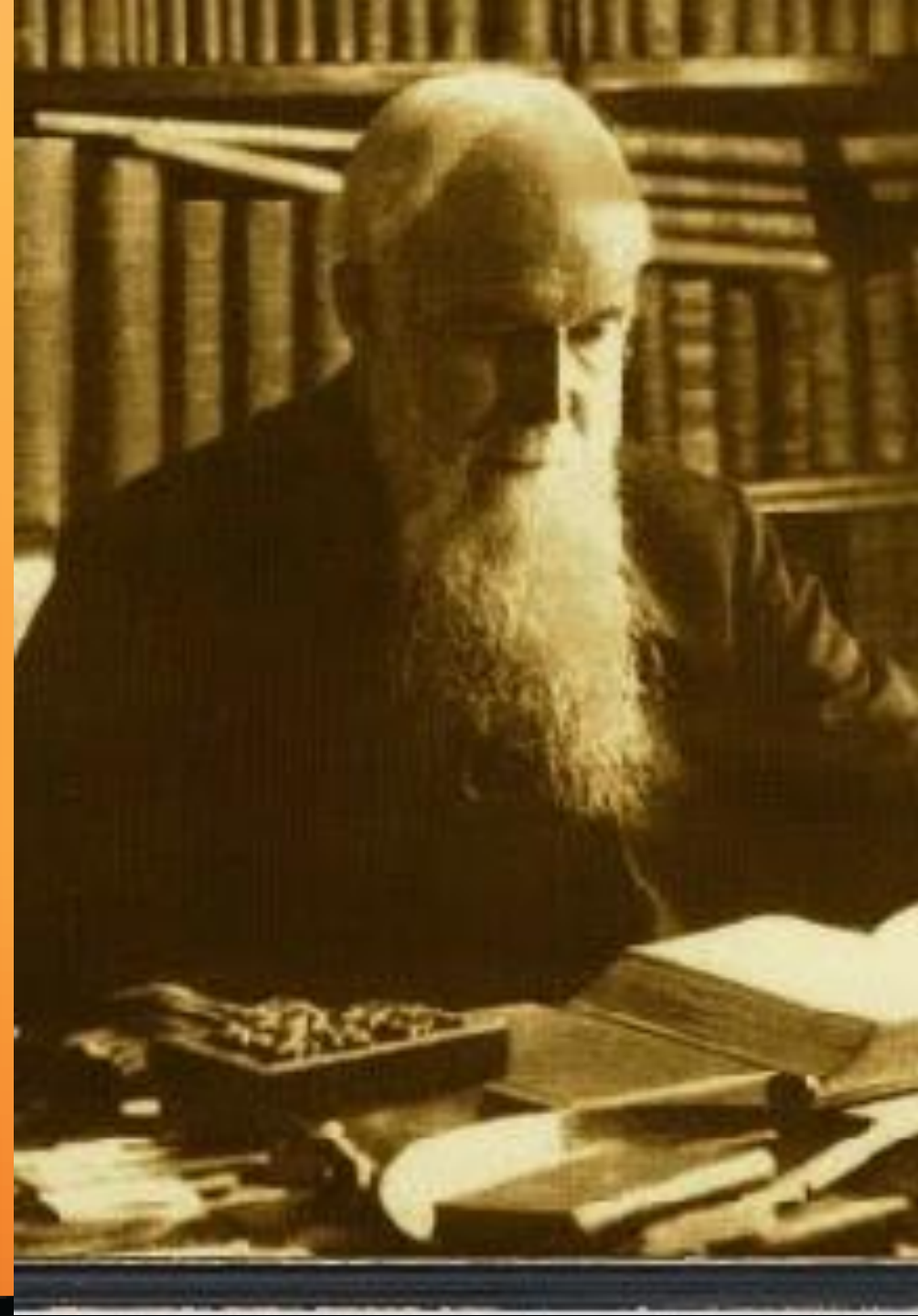
Aldred Edersheim,

***The Life and Times of Jesus
the Messiah***



“The more wicked and
graceless people are,
the more ready they are to
find fault with and blame
others, and to see beauty in
what they do.”

**J.C. Ryle,
Matthew Commentary**



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3. A Christian servant serves how Christ serves (vs. 8-9).

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*Pay to all what is owed to them:
taxes to whom taxes are owed,
revenue to whom revenue is owed,
respect to whom respect is owed,
honor to whom honor is owed.*

Romans 13:7



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3. A Christian servant serves how Christ serves (vs. 8-9).
4. A Christian servant brings joy to others (vs. 10-13).

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*And there was much weeping on the part of all;
they embraced Paul and kissed him,*

Acts 20:37



“Of infinitely more value than the repair of shattered ships was the welding together of the American people into a mighty spear and shield of determination. No more did Americans ask whose fight it was or question what they should do about it...

Gordon Prange



“...The Japanese gave each American a personal stake in the titanic struggle for the minds and bodies of mankind which raged in Europe and Asia. After December 7, 1941 Americans no longer could look upon the war from a distance as an impersonal,...

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“... ideological conflict.
The sense of outrage triggered
a feeling of direct involvement
which resulted in an explosion
of national energy.
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