

# Setting Fire to Satan's Harvest

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*Carter Conlon's sermon emphasizes the dangers of complaints as a tool of Satan that leads to spiritual defeat and encourages believers to find victory in Christ.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker focuses on Psalm 59 and the power of God to consume the wicked. He emphasizes the importance of righteous individuals in changing a nation and calls on the congregation to come together for worship. The speaker warns against complaining and encourages contentment in all circumstances. The Psalmist's doubts and questions about God's faithfulness are highlighted, leading to a reminder of the reward for those who choose to walk in God's ways.

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## Transcript

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It's time. Now, you might not understand where this is going, but if you'll hold on, by the time you get to the end, you're going to see, and I think experience, a cry of incredible victory. There's a sense of that victory in this house today.

I thank God for it. Psalm 77, please, if you'll turn there. As you're turning, we'll pray.

Father, I thank you for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Lord, you're the only one that can make your word live. Your word is a living word.

I thank you for your presence. God, I bless you with all my heart. Oh, Jesus, if you didn't come when we gathered, it would be such a waste.

It would be so empty. But you do come and you have come. Today, I need you to be the Lion of Judah.

Sometimes you come as a healer. Sometimes as a comforter. But today, I'm asking for the Lion.

God, devour our enemy. Devour our enemy. I pray for wisdom to be able to speak very simply, methodically.

I pray, God, that the authority and passion of your heart would be animating me in everything that I say and do. Oh, Jesus, the hour is late. It's dark out.

We need to hear from you. God, speak to every heart. And if the enemy has planted a harvest, set it on fire.

Father, I thank you for this in Jesus' name. Psalm 77, setting fire to Satan's harvest. The end of verse 3, where the psalmist says, I complained and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Now, the word complain in the original text means to think about something and then to end up speaking derogatorily about it. Or it can even be about God. It can be about people.

But to meditate on something, arrive at a false conclusion, and then to begin to speak in a derogatory or demeaning way about things that, in the case of the psalmist in Psalm 77, these are things that he didn't understand. And he arrived at a conclusion. And the false conclusion started him on a path of complaining.

And when he complained, and of course, that's the devil's designer. Satan is the master complainer. And he loves it when he finds this open door into any person's life, but especially a believer in Jesus Christ.

If the devil can get you complaining, he can plant his seed in the very center of your heart, in the very center of your life. And before you know it, a very, very dark harvest, overpowering the life that would be yours or mine in Christ, begins to grow within us. The psalmist in verses 7 to 9, because of this complaint, and here's the evidence of his spirit being overwhelmed.

Faith is gone now, and doubt about even the integrity of God is beginning to overwhelm his heart. And in verse, listen to the questions he starts asking. Will the Lord cast off forever? Will He be favorable no more? Is His mercy clean gone forever? Does His promise fail forevermore? In other words, does God make promises and not keep them? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Is He preoccupied with the cosmos and the order in the heavens, and He's forgotten to be good to me? Has He, in anger, shut up His tender mercies? And you see, this is where complaining will lead to.

When the heart opens, especially to a complaint against God, which is exactly the seed, as it is of Satan himself, gets into the heart, we begin to complain against God, ultimately. It can be a veiled complaint. It can be a complaint against churches.

It can be a complaint against leadership in the church. It's always veiled. We never have the courage as Christians to just say, I'm mad at God.

We find something in the lesser order, as it is of God, and we get mad at that. But ultimately, we are mad at God, and the complaint is against Him. Now, if you go ahead to Ezekiel chapter 28, we find in this chapter what historians and scholars say is a veiled description of Satan himself.

Even though it's about a man who's the prince of Tyrus, you find in the Scripture this moving in to the description of the devil himself. In Ezekiel 28, 13, he says, Thou hast been in Eden. Now, the king of Tyrus was, in a sense, not there.

The garden of God. Think of the devil now as we begin to read the Scripture. Every precious stone was your covering.

The sardius, the topaz, the diamond, the barrel, the onyx, the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, the carbuncle, the gold, the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covers. Now, some say that one of Satan's responsibilities, in a sense, was to move together and, in some measure, at least worship or lead the worship of God.

And I have set thee so. Thou wast upon the holy mountain of God. Thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created. Verse 15, Till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence and thou hast sinned.

Therefore, I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God. I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty.

Thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness. I will cast thee to the ground. I will lay thee before kings that they may behold thee.

Now, this is a veiled description. You look at any commentary and there's an agreement on this. This is a veiled description of Satan himself and exactly what happened at the time that he fell from heaven as it is.

