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Dr. Steven J. Lawson is the founder and president of OnePassion, a teaching and preaching ministry designed to spread the truth of God's Word, equip pastors to preach the Word, and ignite biblical reformation in the church today. This ministry incorporates various outreaches of Dr. Lawson's preaching, teaching, and writing.

Dr. Lawson is a graduate of Texas Tech University (B.B.A.), Dallas Theological Seminary (Th.M.), and Reformed Theological Seminary (D. Min.), served as a pastor in Arkansas and Alabama for thirty-four years, and presently lives in Dallas, Texas.

The primary focus of Dr. Lawson's ministry is the verse-by-verse exposition of the Word of God. His pulpit ministry frequently takes him around the world, preaching in such places as South Africa, Russia, Brazil, Ukraine, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, England, Ireland, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, Italy, Australia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Kenya, Zambia, South Africa, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and elsewhere abroad.

Dr. Lawson is a regular speaker at many conferences throughout the United States, including The Shepherd's Conference with John MacArthur and the Ligonier National Conference annually, and has spoken at many other conferences including the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology.

The overflow of his diligent study and biblical preaching has led to his authoring twenty-eight books, his latest release being *The Moment of Truth*. His other recent publications include *Pillars of Grace: A Long Line of Godly Men, Volume Two*, *The Unwavering Resolve of Jonathan Edwards*, *The Expository Genius of John Calvin*, and *Foundations of Grace: A Long Line of Godly Men, Volume One*.

In addition, Dr. Lawson has written three volumes in the Holman Old Testament Commentary Series, *Job*, *Psalms: Volume I* (Psalms 1-75), and *Psalms: Volume II* (Psalms 76-150). He has also authored *Famine in the Land: A Passionate Call to Expository Preaching*, *Made In Our Image*, *Absolutely Sure*, *The Legacy*, and *Faith Under Fire*.

These books have been translated into many languages, including Russian, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, German, Albanian, Korean, Dutch, Croatian, Japanese, the Indonesian language, Chinese, and more.

Dr. Lawson also serves as the Editor for *Expositor Magazine* and the Series Editor for *A Long Line of Godly Men Profile Series*, a series of books which highlight noted Christian leaders from church history. Further, he has contributed chapters to various books that celebrate the lives and ministries of Martin Luther and John Calvin in *The Legacy of*

Martin Luther and John Calvin: A Heart for Devotion, Doctrine, and Doxology and also *Preaching Like Calvin: Sermons From the 500th Anniversary Celebration*.

Moreover, Dr. Lawson has contributed numerous chapters to various books, theological journals, and magazines such as *Tabletalk*, *Banner of Truth*, *Bibliotheca Sacra*, *Expositor*, *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology*, *The Master's Seminary Journal*, *The Faith and Mission*, *Decision Magazine*, *Discipleship Magazine*, and more.

As an instructor, Dr. Lawson is a Teaching Fellow with Ligonier Ministries, the Professor of Preaching at The Master's Seminary, and the Dean of the Doctor of Ministry program, overseeing its development.

Dr. Lawson has taught special lecture series on preaching at leading seminaries, including the annual Distinguished Scholars Lecture Series (2004) on "Expository Preaching of the Psalms" at The Master's Seminary, the annual John Reed Miller Preaching Week (2010) on "The Expository Preaching of Ezra at the Watergate" at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, and the annual E.Y. Mullins Lectures on Preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Lawson presently serves on the boards of The Master's Seminary and University, Ligonier Ministries, and Reformation Bible College. He has served as a council member of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals and on the Alliance Executive Staff.

Steven and his wife Anne have three sons, Andrew, James, and John, and a daughter, Grace Anne.

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1980-1981
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BOOKS AUTHORED:

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Philippians for You (The Good Book Company, 2017).

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The Passionate Preaching of Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Ligonier Ministries, 2016).

The Daring Mission of William Tyndale (Reformation Trust, 2015).

The Evangelistic Zeal of George Whitefield (Reformation Trust, 2014).

John Knox: Fiery Faith (Christian Faith, 2014).

The Heroic Boldness of Martin Luther (Reformation Trust, 2013).

The Kind of Preaching God Blesses (Harvest House Publishers, 2013).

In It To Win It (Harvest House Publishers, 2013).

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The Legacy: What Every Father Wants to Leave His Child (Multnomah, 1998).

Faith Under Fire: Standing Strong When Satan Attacks (Crossway, 1995).

Heaven Help Us: Truths About Eternity (Nav Press, 1995).

Final Call: It's Time for the Church to Wake Up (Crossway, 1994).

When All Hell Breaks Loose: Surprising Insights From the Life of Job (Nav Press, 1993).

Men Who Win: Pursuing the Ultimate Prize (Nav Press, 1992).

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Foundations of Grace

Pillars of Grace

When All Hell Breaks Loose

Russian

Psalms Commentary, Volume I

Psalms Commentary, Volume II

Preaching the Psalms

Famine in the Land

Dutch

The Expository Genius of John Calvin
The Evangelistic Zeal of George Whitefield
Foundations of Grace

Korean

Psalm Commentary, Volume I
Psalm Commentary, Volume II
The Passionate Preaching of Martyn Lloyd-Jones

German

Famine in the Land
The Heroic Boldness of Martin Luther

Albanian

Famine in the Land

Japanese

The Legacy

Romanian

The Evangelistic Zeal of George Whitefield

Italian

The Heroic Boldness of Martin Luther

Spanish

The Daring Mission of William Tyndale

Armenian

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Indonesian

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Chinese

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CHAPTERS WRITTEN:

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“Salvation: How to be Absolutely Sure,” *Decision Magazine*, (January 2001).

“Holiness: Focusing on God's Target,” *Decision Magazine*, (September 1999).

“The God-Driven Church: I Thessalonians 1:1-10,” *Southern Baptist Journal of Theology*, (Fall 1999).

“No Higher Call!” Faith & Mission, *Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary*, (Spring 1996).

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Puerto Rico (2015)

Vancouver, BC, Canada (2015)

Mexico City, Mexico (2014)

Wittenberg and Berlin, Germany (2014, 2006)

Toronto, Canada (2013, 2014)

Dominican Republic (2013)

Italy (2007, 2009, 2011)

Samara, Russia (2004, 2006, 2008, 2011)

Sao Paulo, Brazil (2010, 2012, 2013, 2015)

Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland (2009, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Geneva, Switzerland (2009)

London, England (2008, 2014)

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Tokyo and Osaka, Japan (2007)

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