

Such a Cloud of Witnesses

“Stories of American Christians”

Temple Baptist Church
March 6, 2022



Preach or Preacher

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kerusso (kay-roos'-so); to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel):

KJV - preacher (-er), proclaim, publish.

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euaggelizo (yoo-ang-ghel-id'-zo); to announce good news ("evangelize") especially the gospel:

KJV - declare, bring (declare, show) glad (good) tidings, preach (the gospel).

1 Corinthians 1:20-24

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, **it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 **But we preach Christ crucified**, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**

Acts 5:40-42

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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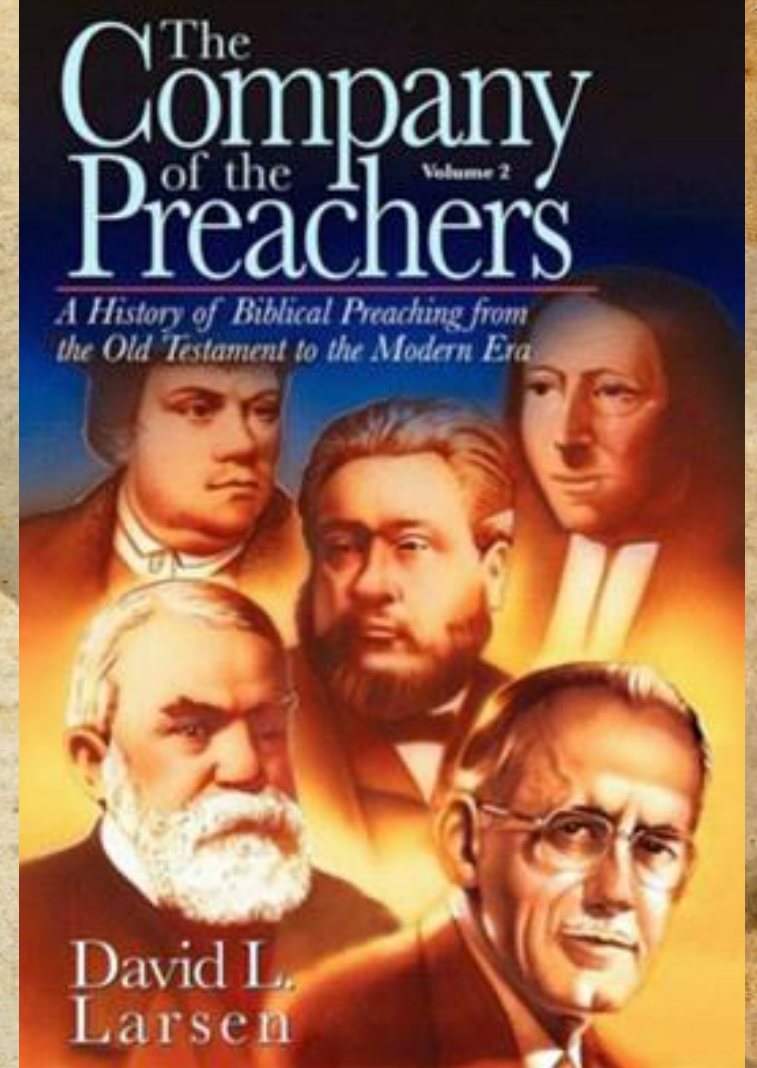
Romans 10:13-15

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?
and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and
how shall they hear without a preacher?**

**15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written,
How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things!**