And I see in this scripture the devil himself being there. The Bible declares he was adorned perhaps more than any other of God's creation at that time. He was given a position in heaven.

But it got into his heart a complaint as it is. He said you were perfect until iniquity was found in you. Lawlessness really is what it means.

Got into your heart. And I'm only supposing this, but as I meditate on this scripture, I can see Satan standing there. All of the created heaven as it is, perhaps by the millions are worshipping God.

He has an anointed place. But he feels that his place is not sufficient. I'm not appreciated here.

How many times has that seed gotten into people who are serving God in the body of Christ? And that's the beginning of the complaining that overwhelms a man or a woman's spirit. I'm not appreciated. All I do for God, yet nobody seems to notice.

And what he's really saying is nobody's worshipping me. Everybody seems to be focused on God. And I wouldn't mind just a little piece of the action here.

I wouldn't mind a few faces to turn towards me and begin to give me praise as well. Has God forgotten me? Surely I was destined for more than this. And that's the seed.

I think of the number of people in the body of Christ that are given a place by God, because the Bible says clearly the Holy Spirit places us in the church as he sees fit. So it's not our choice. It's God's choice.

But if we are not content, if we can't say like Paul, I've learned to be content, that my identity is not in ministry, it's in Jesus Christ himself. My reward is not the volume of what I do or how much people say about it, but the fact that I am walking in obedience to God. That is where my reward lies eternally.

But a seed can get into the heart that says I was destined for more than this. I'm more talented than what is being used here. I'm a prayer warrior and they have me in a yellow jacket leading people to their seats on Sunday morning.

And I'm destined for more. And the enemy is right there saying you're right, you're right. You're destined for more than what you're doing right now.

And you see, as these thoughts go unchecked, they start as just a seed. They start as just a thought, but they will lead to a conclusion, as with our psalmist in Psalm 77, that God is unjust. His order is wrong.

Where he has me in the body is not right. I deserve more than this. I belong in another place than where I am now.

We deserve more than we've gotten from him. And you see, it leads to a wrong conclusion. And the wrong conclusion ultimately leads to a complaining against God.

And the complaining against God leads to a spirit, as it is, that is overwhelmed. The psalmist said I complained and my spirit was overwhelmed. In a sense, covered over.

Heaven becomes brass. I can no longer hear the voice of God. I'm no longer content in anything that I'm called to be or do, even in His name.

And if it still goes unchecked, it leads to rebellion. It leads to a lawlessness in the heart. And folks, it goes on all the time in the church of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12, 4 and Jude 6 leads us to the conclusion that Satan drew a third of the angels with him from heaven. A third of the angels. Can you imagine? They were created.

They never had to be redeemed from their sin. They lived in the presence of God and only eternity will reveal how long that had been. They saw the glory, but this one complainer rose in their midst and led a third of them into rebellion against God.

Almost inconceivable. You know, I deserve more than I have. And finally finds the first angel that agrees.

And then the two of them go to a third. And the three of them go to a fourth. And the four of them go to a fifth.

You see, they're not bound by time as we are. We don't know how long this took. But eventually, a third of the angels in heaven found themselves in agreement because they probably received that same seed.

Yes, we agree with you. We're destined for more than just standing at the throne and worshiping God ourselves. Revelation 12, 4 says, And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth.

In other words, because of this lawlessness, a third of the angels were cast out of the presence of God and cast down to the earth. Jude 6 says, The angels which kept not their first estate, left their own habitation, are now reserved in chains, as it is, to everlasting destruction. The second half of Revelation 12, 4 says, The dragon stood before the woman, which is the - technically Israel is about to deliver a child, Jesus, who is about to be the one who brings a church into the world.

And the dragon stood before the woman, which was ready to be delivered, to devour her child as soon as it was born. That's been the mandate of the devil since his own fall from heaven. He has such an incensed hatred against God in his heart.

He said, not only am I going to destroy you in your exalted place, but I'm going to destroy everybody who would worship you. And the enemy has come down, the scripture says, with great wrath, because he knows his time is short. And he says, God, you're going to kick me out of heaven, so I'm going to deprive you now of that which is closest to your heart.

I know you. See, the enemy knows God. I know you created men and women in your image.

I know you love them with a passionate love. I'm going to take as many as I can from you, and I'm going to torment them for all of eternity, to devour the child. Peter warns the church of his day, he says, beware your enemy.

The devil stalks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Peter was aware of this in the spirit. He's standing as it is, still looking to devour the seed of Christ.

