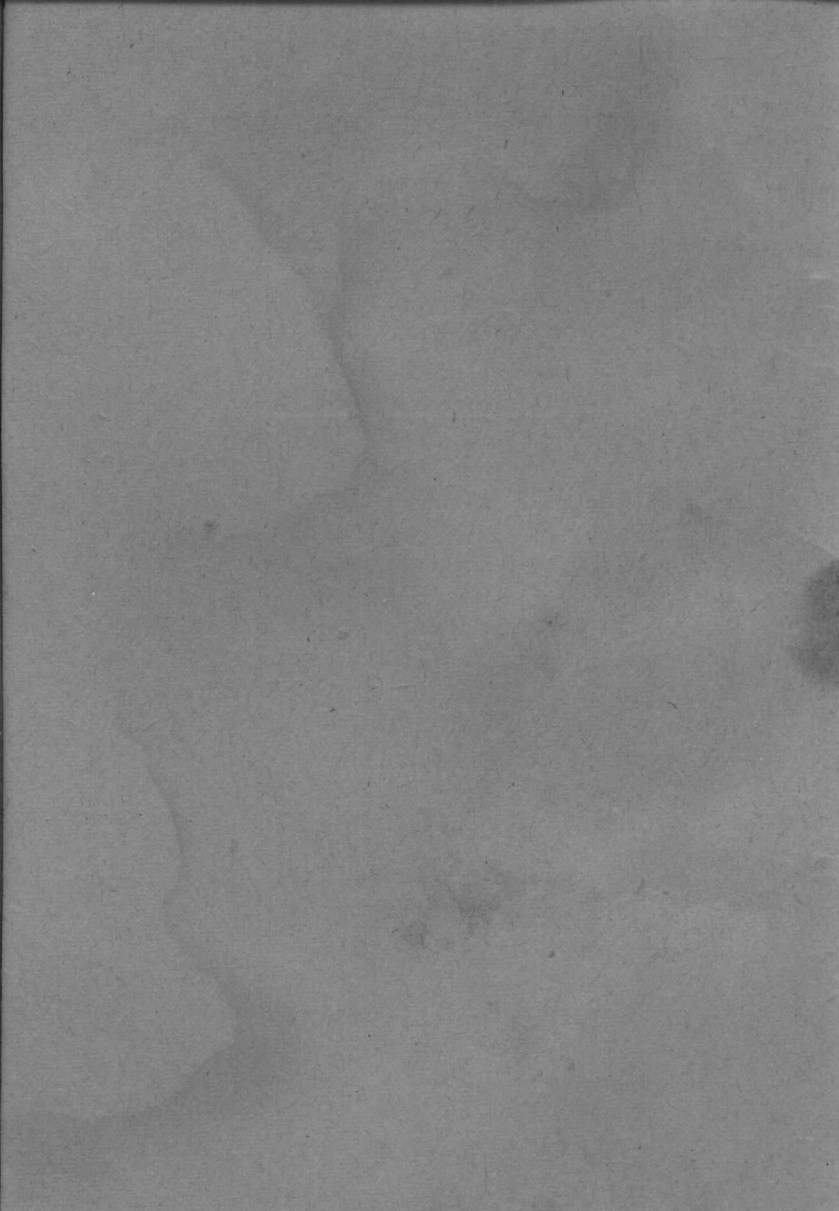


THE MAN  
WHOM WE PRESENT  
FOR  
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP



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## THE MAN FOR THE TASK

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As the man whom we recommend for National leadership, we take delight in presenting the name of Dr. Joseph Harrison Jackson to our great convention, because of what we know of his fitness, past experience and efficiency for the task at hand.

He began as a boy preacher on the countryside in the state of Mississippi and pastored three or four churches with great success. He was accepted then as a preacher of the gospel in the rurals of his native state and he still receives invitations to preach in those same areas where he once pastored and led. From the state of Mississippi, he went to Omaha, Nebr., where for seven years he pastored most successfully the Bethel Baptist Church in Omaha. From here he was called to the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church in Jefferson City, Mo., which he sorrowfully declined because he had accepted the pastorate of the Monumental Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa. For the last six years, he has pastored the Olivet Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill. In six years time, under his leadership, this great church has cleared the mortgage indebtedness, finished its repairs and has increased its cash capital in the last four years to more than \$83,000. The church for the last two years has become the leader in Missionary giving for churches of the National Baptist Convention. By recommendation of the pastor, the Olivet Baptist Church has accepted the full responsibility for building a special structure at the

Suehn Mission in Liberia, West Africa, at a cost of \$35,000.

Dr. Jackson's experience as a pastor fits him to understand the problems of every minister in this great convention. He has lived through every type of pastorate that can be found among the churches of our great Convention.

In addition to keeping many engagements in Church Associations and Conventions of this country, this man of whom we speak has been in great demand in many of the colleges and universities of the nation. In recent years, he has served as college preacher and lecturer in the following institutions: Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.; Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark.; Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.; Lane College, Jackson, Tenn.; Northern Baptist Training School, Chicago, Ill.; University of Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo.; Bishop College, Marshall, Tex.; Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.; Bluefield State Teachers College, Bluefield, W. Va.; and Langston University, Langston, Okla.

His experience in the National Baptist Convention includes service as State Vice-president of the Convention from Nebraska from 1928 to 1934; Executive Secretary of the Foreign Missions Board of the National Baptist Convention from 1934 to 1941. During this time he lifted the mortgage indebtedness on the Board's headquarters and cleared the Foreign Missions Board of debt and

operated on cash terms, possibly for the first time in the long history of our Foreign Missions Board. He made a survey trip to the foreign field and wrote a report on missions that was most vital and enlightening. It was under his administration that the Foreign Missions Board began the policy of paying Missionaries their salaries three months in advance. Not a single Missionary was ever without his or her salary during the administration of Dr. Jackson as Secretary. When he retired from the Foreign Missions Board in 1941, he had built up the cash reserve for the expansion of the work to the sum of about \$40,000. His interest in Missions did not die when he left the Foreign Missions Office, as reports from the Olivet Baptist Church will reveal.

