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*"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)*

## A Squeak In The Pulpit

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Several years ago, I read of an entry found in an old church record of a business meeting. It stated, "A committee was appointed to investigate the squeak in the pulpit." While I'm sure they weren't referring to the content of the preacher's message, I couldn't help but draw a parallel. Today, the world and the church desperately needs more than a "squeak" coming from the pulpit. Now, maybe more than ever in our society, we need the clear tones of the gospel resounding from our pulpits.

We are hearing far too much about churches who are "selling out to the culture." The distinctive preaching of New Testament Christianity is seldom heard in some pulpits. Sermons that challenge our morals, expound our doctrine, question our ethics, and rebuke our mediocrity are exchanged for sermons that have an air of religiosity, but which are lacking in substance.

There are many challenges which face the church today. If we are to meet these challenges, we must have a strong pulpit. Pulpits that will speak the truth in season and out of season, with all the love it can muster. Pulpits that will not compromise the truth. Pulpits that do more than just "squeak."