

Blessed to Approach unto God

PSALM 65:4

» 4 † Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

JOHN 6:43

» 43 † Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

» 44 † No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

» 45 † It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

» 46 † Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

» 47 † Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Approach to draw closer to

to make advances to especially in order to create a desired result

to take preliminary steps toward accomplishment or full knowledge or experience of

55-0501A FELLOWSHIP_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-20 † Now, man was born to have fellowship. Man, in the beginning, back in the garden of Eden, he had wonderful fellowship. God come down and fellowshiped with His company of men and women every evening. In the cool of the evening God would come down under the big palm trees, perhaps His sacred Light, as it was, shining down on Adam and Eve, in that great cathedral in the open. Fellowship with God. Had nothing to worry about as long as they were fellowshiping.

I love fellowship with men. I like to go out and talk with people who loves the Lord, and have fellowship with them, because we see the same thing. Our motives are the same. Our ideals are the same. I like to talk with people on the... I've got a friend setting right down here that likes to hunt and fish. Many times we have a lot of fellowship together, just setting around talking on those things, because we like those things. Now...

But the greatest fellowship that any man ever had was when he had fellowship with God, when God had gave Hissself open to man to fellowship back and forth with His creature, the Creator and his creature.

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« E-21 † Now, when God was fellowshiping with Adam in the garden of Eden, Adam had nothing to worry about. Everything was on the smooth and right--right. He didn't have to worry about his clothes; he didn't have to worry about something to eat. Didn't have to worry about sickness; he didn't have to worry about death, sorrow. He knew nothing about them, just the freedom like a child.

He had a heavenly Father Who watched over him and fellowshiped with him daily. Wouldn't it be marvelous if we could be back like that again? And do you know, every redeemed soul today, that's living under their privileges of that kind of fellowship with God. You believe that? God will take care and provide everything that we have need of in this journey. And at the end of the close of this old mortal tabernacle, God's promised to give us another one. Amen.

55-0123A THE.APPROACH.TO.GOD_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-19 † Now, the way that God made for Adam to approach... Now, watch. Adam made himself an approach. He said, "Now, I've got to go out and meet God." So he made himself a apron of fig leaves to cover up his shame. And he found out that God refused that approach.

And today, if man thinks, "Now, I'll help Mrs. Jones over here; she's a widow woman; she needs some coal. I'll give to the Red Cross, or to some charity organization, out of my abundance. I will join the church." You're only making yourself an approach that God will refuse. There's only one approach. through... to God.

Now, God refused Adam's approach. And then, God went and made an approach for Adam. He made Adam an approach to himself. And by doing that, He slayed some sheep or something, and got them some skins. And through the blood, brought the first approach to the world, to God for sin. For without the shedding of Blood, there is no remissions of sins. That's right. Only Blood can make the way.

55-0123A THE.APPROACH.TO.GOD_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-20 † And God provided an approach there for Adam in the garden of Eden, that through the shedding of the blood of the innocent to appropriate an approach to Him. Then Adam could once more come through the shed blood of the lamb, to the approach, and talk face to face, again, with God through--through the Blood, through the approach, that God provided for him.

Now, that was God's first method of approach to Himself for the people, through the shed Blood. It has been from that day till this day the same thing. Through the shedding of Blood brings the approach to God.

Now, many times God has give such as--as symbols and emblems and so forth, making a way to come to that Blood. Now, for instance, we'll take Job.

56-0120 FELLOWSHIP.WITH.GOD.THROUGH.RECONCILIATION_ STURGIS.MI FRIDAY_

« E-18 † You'll never be able to have too much fellowship with God. And God longs for His creature, who He created in His image to fellowship with Him.

Wouldn't you love to have lived in that time when the great fellowship God had with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, to come down in the cool of the evening and talk with them and fellowship with them? Wouldn't that be marvelous? We all would like to have that time. Now, I believe, by God's Word I can prove to you that we can come right back on them terms again with God tonight, right straight back to that kind of fellowship.

65-1128M GOD'S.ONLY.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-4 SUNDAY_

« 79 † Then if there's only one place that God meets man, we had better be very careful. Now let's lay aside our traditions this morning, and... in this Sunday-school lesson, and be very sure that we find that one place. Because, God has said here, He will not receive you in any other place. Any other church, He won't receive you in. Only in His Church, the only place He'll receive you.

