

## Revelation - Commentaries by Clarence E. Lunden

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Meeting at Saint Louis, June 22nd, 1964 addressed my brother Lundeen. Everything Together Hymn #170. Turn first to a few verses in Revelation 14. The 1st 5 verses. A. Revelation 14. And I love to know the lamb stood on the Mount Zion and with him 140 and 4000, having his father's name written in their forehead. And I heard the voice from heaven as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of the great Thunder. And I heard the voice of Harpers harping with their hearts. And they started were a new song before the throne, before the four beasts and the elders. And no man could learn their song that song that the 140 and 4000 which were deemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women, so they are virgins. These are they which followed the land with his forever he goeth. Being redeemed from among them being the first groups and the gardens of the land, and in their mouth was found no God, for there without fall. The rest of the verse is really not enough. We have in this passage. The Spirit of God turns us back again, now to Israel. Some of you here have been reading in the Book of Revelation. And you've seen how God is studying before us through the judgment of the present. Testimony that has been abused by man. All those who rejected the present testimony will come under the awful judgment portrayed in the Book of Revelation. But in this passage the Spirit of God is looking on to the end of that, and sees the same Lamb, the one who died and the One who is executing those judgments. Now standing on the earth on Mount Zion, and there to bring his people back into blessing. Israel will be blessed on the earth. Now this picture is given us before the final judgment. Because it isn't until the 19th chapter, Revelation, these things begin to take their place. But it's as though it was the spirit of God, we're saying I want you to see the picture now, before these awful judges. It's always so in God's word. Remember when David? Was called by God. And he sat down before the Lord, and he showed him about his house for a long time to come.

How there would always be a man to sit on the throne and David's house forever. And then David goes out and commits this sin of numbering the people, which was so grievous in God's type. Well, God always gives us that bright picture. And even in our Christian lives, the first thing that God gives us is the place He's put us in. And then He allows us to see the pathway and the exercises and the excitations and so on. And so here we have a picture of Israel being brought back into blessing again, but it's because the lamb stands on Mount Zion. The Mount Zion is the city of grace. It isn't that today, is it? And God's thoughts it is. But as far as as the prophetic word tells us, it's called Now stop. Because the sins of Jerusalem were the kind of sins. Just like stop and DeMar, that required that the whole race be terminated. Sodom Gomorrah was swept away. There's no trace of them. And so in the very first chapter of Isaiah. It says, except the Lord had left us a remnant, we would have been like Sodom and Gomorrah. And now we have this remnant on Mount Dyer with the Lord. It's only because of His sovereignty. It's the Remedy affair, because their sin is like Sodom and Gomorrah. Now, can you and I claim anything different? Is it not because of sovereignty that you and I come into blessing? What is sovereignty? What does it mean? Well, it means that you know the little story that is in the track. This missionary was trying to explain it to the Navy. I believe that's the way it was. They built a fire of leaves around the world. And just as that worm was struggling and ready to give up in the heat. Reads within and takes the word mouth. Well, that was an illustration of sovereignty, except God himself has come in in his goodness. There wouldn't be one soul ever saved or delivered because we've all turned away. Everyone has turned his own way. It isn't only we've gone Australia. But these turns, that's the will everyone's own way. Now Israel as a nation has turned to their own way and worship idols. That God, Thomas Abraham, long ago, he was going to bless Israel. And after their history is all over here, as far as men in the flesh are concerned, under responsibility, and just at the very moment when the overwhelming judgments come, and they will, all the nations of the earth will be gathered against Jerusalem. Then the Lord reaches down and got us out this 144,000, and Jude and Benjamin, which we have here for blessing, because we're told of Zechariah 12 God shall save the 10th of June. Well, with these thoughts in mind, then shall we turn to Zechariah, the book of Zechariah? And we'll try to give an order. Some of these prophecies in Zechariah because they are not all one prophecy, you know. If you were to see the Book of Zechariah as it was written, you wouldn't see these chapters all numbered. We just see a series of prophecies. And we're told to rightly divide the word of truth, he saw you would have to sit down in the presence of God and seek to place them in the order that he intended. Because. We're we're told to divide, rightly divide, the word of truth. He doesn't say. It's all divided up for us. No God will place them in a way where they'll take not only exercise of heart, but diligence to find the order that He is given for us. And So what we'd like to take up tonight is that which takes place after. The great tribulation was over when the Lord comes out of heaven to begin this work of setting up a Kingdom on the earth.

Now before I even set up His Kingdom on the earth, he will cleanse the earth. And the very first thing he does is to see to it that Jerusalem is just for her sin. All you say has not Jerusalem and judged for sin well. Whatever they said, his blood be on us and our children. The Lord Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do, So he forgave them. And then he sent Steven in the power of the Holy Spirit and gave them a new testimony after Christ had risen. And they stole Stephen. Now there's no excuse for Israel. And so that judgment is still going to fall upon that nation. And you'll see it on the 79th stone, many other places. The awful judgment that will sweep that nation, yes. Those who go back in unbelief will meet with the judgment of God. And is today coming when the blood will flow like water in the streets of Jerusalem? Those who go back in unbelief. But now we'll read a little in the haunting chapter. Of Isaiah. This is the first thing that we can expect. In connection with that day. Zachariah, I'm sorry. Thank you. Behold, the day of the Lord cometh now that's the first thing. This is the day of the Lord. The day of the Lord doesn't start until he comes out of heaven. After all the tribulation is over, that is those tribulations which are really chasing, not direct judgment. Direct judgment does not start until the Lamb appears himself. If the warrior king, that's the day of the Lord. Now the first verse is, Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and I spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken from the houses rifles, and the women ravaged in half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations, is when he fought on the day of battle. And his speech was standing that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives of Cleveland, the midst thereof, toward the east and toward the West. And there should be a very great valley. Half

of the mountains are removed toward the north and half toward the South. And ye shall plead to the valley of the mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto his veil. Yeah, you shall flee like as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Isaiah, king of Judah. Now the rest of that verse is not blonde. As the continuing of this verse, it comes later. And so, having read now through the fifth verse part of it, we have a picture before us. So what will happen? Awareness, the day of the Lord commanded. There will be two attacks on Jerusalem by the Ethereum. That is, during the day of the Lord. This is the first one. The first one is successful. And he will grind them into the streets, into the mire. Gotta get the judgment on Jerusalem, the second judgment. The second time that the Assyrian comes as the rod of Jehovah, he exalts himself against Jehovah. And as he does so, the Lord smites him and delivers his people. The first time he came as the rod, the second time he comes and he transgresses, he goes beyond and he's going to take possession now. And so, in the passage we've read, is the first attack when it comes to the Rod of Jehovah. Now, the details of this could be read in the second chapter of Joel. We won't turn to it tonight, but there you'll see the details of the attack on Jerusalem. In the 22nd chapter of Isaiah you will find also the details of the attack, but also the very ones who carry out the attack.

