

To Alfred Daniel King

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[Montgomery, Ala.]

King sends an unidentified sermon to help his younger brother prepare for his first sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where he was to serve as assistant pastor under his father.¹

Mr. A. D. King
501 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear A. D.:

Enclosed is a copy of the sermon which I mentioned to you. I hope you will find it useful. I am looking forward with great anticipation to being with you on the evening of your initial sermon. I am sure everything will go extraordinarily well. Give my regards to the family. Coretta and I are doing fine.

Sincerely,
Martin

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enclosure

Tlc. MLKP-MBU: Box 61.

1. Alfred Daniel Williams King (1930–1969) attended Palmer Institute in North Carolina before receiving his B.A. (1959) at Morehouse College. His brother and father were among those who ordained him as a minister on 5 June 1957 at Ebenezer. He assisted his father at Ebenezer from December 1956 until early 1959, when he became pastor of Mount Vernon First Baptist Church in Newnan, Georgia. In 1963 A. D. King was pastor of Ensley's First Street Baptist Church and a leader of the Birmingham movement. On 11 May 1963 his parsonage was bombed along with the Gaston Hotel, where King, Jr., was staying. A. D. King later moved to Louisville, Kentucky, to become pastor of Zion Baptist Church. After his brother's death in 1968 A. D. returned to Atlanta to serve as co-pastor of Ebenezer with his father.