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A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you... Ezekiel 36:26

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FATHERS GONE?

By Coach Dave Daubenmire

"Where have all the fathers gone? Long time passin'. Where have all the fathers gone? Long time ago. Where have all the fathers gone? Killed by the culture every one. When will we ever learn? When will we ever learn?"

I hope Pete Seeger will forgive me for taking poetic license with his 60's folk ballad. It is rhetorical you know?

A rhetorical question is one that doesn't necessarily require an answer. Usually the answer is obvious, but often it is asked merely for affect.

"Where have all the flowers gone..." can be answered many different ways. The question is significant only because of the

nature of flowers. They bloom and then die. Flowers have no eternal impact.

But fathers are different. They are not supposed to bloom and die. Fathers are eternal...at least their impact is. Fathers are not designed to merely fade away. If you ever lost one...you know what I mean. Fathers are much more significant than flowers.



Where HAVE all the fathers gone?

Being a father is tough business in America today. It requires work. It requires nurturing. It requires pruning. Unfortunately, very few men really know how to do it.

My father has been gone for nearly 8 years. I find the strangest things bringing him to my remembrance. Little things. Insignificant things. But Dad is always there. He truly

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Spiritual Warfare, A Biblical and Balanced Perspective

By Judith Ryder

"Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:13

In his preface to *The Screwtape Letters* (1944), C. S. Lewis famously wrote about the dangers in an unbalanced understanding of spiritual warfare: "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight."

Lewis's observation appears in the

Introduction to a new book published this month, *Spiritual Warfare, A Biblical and Balanced Perspective*, co-authored by Brian S. Borgman and Rob Ventura. In a recent interview at his Cranston home, Rob Ventura, who pastors Grace



Pastor Rob Ventura

Community Baptist Church (GCB) in North Providence, RI, spoke enthusiastically about reaching the culmination of two years of work on this book. The book, also available as an e-book, is published by Reformation Heritage Books, and may be purchased at CBD and Amazon.com, among other places.

When asked about his goal for the new book, Pastor Ventura said he wanted Christians to have a resource on spiritual warfare which will show them the Biblical way to handle this

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A Hole the Green Bay Packers Couldn't Fill

The Karl Swanke Story

By Karl Swanke

Imagine a sunny day in Green Bay, Wisconsin in September. The Green Bay Packers were playing the Atlanta Falcons on Lambeau Field. I was not yet a starter with the Packers, I played on special teams and short yardage TE. During the first quarter we were at the Falcons two yard line and looking to score a touchdown. On short yardage plays, I would get the play from the head coach and bring the play into our QB.

For over a year I had done the same thing; blocking for a run play. This play was different; it was a play where I was to go out for a pass.

Although I was not the primary receiver there was a chance for me to have a pass thrown my way. The play was designed to have all the eligible receivers go to the

right side of the end zone and then I would block the Defensive End, fall down as if I missed the block and then get up and go behind the defensive line of Atlanta and go to the left side of the end zone.



Karl Swanke

Hopefully, the Defensive end and the line backers would follow the other receivers to the right side of the end zone and I would be open.

I knew that if I looked back after going behind the defensive line and saw the ball in the QB's hand, that I would be the primary receiver. As I got to the huddle and went to the line of scrimmage, I thought the defense and everyone who was watching

would notice that I was shaking with excitement. I had never gone out for a pass

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Finding Messiah: A Hasidic Jew, a missionary's daughter, and a bit of Calvinistic 'luck'

By Mark Ellis

His Jewish ancestors were leaders in an ultra-Orthodox Hasidic group in Poland. After his family was swept up in the tumult of World War II, they crossed multiple borders and boundaries in a desperate quest for freedom. He finally found true liberty in an unexpected way after landing in Brooklyn, New York.

"By the time my grandfather was 13, he had the first five books of Moses memorized in Hebrew," says Arnold Fruchtenbaum, the venerable founder of Ariel Ministries, an organization devoted to discipleship and biblical training for all believers. "By the time he was 18, he had the rest of the Old Testament memorized."

Arnold's grandfather had such clout in their community that he issued the final edict in the 'great tomato debate,' ruling that consumption of tomatoes was kosher for their community in Poland.



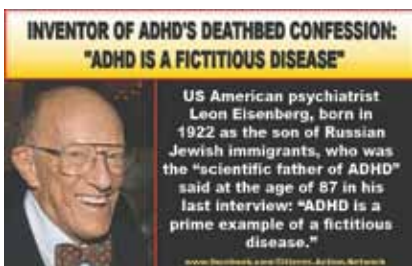
Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum

When the Germans invaded Poland and the Second World War began in Europe, the family fled to the Soviet Union. "We discovered the Russians were not treating the Jews any better than the Germans," Arnold recalls. In a tragic turn filled with irony, Arnold's father was accused of being a Nazi spy and was shipped to a prison in Siberia for several grueling years.

Arnold was born in Siberia in 1943, but

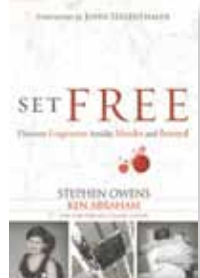
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