The expression of Syrian. At this time, is an expression that includes all the nations. Gathered together against Jerusalem. The Assyria because the Assyria is the one that had one, and Persia in fact. The the nations of the 83rd Psalm are among these nations that make the attack. Especially the last attack. But there's still they're still among them to make the first attack. 83rd summer. It's really the same attack in the same person with attacks both times. It's really Russia that's back of it all. But Russia does not come to the front to the very last, That's all. But all of the attack Damascus first, then Turkey, finally Russia. They're all under the power of Russia to get that in Daniel, the 8th chapter. They do not come down by their own power, they come down under the power of Russia. Now there are only two great powers in the day when these prophecies will be fulfilled. Let's remember first of all, tonight that you and I as Christians, will be called away to heaven before these things ever take place. We'll be safe at home in the Father's house. In fact, we'll come back with him when he rains. In the interval there will be 7 years of tribulation. Now the day of the Lord commences after those seven years are over. After the days of tribulation are over, then these. Actually see here of the enemy begin their definite attack by the enemy, but it's the rod of Jehovah in the day of the Lord. The Lord allows it because the land has to be clear. Judgment is to be beaten out on all these nations that are in the land. The 76th Psalm. It says he's terrible to the kings of the earth. We can't turn to all these pastors that you can see because they're they're many that refer to this very same period. It's at this time that he destroys the kings of Palestine. Not there, not the nations, but the kings and their armies who come up to the battlefield to attack. You probably remember in reading in Revelation that there was a time at the very end in the 16th chapter during the last vials that. The three unclean spirits went out to gather all the nations of the earth together with a great battle. Of Armageddon. Well, this is this here. It's the time of the Gathering of all the nations. To that battle, it's the first battle. There's another one later. And so we see here that. This attack. On Jerusalem, not on the whole land, but on Jerusalem. Because the Ethereum has already been through the land and desolated it for 3 1/2 years. When the abomination was set up, as you noticed in Revelation, especially in Matthew's Gospel, that is when idolatry was set up in Jerusalem, God sends a desolator that's the Ethereum, and he's already desolated the land for 3 1/2 years. As the scourge to go through the whole land. But this is a specific attack on Jerusalem. This is the center of the earth, and no nation holds Jerusalem. Well, no one makes it whole, nor will anyone nation hold it. Hold it until the Lord Himself gives it to His people. In the mean time, 1 nation after a level will try to take it. But the Lord said I will overturn, overturn, overturn until he comes right against. And he's the one who takes Jerusalem for the last time and ever again that any nation go through that land because when he gives the insulin to his people. No foreigner will ever accept their foot there again. And so we find that this time that the Lord goes forth and fights against those nations is when he fought in the day of battle.

Now every nation in the land of Judah. Will meet with the judgment of God and nations around as well. When God set up Israel as a nation, he set them in the midst of the nations like the sun, in the midst of a Galaxy of stars. And every one of those nations were to be subject to Israel. When Israel went into captivity. All those nations went into captivity. In the 25th chapter of Isaiah, we're told that it is the day coming when you remove the coverings of all people. What does that mean? Well, it means today, if you want to look for an Edomite, you wouldn't know who they were. If you want to look for a mobile Ammonite or any of those nations mentioned, they deserve dumb. You wouldn't know who they were. You searching Bay, The historians tell us that they they're extinct. Each one will take their place and the last phase, the Lord will remove the coverings of each one, and they'll come forth as Edom, as Ammon, as Boaz, and so on, the Philistines, just like they were in the ancient days when Israel is a nation. To be judged, Doesn't Luke tell us, behold the fig tree and all the trees? In fact, there's a stir there now, and some have felt that that referred to the present day when the nations were stirred. One wouldn't object to that, but it really refers in its full expense today, when all these nations will appear again, even under their own names in their own places. What for? So God can judge them? Oh no, so they can have the gospel of the Kingdom praise to them. Isn't that lovely? Oh, what kind of a God we have. And here you and I have the gospel preached to us now, not the gospel in here of the Kingdom. It's a kind of a gospel that lives with right up into the presence of God's children we believe in. Have you believed that gospel? You know the Lord Jesus Christ as your savior tonight? Yeah, he's going to call all these nations back that were his enemies and the enemies of his people, so he can give them the gospel, the king. How good God is. But remember, this is their last chance. If they despise the gospel. They are made with direct judgment that will send them straight to the pit. Because it's the judgment of the living, and there'll be no great white throne for these. There are two kind of judgments spoken out in several passages of Scripture. One is the first few verses of the 4th chapter of Second Timothy, the Judgment of the Living and the Judgment of the Death, and both of those are final judgment. Peter speaks of it and his first epistle and third child 4th chapter. It's also spoken of in the 10th chapter of Acts, I believe, the judgment of the living and the dead. That is, if the final judgment. But these nations will have the opportunity to hear the gospel of the Kingdom. But as these nations attack, they have heard the gospel of the Kingdom already. In our chapter tonight. They will have already heard it and still are attacking Jerusalem. Now we know from the 7th chapter Revelation that there will be myriads. Out from among those nations that will have received the gospel of the Kingdom. The Cosmos 7th chapter Revelation. We noticed that there are multitude that no man could number. Different peoples in towns and nature. We have received the gospel Kingdom and they're already seen as victorious and they're going to have a part in that Kingdom. They're the very same ones that are mentioned in the 25th chapter of Matthew as the sheep, the contrast of the goats. We have rejected that testimony and their judgment will be final. When they stand before that judge, if they come open in open rebellion and attack him and he cuts them off, but later on as he steps up, he's thrown any of those who have rejected that.