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Dr. Robert
Greene Lee

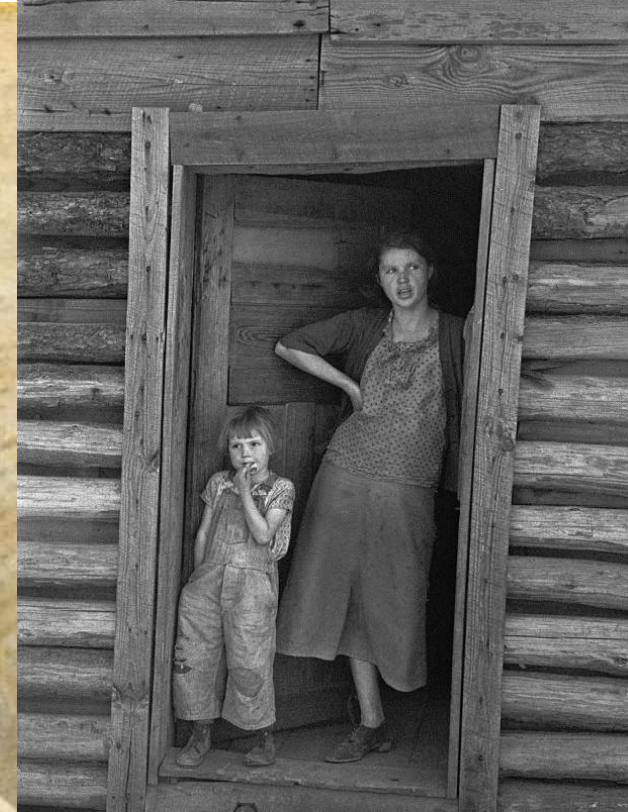
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My Grandmother and Grandfather





Mame Lindy

“Praise Gawd! Glory be! The good Lawd
done sont a preacher to dis here house.”



Fence Corner Conviction

Robert Lee was saved in a fence-corner while plowing behind a mule. After a time of conviction for several days, he finally fell on his knees and prayed: **“If one must accept Jesus to be saved, then I accept Him.”** Thus, at the age of twelve, a plow-boy named Robert G. Lee entered the path which would lead him from a field of dirt to a field of souls.

