

Psalms - Commentaries by Robert (Bob) Bauman

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We'll turn to Acts chapter 13, Acts chapter 13. I'm going to read verse 16 or the part of it the apostle Paul. Then Paul stood up and said ye that fear God give audience. And you know, this is so important center if one is here still in your sins and you don't have that reverential fear. Of God, your Creator, the one in whom your life is the one you're going to face. And have to do with then the gospel won't have any effect at all upon you. That fear God give audience in Psalm 66 verse 16 we read come in here all ye that fear God, I will tell you what he's done for my soul. Verse 26. The middle. Whosoever among you feareth God to you is the word of this salvation sent for they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning Jesus. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired a pilot that he should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a sepulcher. But God raised him from the dead. Verse 32. And we declare unto you the glad tidings. How the promise which was made unto the fathers God hath fulfilled, in that he has raised up Jesus. Verse 38. Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. The forgiveness of sins is being offered to any here tonight who will simply receive it in faith. This is God's will. Center for everyone here who's still lost. That you be saved. God's will is that you be saved. There's a beautiful verse in First Timothy 2, verse three to five. It starts out with just three words that are so precious. God. Our Savior. God our Savior, who would have all men to be saved and come into the knowledge of the truth. There's one God and one mediator between God and man. It's the man Christ Jesus who gave his life a ransom for all to be testified in due time. God is not willing that you perish. God would have all to be saved. That's the will of God. Through this man is preached unto you, the forgiveness of sins. I can assure you there's power in the precious Word of God tonight to save everyone here who still lost and on their way to hell. And the Spirit of God is working here tonight to take this precious word and to convict you of your peril and your need, and let you receive the provision God has made for that need, the precious blood of Jesus that will cleanse you from all sins. Yes, Sinner, there's power in this precious word. Power. There was a professor of biology, a very aged one, who was a Christian, who had tested this and was the recipient of eternal life through Jesus. He knew about the power and he'd begin every new class in biology this way. He hold up a tiny little brown seed. And he'd say to them, I know. Exactly the composition of this little seed, nitrogen, hydrogen, carbon, and I can tell you exactly the proportion of each that's made-up this little seed, and more than that, he said. I can make one like this of the same elements. But I'll guarantee you, if I plant the seed I make, it will come to nothing. The elements will merely go back into the earth and dissolve. But if I plant this little seed in the earth, it'll become itself a plan, a living plan. Why? Why? He says it's because of the mysterious principle that men call life principle. You know, in Genesis 111 we have this thought. God said let the earth bring forth grass and herb yielding seed, and it was so then he would hold up the Bible.

And he'd tell that class. This is just like other books, looks the same as other books, and we cannot understand altogether the strange power in this book. But if this word is planted in a Sinner by faith, it brings out eternal life. The precious word of God has that power, but only to one who realizes they have that need. Only to a Sinner who realizes you're lost and helpless and you take it by faith. Turn to Romans chapter 3, please. Romans chapter 3. Verse nine at the end, Romans 3, verse nine at the end, They are all under sin. I'm going to read just a few verses, but in these few verses you're going to have God's biography of mankind, all mankind. You're going to have a portrait, divine portrait of yourself, Sinner. This is God's word, verse 10. There is none righteous, no, not one. There is none that understandeth, There is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way. They are together, become unprofitable. There is none that doeth good, No, not one. Verse 18. There is No Fear of God before their eyes. Verse 22 at the end there is no difference. All have sinned. Everyone here, everyone must have their sins forgiven. Forgiven. All have sinned. Need that be debated tonight? Need we take time tonight to convince you of that? You were conceived in sin. You were born in sin, and I'm sure you've done a heat of practicing of it. One sin keeps you out of heaven. God says all have sinned. Let's get over that now with an agreement. There is no difference, says God, 22 at the end. There is no difference. This is a world of difference. God made all things different, a great variety in his wonderful creation. The firmament chose his handiwork. There's no two snowflakes alike, never has been. There's no two fingerprints alike. They're all different. There's so many fish in the sea, they stopped trying to catalogue them. I know one entomologist gave it up the job of even cataloging the Moss in London. All a variety. Man himself insists on a variety and difference, doesn't he? His automobiles, his homes, his fashion, his clothing, everything has to be a variety. There is no difference though, on this one thing. One thing it's all the same, the heart of the Sinner. God says there's no difference. The heart of the Sinner all have sinned. The wisest man that ever lived, Solomon the king. Except for the man that gave him the wisdom, the man Christ Jesus. What he said in Ecclesiastes 720 There is not a man that doeth good and sinneth not not one. You have to take it from the wisest man that ever lived. What meaneth that Sinner? It means that all must be saved. That's what it means. It means the wages of sin is death. But after this, the judgment. And then eternal punishment. And that's hell. That's hell. You need only to acknowledge this. You need only to admit your condition to be saved, That's all. But that's the hardest thing for a Sinner to do. Back where I came from, there's a court. City Court, 10 judges, 10 courtrooms. But they years back they brought the prisoners because on Monday morning they had a lot of them. From the Hall of the Weekend. And all kinds of crimes committed on the weekend. And they were in the county jail waiting for their time on Monday morning. And they bring them from the pit to the bullpen by a tunnel.

The pit was in the county court jail. At the bottom. And one judge insisted on this with the Sheriff's Office, that before they're brought to the bullpen through that tunnel. Everyone of those accused had to stand before a full length mirror for a minute. You know, some of them gas when they looked after a weekend of sin and the ravages of it, and they're in that jail. Some cried, some sobbed, some ridiculed and smirked in embarrassment. But they all had to look. And then they took that long walk through the tunnel and up into the bullpen, which is a glass cage in the court where they sat until they brought them before the judge. And that judge said, since I've been practicing this with the with the sheriff, I've had so many more guilty pleas. So many more guilty pleas. That's what the word of God is for Sinner, to let you realize your

condition and your needs so you'll be saved. Why the law? We have it right here in our third chapter of Romans that the whole world, verse 19 may be guilty before God. It's like a mirror. Believe God, believe God and you could be saved. Oh, you know, it's so solemn that you have to realize your condition. In God's sight as a Sinner. And then you'll repent. How marvelous though the good news which we can preach. Through this man Jesus is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. First Timothy 115 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and there's none other but him, Jesus, none other. Acts 412 Neither is there any other, there's none other name under heaven given among men, whereby you must be saved. That's why this book was written. That's why this precious book was written and preserved all these years for you tonight. John 20 verse 31. These things are written that you might believe that Jesus. Is the Christ the Son of God and that believing you might have life? Through his name. Isn't that wonderful? Turn to Luke chapter 5. Luke chapter 5. In verse 17, the Lord Jesus was here teaching and preaching, and we see there was Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by. Out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. The religious leaders were all there listening to the Savior. Notice what it says at the end. The power of the Lord was present to heal them, but we don't find in the scriptures one of them got saved. They didn't think they had the need. But notice now verse 18. Behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy, and they sought means to bring him in, and delay him before him. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst. Before Jesus, And when he saw their faith, he said unto the him man. Sins are forgiven thee. Scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this that speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone? And when Jesus perceived their thoughts, the answering said unto them, What reason you in your hearts? Weather is easier to say thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say, Rise up and walk, but that she may know that the Son of man hath power. Upon earth to forgive sins. Jesus said to that sick man of palsy, I say unto thee, Arise, take up thy couch, and go into thy house. And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today. Behold, a man. Taken with a palsy. You know what that means? He's helpless.