Will be set away as ghosts into everlasting fire. But a solemn day, this is them that we have before. The fourth verse is speechless, standing that day upon the Mount of Olives. Now this is a. A little picture to us of how he will appear to his people, not to his enemies. Note the difference. New paragraph. In the third verse, she appears to his enemy and he fights against them. But in the fourth verse, his speech will stand that day upon the Mother of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst. They're up

toward the east and toward the West. In other words, as you look at the map of Palestine now, you'll see the Jordan River running from Mount Hermon all the way to the to the Dead Sea. But that fee is possibly 1300 feet under sea level. Now that whole plane will be lifted. The Dead Sea will still be there, but the whole plane will be lifted and there will be a valley running from Jerusalem straight West to the Mediterranean Sea. After this early flight. And God will open the valley for his people, simply empty as the enemy comes against him. He opens the valley and they all enter that valley, a place of space. Oh, there will be a great demonstration in that day of the power of God. And as far as his people are concerned, they'll see him on the mouth of Ollie. Or you say, what scripture do you have for that, the first chapter of Acts? This same Jesus was turned to us. That one first ye men of Galilee, why stands you gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come. In like manner, as you have seen him go into heaven, now did he go into heaven as a warrior king. No. Now he went as the man Jesus, but they knew all the time over here, but in resurrection life. And as he appeared through that little remnant in that day, he will appear to them, just as Axe tells us he will appear. But he appeals to his enemies as the warrior king. Now don't ask me to explain how it will be because I don't know if the jewel know that thing. Remember when Stephen looked into heaven and he saw Jesus, What did he say to the man around him? He said. I see the Son of Man. Why? Because God always comes to his own people in grave, to his enemies in judgment. Those who rejected judgment. And so we have this beautiful little contrast here of how he's going to make himself known in that day to Judah. But just for a moment, because we're told, and Isaiah is going to hide himself. Why? Repeat chapter of Isaiah. We're told that the full work is not performed in Mount Zion and the work can only be performed through faith. Faith and faith is without sight, you know, natural sight. And so if he was there. The faith couldn't have its perfect work in their heart. The full work has to be performed. God is going to deliver his people in two ways. He's going to actually, with an iron hand. He's going to destroy our enemies and stuff them back in their land. What else is he going to do? My people shall be willing in the day of my power. And there will be an interval after he stands in the Mount of Olives A1 month and 1/2. When he will bring back the 10 drives he saved the 10th of June the 1St. He brings it back, these 10 tribes. And they go through the exercise of heart. That you get in the sound from the Huntington Five on 207th. In fact, if you go back to Psalm 102, you'll get the creation and step by step you'll get in those terms the exercises of those souls as they back in their land before he actually comes, according to this verse, the last part of the fifth verse, when it says.

And the Lord my God should come. And all the Saints with me. That's the appearing, that's the manifestation. That's when he shows him his hands and his feet. It's the day of the. And so there is a difference in connection with his coming. Now we'll go on to another passage, the 11Th chapter. We're not going to go into all these verses because it would be better for us to get a little overall picture of it, and then we can meditate on it as we have the time. Now these are various prophecies, and we're trying to put them in the right order tonight so you can read them like a book, one after the other. Now this 11 Chapters the same time as the 14th chapter. Open our doors. All happening. Why? Because the Ethereum comes down from the north. Lebanon can't help but open their doors. He's marking them because they're going to be destroyed. They're going to be destroyed. All the masters could be destroyed. How old per trees? They don't howl when they're happy, do they? Lebanon is that place of the exalted Cedars in the north of Palestine. How for a tree? For the cedar is fallen because the mighty are spoiled. How low? Ye observation oaks refer to the strongest of trees. For the forest of vintage has come down. What's the forest of the vintage? Well, the vintage is the last judgement that God coming down. That's the interior. Now the forest refers to his armies. Men are likened to trees in scripture. These are the armies of the Assyrians are sweeping in from the north. Coming in on the sides of the north, between the great high mountain peaks of Herman and so on, is the path They come down through that path. It's called the sides of the north. Now you see in this chapter, two things we won't go into the detail. You'll see the author, destruction and judgment on the apostates of the Jews. At the same time, you have reference to the death of Christ. Now what does this tell us in this chapter? It tells us that the judgment of God must fall. And marked it. It has fallen on the Lord Jesus for all those who received the Savior. But it will fall on the individuals who reject it. Will not be spelled and this chapter tells us that all roads. Especially the shepherds in this chapter will be cut off with rejected the Messiah. And the very last verse gives this the Antichrist, the idol shepherd. He led the the apostate peoples against their Messiah for the last time. What an awful judgment that will fall upon those who have rejected the Lord Jesus as king after they've heard the gospel of the Kingdom. These are Jews, especially in this chapter. And so we'll see you, Mr. in this chapter. The 30 pieces of silver mentioned, the price of the children of Israel, weighed out for their master, for their Lord, their Messiah. That was the estimate of Israel for their Messiah, the price of a common slave. But remember, that's the price. That's the one who's the savior, and all who believe on Him have eternal life, and that's good for his little food. But those who reject him, the judgment is coming out of the North. It's going to sweep them all away. The details of it are in the 28th chapter of Isaac. There's the details of the judgment upon Jerusalem. As well as others that we've already mentioned tonight. There's a little flash the poor I failed.

