



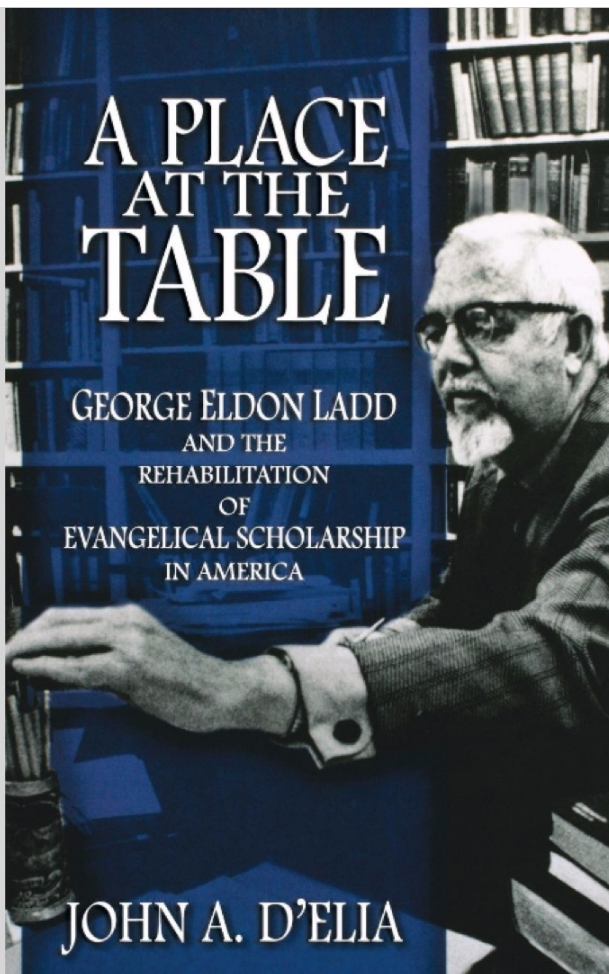
BEHOLD THE KING

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A PLACE AT THE TABLE

GEORGE ELDON LADD
AND THE
REHABILITATION
OF
EVANGELICAL SCHOLARSHIP
IN AMERICA

JOHN A. D'ELIA





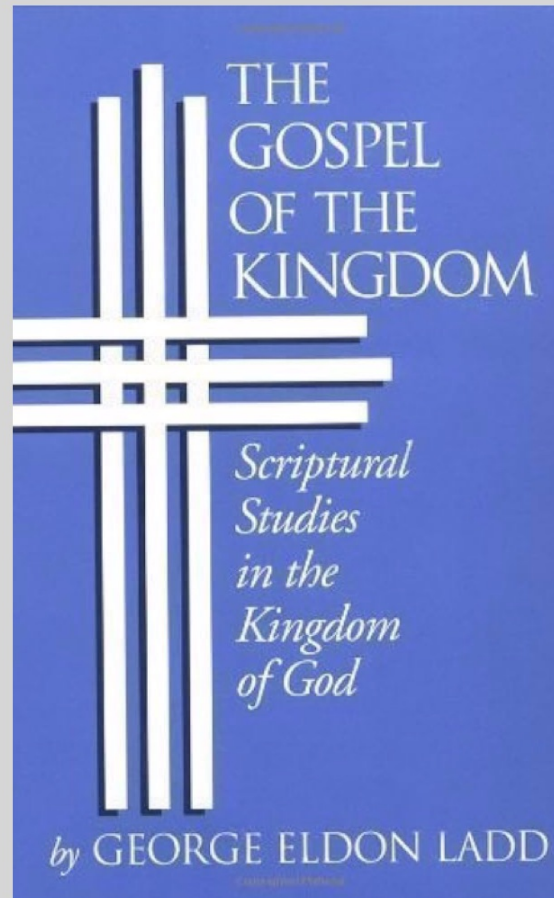
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“Christ became a reality to me.... I resolved that evening when the invitation was given to take my stand for Christ and to make an open confession of him.”

George Ladd



Fuller Theological Seminary



“The fear of man lays a snare ...”

Proverbs 29:25a

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Jesus and the Kingdom

The Eschatology of Biblical Realism

By GEORGE ELDON LADD



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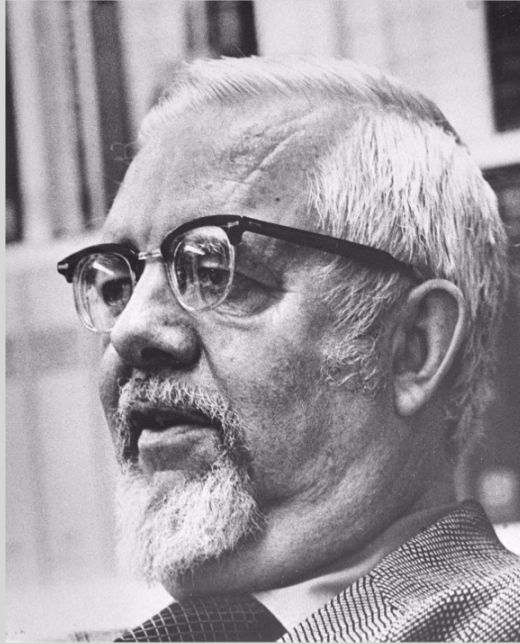
“The last fifteen years of Ladd’s life, while giving the appearance of being productive, saw the man tumble through a process of emotional, physical, and spiritual disintegration.”

