



2 CORINTHIANS

THORN IN THE FLESH



■ ROME

ITALY

MACEDONIA

■ Philippi

Thessalonica ■

(GREECE)

ACHAIA

ASIA MINOR

GALATIA

ASIA

SICILY

ADRIATIC SEA

Corinth ■

Ephesus ■

■ Colossae

CILICIA

Tarsus ■

Syrian Antioch ■

SYRIA

Melita/Malta

SEA

CRETE

CYPRUS

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

SEA

Nazareth

SAMARIA

JUDEA

JERUSALEM +







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2CORINTHIANS 9

2 Corinthians 9:1

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2 Corinthians 9:1,2

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Now it is superfluous for me to write to you
about the ministry for the saints,
for I know your readiness,
of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia,
saying that Achaia has been ready since last year.
And your zeal has stirred up most of them.

2 Corinthians 9:3

But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be.

2 Corinthians 9:4

Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident.

2 Corinthians 9:5

So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.

2 Corinthians 9:6

The point is this:

whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and
whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

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2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

Judah Smith's Megachurch Faces Lawsuit for Forcing Staff to Tithe 10% of Wages

By Julie Roys

📅 March 25, 2023 ⌚ 8:00 am CDT 💬 One Comment



Co-Lead Pastors of Churchome Judah and Chelsea Smith. (Source: Facebook)

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Proverbs 3:9–10

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then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 11:24

One gives freely, yet **grows** all the richer;
another withholds what he should give,
and only suffers want.

Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will **repay** him for his deed.

Proverbs 28:27

Whoever gives to the poor will not want,
but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

Philippians 4:18–19

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I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent...

And my God **will supply** every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

John Bunyan

"A man there was
and they called him mad;
the more he gave,
the more he had."



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WHY I ABOMINATE THE PROSPERITY GOSPEL

JOHN PIPER

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Quote from Psa 112:9

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Reference to Isa 55:10 & Hos 10:12

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Robert Laidlaw

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Feb 1, 1904, age 18 ½
wages 1 pound per week.
I have decided to give one tenth
to the Lord

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Feb 12, 1906,
before money gets a grip on my
heart, by the grace of God I
enter into the following pledge
with my Lord.....

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If the Lord blessed me with “X”
amount of money, I would give
15 % of all I earned

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If the Lord blessed me with “Y”
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20 % of all I earned

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If the Lord blessed me with “Z”
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25 % of all I earned

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Sept, 1910, aged 25,
I have decided to change the
above graduated scale and now
start giving half (50%) of all my
earnings

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Aged 75, now a multi-millionaire

“God has graciously entrusted to me a stewardship far beyond my expectations”

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“In all my wide experience I have never met a man who was mean with money matters with God who was blessed with spiritual gift”

