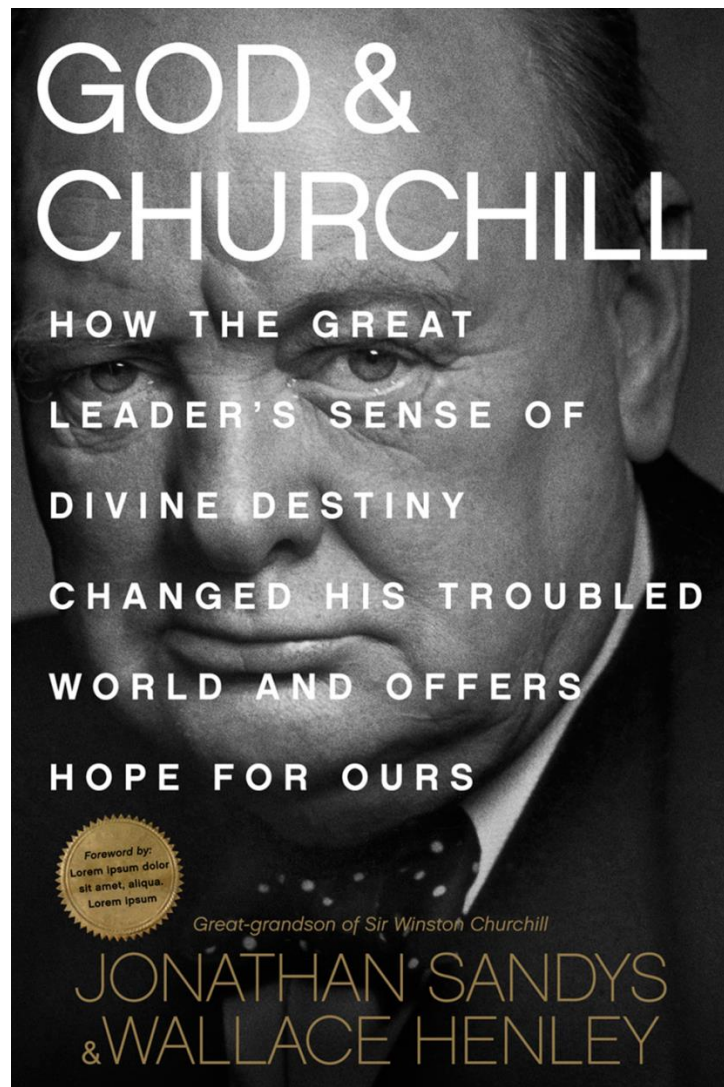


HOW GOD AND CHURCHILL

**CAN HELP YOUR CHURCH BRING HOPE,
ENCOURAGEMENT, INSPIRATION, AND A RENEWED VISION
FOR GOD'S WORK IN THE MIDST OF OUR TROUBLED AGE**



WHAT LEADERS ARE SAYING

ED YOUNG, Senior Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Houston

Great leaders, and the times and circumstances in which they served, have long fascinated me. Winston Churchill has been of special interest to me for many years. I have read books about the British wartime leader, but they always seem to leave out a critical element. But Jonathan Sandys and Wallace Henley have captured it in this book. At last we have a detailed presentation not only of Churchill's legendary exploits but also of the inner dynamics and iron will that compelled him with a vision to defend "Christian civilization" at all costs. Sandys and Henley, to use a Churchillian idea, have brought the inspiration and lessons of the past into our present for the sake of the future. This is a must-read for our critical times.

OS GUINNESS, Author of A Free People's Suicide

A fascinating and well-argued book that adds a vital, missing component to understanding Churchill. As a lifelong admirer who as a boy met Churchill and who has read widely on his life, I was curious to know what Sandys and Henley would present as evidence. I was not only convinced but also delighted at the realism and relevance of their portrayal of Churchill. He emerges as anything but ardently religious, but he was more personally aware of his destiny and more biblically literate and attuned to the Christian worldview and Christian civilization than many Christians today.

TIMOTHY GEORGE, Founding dean of Beeson Divinity School at Samford University, and general editor of the *Reformation Commentary on Scripture*

A graphic portrayal of the life and legacy of Winston Churchill, with emphasis on his guiding belief in divine providence. Long before “the clash of civilizations” had become a common term, Churchill knew what it meant and spent his life defending the civilization so decisively shaped by the Christian faith. A fascinating study!