80 Now, "What'd you say, Brother Branham? If I'm sincere?" No.

81 Remember, Jesus talked to some sincere people, the worshippers of His day, and He said, "In vain do you worship Me." True, genuine worship from the bottom of their hearts. "In vain do you worship

Me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of man," or their denominational creed. Sincere, reverently, just as religious as they can be. And that wasn't new just with the Pharisees. Cain and Abel, the first two worshippers that was borned, natural birth here, on earth, absolutely came in the same attitude.

65-1128M GOD'S.ONLY.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-4 SUNDAY_

« 82 † Cain was just as religious as Abel was. They both built altars. They both loved God. They both made sacrifices. They both worshipped. They both paid tithe. They both done everything just alike. But Abel, by faith which is "the revelation," the Word of God revealed, made plain, showed out, and vindicated. Glory! Cain made an offering, but God didn't vindicate it. God required worship, and Cain made the offering; but God didn't vindicate it. But by the true channel...

83 You say, "Well, my church is It. My..."

84 Wait just a minute. God interprets His Own Word by Its terms that He spoke in. See, Cain said, "I am religious. I am a lover of my Maker. I offer to Thee this fine altar. I offer to You this sacrifice. I built all these things up, Lord, because I love you." Abel said the same thing. Now it's the one that's vindicated, the one that's proven. And God come down and received Abel's sacrifice, because by revelation he had struck the true channel of God that was accepted.

65-0911 GOD'S.POWER.TO.TRANSFORM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-16 N-5 SATURDAY_

« 180 † But, notice, Cain come to worship, but he had the wrong seed in him, serpent's seed. The hiss of the serpent had hissed over him, for he was the seed of the woman. He knew the perfect will of God, but he refused to do it. Did you know that? Satan knows the will of God, but just refuses to do it.

181 Notice, he had seen God vindicate Abel's message. Now I want you to think, use your thinking man's Filter now for a minute. Abel's correct message, that God vindicated to be the Truth! Are you drawing now? Uh-huh. Abel's message had been received, and Cain saw it and knowed that God had vindicated that message right. But he just couldn't do it. His pride kept him from it. That's right, his pride kept him from doing it. He seen God vindicate the message.

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« 182 † So it seems to be now, so hard for people to humble themselves to the Word of God. They, they just don't want to do it. They'll humble themselves to the creed of the church, sure, but not to the Word of God.

183 If you want to find this, you go to... I got a Scriptures here, that's what I'm referring to here. Genesis 4:6 and 7, God said to Cain, said, "Why are your countenance fallen? Why are you all full of temper, walking around? You just heard a message that upset you." Said, "Well, what are you doing that for? Why are your countenances fell, because I didn't come into your church? So why did you do it?" Are you using a thinking man's Filter? See?

184 Or, "Why didn't... Why you looking like that?" Said, "If you'll do well, go do like your brother is doing out there, I'll receive you and bless you. I'll do for you the same thing." But he just couldn't do it. He said, "Now, if you don't, sin of unbelief lieth at the door."

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« 185 † Now when they tell us, "The days of miracles has passed." And they see it so perfectly vindicated and proved, you see, all these things that God promised He would do in the last days, of Revelation 10 and Malachi 4, all those things so perfectly vindicated. What's the matter, brethren? What's wrong, see?

186 If they don't; unbelief, which is sin. There is only one sin, that's, unbelief. That's right. You're not condemned because you drink, smoke, chew, wear shorts, do whatever you do. No, that don't condemn you. It's because you don't believe. If you believed, you won't do that. See? A believer doesn't do that. He takes a thinking man's Filter, see, see, or a thinking woman's Filter, either one. All right. But, you see, sin lieth at the door.

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« 187 † Now notice what that done to Cain, and it's going to do the same today. It made Cain go away, a willful sinner. He willfully was disobedient. Every person will be the same way. Willfully disobedient after he had seen Abel's message so vindicated of God, that it was the truth, and refused to do it. Done the same then. Then he crossed the dividing line.