These are typical. The Lord gives these examples as typical. They really happened. But they speak of the condition of every Sinner. You're helpless. That's the thought. You're helpless and not one thing you can do, Sinner. They're not one thing you can say or pay to get rid of one sin. You are helpless. This man was helpless. His friends thought means to bring him to Jesus. The multitude got in the way, but they were so determined and I trust you won't let the crowd, the peers get in your way. You need him. There's none other Savior. Through this man, Jesus has preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. You can leave here with your sins. Go on. You can leave here judgment free. You can leave here with joy in your heart, knowing all is well with your soul. Don't let anyone stop you, just ask the Lord Jesus to save you tonight. He will they were determined, so they took embedded all in the housetop. They tore away the tiling. And they let that man down on his couch before Jesus. Was Jesus upset with that interruption? Oh no, not my Savior. That's why he came. That's why he came. He wasn't upset. He always responds to faith. Always. There's no question that man of palsy had faith. No question. Or he wouldn't let those four men make such a spectacle of him in front of that multitude. He knew if he could get to Jesus, he could be well. He could be well. Did Jesus heal him of his palsy? No, not right away. No, he took care of the most urgent matter first. He saved him. Not wonderful. He saved him. The most important matter was not palsy. No, the most important matter was sin sickness. And that's the only matter that matters here tonight is sin sickness. You know, palsy is a dreadful thing, but sin sickness is worse. It's far worse than leprosy. It's far worse than dreaded AIDS. It's far worse than any disease you can think of, because they're only under death. Since sickness is under second death, if you die in your sins, you die again. How solemn. Second death. It's in Revelations. We won't turn to it. This is the second death, eternal separation from a holy God whose love and light who's being offered to you tonight as Savior, but you face him as judge and you'll be separated from him for all eternity if you die in your sins. So Jesus said man, thy sins are forgiven thee man, thy sins are forgiven thee. Verse 20 Would you not like to hear that from the creator of. Universe from the sustainer of all life, from the one who gave you your breath. Wouldn't you like to hear that from him? The Son of God, the eternal Son, the Savior of sinners, Jesus, That's what he said to this man. That's what he wants to say to you, man. Thy sins are forgiven thee. You know, it's such a precious thing. I quote the verse, but I'm going to turn to it. First Timothy. I want you to see it. First Timothy and chapter one. Verse 15. This is a faithful saying. It's worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Would you like to hear those words from the Creator, the source of all life, the judge as well? Thy sins are forgiven thee. That's what he wants you to hear. That's what he wants you to believe. Thy sins are forgiven thee. Sinner, let those words sink into your soul tonight. Therefore you let them take hold of your soul. Believe them. Thy sins are forgiven thee and receive eternal life right now. Beyond your joyful way to heaven. And know without a question that all is well with your soul. You know there was a man who was very religious all his life. He was very old now, but he never had peace with God. He never had the assurance of his sins forgiven. You know, there's a lot like that. How solemn. But he was taken by a friend to a gospel meeting, and the evangelist preached the faithful word. And he got on to this verse. Christ Jesus convinced the world to save sinners. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And that preacher settled on that verse for a few minutes. He illustrated it. He gave examples of it. He quoted it. And all of a sudden this old man who had worked all his life to get to heaven stood up and slowly walked up the aisle right towards the preacher. And he stopped right in front of that, now curious.

Evangelist And he looked up at him and he said, Preacher, would you please? Say that again, that verse makes my soul feel so good. You know, he got what he was searching all his life. He got what he was working for all his life just by simply believing the precious word of God and it made his soul feel so good. Christ Jesus came into the world to save you, to save sinners. That's the precious truth. Go back to our portion in the in the 5th chapter of Luke. Let's see verse 20 we were at it's so precious. You know, Senator. You have your sins forgiven. You're going to spend eternity in hell. The lake of fire. It's clear of the word of God. There's weeping, There's wailing. There's gnashing of teeth. There's torments. Unending a never dying thirst. The blackness of darkness forever. No company, no release, no repentance. That's hell. But one more thing. Clear. Lasting memory. Clear. Lasting memory. Sometimes I think that might be the worst. I want you to turn because God so faithful Sinner. To Luke 16 just for a verse or two. Luke 16 we have a picture. By God, which is real of a man in hell, verse 23. And in hell. Being in torment, verse 24, he cried mercy. And what was it he wanted? Water. One drop. Now notice verse 25. Son, remember, this is the thought, you know, whenever I speak of hell, according to the word of God, a different aspect comes before me, and it's so awful I shudder right now. Good, clear, lasting memory comes before me. There is torments and all the other things are true and there's no water there. And this man. Cried out and for mercy. One drop of water almost 2000 years ago and he still. Crying for it, and he'll be crying for it for all eternity. There is no water in hell. But memory, memory, I believe that's the awful sentence. Everyone who has heard the precious word of God and the Lord has been so faithful, they'll remember every meeting, every time. I do not believe there's a more severe punishment or sentence or awful punishment in memory. Shakespeare wrote this to be alone with my conscience. Is hell enough for me? But then he wrote a little thing that struck me. Believe me, no torture that the poet's fame can match the fears and honorable pain one feels who night and day avoid the rest carries his own accuser within his breast memory. You know, on December 7th, 1985, a man by the name of Carol Edward

Cole, 47 years old. Who had admitted killing twelve women. Was executed in Carson City, NV. Cole's attorney appeared before the Supreme Court and explained to those judges why no more appeals would be made. He said Coal wants to die right away. He wants to get it over with. He said it would be unbearable to stay on here with his memories any longer. But you know, his execution was not the end. It was just the beginning of never what never ends. An endless eternity with clear, lasting memory. That's hell. You know, there was a man named Matthias ****. I never forgot that story. He was tried convicted for a heinous crime, the murder of two people, a husband and wife, and thereby orphaning. 13 little children. Well, they went down in a ladder, but during the trial, every morning those thirteen children marched into the courtroom. And they sat there. And Matthias heard their cries and their sobs.

All that time for every day of the trial and you know, before the judge pronounced sentence, he said to Matthias, is there something you have to say in your own behalf or do you want to make a plea for a life sentence rather than execution? And to the judges astonishment, Matthias **** said, I want to be executed as soon as possible. He explained that he could not stand the memory of those children. Sobbing and crying any longer, he wished to rid himself of that torture, of those memories. But you know, Matthias **** will have a clear, lasting memory for all eternity. He will continue to hear those cries and all other things that will torment him forever. I want to get that thought across. Let's go back to our portion. I have to warn you, Senator. You can't rid yourself of one sin. You can't be cured of the dreaded sin sickness that you've got. That's the word of God in Jeremiah 46:11. It says in vain shalt thou use many medicines. Thou shalt not be cured. Thou shalt not be cured. How bad is it? Isaiah chapter one tells us pretty clearly how bad it is. Isaiah chapter one. Verse five at the middle, the whole head is sick, the whole heart faint from the sole of the foot, even to the head, no soundness in it. Wounds and bruises and putrifying sores. They have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Is there a cure? I'm going to turn to Jeremiah chapter 30. There's no cure. Jeremiah chapter 30. We're speaking of sin, sickness. Chapter 30. Verse 12. Thus says the Lord, Thy bruise is incurable, thy wound is grievous, there's none to plead thy cause that thou mayest be bound up. Thou hast no healing medicines. This is the hopeless, the helpless condition of every Sinner. God wants you to know. But there is one cure. The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses from all sin. It's a wonderful thing that is being offered to you. You know, it says is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? There's a bomb. The bomb is the word of God you have in your hand. That's the bomb. It brings you right to the great physician, the Lord Jesus Christ. As I mentioned, there's power in this word and there's power in that name Jesus power to give you eternal life and take your right into heaven, save you for male. It's a wonderful, wonderful. Four, there was a missionary group. Making their way to a new location and they came to a place in Africa where 2 trails meet at the Rivers Bend. Very popular place for the tribes. And a white man had put up a trading post there, and he was taking the tribal goods, the best things they had made cheap by rum and whiskey and trinkets. And this missionary group stopped at that place where the two trails meet at the Rivers Bend. For arrest. And one morning, a woman missionary saw a chief. She could tell by his headband, band and feathers, a tree from a tribe she knew the language of coming out of one of those trails. Dissipated the botched degraded by whiskey. Tripping over his own feet. And she confronted him, and in his language she scolded him. She said, Chief, look at yourself. Look at the way you are. How can you help your people? How can you do one thing good the way you are now with this whiskey and all your ravages? And he just cried. He said, I can't help myself, Missy, I've got to have more. I've got to have more. I can't help myself. She told him that there's a cure. See. And it's it's sure there's a physician who can heal you. His name is Jesus. He said where is he? Take me to him. Whatever it costs, let me know. She said, he's right here and he doesn't charge anything. It's free. All you have to do is want to be cured and healed of that sin, sickness, that awful disease you got that makes you long, long for these things. And he said, what's his name again? And she said very reverently, his name is Jesus. His name is Jesus.