Pizza claw. Of the slaughter the phosphates are destroyed, but the little and the little company, the little remnant will be preserved through this all this fire judgment. How to preserve The Lord knows how to preserve His Dome. And so you notice in the 17th verse wall to the idle shepherd that leaveth the flock. Now that's the Antichrist that in connection with the beast causes the whole world to worship the beast of Rome. The sword should be part of his arm, that's his strength, and upon his right eye he'll have no discernment at all. His arms should be cleaned, dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened. And this man with the beast will be cast into hell alive. When the Lord comes out of heaven. It'll be at this time. Now we have in the. Going back to the 13th chapter again. We have the second thing that occurred. The two scriptures we had occurred occur at these faint hearts. Approximately. But here we have now something that follows immediately when the Lord sets his feet upon the Mount of Olives. In that day there should be a fountain open to the House of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. As you tell the past in that days that the Lord of hosts that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered, and also I will cause the prophets from the unclean spirit that passed out of the land. Now we just read how the crop of the false prophet was destroyed and all the prophets then would be cut off out of the land, but the fire will be open for cleansing. Now this isn't this isn't the blood referred to. This is the word of God. The blood you said before and the history of that is given from the seventh verse arm. The sword is awakened against the shepherd. That's the cross of Christ. That's the basis of all blessing. But the founders opened for cleansing. It's the water. It's the word of God. Because it's only in that day those who call upon the name of the Lord will be will be delivered. And they Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Now it's the same thing. Tonight, if you want to be saved, you believe God's word, what he says of his son. And you'll be saved, he says, barely, barely, I say unto you. He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, shall not come into judgment, but his past from death unto life. So we have them they found open for cleansing in this 13th chapter of Zechariah. The property cut off. Those who have a new nature will take sides against their children or their parents or whatever it is, because Jehovah alone will be exalted that day, and all those who told Jehovah, regardless of earthly ties, will be cut off. And they'll be betrayed by their own kinsmen if they're serving idols, because idols will be completely abolished out of that land. But a glorious day that will be when this earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Here's the

beginning of it. Now we have another chapter, the 10th chapter, that refers to the same period. Now they're beginning to pray to Jehovah, ask you the Lord reign in the time of the latter rain. So the Lord shall make bright clouds or lightnings, and give them showers of rain to everyone grass in the field. But the idols have spoken vanity, and the Viners have seen a lie, told false dreams. They comfort in vain. Therefore they went. They went their way as a flock. They were troubled because there was no shepherd. This is after the idle shepherd has been slain. My nag was killed against the shepherd, and I punished the girls, for the Lord of Hosts have visited his flock, the House of Judah, and have made them his goodly horse in the battle. Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, Out of him the battle bow, Out of him every oppressor together.

Don't you see that the Lord is blessing the land? He's sending the rain again. He's delivered his people. In the sense that he's he's appeared to them in Mount Zion and never again and you're the enemy go through that land. Now we see that in the 9th chapter, which gives us the next picture. We'll start reading from the. Well, perhaps we should read a little in the 8th chapter first. Just a few verses to get the thought. Third verse Thus that the Lord, I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem should be called the city of truth. This is after he has met the enemy. He fought against those nations. And the mountain of the Lord of hosts, the holy mountain. Thus that the Lord of hosts there shall yet old men and old women dwell on the streets of Jerusalem. Every man with his staff in his hand for very age on the streets of the city, shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets there. You know, there's there's a verse in the Bible that speaks of a boy and a girl that's in Joel. It's the only verse I know of. This verse speaks of boys and girls. Now that verse in Joel, it speaks of a boy and a girl. It's individual and they're going to be sold under sin of that. That is, it doesn't use those words, but it shows how they were sold. Understand. Now every boy and girl as well as every older person are sold under sin and they have to have a faith. And so the Lord Jesus is the Savior and every boy and girl that receives the Lord Jesus Christ. As Savior, we'll have this same result as we have in this chapter. They won't be alone anymore, but they'll have company in blessing on the earth. And that day, the Jewish children were blessed. The streets will be full of children. Playing in the streets, there are boys and girls who receive. The Lord Jesus Christ and Savior today will be in heaven with the Lord Jesus forever. But here's a picture of the land when the Lord Jesus begins to bless it. And it's a marvelous thing. Six verse death. Thus that the Lord of hosts, if it be marvelous in the eyes of the remittance people in these days, should it also be marvelous in mine eyes that the Lord of hosts, that's that the Lord of Hosts, Behold, I will save my people from the E country and from the West Country. Now we have the 10 tribes begin to come back. Go to save his people from all these lands to which they've been scattered. The Jews have already come back. Most of us he saves the 10th of June to further. Now we'll refer to the few things in the third in the ninth chapter. 1st we have Damascus men. Then we have Tyrus mentioned, and then we have the Philistines make. Now why are these three nations mentioned here at this very moment in this connection? Simply because these three nations are within the bounds that God gave to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. Back in the 15th chapter of Genesis, God gave the land to Abraham and his son, his family forever. Now all these nations came into this land and took possession. The Syrians were always the thorn, as it were in the flesh of Israel. The Syrians. Not the Assyrians, but the Syrians Damascus. The fellows dying were the enemy's next ride in with them. Which caused him trouble all her day. Pirates of the Merchant City that brought in the corruption that the Merchant City always does. The principles of copper mine which led them into idolatry. Now these three nations will be eradicated from the land completely. There will be no remnant of the Philistines. Nor will there be any remnants of of the basket.

