



Swords of Truth: Conflict Among Brethren "Defending the Crown"

Introduction

This booklet began as a series of articles to help people understand why communication on religious subjects is so difficult. When one attempts to present his understanding of a Bible passage, often he receives an argument rather than an embrace of his ideas. The Hebrew roots paradigm is volatile at least or maybe even inciteful. It calls to question several previously held tenets of Christianity thus disturbing the first time hearer. However, a close scrutiny of the ramifications of these seemingly radical ideas exposed by studying the Hebraic basis to Christianity shows nothing of danger to the message of Christendom. These ideas only enhance the essential doctrines brought forward historically within the Christian faith. No Christian should object to the insights brought forward in the Hebrew roots movement. This booklet will help one recognize that it is often the way something is said that incites reaction rather than the material presented. It will help us focus on insights rather than incites.

“I could hardly believe what I was hearing. The story had been set up in such a way as to allow the listener to derive the final conclusion long before the story had ended. And I had already concluded what the ending would be. Painfully aware of what was going to be revealed, I could so sympathize with the parents. Regret, remorse, a constant feeling of helplessness, and the haunting wonder whether I could have done something differently and avoided the tragedy. In May of 1997 I had been introduced to hell on earth as I watched my precious three-year-old die as a result of a massive brain tumor. With these memories fresh in my mind, in March of 2000 I was permanently assigned to hell on earth when my 12-year-old firstborn son was struck and killed by a car on the road in front of my parents' house. Now I relived my own tragedy in 2006, as I listened to this story on National Public Radio, a story worse than my own.

The reporter wanted to give us a real idea of what the culture is like in Iraq. She had ventured into the Kurdish section to interview a man whose 15-year-old daughter, the age of my own daughter Tikvah, had been kidnapped by opposition forces. Americans were not the only people in harm's way...”