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Good morning. That's better. It is a good morning. This is the day the Lord has made. It's a good morning. Any other children, feel free to come. Come up front because this meeting is especially for you. Sunday School, a message for children. I hope you aren't disappointed. My wife found out I had Sunday school. And, she said, have an object lesson. But. The things I'm going to talk about this morning, you can't see. So we're not going to have an object lesson, but we're going to try to speak very plainly. So that you understand things that are important from God's Word. But meanwhile folks are sitting down and we can get started with some singing. Now you notice it says children's hymns and choruses. I know there's a lot of other nice hymns in this hymn sheet. But. After we've sung most of these, maybe we can look at others. I don't know how much time we'll have to sing, but. Let's start out with #41. I love this hymn because it tells us of something that is going to happen someday. I'm looking forward to that day. I'm really looking forward to it. When all the children of God are going to be gathered around the throne of God? And there's going to be such a song like you've never heard before, so let's sing #41. Around the throne of God. Well, we remember lasting life and Joyce and everything. Glory. Glory to God. Brings them to the world. Where all this descends. Joy and love about it. The children, they're singing glory. Glory. Glory to God. And your children have a favorite Put up your hand. I saw one here. Yes. What do you want to sing? Number one, Oh, that's on the other side. OK, we'll sing that. That's a serious song. Wow. Almost persuaded. Me to ask some souls to say.

No standard of life. You know, maybe it's a good thing we sang that him. Because it's just the opposite of the first one we sang. Remember the first one around the throne of God in heaven. A happy place for those that have put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as their Savior. This song. Is about someone who it doesn't sound like they were ever saved. If they kept going the way they were, they will never be there. If someone's almost persuaded to get saved. Will they be in heaven? What do you think? Almost no. It's a serious, So this is a serious time. You know, this time will go by very quickly. So I want to ask a question. Has anyone here learned the verse that was on the Sunday school paper last last week I was in Pella and I got a Sunday school paper and it has a verse on here. And if some of you went through the trouble to get the verse, did I say trouble? If some of you. Learned the verse and want to say it I. Would be very happy if you would do that because we're going to talk about this verse a little bit. That's something I have on my heart. After looking at the paper, I saw a hand just timidly go up. Does anyone has anyone memorized that verse and want to say it? Can you you can help out? Can you say the verse? Do you know where it's found? All right, go ahead. Romans. 519. As by. Disobedience. Many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 519 Oh, I should have used this. But you know, you had such a good voice, everyone could hear you. That's very good. Who else would like to say the verse? OK. For us, by one man's disobedience, many became. So by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 519. Romans. Romans 519. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 519. Months 519. As by as by one man's disobedience, many were made sinners. So bye, so bye. The obedience. The obedience. Of one shall many of you made righteous. Thank you. Thank you. You're gonna say it as well. Which remains this awaiting when you were made sooner. So why they bending someone when you were made righteous almost 519 very good. I have some questions. You know some maybe we'll get to you.

It's easy to learn a verse and not understand what it's talking about. So we'll go over this a little bit, it says. As by one man's disobedience many were made Sinner. What man is that talking about? One man was disobedient, yes. Adam, No, it wasn't Satan. Satan is not a man. Satan is an Angel that God created. It was Adam. He was disobedient. What does it mean to be disobedient? Yes. To disobey? Yes, certainly. What does it mean to be disobedient? Do bad stuff. No, it's a little different. Let me explain it to you what it means to be disobedient. God had told Adam not to do something. He told him you can eat fruit out of all these trees here. There's delicious fruit, there's mangoes, there's bananas, there's apples, there's all sorts of good fruit, but there's one tree in the middle of the garden. You can't eat that fruit. What did Adam do? He ate. He disobeyed. To disobey means you've been told. To obey something that you're told to do and you don't do it. And Adam disobeyed and. What happened as a result of that? Many. Were made sinners. When I was young, I didn't understand what a terrible thing that is. Many were made sinners. You know it could say we were all made sinners because we all come from Adam. Hard thing to understand looking around and seeing all. The faces all the different. People that there are sometimes we sing red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in his sight because people don't even have the same colored skin. You go over to Africa and a lot of the people there have very dark brown skin, black skin, and they say the Indians had red skin. I don't know that it was quite red. And other parts of the world they had different look, completely different. But there's something similar that happened to all of Adam's children. Because you all come from Adam. Did you know that your great, great, great, great, great. And you can say that many, many times Grandfather was Adam. He was Adam and because. He sinned. Many. We all have become sinners, and that's a terrible thing because sin has brought all kinds of problems and difficulties into this world. And what's the end result of sin? Death. Oh, that's not nice. Maybe your children don't know too much about death. A lot of times, the first time children are made aware of death is when their pet dies. That's not nice, is it? I've seen kids crying over what happened to their pet. Death has come into this world and. It passes on all men, and you can't escape that because we're sinners. What has happened to this world is just awful as a result of disobedience. But it doesn't end there. It says by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Who is that talking about? Yes, Jesus. Yes, he was obedient. You know what? He was always obedient. He did always those things that please the Father. And you remember yesterday.