Now the Tyrus is on the northern border, and there probably will be. They'll probably be pushed back out of the way. But they will not be allowed in the land because the land will be thoroughly planned at this time so that we can bring back the 12 tribes. And if you if you notice the knives there, you will see that they ask the question, that is, it's prophetic, of course. Who has brought up these? Where do they come from? As they start streaming into the land, while they say the place is too straightforward, is not room. Give us room. So, he says, spread out clearly your phrase, it's all yours, It's all yours. A nation will be born in a day. God is going to bring these people back from the land of Sinem. That's China. You bring them for mysterious from Egypt. He'll dry up to seven streams at the head of the river of Egypt so that people can crash Crossover. He's going to make a highway in that day so his people can come back and all that long trek, as they come back across the desert sands, their shoes won't wear out. If they need water, he'll open the fountains of water like he did before. Those people who have water read it in the 103rd to 107th Psalm and see if it is expelled. It's all prophetic there. As they go back over their history and they see the marvelous works of Jehovah, faith may hold up. And he said it's going to be again, and they'll witness the very same things again. And in Hosea says they'll sing with them the days of their youth. That's the answer of Jehovah. The Sovereign mostly to his people who did not deserve them. Now, beloved, you and I deserve what we have received. Israel is going to praise the Lord of that day like they never praised him before. Do we praise the Lord? Do we manifest it in our way? Is there any response from these four hearts of ours? We don't have the portion of Israel. We don't have the green grass of the field, like there. We'll have the Father's house. Will be with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ, forever and ever. That's the portion of those who own Jesus Christ today as their Savior. Good evening. And so we have that in this 9th chapter the burden of the word of the Lord and the Lamb of Heydrich, and Damascus shall be the rest thereof, the burden of the judgment. And that'll be the rest for Israel when Damascus is cut off. Shall be the rest there when the eyes of man is of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward the Lord. This is a new thing. The eyes of Israel is not terrible art today, but they will indeed the whole 12 drives. What a glorious day that will be. Think of the day when the Lord Jesus is exalted in every eye would be a problem in that day and Lord of Lords. Amos shall be the border thereby if the old original border of Israel. Tyrus is driving, though it'd be very wise. The tires could build himself a stronghold and heaped up silver as the dusk and fine gold as the mire of the streets. Beholden would cast her out and he was smiter power in the sea. Maritime Nation she shall be devoured with fire. Fire is judgment. Ascalon, that's the Philistines shall see it in fear. Gaze them also. Philistine shall see it, and it be very and be very sorrowful. Ecron. And her expectation shall be ashamed, and the king shall perish from Gaza, and ask alarms shall not be inhabited. That is it will. They'll be driven out, and a \*\*\*\*\* shall dwell in Ashdown. And they'll cut off the pride of the Philistines. Now I'll take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations between his teeth. He that remaineth even he shall be for our God, and he shall be as the governor in Judah and Akron, as a Jebusite. That is, God will spare individuals, but there won't be any nation of the Philistines anymore. And now notice this lady first. It's rather a key verse because it makes us with. Other passages that we might have an opportunity to notice on another occasion. I will encamp about my house because of the army. Now this is Jehovah who is saying this. He he's not showing himself to his people. They've seen him for the moment, but he's hiding himself. But now he's in camping about his house. That's Judah. That's Zion.

Because of the army, Yeah, that's the Assyrians swept down through. Because of him that passes by and because of him the return of before the 2nd and last attack. The second and last attack. And no pressure shall pass through them anymore. For now I've seen with my night as Jehovah comes down and sets his feet on the Mount of Olives, no enemy will ever pass through that land again. Only I'll attack. In fact, they'll go back and reinforce their forces, because if you turn to Isaiah 27, you'll see the conclusion what has happened. It would be nice to go into

all of these scriptures, but of course the cabin 2 evening. The 12th verse. And it shall come to pass in that day. The same day that the Lord should beat off from the channel of the river. As to the stream of region, now, the town of the river is the Euphrates River, and that's the eastern borders of the land of Palestine. The river of Egypt is the Little River that's just at the curve. If you'll notice on the Mediterranean, it's the southern border of Israel. It's not the Nile River. It's a little stream that's dry most of the time, but it's called the River of Egypt. It's mentioned first in connection with the promised Abraham. You can look it up in your map when you get home, you'll see it's the southern border of the land. And this expression from the channel of the river to the stream of Egypt means that it's the whole land of Palestine that God gave to Abraham that the Lord now will sweep away all the enemy. In fact, if you turn to the 24th of Isaiah, which we wouldn't have time tonight. You'll see that the land shall be utterly empty. It's hard for us to concede that. The whole land. Perhaps a little bigger than the original Russia. Not the Soviet empire, but the original Russian country of Russia. That will be subtly clear that all is inhabited. So the children of Israel can stream back and take possession. That's what Jehovah will do when he comes back and sets his feet on a lot of olives. Oh, what a glorious day that would be. But beloved, where would you be? There. Have you thought of it? You'll be with him. You'll be right where he started. If you're right beside it. Now he won't show you off to the world yet. We'll do it later, after the last enemy's destroyed, many children's people's hands on his feet and they identify the lowly Jesus. With the one who is their Messiah. They identify the two together as a whole nation, I mean, and then the spirit is poured out in the covenant. But now you see just the living Judah. He set his feet on the Mount of Olives. And what we've had tonight is the deliverance of Judah and Benjamin and the setting up of the Kingdom. Not the founding of a jet. It's the setting up of the Kingdom. In a word, this way David reigned before Solomon. He was the warrior king, and he said everything in order. As soon as he was in order, then Solomon took the rolling range of peace. What he's had tonight is the beginning of the reign of David, the son of David, who's going to spread everything right. It's the regeneration. The beginning of that regeneration was spoken of in the 19th chapter of that. The generation of all things. It will end at the end of the molest frame. This is the beginning of it. Everything. That little hymn. 141.

In deep eternal counsel, before the world is made, before its deep foundations, on nothing is relayed. God purposed us for blessing and chose us, any son to him, to be conformant when here our course was run. If someone can start it for us. Where are you? Glory. Come on, man. See. You have a. And glory upon the dream. Will still come in God. For rain and come again and we. Are going to do. I wanna see his blood breakdown.

