

Charles Feinberg Testimony: Conference in Japan Pt. 2

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[Transcriber's note: in the recording, every sentence is repeated in Japanese by a translator.]

Charles Feinberg:

About that time, there moved next door to us a wonderful, warm Gentile believer. She never mentioned the name of Jesus in our home because it was not allowed. But when I went to her home, she would ask me these questions. She would ask how would you know the Messiah when he comes? Why don't you Jewish people have any more prophets? Why don't you have any more priests and sacrifices? Why did God allow the temple to be destroyed in Jerusalem? I didn't know the answers but God was working in my life. She had been praying for me five times a day for eight years. So when I came to her with my problem after I had gone to New York to arrange for the seminary then she said I have been praying for you that you would accept Jesus as your Messiah and be saved. But being led by the Holy Spirit she realized that there was another factor or element that needed to come into the picture. And here I thank God for the American Board of Missions to the Jews in Pittsburgh. She said I prayed for you and told you all I know; now I want you to go to Reverend John Solomon. I said who is he and she said a Hebrew Christian. I said oh he can't be fish and fowl at the same time.

But I was in great need and I met him in a public library quite a number of miles from our home. But that was a very public place so he said let's go to the mission where we will be more private and the Jews won't see us. And there he started from Leviticus 17:11 the life of the flesh is in the blood, to Hebrews 9:22 without the shedding of blood there is no remission. He said you cannot have forgiveness for sins just on the Day of Atonement beating on your breast. Then he told me how he had to leave his own home and had been saved in England. I was under conviction but I did not make a decision then. But one night uh a few days later I had struggled with this question. It's because the Jewish home is so close together. I knew it would mean a separation from my people from that time on and it has been. When I came home four years after I was saved my mother said why have you come, if you'd walked down the street and a building would fall on you and bury you alive we wouldn't care. And 18 years after I was saved, my mother said with her veins like cords. I will never forgive you for the blood you've spilled.

It was this that I was struggling with until I said to God, If Jesus is the Messiah promised in the Old Testament, if he's the one we were looking for, if he is my sacrifice for sins, reveal it to me now and I will believe in him. And God gave me the conviction that it was true. I looked at my watch it was 5:00 in the morning, I had struggled all night. And so though I lost the family God gave me a wonderful believing wife, and we have three believing children, two of them sons and they are both in the ministry. This is my story, to God be the glory, I am only a sinner saved by grace. Hallelujah, God bless.