188 There is a line you can cross. You know that, don't you? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Now, ministers, both here and out in the--the telephone land where this broadcast is coming across the nation, do you realize that? When you see it is Scripture, and you won't do it, God won't always... He'll... Oh, you'll go on, be blessed. So was every one of Israel, they lived right in the wilderness, and raised children, crops, and blessed, and everything, but "every one of them Eternally separated from God." Jesus said so. Oh, yes, God will bless you right on, but you're gone. Certainly. That's what the Bible says now, that's what He said. Notice, you can cross the separating line. Do you believe that? ["Amen."] Cain did it.

55-0123A THE.APPROACH.TO.GOD_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-48 † Now, Abraham was called for separation to sojourn as a pilgrim and a stranger. With what? A promise that God was going to bless the world by him. Called out when he was seventy-five years old, Sarah being sixty-five, ten years difference in their age... And he set out, and waited twenty-five years, still trusting, still believing, professing to be a strangers, coming to God through the approach and everything, still believing that he was going to have a son. And then after he was a hundred years old, or ninety and nine, 15th chapter of Genesis we find that God, after Abraham getting way up into the twenty-five years now, God approached Abraham...

He said, "Now, Lord, I'm getting old, but how? I believe You're going to do it. But I don't know just how You're going to do it." Amen. All right. "I--I--I... not doubt it. It's going to be Lord. But could You just show me a little way that it's going to be?"

There's where your little special blessing comes. You see? "How you going to do it, Lord? Now, I am old. You're going to do it. But just could You just show me how You're going to do it?" Oh, I love that, don't you? "Just how You going to do it, Father, could You show me?"

55-0123A THE.APPROACH.TO.GOD_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-56 † Now, Abraham being old, yet God promised him, and said, "This is the approach now, Abraham. That you're coming this a way, through the offering of the blood. And I'm behind the Blood now, as the Nurser, the strength Giver, the Satisfier, the strong One, the all sufficient One." Just think of that. Now, he... "I am the breasted One." Oh, did you notice it? He never said, "I am El Shad," but Shaddai: double (Amen.), the compound.

He never only died for our sins, but he died for our sickness. He was wounded. Our approach... Who is our approach? The Lord Jesus. What was He wounded for? Our transgressions, one breast. What else was He striped for? "And by His stripes, we are healed," another breast. Who is He? The I AM, the great El Shaddai, the strong One, the all-sufficient One, the breasted God to the believer (Amen and amen.),

the double cure, not the double remedy. Doctors has remedies. God has the cure. See? The church has the remedy, but Christ has the cure, the double cure.

55-0123A THE.APPROACH.TO.GOD_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-57 † No wonder, I believe it was Charles Wesley said, "A double cure save, no, make me pure. Be of sin a double cure, save from wrath, and make me pure."

How that God can save you from your sin, and from your sickness: the breasted One, the El Shaddai.

In Israel He was the approach. And when Israel come to a place that they had to be redeemed, God provided an approach. Before He could take Abraham on, He had to show him the approach. Before He could take Job through the fiery trials, He had to show him the approach. Before God could take Israel out, He had to see the approach.

53-0606 AN.ENSIGN_ CONNERSVILLE.IN SATURDAY_

« E-3 † Now, tonight, usually Mr. Baxter's... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]

... there for four hundred years, in bondage, how Joseph, perfect type of the church today, perfect type of Christ, how that He was borned among some brethren, half brothers; and they despised Him because He was borned a spiritual man. Like the true believer tonight, being a member of the church, member of the same body, but a spiritual believer, rejected and despised. Amen.

Notice it. Joseph was borned in the family, the same family of Israel was one of the Patriarchs, but was rejected because of his spiritual life. He was borned a seer; he--he saw visions, and interpret dreams. And his brethren hated him without a cause. Prophecies always repeat themselves. You know that. Any scholar of the Bible knows. That when like in over in Matthew 2 where it said, "Out of Egypt I've called my Son," that was really referring to the Scripture where God called Israel out of Egypt, but is also referred of God calling His Son Jesus out of Egypt.

