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FROM THE editor



D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones was one of the most formative figures of twentieth-century, English-speaking Evangelicalism — which is somewhat ironic since his maternal tongue was Welsh! His robust grasp of what has been termed the

doctrines of grace, his passion for the great displays of God's glory in the past — particularly in the Age of Revival, the eighteenth century — and his remarkable preaching made him critical to the recovery and spread of evangelical, experiential Calvinism through a variety of media and institutions like the magazine *The Banner of Truth* and the annual conference on Puritan studies.

Personally I will never forget the impact made upon me by the reading of the first volume of Iain Murray's biography of the Doctor, as he came to be affectionately called. It transformed my whole view of pastoral ministry and planted my feet in the rich loam of biblical Christianity. I had read his *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount* in the mid-1970s, but they had little effect on my thinking at the time. But after that first volume of Murray's biography, I became an ardent reader of as many of Lloyd-Jones' books as I could find.

When the twenty-fifth anniversary of his death thus fell in 2006, it seemed only right to devote an entire

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issue to this giant of twentieth-century Evangelicalism. Circumstances prevented the release of this issue in 2006, but hopefully this should not diminish the value of these articles. Three of the articles in this issue are by Leigh B. Powell, who was converted under Lloyd-Jones and who currently pastors in Toronto. Two of these articles were first published in the 1980s and have long been unavailable. They serve as a necessary introduction to his final piece — especially written for this issue — on the heart of Lloyd-Jones' public ministry, namely what Powell calls his doxological preaching.

The other three pieces look at three other important aspects of Lloyd-Jones' life and ministry: his thinking about the training of ministers (Philip H. Eveson); his walk with God (Geoff Thomas); and his conviction about the importance of reading church history (Michael Haykin). Of course, there no substitute for reading Lloyd-Jones himself. To this end, this issue also includes an address he gave in the 1930s. It is classic Lloyd-Jones, deeply insightful about the challenges facing Evangelicals of that day, but also tremendously applicable to the current scene. And it is because of the latter that Lloyd-Jones' books and sermons are of ongoing importance today and remembering his life so needed.

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