

## THE SERMONS, LECTURES, AND SONGS OF SIDNEY EDWARD COX

The Salvation Army Southern Bible Conference – Summer 1968  
Shamrock Village. Ft. Pierce, Florida

Special Guests:  
Dr. John Sutherland Logan<sup>1</sup>  
Reverend Sidney Cox  
Colonel and Mrs. Albert Pepper<sup>2</sup>

### Highlights

Congregational Singing – Sidney Cox Song, *When His Loved Reached Me*  
Special Music – Capt & Mrs. Raymond Cooper, *O To Be Like Thee*  
Sermon - Colonel Pepper. Text: John 17, Isaiah 40. *Holiness In The Prayer Life*

**Editorial Note: What follows are excerpts from the meetings conducted during the week long Salvation Army Bible Conference of 1968. Officers from throughout the Southern Territory all congregate for this annual camp-style conference which is a Salvation Army institution.**

**Following the death in August, 1967 of his beloved wife, Violet, who had been a near invalid for many years, Sidney Cox was once again able to travel. Although he was 81 years of age, he was much in demand as a speaker and teacher, and resumed his extensive travel schedule. On this occasion, he had been invited to participate as a special guest speaker for the duration of the conference.**

**Sidney and Violet Cox voluntarily left the work of The Salvation Army in 1944, and in the summer of 1968, he had been a former officer for over 20 years; yet, he remained extremely close friends with the Southern Salvationists and in popular demand as a speaker, preacher and musician at their meetings. Many of the officers at the conference had been closely associated with him or had even been trained by him at the Army's College for Officers Training during his Salvation Army tenure in Atlanta from 1928 – 1944.**

**This occasion was an emotional reunion for him and the officers in attendance at this conference.**

**John Douglas Cox, grandson of Sidney Cox. August, 2009.**

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Southerland was a Scottish evangelist who was president of Vennard College, a Wesleyan-Holiness college in University Park, Iowa. He was a popular speaker at Salvation Army events such as Bible Conferences, Officers' Councils and at the Army training colleges in the late 1950s and 1960s.

<sup>2</sup> Colonel and Mrs. Pepper were well-known Salvation Army officers. Of note, Colonel Pepper became the first principal of the Brengle Holiness Institute, named for another Army icon, Colonel Samuel Logan Brengle. Like Brengle, Pepper became a noted teacher of the doctrine of holiness and was a personal witness to holy living.

UNKNOWN OFFICER LEADING CONGREGATIONAL SINGING OF SIDNEY COX SONG:

...[The green songbook] Songs of the Evangelist,<sup>3</sup> #15. We'll sing, *When His Love Reached Me*. #15. Together.

It was love reached me when far away,  
The love of my precious Saviour;  
He gave Himself my debt to pay,  
My wonderful, wonderful Saviour.

When His love reached me, He set my heart a singing,  
When His love reached me, wondrous love reached me;  
And the bells of Heaven with harmony are ringing,  
For His love, (wondrous love) reached me (His love reached me).

We'll taper off the speed a little bit when we come to the last two bars so we can get the counter-part and the emphasis of "Wondrous Love" in there. And then, all of the fine tenors and alto singers sing, "His love reached me." All right. Try the chorus again.

When His love reached me, He set my heart a singing,  
When His love reached me, wondrous love reached me;  
And the bells of Heaven with harmony are ringing,  
For His love, (wondrous love) reached me (His love reached me).

Be sure you tenors sing out, and alto singers. Second verse, "It is love that keeps me day by day."

It is love that keeps my day by day,  
The love of my precious Saviour;  
He guides me lest my feet should stray,  
My wonderful, wonderful Saviour.

When His love reached me, He set my heart a singing,  
When His love reached me, wondrous love reached me;  
And the bells of Heaven with harmony are ringing,  
For His love, (wondrous love) reached me (His love reached me).

Last verse.

It is love supplies my every need,  
The love of my precious Saviour;  
The Bread of Life my soul to feed,  
My wonderful, wonderful Saviour.

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<sup>3</sup> This was a music songbook of 21 Sidney Cox songs prepared especially for this Bible Conference that was titled, "Songs of the Evangelist."

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 When His love reached me, wondrous love reached me;  
 And the bells of Heaven with harmony are ringing,  
 For His love, (wondrous love) reached me (His love reached me).

Let's sing the chorus again and contrary to popular belief, I will take the time to put my hands together and join you if you're willing to clap. That subtle influence which was exerted will show. All right, and then we'll get in an attitude of prayer and Major Jim Rickards from Birmingham will come and lead us in prayer before we hear Colonel Pepper. Again, on the chorus now.

When His love reached me, He set my heart a singing,  
 When His love reached me, wondrous love reached me;  
 And the bells of Heaven with harmony are ringing,  
 For His love, (wondrous love) reached me (His love reached me).

**MAJOR JIM RICKARDS:**

Our father, this morning we are so grateful because Thy love did reach from Heaven down to this earth and to touch us. We would pray this morning that as we come together for this session now that you would bless the Colonel as he speaks to us. May his words thrill our hearts. May they challenge us to go from this Bible Conference back to our places of appointment, whatever it may be and that we might preach Christ to a dying world. Help us this morning, Lord. Give us a victory. Help us to lift our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help. We pray again now for each one that is here. Those who may be heavy of heart; those who have burdens; those who have lost ones perhaps in their own family, we pray that they might be able to go and to show them the Lord, Jesus Christ. Watch over us now and help us, for this we pray in the Master's name. Amen.

**SERMON – COLONEL ALBERT PEPPER:** Introductory sermon comments, not transcribed. He introduces Capt. and Mrs. Raymond Cooper for special music.

**SPECIAL MUSIC - CAPTAIN AND MRS. RAYMOND COOPER:**

O, to be like Thee, blessed Redeemer,  
 This is my constant and longing prayer,  
 Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,  
 Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

O, to be like Thee. O, to be like Thee,  
 Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art.  
 Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;  
 Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

O, to be like Thee, full of compassion,  
 Loving, forgiving, tender and kind,

Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting,  
Seeking the wandering sinner to find.

O, to be like Thee, lowly in spirit,  
Holy and harmless, patient and brave;  
Meekly enduring cruel reproaches,  
Willing to suffer others to save.

O, to be like Thee. O, to be like Thee,  
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art.  
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;  
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

Will you join us for one chorus.

O, to be like Thee. O, to be like Thee,  
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art.  
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;  
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

SERMON – COLONEL ALBERT PEPPER: Text: John 17, Isaiah 40. *Holiness In The Prayer Life*

Sermon not transcribed

BENEDICTION – CAPT. RAYMOND COOPER – Leads congregation in the singing of *The Lord's Prayer*