She got him to go on his knees and he cried out in anguish and he got saved. The Lord Jesus came in there with the Spirit of God and gave him that new life, and instead of going towards the trading post after he left her telling him about the gospel, he went back the trail towards his village. Well, they went on and it was several weeks later that a group of that missionary party came back at the same place where the two trails meet at the Riverbend. They were on their way to get more supplies. And this woman saw that chief coming out of the trail again, and when he saw her. His eyes lit up. He was a changed man already. He had his hand holding a hand of a woman. It was his wife. She looked just like he did before. Degraded. Debauched. Sin Sick. And he left her stand there in the trail. He went up to the missionary, said Missy, Please, Missy, can I tell her that name? She felt so terrible that he thought he couldn't tell that name to anybody else because perhaps the way she spoke it so reverently, she says tell your wife that name and tell everybody else in your family and tribe that name. And he ran back to her and took her hands. And he says his name is Jesus. So rap, his name is Jesus. Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. Wonderful to see the change that can come over one turn to Matthew, Matthew's Gospel. Chapter 9. Matthew. Chapter 9. Verse 10. That came to pass, as Jesus said at meat in the House. Behold, many Republicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples. Why eat as your master with publicans and sinners? When Jesus heard that, he said unto them. They that behold need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye, and learn what that meaneth. I will have mercy. Not sacrifice. I am come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. They that behold need not the physician. This is the great physician, This is the one that can say thy sins be forgiven thee, but they that are sick. You know, in Mark's Gospel Chapter 6, we won't take the time to turn to it. It says they knew him when Jesus came to their cities, their villages, the countryside. And they brought all those that were sick of whatever diseases, and laid them in the streets. And it said as many as touched the hem of his garment were made whole, no matter what the infliction. This is the wonderful gospel. As many as believe in faith be saved the sins of God. That as many as is the whosoever of the word of God. That's it. Any Sinner anywhere, anytime, the whosoever the word of God is brought out in that beautiful verse that I'm sure perhaps all here know. John 3:16 It's the whosoever of God's salvation. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Isn't that wonderful? But there is a whosoever of the judgment of God. God is so faithful. Whosoever was not found. Written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Cast into the Lake of Fire. Sinner, get your name in that book. It's the Lamb's book of life. When your name is in there, it can never come out. You're in there for all eternity on your way to heaven in glory. If you came in here tonight in your sins in peril. The good news is the glad tidings Sinner. You don't have to leave this room that way, because through this man, Jesus is preached unto you. The forgiveness of sins. The forgiveness of sins. Notice what the religious leaders said to Jesus.

Or to his disciples. Why eateth your master with publicans and sinners? You know we can read in Luke 15 verse two I believe it is. He receiveth sinners. He receiveth sinners. What they said was so true and so beautiful. But in verse 21 of our chapter it says this. Who is this that speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins? God alone. You know how wrong they were and yet how right they were. Blasphemy in this case, making himself God. They were wrong. He is God. But when they said who can forgive sins but God alone, they were right and Jesus is God. Jesus is God, He could forgive sins. This man's sins were forgiven. In Luke 5, my sins are forgiven. Your sins can be forgiven, and only God can do that. And Jesus is God. He's the eternal Son of God. He's the creator of this world. He's a sustainer of all life. He's the Lamb of God, providing the substitute in judgment for every Sinner. He's the Savior. Back to Luke, 5 I think I'd better get on with that portion. Luke 5.

And verse. 22. When Jesus perceived their thoughts. You know Jesus is God. He knows everything, He sees everything. He knows all about you, Sinner. He knows how many hairs are on your head, and not only that, He has them all numbered. He knows how many stars there are in the heavens, and not only that He calls them all by name, and there is no lowly Sparrow falls in the ground. But what that He knows it? But oh, what grace it says Jesus perceived their thoughts. What grace? What love exhibited. They accused him of blasphemy and yet he loved them. What love? That's divine love, Sinner. Divine love reaching out to you tonight. Don't refuse it. Don't refuse it. How awful to refuse it. It's the same love that on the cross of Calvary said. Father forgive them. Words echoing throughout Calvary, that awful, disgraceful day when they crucified the Lord of glory. Words reaching the ears of God the Father. Words reaching your ears now, Sinner, forgive them. In that wonderful forgive them through this man is preached unto you forgiveness of sins. But how could God forgive those that so despitely and hatefully treated his beloved son? Divine love, That's it. The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Having yet one son is well beloved, he sent him also. They cast him out, they crucified him, they crucified the Lord of glory. And Jesus said as he hung on that cross, Father, forgive them, Father, forgive them. Through this man Jesus is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. Jesus said in verse 23 chapter 5 Luke, which is easier to say? Thy sins be forgiven thee, or rise up and walk. Both are impossible to man, but that which is impossible to man is possible. To God, and Jesus is God. You know when the rich young ruler came running to Jesus? Who had been religious all his life, kept keeping the law the best he could, fell down at his knees. Wanted to have eternal life, thinking that his exemplary life could merit it. And when the Lord Jesus told him what he must do to have eternal life, he left him sorrowful because he coveted things in this world and would not come to Jesus. And you know, the disciples marveled, they said to Jesus. If this man can't be saved, who can be saved?