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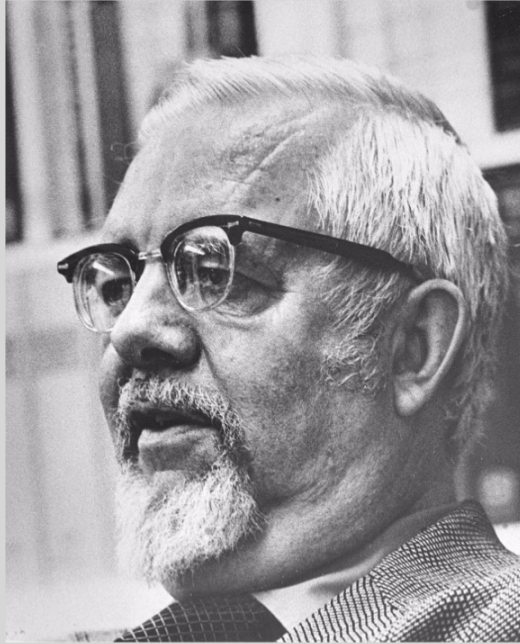




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“He simply denied that his problems were actually problems and allowed them to fester.

“Worse, he blamed others for situations he clearly helped to create: his wife was frigid, his children were disappointing, and other theologians were too critical.

“He would never fully accept responsibility for his own problematic behavior, nor would he allow it to alter or even inform his doctrinal beliefs.”

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“Beware of practicing your righteousness
before other people in order to be seen by
them....”

Matthew 6:1a

Living for People	Living for your Father
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- Fasting is much more than **abstinence**.

“My food is to do the will of him who sent me
and to accomplish his work.”

John 4:34

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is
the strength of my heart and my portion
forever.”

Psalms 73:26

“Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.”

Philippians 3:19

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“Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.”

1 Corinthians 8:8

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“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others.” (16a)

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“Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.” (16b)

“They may or may not think that God too is impressed. But that is not essential.

“What is essential is that they be seen. And guess what. They are seen by other people. That is the reward they wanted. They got it.

“The entire operation lay within the range of human competence. Because they had not involved God in what they were doing, He does not intrude on their project.

“They are at the level of pharisaical righteousness, which never ‘enters the kingdom.’ Again, the ego swells, and the soul shrivels.”

Dallas Willard

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“But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face ...” (17)

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“that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret.” (18a)

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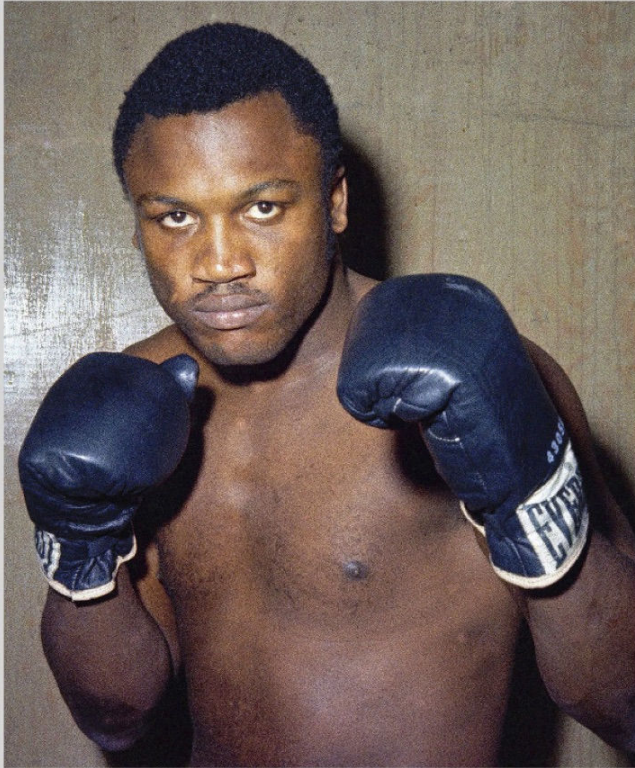
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insecurity = when we place our confidence or trust in people or things that can be taken away

How does fasting protect us from insecurity?



“You can map out a fight plan or a life plan. But when the action starts, you are down to your reflexes. That’s where your roadwork shows.”



“If you cheated on that in the dark of the morning, you’re getting found out now under the bright lights.”

Joe Frazier

*Fast privately or fall publicly!

“The best decade of your life will be your 70s. The second best will be your 80s, and the third will be your 60s.”

Pete Scazzero's Mentor

Where should I start?