53-0606 AN.ENSIGN_ CONNERSVILLE.IN SATURDAY_

« E-4 † And as Joseph was a type of Christ, he's a type of the church which is the body of Christ on earth today. Beautiful. Wish we had time to go into it; dig out those golden nuggets of the Bible. Now, watch, all the old things in the Old Testament just run parallel with the new. And notice how that he was rejected and despised, and how he was criticized by his brother, and finally, persecuted, even to--almost unto death. Was taken down in Egypt, and many of us know the story, how God was with him no matter what they said about him. When they seen him come in the fields, said, "Here comes that dreamer. Let's see what he's going to say now, making fun of him, just as the unbelieving Christian today will make fun of the believer: same thing. Yet a member of the body, by faith in Christ, rejecting... Oh, what a horrible thing.

53-0606 AN.ENSIGN_ CONNERSVILLE.IN SATURDAY_

« E-5 † Now, then when he went down into Egypt, God was with him just the same. God will be with His church regardless of what you say about it. There's somebody in your church that's real spiritual, really knows God, you say, "Why, they're a little bit of fanatic." I might speak on that tomorrow afternoon. All right. A fanatic... Just because they love God, they're peculiar to the world; but remember, they're blessed in the sight of God: God's people is a peculiar people, royal priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices to God. That's the fruits of our lips, giving praise to His Name. Peculiar, odd, always been, very much indifferent from the world; separated, called out. The very church, the word "church," means "the separated or called out."

Israel were the people of God until they come out of Egypt, then they were the church of God, 'cause they were called out, separated, made different. God calling Israel out, what a beautiful type, calling His church out today...

I think of Joseph, of what--when he died, what a memorial he left there. I think sometimes of when he made mention. He said, "Now, don't bury me down here, but leave my bones here, and surely God will visit you someday, then take my bones before you." Where did he get that thought? God promised Abraham, his father, that they would sojourn four hundred years in a strange land, and then He would bring them out. And Joseph knew God kept His Word. The other Patriarchs, just bury them anywhere you wanted to, but not Joseph.

55-0410S MY.REDEEMER.LIVETH_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-15 SUNDAY_

« 123 † And so could the Church say this morning. Though fanatically, as we are called, though because we believe in a power of the resurrection, though we believe in Divine healing and all the supernatural signs that Christ promised, we have to take the side of the illiterate, or the fanatic, and so forth. Don't makes any difference what we have to take, as long as we know our Redeemer lives, and has brought forth the evidence in our heart that He lives and reigns.

Joseph said, "I want to make every testimony against the devil that I can." So he threw his bones out there, and they laid there for four hundred years. Amen. For it looked beyond that. People say, "What a fanatic." It looked like then a fanatic, but it proved out to be the truth. Amen. So will it be to every one who has this blessed hope of this text this morning, "I know my Redeemer liveth. I know it, no matter what."

55-0410S MY.REDEEMER.LIVETH_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-15 SUNDAY_

« 113 † Jacob said, "Now, put your hand over here and swear that you will not bury me here." So they took him and buried him up there with the rest of them.

And then--then Joseph, it kinda come from Jacob to Joseph. And when Joseph died down there in Egypt, he said, "Now, look. Don't you bury me here, 'cause I know someday we're going to leave here. So, I... You just leave my bones on the outside of the ground." Oh, my. "I want to give every testimony I can, that I believe in it." That's right. Said, "After I'm dead, just leave my bones there for a testimony." See? What is it? He could said so much as Job, "I know my Redeemer liveth," for he had seen the whole thing dramatized. He had seen like Job.

Job saw it in a vision. Abraham saw it by Isaac. And Isaac which... And Jacob, and so forth, and Jacob had saw it by the wrestling.

Now, Joseph saw it by his own life. He seen that he was born a peculiar boy, that he was a seer. There was something about him; he could see visions. He couldn't understand it. He even went and seen... Told his mother and father, when they tried to correct him, when he seen the sheaves all bowing to his. He couldn't understand it. But then, next thing, he found out that he was betrayed by his brethren. He said, "What am I portraying here? What is this foreknowledge that I'm receiving?" He watched his own life.