And the Lord said it is impossible with men. But not with God. All things are possible with God. Verse 24 of our chapter, but that she may know Sinner, that's why you're hearing the gospel tonight. The Lord wants you to be saved that you may know know what through this man Jesus is preached unto you. The forgiveness of sins. The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses from all sin. So Jesus proved himself to those hypocrites. Those religious bigots, he said to that man, arise, take up by couch and go into the house. And he did. That man of palsy had given up his sins and now he took up his couch and he went to his house. He was healed, he was saved. How? How long? Immediately, Immediately. Isn't that wonderful? You know, at the tomb of Lazarus, who was there four days, dead, buried, corruption set again, Jesus said, Lazarus come forth. He that was dead came forth. And, you know, at the coffin of a young man at Maine on his way to burial. The Lord Jesus stopped that funeral procession and said to that man in the coffin, Young man, arise, and he arose and began to speak, and at the bedside of a little maid who had just died, Jesus said. Maid arise. And she awoke and began to eat. And you know what the Lord Jesus is saying to you tonight, Sinner? Live that wonderful live. You're dead and your sins live. Deuteronomy 30, the Lord says I set before you this day, life or death, one or the other. Then he says please choose life, live if you'll just believe him. What's the last verse we read? Verse 26. We have seen strange things today. They saw strange things. Every time a Sinner is saved you see strange things. Because it says if any man be in Christ, he's a new creature. All things are passed away. Behold, all things have become new. Indeed, strange things happen when this power of the Word of God touches a Sinner. He has eternal life. He's a new creature. He's on his way to heaven, and he is happy. Turn to Luke 7. Luke Chapter 7. Verse 34. At the end they accused Jesus of being a friend of publicans and sinners. And I like to say the accusation is true. This man receiveth sinners, and you better believe it. That's why he came. But then let's look at verse 37. Behold, a woman in the city, which was a Sinner. Said this woman was a Sinner. Verse 47. First verse 39. At the end the Pharisee said she is a Sinner. It was generally known her conduct, her way of life, she was a Sinner. Verse 47, the Lord Jesus said her sins are many. Yeah, Jesus said she's a great Sinner. So there's absolutely no doubt about this case. This woman was qualified for heaven. This woman had all the necessary prerequisites to get into heaven. She was a Sinner. And so are you everyone here. She knew she was a Sinner. And I trust you do too. She had faith in Jesus. The Savior of sinners, what about you? That's the only question. Oh, do not be so foolish as to disqualify yourself, Sinner. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Take your place and be saved and have your sins washed away. You know, in verse 41, we'll read it, there was a certain creditor which had two debtors. The one owed 500 pence, the other 50, but they had nothing to pay. He freely forgave them both. They were bankrupt. And so are you Sinner. There's not one thing you can do to get rid of one sin. You are bankrupt, you have nothing to pay. What's the difference? Does it matter?

If one has a lot of sins and one a few. If one has some great terrible sins and won some mild sins. Still go to hell, it doesn't make any difference. They had nothing to pay. He freely forgave them both. You know, I heard a story that happened in France. A man, a businessman, very wealthy and successful, got saved in the gospel meeting, put him on fire. Put him on fire. He couldn't wait to tell everybody. And after he told all of his friends and relatives, he decided to get it out in the village he lived in. So he rented some billboards and he rented a big building, and he advertised that on certain week, every night of the week. Weeknights. There be a gospel, the good news will be preached. And you know, the first night, out of curiosity, it was almost full. And he told in a simple way, the best he could, how he got saved. The second night it dwindled down to about half. And the third night it was his friends and relatives, and after that there wasn't any. He was discouraged. They didn't want to hear. And it was this portion in 41st and 42nd verse that really struck his heart. So he decided to do something. You run into the largest billboard in town, what everyone sees, and he told him that billboard that on a certain Saturday. At noon. Anyone who came there with all their debts, proof of all their debts. He would pay them all freely. Well, that got around town fast. That was a little different. Some said, do you believe it's going to do that? No, we were laughing stock of the town, if we'd go there. They had to go to his office at 12 noon. 12 noon. I should say 10 minutes before that office was surrounded by a crowd. They all stood there wondering if anybody's going to be so foolish as to go up to the door. Five of 12 A man broke from the crowd. He had an envelope full of bills and he ran as fast he could and knocked on the door. It was open, he was admitted. Just before 12, another man broke and he had his first full of bills and he ran up there and he was led in at 12:00. They waited. Few minutes later, they came out, beaming faces, happy boys and men. They said, did he really do it? Did he pay all your bills? Every one of them? I'm free. I have no more bills. I'm free. And they're all rushed toward the door. But he had a policeman. They're ready to stop him from coming in. And he came out and gave him the Gospel based on this precious portion and told them, when the bridegroom comes, Matthew 25, the door is shut and it's forever too late. He let them know they could have all their sins forgiven right now, but if they wait and the Lord comes, it's forever too late. Oh, how solemn. What about you? He freely forgave them both. And He would give you eternal life if you just come to Him. Don't say I don't need a savior. Don't disqualify yourself. If you do, you must go to hell. That's it. Because if you can't admit your condition, you can't be saved. I know some years ago in India, the Prince of Wales visited. And you know, when he arrived, the high caste were selected to meet him and greet him. Not the common people. They had barriers built to keep the common people back. But the high gristocratic cast was there. The Prince arrived. He ceremoniously shook hands with all of those distinguished people. And when he was done, he looked at those barriers. And he said, remove those barriers right away. They were astonished, but the police took down those barriers and then anyone of those masses, the common people that wished could come and greet the Prince and shake his hand, You know, the next time the Prince came to India. There were the common people, the masses with banners.

Welcome the Prince of the outcast, it said, welcome the Prince of the outcast. Well, you know, the Lord Jesus is a greater Prince than that. He's the Prince of sinners. He's the Prince of sinners. He said, take the barriers down. Set the prisoners free. They're wonderful. Set the prisoners free. You know, in our portion here, Chapter 7, Notice what he said to this woman. Thy sins are forgiven. Verse 48. Thy sins are forgiven. Verse 49 they said who is this that forgives sins also? It's God. Only God can forgive sins and Jesus is God. Notice verse 50. Jesus said thy faith has saved thee, go in peace. Thy faith has saved thee, go in peace.

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God. Sin Center, I'd want you to have that tonight. You could never lose it. It's so precious. You have peace with God. Just turn to Acts 5 please. Acts chapter 5. Verse 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom he slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince. The Prince of sinners and a Savior, the Savior of sinners. To give repentance to Israel and to forgive sins. This is it. Colossians 1:14 in whom we have redemption through his blood. The forgiveness of sins. Remember to the man of palsy, Jesus said Thy sins are forgiven thee. To that sinful woman, Jesus said Thy sins are forgiven thee. To those two debtors who had nothing to pay, he freely forgave them, and on the cross he said, Father forgive them. Through this man, Jesus is preached under you the forgiveness of sins. The forgiveness of sins. All you have to do is take it. The last verse. Revelations 22, take it. Take it Revelations 22, verse 17. The Spirit and the Bride say, Come, let him that hears they come, let him that thirst come, And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely, let him take. An evangelist preaching the gospel was approached afterwards by a man who simply asked, Can you show me the way, please to Jesus? Can you show me the way to Christ? And the evangelist said, no, I cannot. But Sir, you're an evangelist, he said. I know, but I cannot show you the way to Jesus Christ. How can that be? Because he is the way. He is the way. Christ himself is the way. All who simply believe in Him are on their way to heaven, justified from all sins. He's here, he said. He's here. All you have to do is take him, receive Him, and be on your way to heaven. The Lord said I'm the door. By me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved. I'm the way. No man cometh to the Father, but by me he's the gate. The gate to glory in heaven through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. I can't tell you the way to Christ, but I can tell you Christ is the way to heaven, and there's no other way.