Our brother Stuart was up here speaking and he talked about the Lord Jesus and he said he woke up. He was awakened every morning by his father, and what did he do? He opened his ear. Do you remember that he opened his here to get directions from his father? And he did whatever God his Father told him to do, he followed through with that. He did it. He did it even when it wasn't so nice because the Lord Jesus was here and he was walking through the land of Israel. And got his father, you know, he was there for 33 years. He was a young man. And.

Near the end of the time he was there, he awakened and his father told him to go to Jerusalem. That was a big city. But. There was a reason that he was going to go to Jerusalem. He knew. It's not like you and I. We don't know what's going to happen to us tomorrow. You don't know whether you're going to be well or sick, but he knew everything because he's God. He's God. God was manifest in the flesh. God became a man. And he walked this earth, and his name was Jesus, and he listened to what his father told him to do, and he was sent to Jerusalem, and he knew what was going to happen when he got there, you know what they were going to do to him. They're going to put nails in his hands and his feet and nail him to a cross to die. Now, if you got up in the morning and someone told you, we want you to go someplace where you're going to get nailed. To a wall would you go. Would you go? You wouldn't want to go, would you? But the Lord Jesus was obedient, even though it wasn't nice. He was obedient. He went to the Cross of Calvary. And having those nails in his hands and his feet was not the worst part of it. The worst part of it is he went there to suffer for sins he went there to suffer. For my sins. And for your sins, if you put your trust. In the Lord Jesus Christ. Well. Let's sing another song. How about #4 whoops, that's in the front. Let's sing #47. When he cometh When?

Two happy hymns we sang because we're going to talk about now is not so happy as a result of sin camp coming into the world. What else has happened? You know there's. Fighting. You ever hear of wars? Are there wars going on in this world? There is where? Israel, yeah, there's there's a war going around on there. Anywhere else? In Ukraine, that's right. You girls are up on current events. Well, let me tell you. That's just a small part of the battle that's going on in this world. Did you know that there's a battle going on in Missouri? There's one that goes is going on in this room. It's real. Because Satan's real. He wasn't just there in the Garden of Eden. Satan, we can't say he's everywhere, but he has demons and he wants to make difficulties everywhere. And you know, last night the gospel was preached. Did you know Satan and his demons were there? What, did you know what they're there to do? We'll read that when the word is sown. The enemy whose Satan and his demons they come and. You read about this in Matthew chapter 13. They ***** up that which is sown. They try to take it away. Satan is a thief. He doesn't want the word of God to take root in your heart and mind, and he snatches it away so it doesn't take root and bring forth fruit for God. But he does more than that. He plants that which is not good. You ever sit in a gospel meeting and someone taps you on the shoulder and says, hey, look at this? I think the Lord made him do that. No, you're distracted. Satan is busy. He's busy. And so the word of God tells us. That. We need armor to protect us, and this is something that I should have mentioned when I was talking about Adam. God told Adam, don't partake. Of that tree did he believe? Did he believe what God said? I don't. Know what Adam thought. I don't know what Adam thought. But when Adam and Eve heard Satan tempt tempting, what should he have done? What should he have said he should have said? What would have kept him safe? He could have said God said not to take the fruit off of that tree and everything would have been fine. It's just that simple. And you know what we call that when we trust God? It's called faith. Faith. I want to talk a little bit about faith. Faith is believing God, trusting him, and doing what he says. It's very simple. And we're tempted to do something else all the time. And so we need protection. And in the book of Ephesians, we're told that we need armor. And I'm not going to go into all the pieces of armor. I'm just going to talk about one of the pieces of armor. It's called taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. You know what those darts are? Satan gives you doubts. We doubt God, we say. Is that really so?