Furman University



**RG heart Dr. Edwin M. Potreat
speak and answered the call to
become a pastor!**

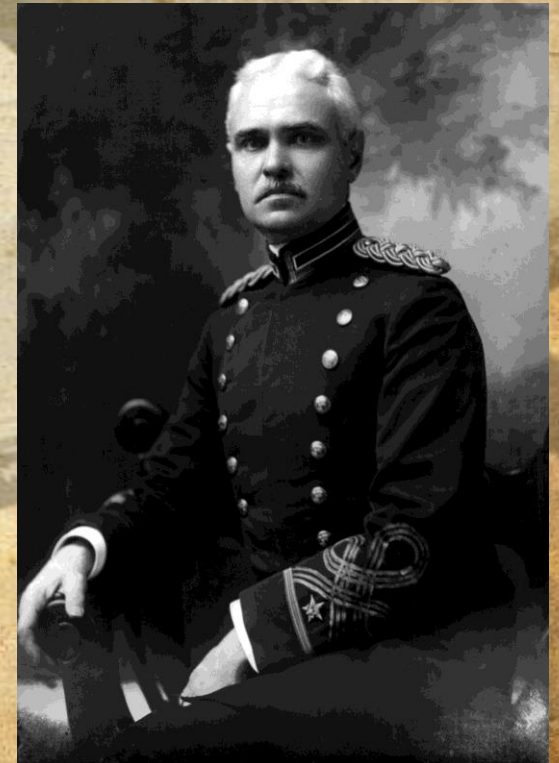


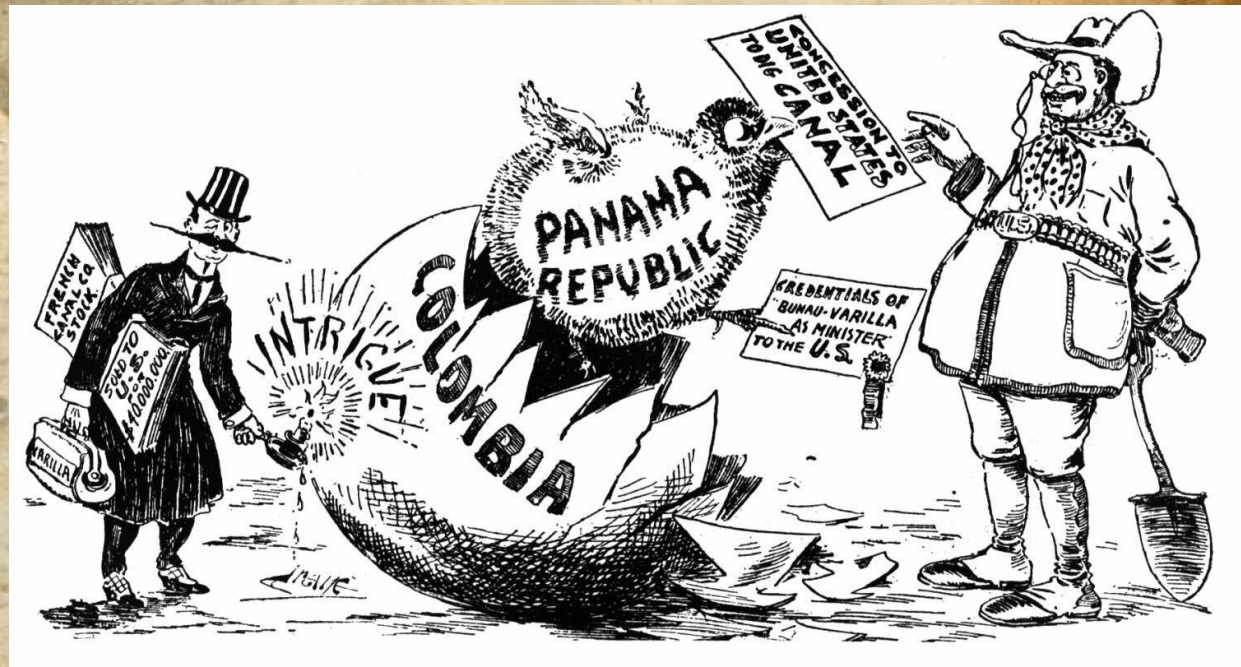
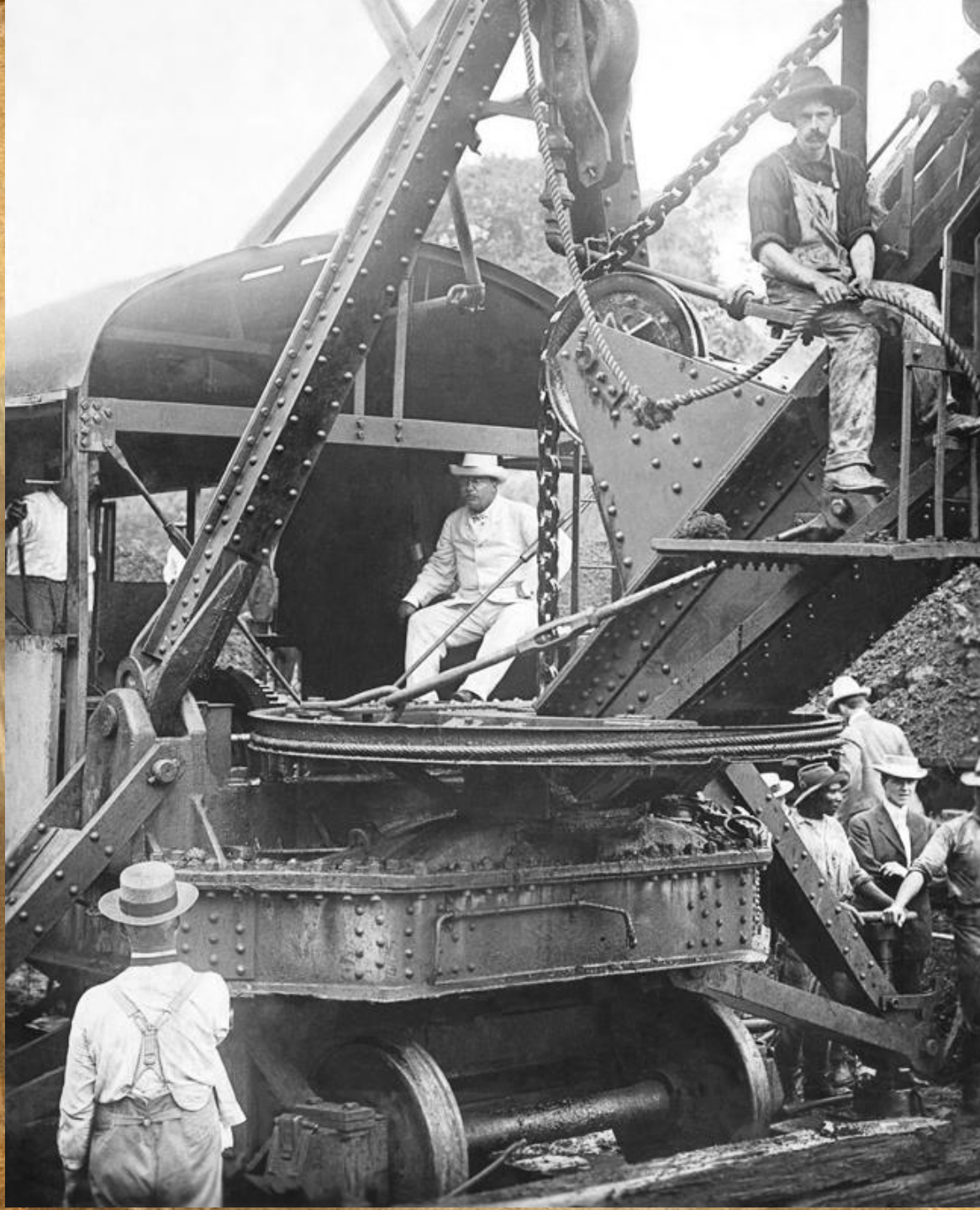
Panama Canal