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Gospel—R. Bauman

Now, even before we sing to him, I want to have a few verses before us. In First Chronicles chapter 28. First Chronicles, Chapter 28. It's David speaking the King. Man after God's own heart, man of faith, one who served God. Verse 2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet and said, Hear me, my brethren and my people. As for me, I had it in my heart to build a House of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord and for the footstool of our God. And I made ready for the building that was his desire. To build a house for his God who was so good to him for so many years. But God said, Thou shalt not build a house for thy name. You know, his son was to build the house, Solomon. And the Lord told his son in verse 10. Take heed now, for the Lord has chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary. Be strong and do it. You see, David had it on his heart to build a house, but God had another plan. And I was thinking of one other place in the New Testament, in Acts. Acts Chapter 7. Verse 9. And the patriarchs. Moved with Envy. Sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him, and delivered him out of all his afflictions. And gave him favor and wisdom. Now if we turn to Genesis 45. We'll see that portion. Joseph speaking. Verse 7. Genesis 45. Seven God sent me before you. To preserve you for a posterity in the earth and to save your lives. By great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hit her, but God. Chapter 50. Chapter 50 and verse. 20 But As for you, ye thought evil against me. But God meant it unto good. You know, you may think everything is all right tonight, with your soul, with your life even. But God says if you're still in your sins, if you haven't received Jesus Christ, his Son and Savior, you're in peril. But God makes all the difference, you see. But God says you lost. You need a savior. You're not right, and God knows your heart. You know that same one, David in Psalm said. God knows the secrets of the heart. And he searches all the hearts and all the imaginations of the thoughts of the hearts. Now what is your heart like? Yours and mine. But Jeremiah, the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it? You know, God knows that. God knows that. And God knows you need a savior. You're going to have to do what God? Friend, everyone here is going to have to do with God. You can't avoid that. If there's any here that are still in your sins, you're not only in peril of eternal punishment, but you're going to have to face God. You can't avoid that. Turn to Psalm 139 for a verse on that. I think it's very important. Psalm 139. Verse 6 verse 7. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Whither shall I flee from thy presence? And now Jeremiah 23.

Verse 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? Says the Lord. Do not I feel heaven and earth, says the Lord. You're going to have to do with him. Friend, Sinner. So don't deceive yourself. Your heart will deceive you. It's not my chance. You're here. It isn't a happenstance that you're here. I don't care what brought you or how you came in. God meant it. For good, this is the gospel. God saw that you came in tonight to hear the word of God. He wants you saved. Isn't that a wonderful thing? But God knows you have a need. But God has made provision for it. And God brought you in tonight. How wonder how wonderful. You know. The only thing standing in the way of the eternal salvation of any soul here is the will of that one. If God had his way tonight, you're going to be saved. If the Lord Jesus has his way tonight, you're going to be saved. If the Holy Spirit has His way tonight, you're going to be saved. And the only thing that stands in the way of your being saved is your will against God. That's all. And if anyone here finds themselves in hell. In hell forever. Satan will have a victory he'll have had his way tonight, and you're the reason. You're the reason solemn, isn't it? Oh, God would have all to be saved. Why is it that men must suffer, or women or children? An eternal punishment in hell? Do you ever think of that? Is it because of the multitude of your sins? Oh no. Oh no. I'm sure there are many, but that isn't the reason. Is it because of the magnitude of your sins? The great terrible things you've done? Oh no. It's because you will not believe and receive the love of the truth that you might be saved. That's all. That's the only reason souls go to hell. Not one in hell will ever blame God. No, none will ever blame God. What will you say? If you are suspended in space. Before the great White throne of Judgment, what will you say? I can tell you. You'll be speechless. There will be no one say anything. You'll be speechless because God's faithful. Let's see #12 #12. This was written by a woman, Charlotte Elliott, who was a sickly person in her youth, very religious, very religious. She lived a good life. Thought she was safe. Thought her works would be all right. God will give her some credit. She was at a banquet in London. And she met Doctor Caesar Milan from Geneva. Great evangelist, a gospel preacher. And in talking to her he sensed. She was a religious person but lost. He didn't want to offend her. He didn't want to hurt that dear, frail girl's feelings. But he knew he had to be faithful to God and to her soul. And he said, My dear young lady, I do trust you are really and truly a believer, a Christian. That offended her, offended her. She said some terrible things and left right away. But she didn't sleep well because she knew. She knew that she

wasn't ready to be God. And she went back to see Doctor Milan before he went back to Geneva. And Charlotte Elliott said, I'm sorry for what I said to you. I was so upset. I know I'm not ready, but you said we just have to come to the Lord. How can I come to him? I am so unworthy. I have sinned. So you know what he said. My dear young lady, you just come as you are. Let Jesus do the rest. That lovely. It's so simple. She came that night and she was saved, and she wrote some precious hymns, and this is one of them. And this hymn was based on those words of Doctor Caesar Milan that brought her to Christ, just as you are, just as I am.

Without one plea. That's the gospel. The lovely. The Lord wants you all saved. I hope none of you walk out of here lost in your peril. On your way to hell you could come while you sing to him. Just as I am. Now let's look to God and seek help. This is the word of God, precious. But it's powerful, You know, the word of God has been preserved all these years against all the attacks that have been made against it. But it'll go on forever. Heaven and earth may pass away, but the precious word will never pass away. God has preserved it tonight for you, dear sinners, so you can hear and be saved. And I trust you here with an ear of faith. I trust you realize that this precious book is the book that can save your precious soul. One verse is sufficient to save the soul of every Sinner here. There's power in it. You know, years ago there was a woman called Emily Carr in Victoria, Vancouver. She is one of the oldest ones there. They called her eccentric. She did some things that they thought were a little different. She was very old, but she wore clothes that were older than she and she'd go around pushing a baby buggy to get her shopping done and put the packages in an old fashioned buggy. And in it she kept her pet monkey dressed. And so they said there goes crazy old Emily Carr. She's happy and busy.

She painted and sketched scenes of Vancouver and Victoria. Scenes of God's creative nature of the birds and animal life, and of the Indians there. You know, the people that bought and moved into Emily's cars house had a terrible job clearing it. All the debris and rubbish they said she left behind. Room after room. They got to the attic and they found dozens after dozens of old sketches that she had made and some paintings and they just added them to this big pile of rubbish and they had a great bonfire. That was \$1,000,000 bonfire. One year before she died, she became famous. And a day from Vancouver to Montreal you won't find. An Art Museum without an Emily car painting or more. One painting today, I don't care what one it is, is worth \$50,000. Easy. They burned it. You know, everyone has the Bible, I'm sure, in your home. Perhaps you will just not think about it. Leave it. The next one will burn it. Throw it away. This priceless. That's priceless. Like those that burned the Emily carpeting. You're not here by chance. God meant it for your good. That's why you're here. Let's turn to. Luke's Gospel, Chapter 16 Luke's Gospel. I have that expression on my heart tonight, but God meant it for your good. Chapter 16 Oh, I just have two verses here, 14 and 15. The Pharisees also who were covetous, heard all these things, and they derided Jesus. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men, self-righteous you see, self-righteous like your nature, and mine like the way we are, Naturally we justify ourselves, but before men, never before God, before men. These Pharisees were the religious leaders of the day. They accuse Jesus always. They sought to find fault with my blessed Savior. Always. They hated him and had murder in their heart. The carnal mind of man is at enmity with God. Religious or non religious? Now let's take a look at these Pharisees, the 18th chapter. Just a peak. Just a peak. Verse 11 We are in the temple. Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself. God, I thank thee. I'm not like other men are extortioners, unjust adulterers. Even as this publican I fast twice in the week I give tithes of all that I possess. He justified himself, he said. Thank God. It's nice to thank God. But what did he thank God for? I'm like I am. I'm not like other man like that Sinner. Justified himself before men. And the public, and standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven. But smote his breast in shame, and said but 7 words, and it ushered him into heaven. God, be merciful to me, the Sinner, Jesus said, justified. That lovely. That's all it takes to be saved. Repentance towards God faced in the Lord Jesus Christ. You're on your way to heaven. You're going to know it. You're going to be happy about it. You're going to tell others. That's the gospel. Now, the Lord said. He justify back in 15 and chapter 16. Ye are they that justify yourself before men. Ah, here it is. But God. But God, that makes all the difference. But God knoweth your hearts. That makes all the difference. The very next account in this chapter when he said that.