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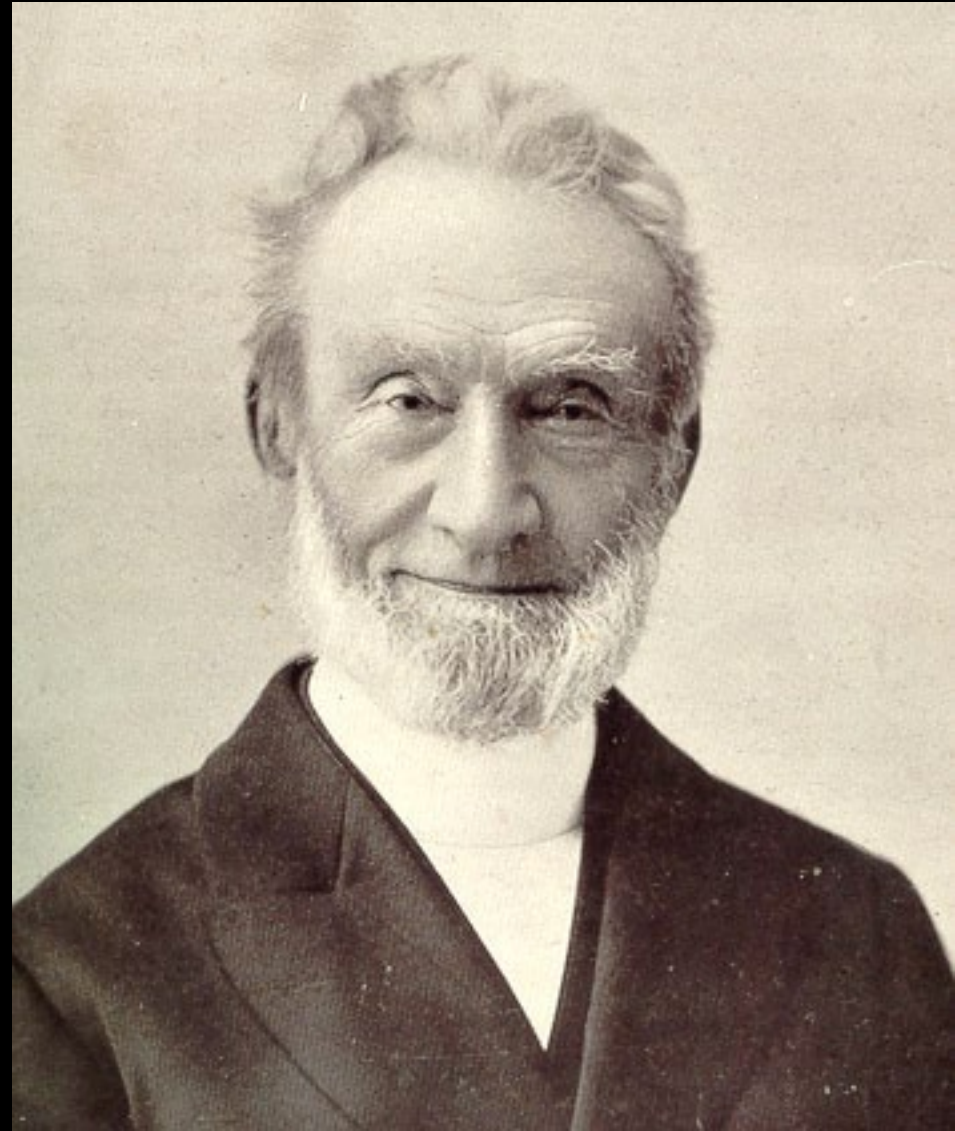
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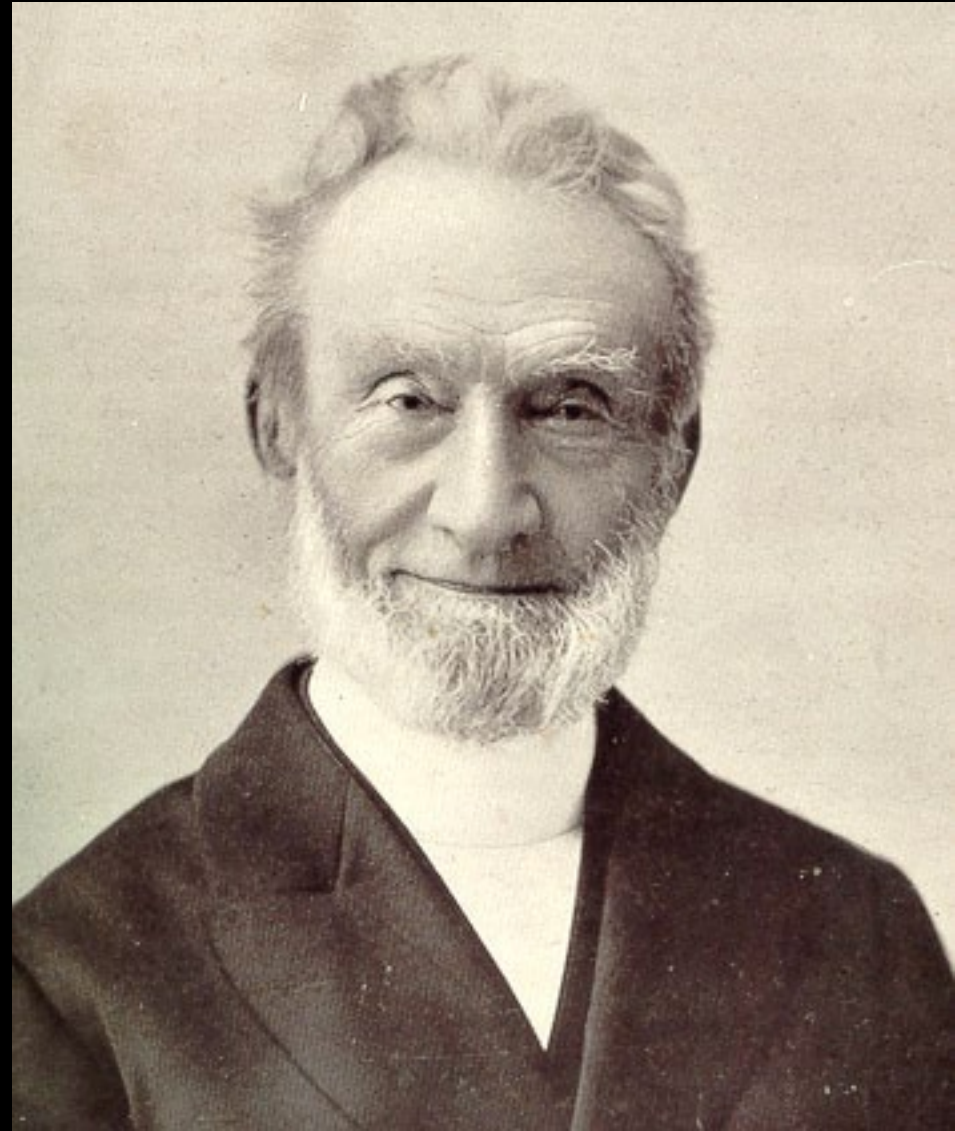
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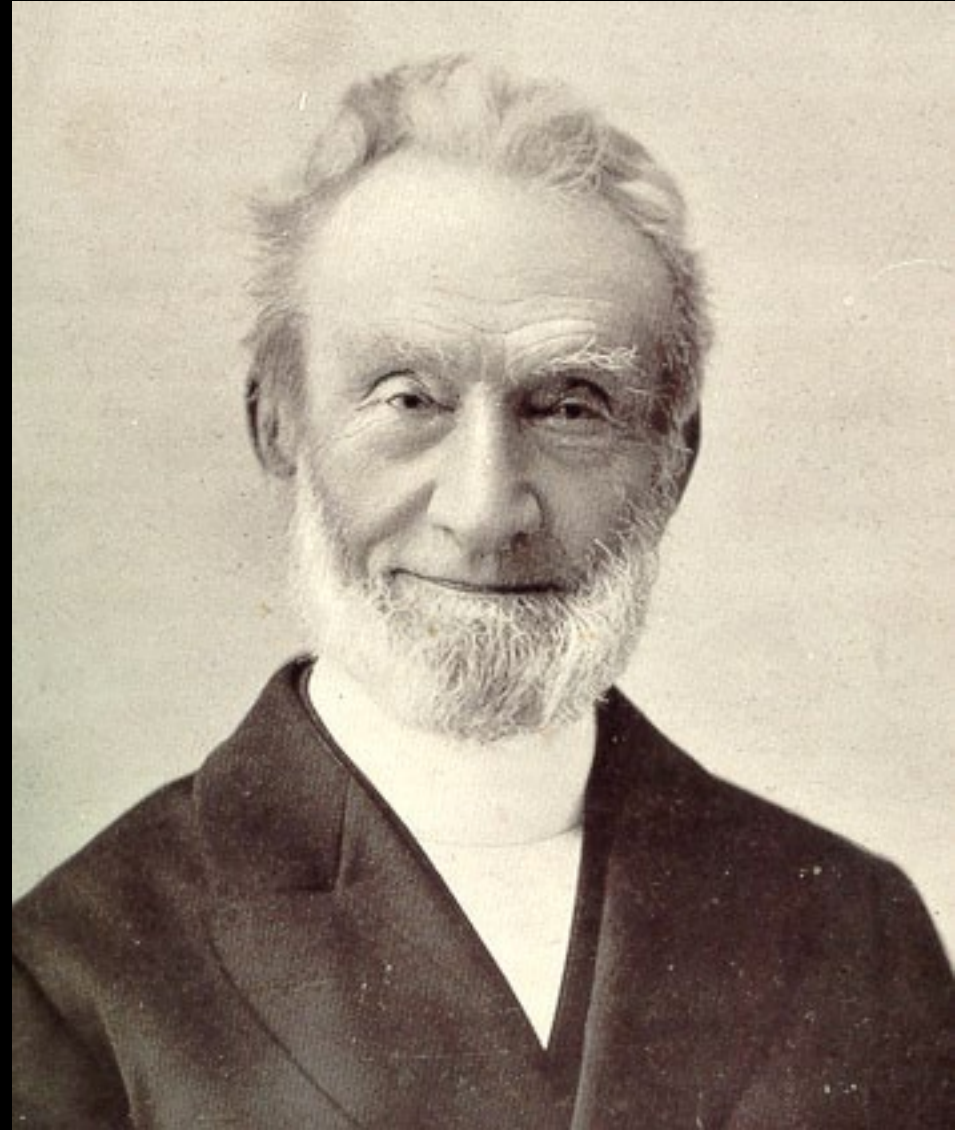