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Well, I thought this afternoon we would continue a little in what we've had this morning. So many precious things that were before us, and I'm going to speak a little bit this afternoon. We might meditate together on the subject of new creation. New creation. And we'll read several scriptures not too long, but the first one will be in Revelation, the third chapter. One verse 14 first in the middle of the verse. These things set the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God. Now we'll turn to 2nd Corinthians. The 5th chapter. Verse 17. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, or he is a new creation. All things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God. Who hath reconciled us unto himself by Jesus Christ? Now, in this verse, we're told somewhat of what this new creation is like. We read in that verse in Revelation. About the creation of God. Since since the time of Adam there has been a new creation. The second creation. And every believer who is in Christ belongs to this new creation. I will admit that I know very little about it. But we belong to it just the same. And through all eternity will be in the enjoyment that which is a new creation. Now in connection with that new creation. There is new birth. And so that everyone who is a part, who is in Christ, has been born anew. The expression born again doesn't give us the thought, nor born from above either. It's born anew. You'll notice in the verse in Second Corinthians that expression knew. So it's being born anew. But beside that, there is a new race entirely. A new race. A new creation, A new race. And it says here. All things are passed away. Now I suppose the first thought to our mind is that all the things that we had to do with in connection with sin before we were saved, those are all passed away. But that isn't what it says. Old things are passed away. Do you know that everything that belongs to this first creation is to pass away completely? Even the heavens and the earth will melt with the fervent heat. Everything will pass away, so there will be a new creation. There is a new creation, but it will be completed. And our part will be when we receive our new bodies. Bodies of glory. Like the body of the Lord Jesus. All in a day to look forward to. But you'll see the reason He has given us these thoughts from His word is He wants us to enjoy it now. And I'm sure there was a measure of it this morning. As the Spirit of God LED us into those precious hymns and scriptures that we had before us. So it says here. Old things are passed away. Now, I think that most of us have the thought in our mind, at least to start with, that there are certain things we shouldn't do. And that's true, but you see.

Much has been said about being dead. But if we're in the good of resurrection life, we won't have to talk about it, will we? Yardale. One is in the enjoyment of resurrection life. He's already they decide that as far as practice concerned down here. And so our lives then are really in resurrection. We haven't our bodies yet, but we have a resurrection life already. All things are passed away. What is the creation of God? Well. The creation at the time of Adam. Was not the creation of God. There was, of course, that which God created. But we here have here explained what it is. What the creation of God is? It never said that the creation of Adam was perfect. It was good, but it never said it was perfect. But when we speak of the creation of God, we speak of that which is of God. 18 first. All things. Are of God. And in that new creation, when we get into the fullness of it, every place we look and what we'll see, what we'll experience will be that which. Speaks of God. Not of the old creation at all. But what speaks of God? The God of love. In that day when he pours out exceeding kindness by Christ Jesus upon those that are now His. But it says behold, and when he says behold, he wants to call our attention to this. All things are become new. We won't need the present things after that. Well then, why do we give so much attention to them? I'm speaking to my own heart. Why do you give so much attention to present things? They're all to pass away. All things are become new, yet Adam all die in Christ will all be made alive. And all things are of God. What a wonderful thing to be surrounded by everything that's of God. Do you think so? Do you and I surround ourselves now with that which is of God or of this present world? I speak to my own heart. Oh, how we oftentimes find ourselves deep in the things of this world. Whatever it may be. You know what it might be in your case. And I in my case. Deep in the things of this world, they're all passing away. The. Who hath reconciled us to himself? Now I think of the prodigal when I think of this verse, and I see the Father's arms around the prodigal. Before he ever gets to the house is at work. And then we hear no more about the prodigal. All we hear about is what God is doing for him. The best role. The ring. The shoes on his feet are sandals. Perfect liberty in the Father's house forever. Simple picture of it

all, how full it is of that, and it's where we're going to enter into the coming day. Yes, and then the feet on the fatted calf. To me, remembering forever the basis of all our blessings. Then now let's turn to Ephesians, the 1st chapter. Few more thoughts in connection with its new creation.

We'll read the. Verses 3:00 to 6:00. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1/3. Who hath blessed us with all or every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ, according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy without blame before Him in love? Having predestinated us under the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, and so on. Now what do we have here? Well, in the second verse or the third verse, we have God, as it were, reflecting on the work of Christ for His own glory and eternal joy. Think of it. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. And what is the subject then? It's what we are. To God in Christ, that's what he's thinking about. Can you picture God being occupied with what you and I are to Him in Christ? That's what this is Speaking of. And what are we in Christ? Well, first of all. We are blessed with every blessing in the heavenlies. The full scope of divine glory belongs now to the believer. There will be his place of eternal rest and joy. And God is reflecting on this. You know what makes me think of the days of Abraham? When? Abraham said to God on that starry night to remember. The heavens were open. And he said to God, what will you give me? I have no child, I have no heir. And your beloved God was thinking the very same thing at the same time. Why did God go to all of this work of these 6000 years? Because he wanted children in heaven, that's why. He wanted you there and he wanted me there. Why? Because it'll have to do with his eternal happiness. He's a God of love and he wants to express that love. Is going to express it. Now what we're reading about. Is Our Calling. Our Calling is in the through the 3rd to the 6th verses. That's our present calling. Hath chosen us in him. We have been chosen before the foundation of the world. Now what have we been chosen to that we might be holy? Holy, that's separate. Holy means to be separate. That we might be holy. And without blame. No, before him. Holy and without blame before him. In love. Now that's our eternal portion. In love. God is love. And behind every movement of God with this creature. Is love. Sometimes we may not think so, but that's what it is. Love. So it says here having predestinated us under the adoption of children. Now we have adoption. We're children. And you know what God said to Abraham in the illustration we were using? He said Abraham look into the heavens.

So shall thy seed be. In other words, Abraham, how much do you want? How large a blessing do you want? There are no limits to this blessing. Has man never been able to find the ends of the universe? No, an end to it though. But you know, beloved, there's no end to the blessings that we're Speaking of. Infinite. But God has in view. And think it's all for his own eternal joy that he's doing this. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we have two things here. We have his nature. That's God. Think of it, you and I have a divine nature. Why? Because He wants us to enter into and enjoy the very same things that He enters into and enjoys. But he is also father. That's relationship. We belong to the heavenly family already down here. Now this is by Jesus Christ, and again we have to Himself. It's to himself. What God is doing is for Himself. Oh, we get the blessing, of course. But is doing it for himself. According to the good pleasure of his will. Now the sixth verse. To the praise of His, of the glory, of His grace. Now we have the glory of His grace. In a moment we may speak of the riches of his glory, but here's the glory of his grace. And what's this why it says wherein you have made us accepted in the beloved? Now, in order there be no question in our minds as to our eternal portion, we learned that our acceptance is in His beloved Son. You know. God has one son, and He's his beloved. And he sent him to die into this world, to take our place in judgment. And the result is that you and I who have believed through grace have now been accepted in the very same position as his Son, the Man Christ Jesus. Oh, that precious truth we have here accepted. Not one. One cloud in between. Oh, there's clouds here. In our pathway sometime, but remember. Our standing before God is established. Oftentimes in our state down here, we find that clouds come in, but that's different. Our standing is perfect. And you know to beloved that what God has undertaken with each one of His own will be accomplished. He that hath begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. You know, sometimes we get a little bit upset because something comes into our life and we get discouraged and Satan comes in and we think, well, I don't know. Afraid it's all over with me. I've had young people tell me they weren't saved. At the breaking bread at the table, though, we have a strong enemy. But let me tell you something. What He has begun in your soul, it will complete. He will complete it. Yes, he will. No doubt about it. And though there may be certain paths you'll have to take in connection with it, He's going to complete what He has begun in your soul. Oh, how good to be in his hands and to be at rest there.

