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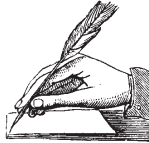
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Matthew Henry

FOREWORD

Some of the greatest preachers the world has ever known were the godly ministers of the Word of past generations. Among these was Matthew Henry. While he has been known and loved for two centuries for his devotional commentary on the whole Bible, it has not been so generally known that he was a distinguished preacher.

He was born in Wales in 1662 and began his preaching ministry at the age of twenty-four. About two years later he was ordained and entered the active pastorate, serving the Chester Presbyterian Church. He served this congregation for twenty-five years. From Chester he accepted a call to London where he ended his active pastoral duties in 1714 when called to higher service in the heavenly kingdom.

The greatness of Matthew Henry's sermons consists in their Scriptural content, lucid presentation, practical application, and Christ-centeredness. Someone has described him: "Like the apostle Paul, whom he admired more than all mere mortals and whom he has signalized as 'the most active, zealous servant that ever our Master had,' he daily studied to know nothing 'save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.'"

These sermon outlines have been taken and edited from *The Miscellaneous Works of the Reverend Matthew Henry* (2 volumes) and from his devotional commentary, *An Exposition of the Old and New Testaments* (5 volumes).

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Alexander Maclaren

FOREWORD

Alexander Maclaren was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and educated in England where he spent most of his long life. He served two churches, namely, Portland Chapel, Southampton, for ten years and Union Chapel, Manchester, for over a period of forty-five years.

Pre-eminently a preacher, Dr. Maclaren well deserves to be known as “the Prince of Bible Expositors.” In recognition of his pulpit attainments the University of Edinburgh bestowed upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. His sermons are considered models in structure and content.

In addition to his *Expositions of Holy Scripture* (published in eleven volumes by the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.), for which he is best known, more than twenty other volumes of his sermons have been published, which are now out of print and difficult to obtain. In the compilation of this volume, the editor has limited his selection of sermons from these lesser known and more or less hard to secure works.

The reader will recognize as he reads this volume that an effort has been made to include a wide variety of sermons both as to subjects and texts. The subject matter includes doctrinal, devotional, evangelistic, and biographical material. As to texts, only a few times has more than one text been taken from one book of the Scriptures. An effort has been made to select texts from as many sections of the Bible as possible. There are texts from thirty-one books—thirteen from the Old Testament and eighteen from the New Testament.

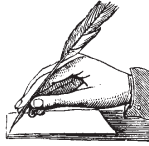
The purpose in preparing this volume for publication is not that the sermons may be preached verbatim, but to aid the young preacher or the layman who is untrained in the science of sermonizing and sometimes called upon to bring a Bible message, in the better preparation of his sermons or messages; thereby making him a more effective messenger of the

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Word of Truth. With this end in view the sermons have been outlined in more detail than usually found in the original volumes. They have also been abridged. That which has been considered the best of the content of the sermons has been retained to make the outlines intelligible and suggestive. It should also be stated that on the first page of each sermon outline the volume from which it was taken is indicated.

It is the earnest prayer of the editor that *Maclaren's Sermon Outlines* will be used to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to the blessing of all who read and use them.

Sheldon B. Quincer
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George Whitefield

FOREWORD

One of the greatest revivals of American history was the Great Awakening of the eighteenth century. The beginning of the century saw most of our churches cold and lifeless. A few godly men saw the desperate conditions and were used of God in starting revival fires, but it was not until the arrival of English born George Whitefield in 1740 that the fires were flamed into a blaze that swept the eastern seaboard and Georgia. Under God, Whitefield became the leader of the revival.

He belonged to all denominations—he was ordained as an Anglican, became a Calvinistic Methodist, and was buried under the pulpit of the Federal Street Presbyterian Church of Newburyport, Massachusetts. He preached wherever he had the opportunity, in church buildings regardless of denominational affiliation, and in the open fields.

In thirty-five years of Gospel ministry in the British Isles, West Indies, and America, Whitefield preached eighteen thousand sermons to audiences which sometimes numbered thirty thousand people.

His sermons are both doctrinal and practical. In reading them one is impressed with his emphasis on the total depravity of man, the righteousness of Christ, and the grace of God. To him man is a sinner in need of Christ's imputed righteousness, which he can receive only through God's grace. He firmly held that "salvation is of the Lord."

Born in his father's tavern in Gloucester in December 1714, Whitefield entered Oxford University at the age of eighteen and three years later was converted and soon thereafter began his public ministry of preaching. He died in Newburyport on September 30, 1770.

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The editor wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to the Evangelical Library of London for the loan of several volumes of Whitefield's sermons which have been long out of print.

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