That's just what Satan did in the garden. He said God said if you eat the fruit of that tree you will die. Satan said you will not die. And he was putting doubts in their minds, and they fell for it. All right, and they partook of that fruit. So I want to talk about the shield of faith. You need the shield of faith, and I have There's one little. Portion in the book of Acts that helps me to understand better. How the shield of faith is used? You remember the story of the Apostle Paul. He was, he was taken prisoner and he was traveling to Rome. How was he traveling to Rome? How in a boat? And a great big storm came along. It was a huge storm. Have you ever been in a storm in a boat? I have. I went out fishing once. And. There was going to be a change in the weather, they call it. A cold front was coming in. It was going to blow in pretty hard. And I got into this boat. It was a big, a pretty big boat. It was at least from here to that clock, maybe even bigger than that. It was a big boat. And we were going to go out into the ocean. I wasn't going to go fishing in a pond or even a lake. We're going to go to the ocean, and when you go in the ocean, you can go far out. And we went far out so far. After a while you couldn't see the land anymore. All you could see was ocean. And. The water was very, very deep. You couldn't see the bottom. It was maybe 100 feet down there, all this water and then the wind started to blow. What happens when the wind blows in the ocean? Waves, these waves, it had been flat and it started to go like this, higher. And higher. And higher. And when you're in a boat. And the waves get big. You're sitting down here and you look up and there's a big wave way up there. That's scary. It's way far over your head. And pretty soon the boat goes up, way up, and you're sitting on top of the wave and you look down and it goes down, down and you're going to go slide back down into and it's frightening. It's scary. The man that drove the boat wasn't scared because it wasn't really that serious, but it gave me a pretty good idea how scary it is to be out on the big ocean in a little boat with the wind. Well, the Apostle Paul, he was traveling in a boat and they came. It was a much worse storm than I was in. It was so bad. Here's what it says. Says all hope that we should be saved was taken away. Even the man that owned the boat and was driving the boat said we're all going to die. We can't be saved. The waves are too big, the boat's going to fall apart. We're we're finished. But you know, the Lord spoke to Paul. And said, fear not, Paul. Don't be afraid, Paul. And he promised Paul that the boat was going to reach the destination, promised Paul that Paul would get to Rome. Now there were. Over 250 people in that boat.

They were all afraid, all hope was taken away. God told Paul, Paul. You're going to get to Rome. Do you know what Paul said? Do you think he said the Lord? Lord? What about the waves? No, you know what Paul said. I believe God. That is faith. That is what faith is all about, believing what God says. How do we know what God has said? Has he given us his book? God has given us His book. And he said believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. All that put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ will have their sins washed away. Have you said I believe God no matter what anyone else said That's faith you know sometimes for those of you that know letters. Faith is FAITH. Some of you are too young to know that, and we like to say it this way. Forsaking all I trust Him for getting everything else, I trust God, and Paul trusted God. That was a shield. And those doubts? I'm sure Satan was hurling doubts. Everyone else was affected by what was going to happen. They all thought they were going to sink to the bottom. And Paul says I believe God and it gave him confidence, confidence in God. How important is a shield? Is it important in battle? Let's read about. We'll read about three that had Shields. The first one is in First Samuel 17. Actually, he didn't have a shield. We're going to read about this man. You ever hear about Goliath? He had armor, didn't he? He had a shield close to him, but he didn't have a shield. We'll read about this, it says. Oh yes, the first Samuel 17 and verse 41 and the Philistine, that's Goliath came on and drew near unto David, and the man that bare the shield went before him. Goliath didn't have a shield. Somebody else had a shield. What good did that shield do Goliath when that stone came? They're doing many good. He didn't have a shield. He was trusting someone else. To hold up that shield and protect him. He didn't have a shield. That's a picture of somebody that doesn't put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, if He's not your Savior, you don't have a shield to keep you safe. And Goliath came to a miserable end, didn't he? He was hit by the stone. And he fell down, you know? I heard about a little boy. Who? I don't know how old he was. But he liked to hold on to his mama's dress. Do you know why he did that? Because he knew he should be saved. He