And any man can watch your own life and about tell what you are, if you just check up on yourself, whether you're really a Christian or not. Watch the things you do, and what you say, and your associates, and so forth. You'll find out whether you really got anything there, or not.

GENESIS 43:6-13

» 6 † And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

- » 7 † And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?
- » 8 † And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones.
- » 9 † I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:
- » 10 † For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.
- » 11 † ¶ And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:
- » 12 † And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight:
- » 13 † Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

HEBREWS 7:14-22

- » 14 † For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.
- » 15 † And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,
- » 16 † Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.
- » 17 † For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
- » 18 † For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.
- » 19 † For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.
- » 20 † And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest:
- » 21 † (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)
- » 22 † By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

GENESIS 50:15

- » 15 † ¶ And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.
- » 16 † And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,
- » 17 † So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.
- » 18 † And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.
- » 19 † And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?
- » 20 † But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.
- » 21 † Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

55-0410S MY.REDEEMER.LIVETH_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-15 SUNDAY_

« 127 † They say, "Oh, we are prospering here. The whole Egypt has prospered while we're here," all these things. But that didn't make any difference. He knew they were going out of there, as sure as the world. He said, "Now, take my bones up there, and bury them up in Egypt--up in the promised land, up in Canaan land, out of Egypt."

So when they... Moses come in, another inspired prophet, and he taken the bones of Joseph, and took them up and buried them in the same field, the same place where the rest of them was buried. He took his way with the rest of them. Why? There was something in him. Something in him. No matter...

You don't hear the rest of the people down there saying anything about it. "Well, anywhere is all right."

They just fall anywhere they will. But there was something in him, something that had the same vision that Job had, the same vision the rest of them had. No matter what the rest of the world thought, what they done, that had nothing to do with Joseph, that had nothing to do with Abraham, with Isaac, with Jacob, with all the rest of them. Something pressed to that promised land. Seemed fanatically, but they wanted it because there was something in them: Deep calling to the deep.

That's the way it is today with every believer. There's something in them, that presses to it. No matter, you can try this, that, or the other, but there's something presses. You know beyond a shadow of doubt, that there's a city whose Builder and Maker is God. You know that there's something there, so you press to it.

64-0617 THE.IDENTIFIED.CHRIST.OF.ALL.AGES_ TOPEKA.KS V-20 N-1 WEDNESDAY_

« 56 † But yet look at David when he was going out, exiled from his own people, a rejected king. His own daughter had been ravished by her brother, and the other brothers had killed him. And here he was, Absalom had raised up and separated the army, causing revolution; and David, his own father, was excommunicated, taken away, rejected by his people. Going out of the city, the little crippled-like fellow dragging along there, making fun of him, and spitting on him. That guard pulled his sword, said, "I'll let that dog's head stay on him, spitting on my king?"

David said, "Let him alone. God told him to do that."

57 No doubt, David didn't know what he was doing; walked up the same Mount of Olives there, and looked down, weeping, a rejected king. Where, a few hundred years after that, Jesus Christ set on the same mountain, the Son of David, weeping as a rejected king, and they spit on Him, also.

62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 371 † Our last thought here was, that, God made man in His Own image, after His kind. God made a man, after His kind. You get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] A man, after His kind. Well, what kind of a man was he? If you'll look back and see what He was when He was made flesh, that's the kind of man He makes. Is that right? ["Amen."] A man, after His kind. Amen. That's right. Isn't it? ["Amen."] That's His kind of man.

372 He said, another time, one time, to a man, "You're after My Own heart." A man after His Own heart, David. You remember that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] The Spirit of God in David. David, a rejected king. Always the anointed is rejected. David, the rejected king, went up the hill when his own people... I'll preach this for this next three minutes. When David's own people should be... His own kind dethroned him, his own son, and run him off the throne.

373 David went down there, and even one of them come out there spitting on him, that anointed king. And this little old guy come along there, crippled up in his doctrine. The Bible said he was crippled, you know. And he went along, spitting on that king. Watch Christ. Spitting on him; that messenger by his side, (an angel, representing), pulled a sword, said, "Should the head of that dog stay on; spit on that king?" An angel said, "I'll strike him dead."