How wonderful to be at rest in the hands of the Lord Jesus. Accepted in the Beloved. Now it isn't just accepted in the Son of God, as precious as that is, but it's being accepted in the affections of the Father. That's the way we're accepted. Are we enjoying this? Or do we just know it? I'm not telling you anything new this afternoon. I want to remind my own soul these precious things. Are we enjoying the fact that we have been accepted in the Beloved? According to the good pleasure. Of his will. God's will. He's the one that's doing this for His own eternal joy. Whatever He does in regard to us for His joy will be for ours too. Remember Eternal. Now we turn to the third chapter of Ephesians. The 10th verse. To the intent, that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose, or the purpose of the ages which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. Wherefore I desire that she faint not at my tribulation for you, which is your glory. For this 'cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole or every family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to. Really apprehend with All Saints. What is the breadth and length and depth and height? And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge? That you might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in US. Unto Him, the glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. This chapter is a parenthesis in Ephesians. It brings out the very heart of the subject of the mystery. We have here in this second prayer. The 1st is in the first chapter. That which has to do with the inner man. There are no limits. Oh, what a marvelous thing the creation of man was. God anticipated all this back in eternity. Predestination. And every believer has been fitted as a vessel. To be able to lay hold of this glory, the divine glory. In its very dimensions spoken up here. The capacity. Is given to each one for it. How do we lay hold of it? Well, it's very clear here that before we speak of that, I just want to mention a few things at the beginning of what we've read. God has an eternal purpose. It's the purpose of the ages. It has to do with his own eternal joy. It has to do with the glory of Christ. And it has to do with our blessing. God wants to be known. He's making himself known. You'll notice the word wisdom here. The manifold wisdom of God in the 10th verse. You know the law was given by Moses.

But there was nothing accomplished in that way. But when God made the world's, he used wisdom. And understanding. Remember that with your children. Beloved. It takes wisdom and you're bringing up of your children, not just law. Law on itself will never accomplish anything. It takes wisdom, takes grace. God used wisdom. But what about this? All this wisdom is different. Not just to create worlds. He spake and it was

done. But think of the 6000 years. Since God broke the silence. And the darkness before this creation, to prepare a sphere in which he might make himself known, and all his godhood, glory and wisdom and power. And he's been working for these 6000 years. And he's been working in each individual soul, not just the church. The Old Testament Saints. All he's been working in each one, patiently, day by day. In your heart, mind, day by day. Not speaking, and it's done in a moment. That's the world. But the inner man. The inner man, the love of the inner man, is connected with the riches of his glory. You can't go any further than that. But now, because of time, we are going to just refer to a few things here. 16 First, that he would grant you according to the riches of his glory. To be strengthened with might by his spirit. In the inner man, notice it's by the spirit. That Christ may dwell in your hearts. By faith. That she, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to apprehend with All Saints. What is the breadth, length and depth and height? And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that you might be filled with or unto all the fullness of God. Now what is the fullness of God? In him. Dwells all the fullness. Of the Godhead bodily. Not marvelous. In Christ. You see how the subject here all reverts back to that blessed Savior? The one who we were remembering this morning, who died on that cross for us, took our place. The one who gave himself. That means he gave all that he is for us, He gave himself. In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead in a human. Body. Think of it. Now how do we lay hold of all this that we're speaking of? It's very plain here, very simple, if our hearts can lay hold of it. 17 first. That Christ. May dwell. Not occasional visit. In your hearts, by faith. Now, by faith, you know. When you speak of faith, you're talking about the Word of God. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. So it supposes that you get your information from the word of God. By faith. Christ dwelling in the heart by faith. That she being rooted and grounded in love. Now that comes after Christ, dwelling in the heart by faith, rooted and grounded in love.

Dwelling, not simply occasional visit. Christ Dwelling. Not in the mind, but in the heart. By faith. Occupation with the Word of God, and that's where we learn about that blessed Savior. Now rooted and grounded in knowledge, know and love. Because that's the theme for all eternity, isn't it? And it begins down here. Rooted and grounded in love, by this shall all men know that you're my disciples and that you have love for all the Saints? No. And that you have loved one for another. Oh how we need this brother. You know, brethren, we don't have love for one another when we're always introducing new doctrines that are will divide the Saints. That isn't having loved one for another. What we need is peace in the Assembly. Not man's ideas introduced. Loved one for another. Oh, we need this. There's just a little while left, brethren. Let's go on in the enjoyment of these precious things. Not introducing our own thoughts. But to go on and established in the faith, enjoying it, the person of Christ dwelling, rooted and grounded in love. Now this is the basis of all true spirituality. Dwelling Christ, dwelling in the heart by faith. It's the basis of all purity in our lives. It's the basis of all intelligence and divine things. Christ dwelling in the heart by faith. And to know the love of Christ with passive knowledge. And what's this? Well, haven't you ever had the experience of that which you couldn't tell anyone else about? That you enjoyed. You couldn't explain it to anyone else, it's your own personal experience. With another. A loved one. That's what we have here. The love of Christ, which paths of knowledge? This brings us to the fullness of God in Christ. Whatever those dimensions are. The fullness of it. Yes, beloved, our portion is the fullness of divine glory. Oh, how precious. The 21st verse. And now we have in this 21st verse. It speaks of the glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages. The Church will be the vessel by which the glory of God will be seen to all created intelligence throughout the divine eternal ages. Think of it. Turns me to the fifth chapter please. In the middle of the 25th verse. Christ also loved the church. And gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. Now when it says Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.

