

The Prophet's Column

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One day I was called to the bedside of a dying man. I walked into the room where he lay. The first person I met was Death. You may not know it but Death is a personality just as real as Satan or the Lord Jesus Christ. I stood there looking at the man, and many thoughts ran through my mind. I knew that there was no hope for him, I knew that so well. There was a wild glassy look in his eyes, his face looked as though it was wanting to burn up, his eyes were looking straight up, not a word he was uttering, just laying there quietly, not even moving. Oh, how sad my heart was for him. I knew that he was seeing the reality of his lost condition, and there was nothing I or anyone else could do about it. There he lay being awakened to his lost,

ruined condition. There was a cry coming up from his heart, you could hear it but not with the natural ear. "A Cry But No Hope." Yes, a cry but no hope, all hope gone forever. Laying there dying, Death was taking him out into eternity, and I knew it. He knew it and he knew he could do nothing about it. Yes, he was being awakened to his lost condition. My friend, at death, if you are not suddenly cut off, you will know you lived in vain. He looked so helpless. God humbles all proud men, even if it is not until death comes for you. There on his death bed he wasn't able to go back and make up for his past rebellious life against the gospel. My friend, neither will you. You will not be able to heed

the warning when Death comes. You rebel against the Gospel now. You are having a good time, you think. You are not going to be bothered by the foolishness I am presenting to you, you say. Well, salvation may not be for you, my trifling sinner friend, and you don't care about you soul's eternal welfare either. But there, my friend, there on your dying bed you will see you spent your life in vain. You refused the Gospel call. What a tragedy! There on your death bed you will see how foolish you were, you will cry. A cry but no hope. Yes, you'll see everyday you sold your soul to the Devil, and for what! Satan will no doubt say: "now I'm going to give you your reward for all your works, here's Hell for you! What a tragedy! Why go to

Hell? Quit listening to the Devil and the enemies of your soul. The Devil does not love you, and your worldly friends don't love you. They couldn't care less whether you died and went to Hell or not, but I care.

Moss to extol legacy

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necessarily housed in a church as they would have been 40 or 50 years ago," he said. "A significant body of leadership has developed. It has emerged in other areas. It is broader than what we used to see in our churches and our institutions of higher learning."

There are 40 black members of Congress, he added. "It used to be that only a black Masonic group or black church convention could bring together a large group of people," Moss said. "Other groups are getting the attention of the black community."

African America also has other economic interests. "We have enterprises," he said. "We have Black Elegance, Essence - black publications we did not see before. They have captured our attention, also."

"We have choices now," he said. "We can go to hotels,

have our annual meetings in the Bahamas."

In spite of all of African America's options, he said, the African American church is still supreme.

"The African American church has no peer," he said. "No institution has presented generation after generation of leaders."

Moss is excited about his trip to Charlotte.

"It is an opportunity for me to lift of the lives and works of Martin and Howard," Moss said. "They are unique products of the black church and leaders of the black community."

He admits to be a little humbled by the attention he has received throughout his career.

"You know that it is a little difficult," he said. "I am humbled by all of these awards."

He is most proud of his honors from his alma mater Morehouse College.

"I was twice honored by Morehouse," he said. "I received the Candle in the Dark and honorary degree. However, every award is a challenge and a signal to work harder."

And work harder he does. To disseminate the legacy of not only the church, but also civil rights.

"Many of the eyewitnesses have passed," he said. "Those that are still around are more and more aware of their mortality."

The message, he maintains, must get out to the youth.

"They are living through dangerous days," he said sadly. "Lynch mobs are being presented in the form of crack cocaine and drive-bys."

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Woman saves church and home

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some holiday cheer.

If the center does have to close down from November to March, Mary isn't sure what will happen.

"We have people come in regularly to get warm clothing, blankets and something hot to drink. Lots of people

hang out here just to be warm ... we also have people come to us for help who don't want food stamps or welfare ... and a lot of people who are mentally ill tend to be afraid of government agencies, and they come to us, too," she said.

Raised in a home that had an open door policy, closing those of the center, even if

only temporarily, goes against everything Mary believes in.

"We always had somebody from the neighborhood living with us," she recalled. "Kids came to the house who had been beaten by their parents... and I can't remember anybody going hungry. In our neighborhood, we all stuck together."

Obituary



The Rev. Dr. Lamar Foster, formerly of Charlotte, died Oct. 5 in California. Funeral services will be held Saturday at Second Calvary Baptist Church.

The Voice of the Black Community

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