

Martin Lloyd-Jones

Logic on Fire!

Workshop 10—Murungi Igweta

The preface to DMLJ powerful book, *Preaching and Preachers*, captures what a man he was from his own mouth: “Preaching has been my life’s work...to me the work of preaching is the highest and the greatest and the most glorious calling to which anyone can ever be called”

I. A sketch of his life

- Born in Cardiff, Wales, December 20, 1899 of Welsh parents, Henry and Magdalene Lloyd-Jones.
- Childhood in Llangeitho. Became part of Calvinistic Methodist Church where Daniel Rowland (1711–1790).
- He went to Medical School at the prestigious St. Bartholomew’s Hospital (founded in 1123, and re-founded in 1546) where he received his M.D. in 1921.
- He became Sir Thomas Horder’s (The Queen’s physician!) chief clinical assistant. He achieved the much coveted Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of London at the age of 23!
- Converted between 1921to1923.
- Called to pastor Bethlehem Forward Movement Mission Church in Sandfields, Aberavon, Port Talbot in 1926. Preached his first sermon in April
- Married one of his former fellow medical students, Bethan Phillips on January 8. Had two daughters, Elizabeth and Ann.
- Resigned from Sandfields in 1938 and became a temporary assistant to Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, at Westminster Chapel. Became co-pastor in 1939 and same year was the president of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship of Students.
- In 1945 Dr. Morgan retired and he took up the ministry there until his own retirement in 1968.
- Preached his last sermon on June 1980 and died at Ealing on 1 March 1981.

II. His Preaching

He said that the ultimate justification for asserting the primacy of preaching is theological, influenced by the need of man – sin; and the nature of conversion. So he preached an evangelistic sermon at every evening service. His preaching was so electrifying that his own wife was converted under his ministry! He became known across Britain and in America. His preaching was:

- *Powerful and popular* – if the conversions (and disciplinary cases) from the time he began his ministry in Sandfields is anything to go by. His 29 years at Westminster, his ministry with the university students, his itinerant preaching, and ministry in the US.
- *Sound in doctrine* – He was both simple and deep. Accurate in exegesis; vivid illustrations; clear in structure, with few points for each sermon; pointed applications, he delivered with supernatural authority.
- *Logic and fire* – He consistently cried for depth in Biblical doctrine and depth in vital spiritual experience. Light and heat. Word and Spirit.
- *Consistent* – He preached for 30 years at the pulpit at Westminster Chapel in London, 3 times a week.

He was the Last of the Calvinistic Methodist preachers – combined George Whitfield's Calvinistic love for truth and sound reformed doctrine with the fire and passion of John Wesley's Methodist revival.

You don't need to have attended the Westminster Chapel to know this, his recorded sermons are available online at <http://www.mljtrust.org/sermons/> His books are as powerful. If you have not read *Preaching and Preachers*, then that is where to begin.

III. Exhortation—2 Timothy 4:2

- Preach the Word
- Be ready in season and out of season
- Reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching

J.I. Packer "...never heard such preaching, which came with the force of electric shock, bringing to at least one of his listeners more of a sense of God than any other man".