

MINISTRY AT SKYLANDS

Notes on messages given by Tom V. Taylor at the Skylands Conferences during the years 1971-2002.

FOREWORD

The Skylands Conferences meeting at Bristol, TN, Asheville, NC, and Chattanooga, TN, have been a great blessing in my life and the life of my family. We have not attended all of them but it has been my happy privilege to have ministered at a number and in this booklet I am recalling the major character of those ministry opportunities. I am presenting the work as a gift to the conference in 2002 with my sincere thanks to the conveners who have made my participation possible and with prayerful thanks to the Lord for His benefits and blessings in this fellowship. Following are a few notes related to the content of this booklet

-----As my filing system has some notable deficiencies, I have lost some of the original outlines and some of the year assignments. You may, therefore, find a group of messages listed for the wrong year!

-----I am giving only the outlines and the sketchiest notes on development to indicate what the ministry was. I am not able to include the illustrative material nor the humor that occasionally emerged. From time to time I add notes of general interest but not too many of these. I also indicate other speakers at times but have not tried to catalogue all available data in this category.

-----If the reader is one who attended many conferences, one might remember some ministry point as being different from what is presented in these notes. Sometimes things got changed between the preparation of outlines and the actual delivery.

-----And...since these notes are prepared without the benefit of a good proofreader, etc., mistakes in spelling and printing may appear. I have tried to eliminate as many of these as possible but the Taylor blood has no percentage of perfectionism in it and I apologize for mistakes in these areas.

-----As noted earlier, I am very thankful to the Lord and to the conveners of these conferences for allowing me the privilege of serving. I am thankful also to Cliff and Diane Weber who encouraged me to keep at this project when I was feeling a little less enthused. My wife, Ruth, has also been a very steady supporter both at the conferences and in this project.

-----And I am copywriting it, but just so I can have a credit in writing!

-----So welcome to Skylands and may the spiritual joys that have so blessed us be that to you also. Respectfully, Tom V. (Thomas Vernon) Taylor, June 2002