Charles G. Finney (1792-1875), a lawyer and Master Mason, became a Christian at age 22. Two years later (1824), he renounced Freemasonry and became one of several great evangelists during the Second Great Awakening in America.

Finney was a prolific writer on Bible topics, but few know he coauthored an anti-Masonic newspaper with Dr. Jonathan Blanchard, a former 33 degree Mason, who later became president of Wheaton College. Finney and Blanchard had both joined the Anti-Masonic Movement, which in 1827 was founded in protest against the 1826 Masonic murder of Captain William Morgan, a former Freemason who was killed for publishing the secret works of the Lodge.

Finney wrote, “The facts [about Morgans Masonic murder] were such, the revelations were so clear, that the Baptist denomination backed down, and took the lead in renouncing and denouncing the institution. . . . Great revivals immediately followed over that whole region. The discussion of the subject, and the action of the churches... [caused]...in 1830 the greatest revival [to] spread over this region that had ever been known in this or any other country.”

When Freemasonry was exposed as the force behind the murder of Morgan, God had beforehand prepared a number of evangelists to preach the gospel. When revival broke out, 45,000 Masons received Christ as Savior and renounced Freemasonry, resulting in the closure of 2,000 lodges.

Finney informs us that prior to our Civil War, while the Church was preoccupied with abolition of slavery, Masonry rose beyond its former strength. Before the Morgan Affair, membership was 50,000. After the Morgan Affair only 5,000 remained. However, on the eve of Civil War the count was 200,000. By the end of the War it had increased to 500,000. This so alarmed Finney that he was compelled to publish this book in 1869 to warn the Church.

Finney writes from the strength of a prosecuting attorney. His argument on the conflict of interest between Masonic oaths, oaths of public office, and oaths of the judiciary are indeed compelling. However, his strongest message is to the Church. He gives six reasons in the final chapter why the Church will be held accountable before God for its action or inaction toward Freemasonry.

JKI Publishing of Tyler, Texas has reprinted Finney’s book on Freemasonry. While Finney’s work remains unaltered, JKI has added some updates in a Foreword, Introduction, Epilog, and Appendix.

Foreword is written by Ed Decker, who has published many books on Freemasonry, and has spoken on the subject in several countries. In telling his story of being poisoned with “a high, lethal dose of arsenic” by two Masons, Mr. Decker confirms that Masons still murder people today who threaten the exposure of their secrets.

Introduction and Epilog are written by John Daniel, author of both Scarlet and the Beast and Secret Societies and their Infiltration of the Seven Churches of Revelation. From court records and depositions, Mr. Daniel details the history of the Masonic murder of William Morgan. He confirms that at least 136 Masons were involved. He takes you into their lodges and lets you listen to their plans to murder Morgan. He reprints a coded newspaper article from Grand Lodge of New York, calling on Masons to take up arms against Morgan. Daniel decodes the message by using Masonic code books. The decoded message reads, “Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons are to capture and kill William Morgan for his crimes against Freemasonry.”

Mr. Daniel names key players in the murder plot. They were sheriffs, constables, coroners, doctors, innkeepers, clergymen, politicians, etc. He confirms from Masonic sources that the Anti-Masonic Movement, and the great revivals that followed, nearly killed Freemasonry. This, of course, upset the Fraternity. Hence, the Lodge planned a relentless retaliation against the Church, which continues to this day. The most effective retaliation was launched in 1926. It began with a written order to all Masons to infiltrate local churches, “liberalize them, modernize them, and render them aggressive” for Masonic use.

The Appendix concludes the book with contemporary testimonies from four Pastors who have met with Masonic retaliation. After reading this book, you will understand why evangelism is dead in mainline churches today. Therefore, we dedicate this book to renewed revival in our churches!