Is about the man who fared sumptuously every day of his life. But God is faithful. Outside his gate was the testimony of how to be saved. The lovely Lazarus was there. Lazarus would have loved to have the crumbs from that man's table. Poor beggar. But a child of God by faith, the testimony was there. God made sure. And every time that rich man left his door and came back, the testimony was there. Had he given Lazarus the time of day, he would have given him the way to heaven. The testimony is in your hand tonight. God's made sure, but isn't it wonderful? That rich man died and was buried and in torments in hell. He lifted up his eyes. And he saw that beggar. In glory. The rich man became poor and the beggar became rich because that's the way the Lord is. And he cried. He cried. Mercy. Lord mercy, too late. Too late. He justified himself before men, but God said. He had no time for God, but God had plenty of time for him. Now he says, but God knoweth your hearts. This speaks to you. Don't forget, Jeremiah said. Your heart is deceitful above every all things. It's desperately wicked. Your heart will tell you you're doing pretty good. Satan will do that. You're hard to tell. You're not as bad as the others on your street. Satan will do that. Your heart will tell you you're religious and God will have to give you some credit for that hour a week you're giving him, keeping 167 for yourself. But God knows your heart. It's wicked. It's deceitful. It will deceive you. Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, said Solomon. The heart of men are fully set to do evil. They're fully set. It's there, just like a bomb ready to come out. Take all the police force out of Tampa sometime and let it be known. You won't be safe in the street or in your house. One minute, which is there, ready to go, fully set to do evil. I'm not just imagining that. It happened in Ottawa, in Ottawa, ON. The police went on strike and let it be known the day before midnight there will be no police. Carnage. Carnage. They boldly broke the windows and took the TV's out of the stores and everything else they could find walking down the street. No one to stop them. It's fully set to do evil. That's your heart and mind. God knows it. Now in Acts 821 God says this. Your heart is not right with God. Your heart is not right with God. If you're still in your sins, that's to you. Your heart is not right with God. That's the problem. The problem, dear Sinner, is your heart. It's not right with God. It takes much of yourself. It deceives you. You know, there's not much time. This rich man makes me think of Dennis Barnhart. Maybe you read it last year. He was a computer king at age 34. Dennis Barnhart, Do you remember that story in the papers? You know what happens fast? He had Eagle Corporation. Eagle Inc, he called it. And they expected him to be the witches man the world in a short time. Dennis Barnhart put the stock of that corporation on the market the first day he made \$33 million first day. That day, at the end of that market day, he was driving home in his red Ferrari with a yacht salesman at his side so he could discuss the yacht he was going to purchase that made. He left the road at high speed into a tree instantly in eternity. The day he became a millionaire, he became a pauper for eternity, and that's all. Isn't that solemn? Yes, God knows your heart, and that's why the gospel goes out. You need a new one. A new life. The life is no good.

Let's turn to Romans 5, fifth chapter of Romans. Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, and there is no other way. No other way. To be at peace with God about this in question. You need a substitute. You need a mediator, one who can stand between you and God and take you both and bring you together. Job was looking for one a day's man, Job says. Am I like God

that I can stand before him? I need a mediator, one who will put his hand on God and on me and bring us together. There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave his life a ransom for all to be testified in due time. And if you're still in your sins, dear friends, this is your due time. This is it. I dare say you've had it before, but I can't promise you'll have it again. I expect the Lord to come. I would not be surprised, in fact sort of disappointed, if he doesn't come before this gospel is over. He's coming soon. You've got two cut offs you're facing right now. One is your death, you know, Job says. Because there is wrath. Beware. Lest he take thee away with his stroke. And then a great ransom cannot redeem thee. It's forever too late. Death is always a threat. Like Dennis Barnard, the day became a millionaire. He became a pauper for eternity. Ushered into eternity forever. But there's another cut off. The Lord is coming. He's promised. It's time. We're on the very brink of that time when everyone who believes him and is saved is going to be ushered out of here like Enoch of old. Without dying. Translated. And when the Lord comes, should he come before we reach the end of this time? There will be some if you are still in your sins in your seats without a preacher. And you'll know where we've gone. How solemn. Forever. Too late. Forever. Too late. Verse 5, verse 6. When we're yet without strength, in due time, Christ died for the ungodly without strength. What does that mean? That means that one Sinner can do one thing to get him one step toward God in heaven. Without strength, you can't do anything. A Sinner can't do anything to take a step toward God. That's a helpless you are. Ungodly, it says ungodly. Yes, ungodly sinners are ungodly. They can't be godly. Only by receiving Christ can you be God like you have his life. That's beautiful. Verse 8. When we were yet sinners, Christ died for us sinners. I hope there isn't anyone here who doesn't think you're a Sinner. The scriptures have included all under sin. Why? So that faith of Christ may be given to all who believe the faith that saves God has declared everyone here tonight is qualified for heaven. Because. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners and thank God when He let me realize I was not only a Sinner, but Lord. I hit my knees fast when I realized what was ahead for me, and rightfully so, I hit my knee. I received Christ and I rejoiced ever since. And it gets better every day and I can't wait to see him face to face. I hope you realize you're a Sinner. One sin will keep you out of heaven. One sin? What kind of a mountain of sins have you piled up? I had a mountain. That blessed Savior took them all on himself for me. In judgment by a thrice holy God, in three hours of darkness on the cross of Christ. Yeah, it says without strength, ungodly sinners anymore. Look at verse 10. Enemies.

The carnal minds and enemy with God. I didn't know when I was lost. I was an enemy, but I just didn't want to be too close. I just didn't want him bothering me when I was doing certain things. I hated him but didn't realize it. I was an enemy. I was an enemy. I feared. Now I love him. He's my father. That's conversion. That's new life. That's salvation. It's wonderful. Now though, this verse 8. God. All those things are true, but God. Commendeth his love toward us, in that while you are yet sinners, while we are yet ungodly, while we yet without strength, while you are yet sinners and enemies. God sent Christ, and He died for you. Isn't that wonderful? God commendeth his love. What does that mean? Do you ever commend anything that isn't good? When you commend something to somebody, you've tried it and it's good you want them to take it. God wants you saved so much. He is commanding his love to you, he says. Please believe it and receive it. Think of that. He's commanding it to you right now. So you could be in heaven forever. Saved from the hell you deserve. You know his love. Isn't that wonderful? God commendeth his love. You see that verse 8 is so precious. The source of that love is God himself. It's divine love. It's the love that can love the unlovely thing, Even me. Even me and you is divine love. That's the source, God. The subject of that love. His ungodly sinners. There's no higher source for love than that, you see, but there's no lower subject. For that love to reach out to an ungodly sinners. And the sacrifice of that love is his own blessed Son. In who was all his delights? Jesus. There isn't any greater sacrifice he could have made. Isn't that enough to win your heart? Is that enough to bring you to Christ? God commends us to you. The love of God is past. Finding out past finding out. God is love. Now you know the verse John 316. I trust you all do. Call it the greatest ever verse that I believe it is. You know, Luther called it the little Bible. I have a little card I take and it is because it introduces me so quickly to anybody. I don't care who it is. Waitresses are where they seem to have recognized that verse all over the world. John 316 just like Jesus loves me. Little song, his song everywhere. God is faithful. He's made sure his love is known. I call it the greatest ever verse, not the little Bible, but that's good. God, the greatest possible source. Of authority or anything. God. That's it. That's where we start with John 316 for God. Soul of the greatest possible source of love there could be divide divine love. All other love that we talk about is selfish. All other love is self efficient. Divine love can love the unlovely thing. That's God. Wonderful. The world. The greatest possible sphere for that rule of to reach out the whole world. Isn't that lovely that he gave the greatest possible giver? It's gone. Who could be a greater giver than God? His only begotten son, The greatest possible gift. His only begotten son. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. That whosoever believeth on him, the greatest possible offer is being made tonight. Whosoever, anybody, everyone. Wonderful. And Jesus said him that cometh to me on the wife cast out. Should not perish. The greatest possible promise should not perish. I've claimed it. I'm living in the good of it. I hope you do. You won't perish. You won't be judged for your sins. You won't go to hell. No. Wonderful. But the greatest possible difference.

