

**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**  
Sing-A-Long of Sidney Cox Choruses  
Youth Music Program

**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.

Piano Prelude: *Wonderful Words of Life*.

Congregational singing of Sidney Cox songs and choruses in process:

By the pathway of duty,  
Flows the river of God's grace.

COLONEL HARRY WARD, PRESIDING:

Now the children's parade is supposed to start at 7:45 and we do not want to detract from the time of the speaker tonight, so this gives us 10 minutes of singing. \_\_\_\_\_, let's just get right into it.

I confessed to "Uncle Sid"<sup>3</sup> today that there was a word in one of the choruses and songs which he had written and which we've already sung that says, "Clouds will change the sunshine" and he tells us that that printing of that song is incorrect – it's, "Clouds will turn to sunshine, night will turn to day."<sup>4</sup>

Congregational singing:

Isn't He wonderful, wonderful, wonderful,  
Isn't Jesus, my Lord wonderful;  
Eyes have seen, ears have heard,  
It's recorded in God's Word,  
Isn't Jesus, my Lord wonderful.

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Eyes have seen, ears have heard,  
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Isn't Jesus, my Lord wonderful.

[This is not a Sidney Cox song]

Now, we'll bounce back to this side again. [Suggestions from the congregation].

Congregational singing:

He sought me, He sought me,

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<sup>3</sup> During the tenure of Sidney Cox as Principal of The Salvation Army College for Officers Training in Atlanta from 1936 – 1942, many of the cadets affectionately referred to him as "Uncle Sid" which reflected the degree to which he personally endeared himself to them during their training.

<sup>4</sup> This refers to the popular chorus of Sidney Cox – *God Is Not Far Away*.

When I was wandering far away;  
 He found me, He found me,  
 Oh, what a wonderful day.

All right. Let's sing the chorus again, and let's not drag it on the end. Keep that tempo up.

He sought me, He sought me,  
 When I was wandering far away;  
 He found me, He found me,  
 Oh, what a wonderful day.

I found folks singing....

Guiding me safely,  
 Safely whatever betide;  
 Storm clouds may gather around me,  
 But, I have a wonderful guide.

Now, give us the right key...

Guiding me safely,  
 Safely whatever betide;  
 Storm clouds may gather around me,  
 But, I have a wonderful guide.

Traveler, where do you journey,  
 Over life's ocean so wide,  
 Traveler, where're you journey,  
 Jesus is able to guide.

Guiding me safely,  
 Safely whatever betide;  
 Storm clouds may gather around me,  
 But, I have a wonderful guide.

All right. Everybody now, on the chorus...

Swing wide the door of your heart to the King of kings,  
 Bid Him welcome, for wonderful peace He brings,  
 He will shelter thee, under His outstretched wings,  
 Swing wide the door of your heart to the King of kings.

You'll sing it again, but let me remind you that tomorrow night, most of you will have been gone. Some of you may perhaps stay.....

Swing wide the door of your heart to the King of kings,

Bid Him welcome, for wonderful peace He brings,  
 He will shelter thee, under His outstretched wings,  
 Swing wide the door of your heart to the King of kings.

Amen.

Jesus, Jesus, Lily of the Valley,  
 Bloom in all Thy beauty in the garden of my heart,  
 Jesus, Jesus, Lily of the Valley,  
 Bloom in all Thy beauty in the garden of my heart.

And we're already twenty five minutes past, and I see the young folks lined up. Here come the leaders, Captain \_\_\_\_\_ .....

Rouse, then, soldiers!  
 Rally round the banner!  
 Ready, steady, pass the word along;  
 Onward, forward,  
 Shout aloud Hosanna!  
 Christ is captain of the mighty throng!

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[This is one of the most well-known Army meeting choruses, but not a Sidney Cox composition.]

[Follows a children's program of scripture verses and choruses that I did not transcribe.]

**MAJOR RAYMOND COOPER:**

...several of you have asked where we got the teenage arrangements and I think it would be profitable to you to get a copy of the book. I don't know whether or not the trade department stocks it, but....we've got the records to go along with it and most of the numbers were sung by a group of teenagers led by Cliff Barrows.....would be worth your while to have it. The number this evening is a medley of *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul* and *Heaven Is A Wonderful Place*.

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,  
 When at the cross the Savior made me whole,  
 My sins were washed away,  
 And my night was turned to day,

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul.

Oh, what a wonderful, wonderful day,  
Day I will never forget,  
After I wandered in darkness away  
Jesus, my Savior I met.

Oh, what a tender compassionate friend,  
He met the needs of my heart,  
Shadows dispelling with joy I am telling,  
He made all the darkness depart.

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul.

Heaven is a wonderful place,  
It's filled with glory and grace,  
I want to see my Savior's face, for  
Heaven is a wonderful place.

COLONEL HARRY WARD, PRESIDING:  
#618, first and last stanza. Would you like to stand.

Glory to Thee, my God, this night,  
For all the blessing of the light,  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer:

And now dear Father, we thank thee for the upcoming youth of The Salvation Army. Thank you for the investment of the time and instruction and discipline and faith that parents have given to them. And as they grow up from year to year, we see their development and thank thee that they're coming, coming on, surging to take our place. And now we thank thee as we come to the end of this day, we can look back upon it and see that it has been a good and blessed one and a time of Christian fellowship. Oh Lord, bless us now as we come to this last meeting. Bless the man of God that shall open The Book that will tell us of those things that we need to hear. Be with him. Speak through him. May we open our hearts and our minds. Illumine us, we pray with Thy presence and may we absorb that which we need. In Jesus name we ask it. Amen.

DR. LOGAN

Begins to speak, but audio ends.