During the time that Dr. Jackson was in office as Secretary of the Foreign Missions Board, he also served on the Sunday School Publishing Board by handling one of the Distributing Centers for its literature. One of the best conducted book stores or branch distributing centers was the one under the management of the Secretary of the Foreign Missions Board in Philadelphia, Pa.

When the Home Missions Board, under the chairmanship of Dr. E. L. Harrison of Washington, D. C. and the Secretaryship of Dr. T. T. Loveless, launched its nation-wide crusade for souls in Kansas City, Mo., Dr. E. L. Harrison and Dr. J. H. Jackson were the preachers for the occasion. His interest in the educational work of our great con-

vention is reflected in the fact that he is a Trustee of the Seminary Board and has repeatedly expressed his willingness to President Riley to do whatever is possible for the advancement of this worthy institution.

His interest in the B. T. U. and Sunday School Congress was demonstrated in his lecture in the Ministers' Session of the Congress, last June. Those of us who attended those lectures can never forget the spiritual heights to which we were carried and the theological depths that the instructor plumbed as he unfolded to us the riches of God.

As a servant of our National Baptist Convention, Dr. Jackson has shown a universal interest in the progress of this great denomination.

The man of whom we speak has been just as efficient in his international and world contacts as he has been in rural ministry and his local work in our great Convention of the United States of America. In 1937 he represented the National Baptist Convention at the great World Conference of Life and Work at Oxford University, Oxford, England. He also participated in the conference of Faith and Order at Edinburgh University, Edinburgh, Scotland in the summer of that same year. In 1938 he flew to South America to take part in the Centenary celebration of the Emancipation of Negro slaves in British Guiana. There he shared the platform with the Governor of that colony and delivered the principal address in the Town Hall of the city.

We remember with great delight the address he delivered before the Baptist World Alliance at its session in Atlanta, Ga. He spoke with depth of insight and with eloquence of spirit while forty or fifty thousand representatives of Christ from all parts of the world hung upon his persuasive lips. In 1940 he served on the Planning Board and was a member of the Steering Committee and delivered two addresses before the World Sunday School Association which met in Mexico City, Mexico. When the Ethiopian question was before the League of Nations and Mussolini's Italy was raping this innocent black republic on the continent of Africa, Dr. J. H. Jackson had the pleasure of attending several of the sessions of the League of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland in this crucial hour of history.

In addition to the moral and spiritual preparation that comes to one from being reared by Christian parents and tutored in the things of the Kingdom of God, this man of whom we speak has taken the time to make the necessary intellectual preparation, in order to preach the Gospel in the world of the intellect as well as of the Spirit. His academic training covers a wide and varied field. He received his A. B. degree from Jackson College, Jackson Miss., and his B. Th. from the Theological Department of the same school; his B. D. from Colgate-Rochester, Rochester, N. Y. and his M. A. from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebr. He did special graduate work in Comparative Religions

at Omaha University, Omaha, Nebr., 1 year of special graduate work in the field of Philosophy at Nebraska University, Lincoln, Nebr., special graduate work in the field of Educational Philosophy and Administration at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. and has satisfied practically every requirement for his Ph. D. degree at the University of Chicago, with the exception of writing a theses and taking his final examinations. Because of his academic achievement and his success in other areas of life, his Alma Mater called him back in 1936 and presented him with the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

This man whom we advocate for a place in our National leadership is qualified by experience and training to represent the Baptist cause anywhere that the preaching of the Gospel of Christ is in order. When a study was made in 1941 of religious leaders of the United States of America, without respect to race or creed, the name of J. H. Jackson was included in the list. There is a volume entitled "Religious Leaders of America - Vol. 2, 1941-42". In this book his name will be found along with other great leaders of the United States of America.

Notwithstanding the phenomenal success that has attended the efforts of this man, he has not lost the humility that is essential for one who preaches the Gospel of Christ. He has walked with the great of the earth but has not forgotten the common touch. He performs the task of met-



ropolitan ministry but has not lost his love for the beauties of the countryside and thrills to return to the spots where he has once labored in order to declare again the unsearchable riches of Christ. He has ability, but is not ambitious; he has rare qualities of leadership, but delights to follow and to support.

When a group of leaders once approached him and asked if he would become a candidate for the presidency of the **National Baptist Convention**, this was his reply, "Gentlemen, I appreciate your confidence in me, but I cannot accept at this time the candidacy for President of National Baptist Convention, if it means running against President D. V. Jemison. I respect and revere him and whenever I look upon him, I am reminded of Henry Jackson, my father, who himself was a preacher for many years. I made a promise to him that I feel obligated to keep, though his bones are bleaching and his flesh has married the kindred elements in the cold clay of the state of Missouri. I feel no less free to break my promise to him than I did when he was to me a living joy and inspiration. If Dr. Jemison retires, I shall be happy to accept the nomination for Presidency of the National Baptist Convention, if it be the will of God and the wish of the Brotherhood. If Dr. Jemison does not retire, I shall consider it an honor and a privilege to accept the nomination as Vice-president-at-large of our great Convention, where I would serve with him

and do whatever was in my power to strengthen his hand and help him carry forward the task before us."

It is our belief that no finer spirit could be found to take the responsibility of leadership in our Baptist family. For that reason, we prayerfully submit the name of Joseph Harrison Jackson to the Baptist family of America for their consideration and acceptance.

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