But half everlasting life. The greatest possible assurance. I got it. I got it right now. That's the greatest possible verse. That's the love of God. He commends it to you tonight, dear friends. He commends it to you tonight. He wants you to take it tonight. This may be your last opportunity. But God commendeth his love toward us, and that while we are yet sinners, Christ died for us. Is there anymore He can say? Is there any more, any better way he could express his love to you? There was a father who had a little family. Wasn't worthy of them. He was an alcoholic, habitual, incurable, practically. They tried everything. His wife, the older daughters. Yeah, little boy. They tried everything. And finally those older ones began to nag. They began to belittle him, berate him, try to embarrass him, say terrible things to him, try to get him to stop out of shame. You know that little boy received Jesus in Sunday school. He had told his father about that. He loved his father. But his boy was dying at 8 years old and the doctor said there is no hope and there's no time. When that man heard that, he sobered quickly. He went into that room and he fell on that boy trying. He said. Doctor, you're wrong. God won't do this to my son. You have to be wrong. He's going to live. I know it. That little boy said. Father, I know I'm going to heaven. The doctor said so. And I'm ready. But I want you to know one thing, Father. When I get to heaven, I want you to remember this. But Father, I've always loved you, even though you did get drunk. You know that day the boy went to heaven? That day that Father hit his knees? That did it. Love like that. There's a little type of the love of Christ, Love of God, you see, even if you are his enemy. Even if you are unworthy in a Sinner. Even if you are ungodly and helpless. Christ died for you. Hustle of God. That's the love of God. Turn to Acts. Thirteen, 13th chapter of Acts. Paul preaching verse 26. Paul preaching to the Jews, men and brethren, children of the sock of Abraham. And whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation. Sent. Did you notice whosoever? Oh, it's throughout the whole word of God. Whosoever feareth God. You know in Psalm 6616 it says this come. Unto me all ye that fear God, and I'll tell you. What he has done for my soul, that's what a gospel preacher Diesel See he tells what God has done for his soul. But it's only those that fear God can hear it. Only those that realize they're going to face the holy God. That's the ones that fear God. But it's whosoever. You know, the very last thing in the word of God brings it in turn to Revelations 22. I want to show you. God never quits pleading with the Sinner. Never notice this. 22nd Chapter of Revelations and verse 18 No verse. 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come, and let him that is a thirst come, And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. You

know, sometimes the truth, So ever sometimes it's everyone. I looked up everyone in Webster's dictionary because it comes out in the Word of God quite often too. And you know, Webster's got this. Everyone means this one, that one, and all of the others too. I think that's a good definition.

Whosoever means you, whoever you are, but whosoever, isn't that wonderful that God's love reaches? All like that, whosoever you know, there's a whosoever of the gift of God. John 3:16 We just had it. There's a whosoever, the judgment of God. Revelations 20 Look at it. Revelations 20 Verse 15. Whosoever was not found written in the book of life. Was cast in the lake of fire. That's whosoever of the judgment of God. Now there's a whosoever, the grace of God. That's Revelation 22, verse 17. We just had it. We just had it. And there's a whosoever of the salvation of God, Proverbs 8, verse 35. We won't take time to turn to it. Whosoever findeth me, says, the Lord findeth life. Is that lovely? You want life tonight eternal. You want to know tonight that you're judgment free? You want to know tonight that you're on your way to heaven. No matter what happens, you're going to spend an eternity as Co heir with God bless his son, the Lord Jesus. Find him. He's here. He's here. The Holy Spirit is here to bring you to him. Christ wants you to come. That's what we have here, you see. Now let's go on in Acts 13. Who's whoever among you feareth God to you? Is the word of this salvation sin. For they that dwell at Jerusalem and their rulers because they knew him, not verse 27. Case summer behind because they knew him. Not now yet the voices of the prophet. Which are read every Sabbath day. They fulfilled the word of God in condemning Jesus. They knew him, not John's Gospel. I chapter says this. He came under his own. His own received him not. He came into the world. The world knew him not. He went to Jerusalem, and they crucified him, but as many as received him. To them gave he the right or power to become the sons of God. Even to they that believe on his name you go believe tonight be included. Me included. Verse 28, though they found no cause of death at him. His judge. Think of it, The Son of God, the Creator of this world. The one in whose hand is your next breath. The one who stains all life sustains it by himself. Was judged by one of his creatures, a sinful man at that pilot. Pilate said to Jesus, Knowest thou not I have power? To crucify thee. The arrogance of man. Jesus says thou hast no power at all. Unless it's given thee from above my father. Pilate said three times over. I find no fault in this man at all. That's his judge. That's his trial. That's the verdict. Innocent, holy, faultless, perfect man. And though they found no cause of death at him, yet desired the pilot that he should be slave. The carnal minds at enmity with God don't forget it. The heart of man was exposed in all its nakedness and awfulness at the cross. Don't try and find out your heart. There it is. Look at the cross, you'll see it. Everything they could do in hatred they did to that blessed one who came disabled. That's the heart of man. Now we go on. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of Jesus. They took him down from the tree and laid him in a sepulchre. All the signs of the Old Testament Scriptures. We're perfectly fulfilled by Jesus in His birth, His life, death and resurrection, everyone. All fulfilled in that one He's my savior. He's my creator, but he is my Redeemer and my savior. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, will cleanse everyone here from all your sins is offered to you tonight. Now they took him down from the tree. His own self were our sins, if you have him in his own body on the tree.

