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In Light of Eternity: The Life of Leonard Ravenhill
by Mack Tomlinson

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Endorsements

—Foreword by Charles Stanley

In Touch Ministries

The life and legacy of the British evangelist Leonard Ravenhill has been now written for the first time since his passing in 1994. His ministry spanned a majority of the 20th century, beginning in 1930 in the British Isles until 1958, then in America and worldwide until his death.

During the 1930's and 1940's, Ravenhill's powerful evangelistic preaching ministry developed increasingly and his preaching was so effective and engaging that it drew traffic-jamming crowds in various places in Britain, even during the years of World War II, all over England and different parts of Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

Charles Stanley says, "Leonard Ravenhill has left a tremendous legacy behind for us, but what bothers me is that it seems that he has almost been forgotten. It seems that many pastors today are not even interested in reading about a man like Leonard and are not interested in reading what he wrote or hearing what he preached. Today when I mention his name or his books, its like they stand there puzzled, not knowing who or what I am talking about. We have truly lost some one great in the passing of Leonard Ravenhill. "This definitive biography covers his entire life from birth into adulthood, his calling to the ministry, training, and his launch into evangelistic work all over Britain, as well as his American years until his death at the age of eighty-seven in 1994.

—David Wilkerson

Leonard Ravenhill is one of the few men I've ever known who was a true prophet. I am delighted someone is finally writing this book.

—A. W. Tozer

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<http://freegracepress.com/ravenhillbio.html>

Re: Leonard Ravenhill Biography to be Released - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/11/28 18:58

I am bringing this back up! I am excited it is coming out in a few days.

Re: , on: 2010/11/28 22:15

Quote:

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No wonder no one wants to remember him and his words.

My wife used to go to his prayer meetings at Last Days Ministries. She said, "he was all business".

Thank the Lord that Leonard did not battle the priests of Baal, but the Lord did. Leonard was just a willing vessel to let the Lord expose the religious system through him as should all of us continue to do who are still living.

Here is a quote you can put on the back of the book.

My wife says, "his love for the Lord was so consuming that he probably would not even like a book written about himself."
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Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/11/28 22:25

This brings tears to my eyes.

Re: - posted by Giggles (), on: 2010/11/28 22:31

He was indeed a hard man. I saw his son, David, preach a few weeks ago and he spoke of his upbringing as being very tough and how the Lord had to change a lot of his mindset on things. It was revealing and enlightening to hear about how his life was on the inside with Bro. Len. He truly did practice what he preached: a hard message.

Re: , on: 2010/11/28 22:52

I have heard Len also and I think as I read everyday on SI, that we lift men up way too high. We really hurt each other when we do that. He was a man and a brother like the rest of us and certainly was not perfect.

David is a blessing just like his Dad. I have met him also and had lunch with him. He is almost the polar opposite of his Dad. Very gentle.

I also don't think to be a good father that you have to be "hard". Be hard on the prophets of Baal but not that same hardness on your children.

David's testimony is good and just proves to all that his Dad was just a mere man like the rest of us and we should bear that in mind. Obviously, David has the freedom to be frank about his upbringing and knowing David, he does it without disparaging his father. Who of us are perfect fathers?

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/11/28 22:59

1 Timothy 5:17: Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/11/29 0:14

hi, len ravenhill turned my dancing into mourning in the time that i knew him...i became overwhelmed by my responsibility as a christian in a world that was lost and headed for an eternity of torment without Christ.i was prayerless,powerlessand yet proud.he loved me enough to spend many hours to allow me to see the truth and he loved the lost enough to tell preachers to be eternity conscious.he was a gentle,loving man who was moved by the Spirit to set a fire under the ministers laziness...me...jimp

Re: - posted by Giggles (), on: 2010/11/29 2:41

Good word pilgrim.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/11/29 6:26

God used Leonard Ravenhill to fan a flame that burned within me into an inferno. Was he legalistic and in needing a greater understanding of some things? Sure. Some of the things he taught were just plain wrong, and if not careful, it could bring people into a legalistic mindset. I know, because I've been there and back.

But with that said, there is a great deal that Ravenhill was that I want to be. He's definitely been a father of faith to me, though dead long before I was ever saved. I look forward to getting to read about his life. While I'm sure we'll read of some unpleasant things, I'm sure we'll read of many more things marked by the glory of God.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/11/29 9:21

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The only person you can read about in all of scripture who did not have any failings were Jesus and to some degree Joseph. Scripture never accuses Joseph of any wrongdoing.

All people, including preachers, are human beings who do not at some level live up to some idealistic mind. (I am not talking about sin.) People are human and therefore frail. Most will do what they deem to be essential at the moment. The fact that any good can come from anyone is an awesome testimony to the mercy and grace of God rather than to the wisdom of men.

Humans need leaders to guide, to advise. Scripture is full of it. Even in nature you will find leaders among their kind. I grew up on a dairy farm. If you ever pastured your cows you will know there indeed is a 'pecking' order in place. Are cows fallen creatures or are they functioning according to God given instincts?

When leaders fail, we must learn to forgive. If they commit sin, this must be confronted and dealt with. Leaders are not above repenting and confession of sin.

It is essential that one recognizes the limitations of leaders, wherever they are because we are prone to place them on a pedestal and look to them as God, displacing them. When you discover they are human like yourself you get offended and angry. This, too, is sin. (I learned this first hand when I discovered how human my preacher-grandfather was - it took me for a loop. Once I forgave and recovered from that, I loved him with double-honor. A person who knows his weaknesses but still is bold enough to preach the WORD is worthy of double honor. This trait was well known among his acquaintances which earned him much affection by young and old alike.)

Love Ravenhill. Love A.W. Tozer. Love D.L. Moody. love....But also know they will have to give account to God, just like you and me. Now if this does not instill some holy fear in one, I am not sure anything will.

Blessings

Re: - posted by Madefree (), on: 2010/11/29 10:24

Bro. Leonard Ravenhill has had a dramatic impact on my spiritual life, of that much I am sure. I didn't start listening to his sermons until earlier this year and I'm up to listening to about ninety of them, and have bought four of his books (not including the biography, but he didn't write that). I recommended him to a friend who's father had two books by Bro. Len, "Sodom had no Bible" and "Meat for Men" at first he didn't seem to like them too much, but once he really started to read them he couldn't put them down! I feel the same way about those books I have of his. "America is Too Young to Die" is a classic no matter how old.

But more than that, I have found Leonard Ravenhill challenging me to prayer and early-rising, and labor to know God deeply. More than that he had challenged me to discipline more than I used to be. He has recommended books that have helped me tremendously in his sermons, like "The Existence and Attributes of God" by Stephen Charnock, which was a glorious book. He caught my attention with the attributes of God in simply speaking of them, and lifted up Christ and brought men low to the ground.

While I was extremely young when he died, I feel that he has definitely been almost like a grandfather in the spiritual realm. His warm (or fiery) voice coming through the computer is still something I enjoy listening to.

Well, now that I have spoken of the man, I cannot wait for the biography.