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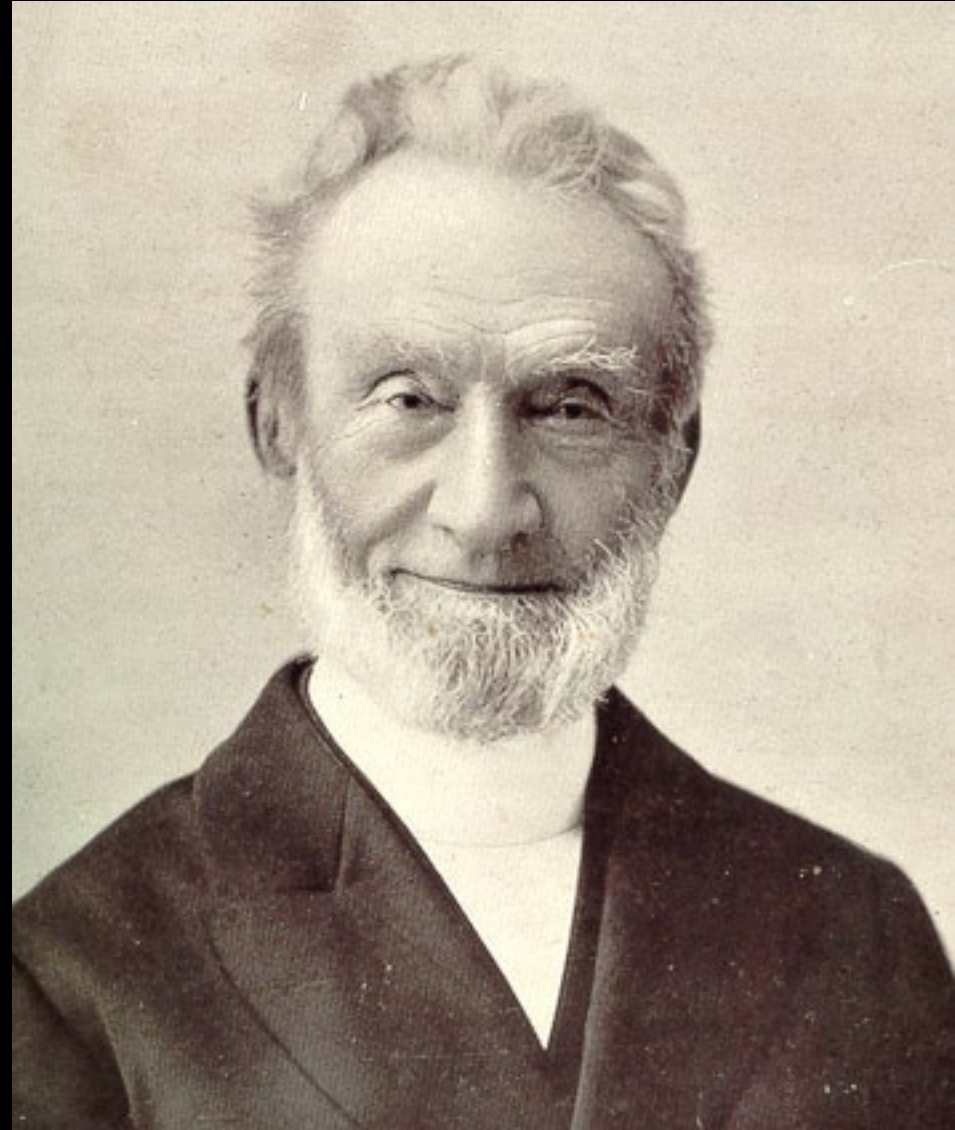
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**“The more God poured
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work and the more he
gave away!”**



“As a result, George Mueller died a poor man having given away millions and woke up in glory one of heaven’s billionaires”



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which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others,

2 Corinthians 9:14

while they long for you and pray for you,
because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!