That's where it all took place on the tree. O Cross of Christ. O wondrous tree. What place can be compared with Thee where God's own Son was crucified? For my sins, a ransom died on the tree. They took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb of Sepulchre. And if that was the end of it, I'd go on my way to hell. But God, there it is. Verse 30. But God raised him from the dead. He's a living savior. There's a man in glory, the man Christ. Jesus, my savior. He lives. He lives. Isn't it wonderful for me? And he lives for you, if you'll have him. A savior who's at the right hand of God living. You know, those women came to that tomb with spices. To anoint his body out of love. But the tomb was empty. And the Angel said, Why seek ye him that liveth among the dead? He's not here. He's risen. Remember what he said to you when he was with you? Oh, that wonderful. He's risen. That's the victory cry of every Christian. Jesus Christ has risen. From the dead and I've arisen one too, a new life in me, And so can you have it if you receive him. The victory cry thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory. Through the Lord Jesus Christ. You know when Russia decided to stamp out religion? And God. Many years ago in the square Moscow, they had a big get together, a celebration for atheists, and they had some of the greatest atheistic orders in Russia there on the platform and the people had to listen to that. They blasphemed. They shook their fists. They said there's no God. It's all a myth and on and on. They made the clergy come, They made the pastors come. They made the man of God come and listen to that. And when they were done, the officials. Offered to let anyone of those men come up and refute what does atheist said. Lot of water too, because of the awfulness of that time, the guns and the soldiers and all. And so one of the officials went down and got up along the old pastor Gray haired band. Is saved. He had let a little flock in the country for years. Put him there and said, What are you going to say man, to that? Like Nehemiah, he praises the God of heaven. God puts words in your mouth when you pray to the God of heaven. You know what He said. Christ is truly risen. Hallelujah. Everyone in that crowd that loved the Lord Jesus or feared God raised that cry. They couldn't stop it. They couldn't stop it. Christ is truly the reason. Hallelujah. That whole affair turned in reverse, and that cry went out through the streets of the alleys in Russia, city to city, country to countryside. That was the slogan. For a long time. They couldn't stamp it out. That's the victory cry of every Christian He's truly risen, but God raised him from the dead. Oh, how wonderful. 1st Corinthians 15 We Won't turn to it. But this is the gospel. That Jesus Christ died and was buried according. To the scriptures, and he rose again according to the scriptures. Well, I can add something. He's coming again, according to the Scriptures. Oh yeah, 319 times in the New Testament. He's coming again. He doesn't want you to say you didn't know he himself is coming. He's not sending a legion of angels. He's coming himself, for me and for you, if you belong to him and for everyone else in faith, living or dead, and when he comes.

This world is giving up every believer. Every cemetery is giving up every believer. There will not be a Christian left in the sea. That's fast. Solid business. Turn to Luke 12, Luke Chapter 12. Verse 16 Jesus spake A parable the ground of a certain rich man, brought forth plentifully. He thought was it himself. What shall I do? Because I have no room. Wherewith do we bestow my fruits? And he said, this will I do. I'll pull down my barns and build greater there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods? And I will say to my soul, he knew he had a soul. So you ever talk with yourself? This guy did. He had all figured out so thou hast much goods laid up for many years. Take thy knees, eat, drink, and be merry. That's a retirement plan. Men love to do that. You know, the retirement plan. He had everything but take care of himself. Things went well. We had a judge back where I came from on the probate court. And he was about the 22nd or third one. And there was pictures. Of everyone before him, with the date of their birth and the date of their death. That everyone of them the date of their death where they were still in office. There's a blank space ready for him. But he wasn't going to die in office. He's going to retire. And every time I saw him towards the end, he wouldn't tell me about his perfect retirement plan. I told him about this one, too. His perfect retirement plan. He had something to do every noon. Some businessman's club where they talked him ticklish ears and all that. He had yacht clubs. He was going to join country clubs, play golf, all. He was going to be busy. But God said, and his picture went up, and he died in the office. Solemn, isn't it? Is God Faithful Corsius? Let's go on verse 20. But God said that makes all the difference in the world. He left God out. And what did God say, thou fool? Now, I'll never call a man a fool. God has a right. But I'll tell you, dear friends, if you're going on like this, man. If you've taken care of every detail in your life for retirement, if you've insured everything but your soul, I'm going to tell you what God says, you fool. God says I didn't say it.

You're a fool. You know, I talked to men who are selling insurance. I say, look at your selling death insurance, calling it life insurance. God's giving away life insurance and it's free and they won't take it. There's no cancellation clause in it. My God. Wonderful, isn't it? God says you're a fool. Made sure everything they got but their soul. The only thing that matters, the only thing that matters. And I'll tell you something, if you receive Christ tonight, you're going to have the best down here and everything there is ahead. That's the way God is. That's the way God is. What is a fool? He that layeth up treasure for himself and isn't rich toward God. There's an eternity ahead, friend. There's an eternity ahead. Turn to Ecclesiastes 5. Let's listen to the wisest man that ever lived apart from Christ. Solomon Ecclesiastes 5 I'll just read and take time to say anything. Ninth Verse Moreover, the prophet of the earth is for all the king himself is served by the field. He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver, nor he that loveth abundance with increase. This is vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them. And what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? The sleep of the laboring man is sweet, whether eat little or much, But the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. Now there's a sore evil which I've seen under the sun, Riches kept for the owners thereof. To their hurt, to their hurt, thou fool.

Thou fool, as he came forth out of his mother's womb, 15th birth naked, shall he return to go as he came? He shall take nothing of his labor with him. Nothing. Chapter 9. Ecclesiastes, Chapter 9. Verse 11 I returned and saw under the sun. The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bred to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill. But time and chance happeneth to them all. There's no difference. Man also knoweth not his time as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare, so are the sons of men snared in an evil time when it fallen suddenly upon them. 11Th chapter verse 8. But if a man lived many years, and rejoice in the mall, yet let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many. Verse five of the next chapter in the middle because man goeth to his long home. If a man lived many years, rejoice in the mall. Let him remember the days of darkness. The blackness of darkness forever. Man goes to his long haul. Everyone here has a life that isn't going to end. The only question you have is where you're going to spend it. In hell or in heaven? In torments or in glory. That's all. That's all. Turn to Ephesians Chapter 2. Ephesians chapter 2. And you hath he quickened, and given life, that is, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Verse three, among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lust of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind. And we're by nature children of wrath, even as others. I won't take time to turn to it. We're running out. But you can turn to John 3:36 and you'll find the verse without a middle. Yes, he that believeth in the Son hath life. He that believeth not the Son shall not see life. But there's more. The wrath of God abideth on him. The wrath of God abides on every Sinner. Solemn visitors I was a child arrived. Thank God it's gone. God is gone. Judgment is gone. Death has no hold on me. The brave can't keep me. I'm on my way to glory. Now let's read but God verse 4. But God, who is rich in mercy for his great love, wherewith he loved us even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ. By grace are you saved and raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Verse 8. For by grace are you saved through faith? That's not of yourself, it's a gift of God. Verse 11 Wherefore remember that G being in times past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called uncircumcision for that which is called the circumcision in the flesh made by hands. And now the 12Th verse describes me without Christ having no hope. Without God in the world, I was that way for years. With the wrath of God abiding on me, is there anything worse than this description Sinner? If you're in your sins, this is your description. Without Christ, having no hope, without God in the world, can there be anything worse? Yes, we can die in your sins. Die in your sins. That's your condition forever. Second death. Eternal separation from a holy God whose love and light. That means it will be the blackness of doctors forever. That means it will be a place of torment, agony, anguish, gnashing of teeth forever. Because there's no love. Absolutely no love.

All sinners, if there's any here still in your sins, I plead with you. Come before it's forever too late. I'll tell you. Only once in the word of God is this word used. Eternity. Eternity Only once. The high and lofty One who inhabits eternity. But you have an eternity too ahead. Think of it. They'll never end. Eternity never ends. Check Webster. See what he says about that word. His tongue twist, trying to tell you. Timeless state? Nobody getting in the wind forever. That's eternity. The days of darkness may be many. Let me tell you something. I want to read you a little poem and end. I will give you an idea of eternity. Count the little drops of water that within the ocean lie. Count the many stars, stars that twinkle as you look into the sky, and count the sands upon the desert and upon the ocean shore. And count the moments in your lifetime come but to return no more. And count the leaves within the forest and the tiny flakes of snow, And count the blades of grass in summer, and the shining drops of dew, And count the tears which all the millions in so many lands have shed. Count the stones and all the graveyards telling where they've laid the dead. Count the birds which soar above us and the atoms in the air, And count the many, many blossoms, giving fragrance everywhere and when you're counting. All is done. Eternity. Will scarce begun. Then friends say, where will you be for all eternity?

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