62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 374 † David said, "Put up your sword. I have to do this." Went up on top of the hill, of Jerusalem, looked back down, a rejected king, and he wept.

375 Eight hundred years from there, the Son of David, the Spirit that was in David, in a portion, stood on the same hill; a rejected King, been spit on and made fun of. That right? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] I can imagine God said... The Angels walking along there with Him, when He went up Calvary like that. "Shall the head of that dog stay on him?"

"Let him alone." Oh, my!

376 There's coming a time. But what about David when he come back? The story changed. David come riding in triumph. This fellow run, scream for mercy. Sure.

377 Let them alone. He'll come some day, in power. Then they, was laughing, will turn the other way. That's right. Just let them alone.

LUKE 13:31-35

» 31 † ¶ The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.

» 32 † And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.

» 33 † Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.

» 34 † O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

» 35 † Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

62-1124B INVESTMENTS_ SHREVEPORT.LA SATURDAY_

« E-68 † Solemnly, Lord, we stand on the threshold where a decision must be made, this great time of--of jubilee that we are celebrating, over at the Life Tabernacle, of Your invitation fifty years ago to Your people. And we have thoroughly been through it to the best of our--my way of--of knowing it, and depending upon the God Who knows the heart of man, that He will reveal it in the proper way that it's meant in; that men might see to return back, and the only way to do it is come to the truth of the Word. I pray Thee, heavenly Father, that none of us will be so foolish as to turn down an investment like that.

May we invest our time, our talent, and all that we got, to the praises of God, knowing this, that no matter if the--we gained the whole world, we lose our souls, what good did it do us? What good does the praise of a man do when atomic fire is burning the earth? What good will it be today, maybe when our tombstones will be floated up in some sands; when the howling winds... when this world is swept into the sun yonder, throwed out of its place, like it was before the antediluvian destruction; and throwed... instead of being thrown from the sun, throwed into the sun? No more water, but fire this time... The sands howl across the earth before the great Millennium, and our tombstones come up, "Dr. So-and-so, Brother So-and-so, or Bishop So-and-so." What good will that do us when our souls are yonder somewhere in eternity?

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« E-69 † And it's got to be. The living know they have to die. And as men and women, boys and girls, this morning, Lord, we're all realize that we're--we're not here to be seen or heard of men. We are here in the--the agony of Calvary. We are here with the Holy Spirit in our hearts weeping, as It did to our Lord over His rejecting in Jerusalem. And our spirits this morning weep out for a lost world.

Give us wisdom to know how to approach them, Lord. We don't want them lost. The very Spirit within us would condemn us desiring their being lost. But may the Holy Spirit constantly cry, sweep out, until we put forth every effort with our talent, with our time, with our money, with everything that we've got; no matter how little it is, we offer it to You. Help us, Lord, to take this great message to a dying world. I have very little, Lord, that I can offer: no ability, no personality, no nothing. But I just got my soul, Lord, my voice. And it's all Yours. And I'm sure that speaks for this whole audience. Use it, Lord. If I had money, it was Yours. What time I have belongs to You; everything, my all in all... Help me, Lord, and help us all. We want to make an investment this morning in the Kingdom of God.

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« E-70 † Forgive our slothfulness. How awful we have been to find this great treasure... And how the Holy Spirit in us should have the same interest that It did when It was in Christ, always to do the Father's will and His bidding. And He come to save the lost. Give us the desire, Lord. May there not leave in our bosom that burning, as Thy great servant John Wesley said. May it never leave. May it swell greater and greater, until it throws us to our knees to beg and persuade. May it throw us to our knees to go to the highways, and the byways, and in the corners, and in the businesses, and everywhere; into the churches, and wherever we can get, and introduce this Eternal Life to men and women today. And when it's all over, may we gather in Thy home.

As we set here this morning looking across this table, I seen Brother Herholzer that godly old saint, hear of him riding on that plow; and think of myself as a little barefooted boy with a pair of rope lines over my shoulders, behind an old plow. This great saint of Yours from California was at the Azusa Street, seeing those men and their shoulders stooped from hard labor in the field. I set at this breakfast with them. I'd rather be here than be with the President, setting in this godly bunch.