~ May 4, 1904

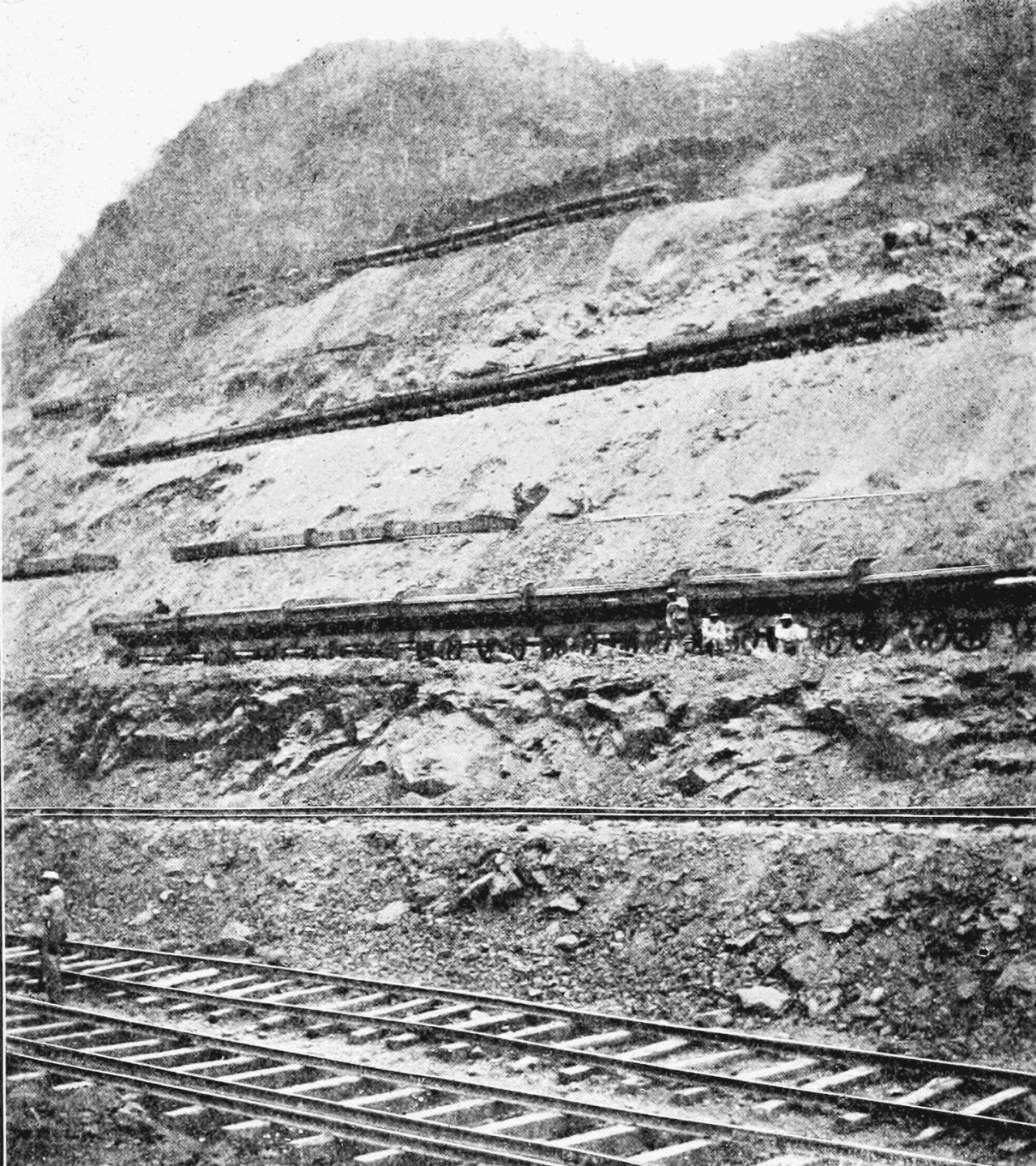


George W. Goethals





Panama Canal



Panama Canal

At 21, RG volunteered to work on the Canal in 1907. He would work there for just over two years.

The two Enemies - Malaria and Black Fever



Malaria is caused by a parasite called Plasmodium, which is transmitted via the bites of infected mosquitoes. In the human body, the parasites multiply in the liver, and then infect red blood cells.



Black fever cause and prevention



SPECIES NAME/CLASSIFICATION:
Phlebotomus spp.
(Diptera: Psychodidae)

COMMON NAME: Sand fly

- Black fever is Visceral Leishmaniasis
- The most vigorous form of black fever is Dumdum fever
- It is caused by a protozoan parasite
- It need not be fatal
- The parasite travels to the liver, spleen, and bone marrow
- Signs include fever, fatigue, anemia, and swelling of liver and spleen
- It is the second largest parasitic killer after malaria
- The host parasite is sand fly
- There are no vaccines or preventive drugs
- Sand flies are much smaller than mosquitoes and can get through mosquito nets
- They bite when the prey is usually asleep



R.G. Lee

“The Bible is beyond other books as the river is beyond a drop of water, as the sun is beyond the candle, and as the mountain is beyond a grain of sand. It is the fountain in which martyrs have cooled their faces, the pillow upon which the saints of all ages have rested their hearts; it breaks the fetters of the slave, takes the pain out of parting, takes the sting out of death, takes the gloom out of the grave and gives us a hope that is steadfast and sure.”

Furman University



**RG Graduated Magnum Cum Laude
of the class of 1913. That same
year he married his sweetheart.**

Bula (Gentry) Lee



**Married in November
1913**

**"God never meant you
to dig around Latin
roots. He meant for you
to be a preacher."**

1st Baptist Church of Edgefield, South Carolina



During this his 2nd pastorate he completed his Ph.D. in International Law from Chicago Law School. He also would also recieve a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Furman. The most important accomplishment at Edgefield is that It was here one Wednesday evening when he Preached his most famous sermon “Pay Day Someday.”