wasn't saved, and he held on to his mama's dress so if the Lord came, he would go too. Do you think that would work? It's like, it's like Goliath that not having trying to trust someone else. Someone else can't save you. You can't put your trust in someone else. You have to put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. You need the shield of faith.

You need the shield of faith. Let's read about another man that had a shield. Second Samuel. Yes, Second Samuel. 21 There was a king by the name of Saul. Saul had armor. He had good armor. David had tried on Saul's armor. Let's see what happened with Saul. You know Saul was killed in battle. How could he be killed in battle if. He had armor and he had a shield. Listen to what happened. For there he's talking, David is lamenting, he's crying for Saul because Saul was dead. And he's talking about the mountains of Gilboa. That's the place. Where Saul died. Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain upon you, nor fields of offerings. For there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul. Wow, what good does a shield do you if you? Throw it away. You know what the word of God says, if you've put your trust in the Lord, Jesus Christ says cast not away your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. Don't lose your confidence in the Lord. He's always the same. He's always with you. He will always help you. Remember what Paul said. I believe God. What a wonderful thing to say when Satan comes against us. I believe God. We read others about others that had. Shields Chronicles. First Chronicles, Chapter 12. These were Gaddites. It says in the middle of the verse they were men of might, men of war, fit for the battle that could handle shield and buckler. Now, do you know what the difference is between a shield and a buckler? Maybe that's something I could have had as an object lesson, so I'll try to describe it to you. A shield is something that's big. It could be maybe this this big. And when the arrows or the stones are flying at you, you could hide behind it. That's the shield. But a buckler is a different kind of shield. It's small, maybe about the size of a dinner plate. And they put it on their arm. So if someone comes with a sword, they can put that up and keep the enemy from hitting you. And these men, they were men of might, and they knew how to use shield and buckler, and they used it. And there's another verse. It's in the 91St Psalm. It talks about shield and buckler. I want to read that because. That's a very precious Psalm to me. Ah. We're going to start with the first verse because I love this song. Listen. You'll learn to love this someday too. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress. My God and him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the Fowler and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers.

Like a hand covers her chicks. And under his wings shalt thou trust his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. The Lord is our shield. You can't trust anyone. There's no one else that's going to take you home. To glory to that scene of happiness. Without knowing Him, He's a shield to protect us down here until He takes us home. The only way you will get to be around the throne of God in heaven is if the Lord Jesus Christ is your Savior and all the way. If you put your trust in Him and have your confidence in Him and depend on Him, He will be a shield to you. He will be a buckler. And he will help you through every step of your pathway down here. So I hope you remember these few words about a shield. The shield of what was that word? Faith. The shield of faith. The shield of faith. We have time to sing a few more hymns. Your children. There were some up here that had hymns. We'd like to sing hymns from the back. What do you want to sing? OK #20 is not on the back is all right. We're going to go just with it's own from #40 to #47. What was that 43? One door and. Inside of you, one door and only one again. Have another one from the back. 420 This is nice, a little child of seven. Or even three or four. I used to wonder about that. You know why I used to wonder about it? Oh, I hate to tell you this. I was a little boy like you. And like some here and I sat in Sunday school and I heard about being saved, putting my trust in the Lord Jesus. For a long time I didn't do it. I didn't do it. And the Lord was gracious to me because when I was 10 years old, anyone here 10? When I was 10 years old, I wasn't saved and I was almost killed in an accident. I came that close to losing my life. And I wasn't safe. Don't put off being saved, says a little child of seven or even three or four may enter into heaven. When I was a teenager, I was saved and then I would look at this and say. Why wasn't I saved when I was three or four or seven? Would have been much better, wouldn't it? A little. Bit unknown. Gracious, Sunny.

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