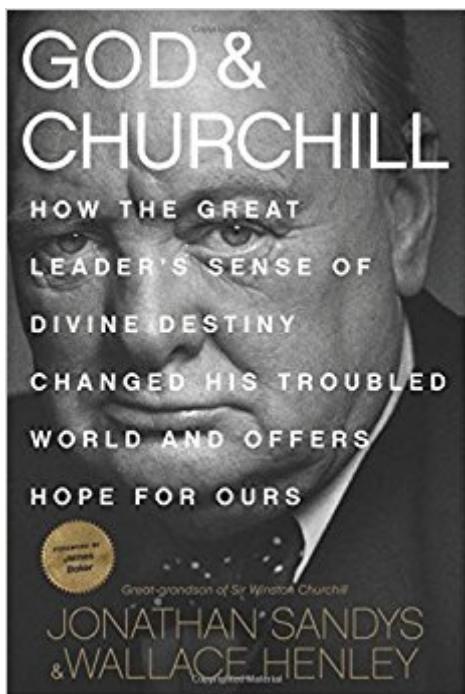


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God & Churchill: How The Great Leader's Sense Of Divine Destiny Changed His Troubled World And Offers Hope For Ours



Synopsis

When Winston Churchill was a boy of sixteen, he already had a vision for his purpose in life. "This country will be subjected somehow to a tremendous invasion . . . I shall be in command of the defences of London . . . it will fall to me to save the Capital, to save the Empire." It was a most unlikely prediction. Perceived as a failure for much of his life, Churchill was the last person anyone would have expected to rise to national prominence as prime minister and influence the fate of the world during World War II. But Churchill persevered, on a mission to achieve his purpose. God and Churchill tells the remarkable story of how one man, armed with belief in his divine destiny, embarked on a course to save Christian civilization when Adolf Hitler and the forces of evil stood opposed. It traces the personal, political, and spiritual path of one of history's greatest leaders and offers hope for our own violent and troubled times. More than a spiritual biography, God and Churchill is also a deeply personal quest. Written by Jonathan Sandys (Churchill's great-grandson) and former White House staffer Wallace Henley, God and Churchill explores Sandys' intense search to discover his great-grandfather's and how it changed his own destiny forever.

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[Note: This book has been provided free of charge by Tyndale Publishers in exchange for an honest review.] It is strange that in times like ours, where there seems to be an unraveling of society, and a loss of social cohesion, as well as a decline in the quality of institutional and societal leadership, that

there is such a great importance in mining the lives of great leaders from the past. Given the fact that this book has a foreword and a preface by separate authors and an additional introduction by one of the co-authors, who happens to be a grandson of the subject of this book, it is obvious that a lot of people wanted to be involved in the promotion and creation of this book. Speaking for myself, Winston Churchill [1] happens to be one of the leaders whose life serves as an area of occasional personal study, in large part because he was an eccentric man of immense persistence and a great deal of unpopularity in the course of his life. What this book seeks to do is similar to the effort that is often taken to demonstrate the importance of the biblical worldview of Abraham Lincoln despite his outsider status with regards to established religion, an issue that Winston Churchill shares, right down to the youthful hostility to belief in general that was gradually moderated to a profound but indirect way. Churchill called himself a flying buttress with regards to Christianityâ “outside of the church but seeking to support its well-being. In terms of its contents, this book, a little over 200 pages of material and a lot of endnotes, is divided into four parts and fourteen chapters.

Having recently homeschooled-journeyed through World War 2 with my preteen, this book was a perfectly timed read. I have always been struck by Winston Churchill's strength, as evidenced in his courageous leadership during the war, and welcomed the chance to get to know him better through this book. "God and Churchill: How the Great Leader's Sense of Divine Destiny Changed His Troubled World and Offers Hope for Ours," by Jonathan Sandys (the great leader's great-grandson) and Wallace Henley, was not what I expected...but it was a valuable book nonetheless, and I do understand his life more for having read it. Two caveats. First, I did not find detailed information about God and Churchill, in the sense I expected from the title. Coming from an evangelical point of view, I thought I'd hear more testimonial about his Christian life, faith struggles, prayers for others, etc. What I found, rather, were the author's assurances that God was foremost in Churchill's life and in the background of all his decisions, quietly and stolidly--and quotes from Churchill to that evidence. Second, I also didn't find detailed accounts of battle strategies, pivotal political decisions, or even life events after he came to the office of Prime Minister. This book is not a biography, per se. This book reviews Churchill's early life and how he came to the position of Prime Minister. It then contrasts, in detail, his worldview with that of Adolf Hitler's, highlighting Churchill's reasons for stepping up to the fight against the Nazis and never backing down. The final section of the book examines how Churchill "kept calm and carried on" to victory--again, not with detailed accounts of events, but rather by describing the personality qualities he possessed.

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