JAMES C. HUMES, Author and former presidential speech writer

I have known four generations of the Churchill family. Jonathan Sandys has both the vision and the voice to carry forth the legacy of his great-grandfather and is well worthy to offer this account of Churchill’s life and faith. God and Churchill has earned a place next to the greatest of books ever written on the master statesman.

DR. CHRISTOPHER CATHERWOOD, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Churchill Archives By-Fellow emeritus, historian of twentieth-century history, and evangelical writer

What a wonderfully enthusiastic book, written with the insights of a great-grandson of Winston Churchill’s who understands his great ancestor in unique and special ways. Jonathan grasps the spiritual dimensions of Churchill’s life and the struggle against the pure evil of Nazi tyranny. And there is no doubt: It was Churchill as prime minister in 1940 who not only saved Britain from defeat but also saved Christian civilization

itself, as Jonathan and Wallace make so very clear. This is a book for Christians as well as for Churchill enthusiasts.

JOANNE KING HERRING, International diplomat, author, and president/CEO of the Marshall Plan Charities

Having witnessed firsthand how God moves to influence major events in the world for the good of his people, I cannot imagine anyone better suited to tell the story of God's work in the life and times of Churchill than Churchill's own flesh and blood. Jonathan Sandys brings an unparalleled vibrancy and perspective on the great man and his times. He and Wallace Henley have artfully woven together the best-known and most obscure pieces of history to present the beautiful and compelling tapestry that is God and Churchill. An absolute must-read.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

JONATHAN SANDYS

Jonathan Sandys, great-grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, is a lively, insightful, entertaining, and energizing writer and speaker. He draws insights from inside the Churchill family and thrills audiences with his remarkable grasp of history. Jonathan's testimony is inspiring, as he reveals how studying the life of his great-grandfather led him back to God.

Jonathan was born and raised in the beautiful English countryside. His later childhood years and adolescence, however, were not easy. Jonathan identifies with the struggles of people everywhere and with the dysfunctions from which many suffer. Jonathan's testimony rivets audiences as he tells of overcoming sexual abuse, severe dyslexia, and other challenges and describes how his great-grandfather's example instructed and inspired him. Jonathan provides powerful apologetic insights as he details how luck and chance could not possibly have explained Sir Winston Churchill's remarkable life, his survival through several death-threatening situations, his rejection by his peers, and his appointment by the king as British prime minister on the eve of the Battle of Britain and the escalation of the Second World War. Jonathan eloquently and convincingly describes how everything happened through God's intervention—something that Churchill himself recognized.

WALLACE HENLEY

Wallace Henley's unique career has equipped him as one of the most skillful writers and speakers on the scene today in "connecting the dots" between biblical revelation, the Judeo-Christian worldview, history, and contemporary culture. Now in his seventies, Wallace was mesmerized as a young man by

Winston Churchill's passion for "Christian civilization" and by how Churchill saw the battle against Hitler and the Nazis as a struggle for Christian civilization's survival. As a young reporter and editor for the *Birmingham News*, Wallace covered the sizzling 1960s and received an award from the Associated Press for his coverage of Dr. Martin Luther King and the civil rights crisis. As a White House aide, Wallace became fascinated by the dynamics of nations and their leadership and by Winston Churchill especially. Now a teaching pastor at Houston's 67,000-member Second Baptist Church, Wallace speaks weekly in a fascinating style that has captivated audiences in twenty-two nations. Wallace's regular column in the *Christian Post*, titled "Critical Confluences," explores the convergence of a biblical worldview and cultural, political, and historical trends.

IDEAS FOR MINISTRY

HOW GOD AND CHURCHILL CAN HELP YOU REACH NEW PEOPLE, INCREASE DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES, AND MINISTER ENCOURAGEMENT AND HOPE TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES IN OUR TURBULENT TIMES

REACHING NEW PEOPLE

“Nones” are one of the fastest-growing demographics in America’s religious landscape. *God and Churchill* can be used by local churches to reach this group and other newcomers. It is a perfect study for bridging the gap between secular, non-interested “Nones”; the Bible; and the local church. Winston Churchill himself is an example of a “None” whose faith grew through experiences he could not explain without God, including what he himself described as his destiny when he became Britain’s wartime prime minister. *God and Churchill* is ideal for off-campus studies as well as special series within the church.

APOLOGETICS

History is among the greatest of apologetics, and *God and Churchill* shows why. Jonathan Sandys and Wallace Henley have used their book in apologetics classes at one of the largest churches in America, the 67,000-member Second Baptist Church of Houston. Here’s why *God and Churchill* is a great apologetics resource:

- Discussion guides are available for facilitators and teachers.

