

**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 Logan¹
Reverend Sidney Cox
Colonel and Mrs. Albert Pepper²

Highlights
Congregational Singing
Sermon – Dr. Logan and Invitation

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.

¹ 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.

² 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.

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.

And now, dear Father, we thank Thee for the upcoming youth of The Salvation Army. We thank Thee for the investment of the time, and instruction and discipline and faith that parents have given to them. That as they grow up from year to year, we've seen 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 good and a blessed one – this time of Christian fellowship. Oh Lord, bless us now as we come to this last meeting, bless the man of God that will 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:

[On this occasion, Dr. Logan combined two sermons on subjects that are somewhat related.

The first portion of this combined sermon might be titled, *Existentialism- Manifestation of the Truth?* His text was II Corinthians 4:1-5.

The second portion of his sermon might be titled, *Holiness. Sanctification. The Second Work of Grace.*]

Sermon Not Transcribed

COLONEL HARRY WARD, PRESIDING:

[Closes the meeting by leading the congregation in singing #379 from The Salvation Army Songbook, *Show Thyself To Me* and in a closing prayer.]