PAY DAY - SOMEDAY

Dr. Robert G. Lee



Pay Day - Someday

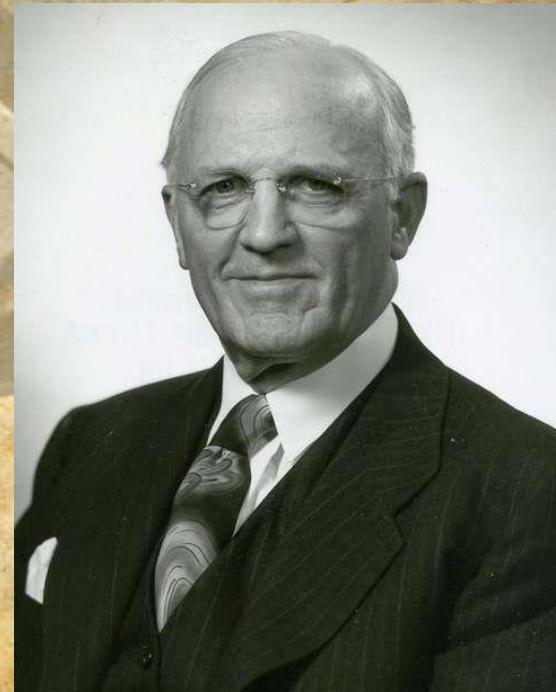
Dr. Lee would preach this sermon over 1000 times in his lifetime of 100 years. It is estimated that over 3 million people have had the opportunity to hear him share his message dealing with Naboth, King Ahab, Jezebel, and Elijah.

Pay Day - Someday

[Dr. Robert G. Lee - Pay-Day Someday - Bing video](#)

R.G. Lee

“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, Sin will keep you longer than you want to stay, Sin will cost you more than you want to pay.”



1st Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana



Here, in his four years of ministry over 1000 new members joined. Many through baptism.

Though he chose the pastorate over academia, he never forgot to help young preachers to stive though study and in-depth preparation. He was also instrumental in the founding of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

1st Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana



R.G. Lee

“Every word which Jesus spoke has been weighed and analyzed. For two thousand years they have been the object of intensive analysis. They have been the subject of unparalleled investigations. His words have been torn into analytical pieces and thrust often into the laboratory of critical chemistry. They have been submitted to the cold and merciless investigation of the Philistines of transcendent cleverness---tested thoroughly as to base, combination, compound parts---and even now are the object of iniquitous inspection. BUT has one accent been discovered as wrong? Has one emphasis been erroneous? Is one sentence or word in need of change? Can all men---searching, scrutinizing, sifting----find a single thought that ought to be reversed, or any statement than needs to be recalled?”

Citidal Square Baptist Church of Charlestown, South Carolina



Here he led his daughter to the Lord and baptized her in the lake at Hampton Park that still can be found in old town Charleston. Here he published the first written version of Pay Day-Someday. He would go on to publish over 50 books. Most collections of his sermons, but others are sermon development tools.

Citidal Square Baptist Church of Charlestown, South Carolina



Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis Tennessee

December 11, 1927, R.G. Lee preached his first sermon at Bellevue. Upon his resignation 33 years later, in 1960, the congregation had grown from 1430 members to over 10,000. Thought knew brother Lee as a superlative pulpiter, the people at Bellevue knew him as a loving and caring under shepherd that knew each of them. His vision was broader than just Bellevue...he led the Southern Baptist Convention from 1948 to 1951.



Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis Tennessee



Robert Lee

Ramsey Pollard

Adrian Rogers





R.G. Lee

"It is part of that scheme that as He came once with a sin offering, He should come a second time without a sin offering. As He came the first time to redeem, He must come a second time to claim the inheritance which he has so dearly bought. As He came once that his heel might be bruised, He comes again to break the Serpent's head---and with a rod of iron to dash his enemies in pieces, a potter's vessel. As He came once to wear the Crown of Thorns, He must come again to wear the Crown of Universal Dominion."

Robert Greene Lee ~ 1978



ROBERT GREENE LEE, D.D.
NOVEMBER 11, 1886
JULY 20, 1978

A BAPTIST MINISTER OF GOD FOR 68 YEARS
"THE LORD SAID, HE IS A CHOSEN VESSEL
UNTO ME" — ACTS 9:15
"A GOOD MAN... ALWAYS ABUNDING IN THE
WORK OF THE LORD... AND MANY PEOPLE
WERE ADDED TO THE LORD" — THE BIBLE



Bula (Gentry)
Lee ~ 1971

1 Timothy 5:17-20

17 Let the elders that rule well be **counted worthy of double honour**, especially they **who labour in the word and doctrine**.

18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

20 **Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.**



Next Month:

Patrick Henry