- It presents solid evidence for how Churchill—who had struggled with atheism and agnosticism in his early life—concluded from the events of his own life that history is “providential.”
- *God and Churchill* details the contrasts between the fruit of the Nazi belief system and Judeo-Christian civilization.
- *God and Churchill* examines and exposes Nietzschean atheism, Darwinian scientism, and Wagnerian occultism.

. . . and much more!

REACHING AND MINISTERING TO FAMILIES

Here’s why *God and Churchill* is a penetrating study for family groups, workshops, and conferences:

- It deals honestly with Churchill’s dysfunctional upbringing and how he overcame rejection and confusion.
- It helps parents understand how the problems faced by a young person a century ago provide insight into understanding children today.
- It intimately depicts scenes of Churchill with his own children, as well as his successes and failures as a parent.
- It presents the beauty of the fifty-six-year marriage between Winston and Clementine Churchill and how they sustained a sparkling romance despite intense stresses, frequent separation because of his demanding work schedule and travel, and the challenges of raising children in an age of upheaval.
- It encourages families to stay the course despite hardship, grief, disappointment, and anxiety.

A study and discussion guide will be available

REACHING AND MINISTERING TO STUDENTS

Today, students in many secular educational institutions are not likely to learn and appreciate foundational truths about history. *God and Churchill* acquaints them with important facts such as the following:

- the spiritual roots of nations;
- how societies such as Nazi Germany go terribly wrong when they forget or distort the idea of God;
- how the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal reflected the best of the Judeo-Christian worldview regarding justice and treatment of one's enemies; and
- how immorality affected a generation of British aristocrats and made them vulnerable to Hitler's philosophies.

A study and discussion guide will be available

REACHING AND MINISTERING TO WOMEN

"The Women in Winston Churchill's Life" is an intriguing look at the important role women played—both behind the scenes and out in the open. Women will find both affirmation of their importance and inspiration to do their best by studying the women who most directly influenced Winston Churchill.

- *Elizabeth Everest*—Churchill's nanny was in many ways the most important person in his life, equipping him for his destiny. He still had her portrait nearby when he died at the age of ninety.
- *Clementine Churchill*—Churchill's wife of fifty-six years was more than a "background" figure and was often "on the scene" with her husband as he led the British people in their most trying times.

- *Mary Soames*—In her writings, Churchill's youngest daughter reveals a crucial father-daughter dynamic and (at times) a partnership.
- *Elizabeth Nel*—Churchill's personal secretary played a vital role alongside her boss throughout the crises he faced.

A study and discussion guide will be available

REACHING AND MINISTERING TO MEN

Winston Churchill is an example of how God sovereignly uses men who are flawed yet available.

- *God and Churchill* presents Sir Winston's role as a son, husband, father, soldier, and government leader.
- *God and Churchill* honestly explores Sir Winston's adventurism and his periods of doubt during his youth.
- *God and Churchill* frankly assesses his drinking and its impact on his family.
- *God and Churchill* positively focuses on the development of a man's faith in the face of impossible challenges.
- *God and Churchill* explores Sir Winston's view of the importance of the Bible in forming a man's character.
- *God and Churchill* provides a surprising look at Sir Winston's admiration for Moses.

A study and discussion guide will be available

BUILDING SMALL GROUPS

***God and Churchill* is a fascinating, easy-to-use tool for all types of small groups. Discussion guides are provided after each chapter to stimulate consideration of how God used a man available to him to make a difference in that man's time, and how God continues today to guide history, just as he did in Churchill's time. Participants will learn to pray more intelligently for their families, churches, and nation and to gain inspiration and hope.**

OUTREACH

***God and Churchill* is an attention-getter that can be used as an evangelism tool outside the church**

- **Give copies to nonreligious family, friends, and workmates who will be intrigued to read about a man not noted for his religiosity.**
- **Use *God and Churchill* as a birthday gift for people whom you seek to reach.**
- **Give *God and Churchill* to graduates who will discover in its pages principles to take with them into higher education and life.**
- **Present *God and Churchill* to people struggling under huge loads of stress.**
- **Make a gift of *God and Churchill* to bosses and managers who will benefit from the leadership principles described in the book.**
- **Give *God and Churchill* to teachers, especially those teaching history.**
- **Present *God and Churchill* to political leaders in your community.**

To maximize outreach, include a personal note indicating your willingness to discuss the book—providing your contact information and information about God and Churchill classes, workshops, and groups.