

NEEDED: THE VOICE OF OLDER MEN!

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When Rehoboam came to the throne of Israel upon the death of his father! he had the benefit and counsel of the older men in the nation, and their age and experience fitted them to give good counsel, good words (1 Kings 12:6,7). Sadly, the king forsook their advice and turned to consult with the young men (v. 8) whose advice ill-served the kingdom. Rehoboam needed the advice of the older and wiser men and it was offered, but he spurned it.

We desperately need to hear from some of our older men today! As I think back to the mid-50s and on through the early 60s, and of the issues facing the church of that day, I recall a number of great and good men whose names were always before us through their preaching, and their writing. Their names and their spiritual reputation carried some weight; and no doubt helped keep the church from being carried away into hobbyists. We need, today, to hear from these same men, as the church faces the apostasy liberalism and modernism promises to us. All of these men aren't deceased, nor infirm beyond the ability to write. And now, of all times, when sectarianism is making such inroads into the kingdom, words from these same men would carry great weight still, and many of the younger men would be helped immeasurably by their writings. But again, where are the voices of these older men?

We would like to see our journals filled with articles from the men whose names were so well known in earlier battles for truth, and whose counsel is sorely needed today. Some may have retired, or may be semi-retired, but there is no such thing as complete retirement from the Lord's work. Some may have entered into some business venture, and that's a tragedy if such means that a man thus limits his service to God. Some still may be in local work but have allowed their interests to narrow so that brotherhood problems no longer concern them, and that would be the worst of folly!

Yea, where are the voices of the older men? We need them, and we need their articles in our journals. Rehoboam made a mistake in spurning the advice of the older men when it was given; in our case, it is too often not being given at all! And how we need to correct that!

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