We think of the fact that he went to the Cross of Calvary and died in our stead. Oh, how precious that truth is. He gave himself, but there's more to than that. He just gave himself, that's it. All that he is, is man. And you know, beloved, we're going to be just like him in every respect as man. Everything that was true of him as man will be seen in the church in that coming day. Just like Christ. That's a part of the glory. Now we have in the 26th verse. Cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. We've had some of the subject of chastening, but that isn't what it says here. Chase Lane is not bringing that particular thought before us, although I'm sure it's connected. But the thought here is his love for the church. He wants the church to be prepared to enjoy the things that he enjoys. And he's fitting the church for that right now. It's his love that does it. He wants his people to be one with him and everything. You think of that when you're passing through a trial. The washing of water by the word. Do you think of the fact that he's fitting you for companionship for all eternity with himself? In that coming glory, he's going to have his people with him and like him. And you know. His people are going to be the joy of the Father, because when the Father looks upon his people, they will seek Christ. In them. That's what Abigail means, one of the types of the bride in the Old Testament. Abigail means joy of the father at home, in the father's house. All think of it. What a day that will be when you oh, you say, well, I'm my life is pretty, pretty rough. Never mind about that. God's purposes are going to be completed. There'll need to be a little bit of washing and cleansing in my life and there may be in yours too, but he's going to accomplish his purpose. And all that belongs to the former creation has to go. Even now, in our thoughts, in our thinking as Christians, there has to be a new order of things. And that's the washing of water by the word. In our lives down here. And what's he going to do? He's going to present the church to himself, his bride. Without spa, without wrinkle, won't be any old age there or immaturity. Oh, what a day. Full manhood and the enjoyment. Of the full divine glory. With Christ and in Christ for all eternity. And what does that have to do with our lives now? Should have its effect on them. There should be some response. We sing in our little hymns, you know about this, but is it in practice with us in that same way? A glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, I. But you know, it's wonderful to be occupied with these precious things. But we're here in the wilderness. We're still in a place where Satan makes his attacks. That it wouldn't be faithfulness this afternoon just to speak of that one side of these things, precious things. They are. And I want to turn you to the last chapter of Ephesians. The 10th verse.

Finally, my brethren. Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the Wiles of the devil. Not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high or heavenly places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day that's today, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore having your loins skirt about with truth. Having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, above all taking the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, Take the helmet of salvation from the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. And watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for All Saints. And so on. Now we have here at the close of this book. It's interesting, isn't it? At the beginning of the book we have that which is the highest. We can reach. And now we've been introduced to the wake of spirits and the heavenlies in this chapter. Our enemies, the ones who are going to keep us from the enjoyment of these things. And as we said, if our hearts are not dwelling in, if Christ is not dwelling in our hearts by faith. There will not be any spiritual intelligence in our lives. There won't be any purity in our lives. No, and that's what the wicked spirits want to do. Did you ever think of this, that as a believer you're either under the control of the Spirit of God? And if we grow careless, Satan is liable to

take over. And to bring things into our lives. And turn us aside. He's a strong enemy. We have to have the whole armor of God. I believe there are seven things here. We can't go over the wall, perhaps, but. The whole armor of God. What for? Because we wrestle not against flesh and blood. But against principalities. Those are angels, wicked angels against powers, against the rulers of the dark of this world. Universal Lords of darkness, in other words, against spiritual wickedness or wicked spirits in the heavenly places. You are in the heavenly places, dear friends. You and I have been seated in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus. But that's where the wicked spirits are. And they're the ones that want to trip us up if they possibly can. He's a strong enemy. Though our saddest is to see the enemy tripping up one after another. In one way or another. What's the answer? Christ dwelling in the heart by faith. A constancy of spirit in reading and prayer. Not only for ourselves, but for others. The spirit of Christianity, not only for ourselves. Take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand and to stand. What do we have here? Just stand the battles all won. Christ, wanna now stand? It was a question of testimony. Of course you have the sword of the spirit. Which is the word of God. But first you have that helmet of salvation, which is the assurance of salvation. Keeping out all the fiery darts of the enemy. And you know, the breastplate is a place where the enemy attacks. And. You need a breastplate right there. Most vulnerable place where the heart is.

And its righteousness that's in question there. The little things of life. Righteousness. Be sure it's righteousness. Loins girt about with truth, the place of strength. He that trusts his own heart as a fool. The truth. Truth of God is what we need, not our own thoughts. In closing, I want to turn to Timothy. I know these are scattered thoughts perhaps, but. Give us something to think about a little bit. Second Timothy, the third chapter. I won't have be able to say much of this, but just to read it and a comment or two. This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent fears, despisers of those that are good traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of. More than lovers of God having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof from such turn away. Now the reason I bring this in is this. It's so easy to make a profession of Christianity. It's so easy to even take up with all these precious truths that we have been speaking of. And have them in the mind. But you know what? This is a picture of. It doesn't tell us about the physical conditions about us like wars. Famines, pestilence, they're around us. That's true, but that's not the subject. The subject here is the end of Christendom. These verses that I have just read. It's the end of those who started like Ephesians, one with all the blessings. By profession. And now look what has happened to it. The truth slipped away like out of a leaking vessel. Generation after generation until. Infidelity. Are these the works of the Spirit? Indeed, they're not. All beloved left search our hearts that none of these things are true of us. Think of it. Lovers of their own selves covetous boasters without natural affection. Having a form of godliness. Form outward, form no heart. Thou hast left thy first love, that S Ephesians. The Book of Revelation. After their history. Is over, Thus left thy first love. Denying the power thereof. The heart Christ dwelling in the heart by faith, is the power thereof. That's the power of true Christianity, Christ dwelling in the heart by faith.

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