



## ***“Preparation for Dying”***

**The Farewell Message of  
Dr. Harland J. O'Dell  
June 14, 1964**

The Rev. Dr. Harland J. O'Dell, pastor of the Canton Gospel Center of Canton, Ohio, leader of the Independent Fundamental Churches Unaffiliated in the International Council of Christian Churches and the American Council of Christian Churches, vice-president of the ACCC, and a leading contender throughout his lifetime in the world-wide struggle of the churches against apostasy and unbelief, went Home to be with the Lord on Friday afternoon, July 3, 1964. Dr. O'Dell, just fifty years of age, was the pastor of one of the great independent fundamental churches in Ohio for some 25 years. One of the chief desires of his heart was to see his son, John, enter the ministry and carry on in the same tradition.

He had the unique blessing of knowing for several years in advance that he was dying, and this enabled Dr. O'Dell to make an outstanding testimony to the loved ones left behind in his family, his church, and the Twentieth Century Reformation movement. Dr. O'Dell delivered this farewell message, “Preparation for Dying,” to his congregation on June 14, 1964, from his hospital bed. It includes the burden on his heart for his congregation, his family, and friends, but it gives the wonderful testimony of one who has fought the good fight and is ready to meet his Lord.