Jesus in John 8, 44 taught that Satan lies now from an inwardly corrupted nature that cannot embrace truth. He said he is a liar, and he's the father of lies. And when he speaks a lie, he's just simply speaking of what he is.

He was a murderer in the beginning, Jesus said, and no truth abode in him. He's a liar. He's the father of lies.

In other words, he cannot speak the truth. It's not in him anymore. There's not a measure, there's not a portion of truth within him.

He will take God's truth, but even speaking it, he speaks it as a lie. He cannot speak it honestly, because he is corrupted. Ezekiel 28, 13, we read it just a moment ago.

He says, thou hast been in Eden. This is the Holy Spirit speaking through Ezekiel about Satan himself, and said, you were in Eden. And it's in Eden that Satan succeeded in drawing the creation of God, Adam and Eve, into his complaint.

Adam and Eve were there as the angels had been. They were living in the presence of God. Everything was in divine order.

They were co-laborers, as it is with God. He was bringing creatures that he created to them. They were naming them, and they were tending the garden, as it is.

And Satan came with his complaint. Remember, we're talking about a complaint. And my spirit was overwhelmed.

And he came, and he brought a complaint to Eve, and ultimately to Adam, and said, listen. You see, God has given you less than you're entitled to. You see, you only have the knowledge of good.

But there's much greater knowledge than this. There's a knowledge of good and a knowledge of evil. You see, God's only given you half.

His order is wrong. You deserve more than he's given you. You only know about good.

But he knows about good and evil. You see, all you have to do is step outside of what he has said, and you too can become gods yourselves. You see, that was what was in Satan's heart.

He wanted to be God. He wanted to be worshipped. He had a complaint against God.

Now he brings that seed of complaining. He plants that seed into Eve, and subsequently into Adam, and tells them, where you are and what God has made you is not good enough. God has withheld from you.

And you deserve more than God's given you. And there's so much knowledge outside of the knowledge of good. God knows good and evil, but you only know good.

So if you'll just step outside of what he has said, and you'll take matters into your own hands, your minds are going to be open. And he said in Genesis 3, 5, you're going to become as gods, and you're going to know good and evil, just like God does. And think of the benefits of this, and think of how wise you're going to become.

And they bought into the lie, and the lie was a complaint against God. That's what it was. It was a complaint.

God hasn't been good to you. He's only given you half of what you deserve. So he drew them into his complaint against God.

Adam and Eve partook of that which God forbade them to touch. And the knowledge of evil now became part of the fallen nature of man. Now every man, every woman, every child, every born, now was born with a fallen nature.

This ability, as Satan has, to take evil and try to call it good. This knowledge of evil that became part of the fallen nature of man through an open door called complaint. Now I'm laboring this.

It's important to understand this. How did the devil get in to humanity? He got in through a door called complaint. Remember, the psalmist said, I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Go to Psalm 58, please, if you will with me. Now in Psalm 58, the psalmist, it's David actually, in this psalm, and he speaks now about the fallen nature of man. You and I are born with a fallen nature.

I suppose you know that by now. You're probably aware of it. If you've been in the world any length of time, there might be a baby or two in the sanctuary that don't know it yet, but they are born with a fallen nature as well.

And the fallen nature got in through the seed of complaint. It's important that I labor this point. Now, in Psalm 58, David says, verse 3, The wicked are estranged from the womb.

They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. Did you touch that? No. Did you break that? No.

As soon as they can, they will lie. You dress them all up and curl their hair and put them in a frilly dress, put nice little green shoes on them or whatever, but they'll still lie to you because it's in the nature. It's in the fallen nature of every man.

Now, the lies get bigger as the people get bigger and they get sneakier because the human heart is very skilled at putting a tuxedo on its lies. But from the womb, David says, they be born speaking lies. Their poison is like the poison of a serpent.

They are like the deaf adder that stops the ear, which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely. Now, this is the fallen nature of man. As men grow, but without the knowledge of God, their mouths become poisoned like the seed of the serpent that is in them.

And the poison is spread from person to person by the bite of complaint against God. I hope you can see this. I hope you can understand this.

And they eventually become so deaf, they're like the deaf snake that has no ears. That's what he's saying. They're so given to devouring the heritage of God.

They're so given to complaining against God and against anything of God and against anything that represents God that they can't hear anymore. I've met people like that in the church of Jesus Christ who sit and sing the songs with us, but they can't hear anymore. You can't reach them.

You can't get through to them. They're like a deaf adder. They're like a deaf snake, David says.

They just go around biting and devouring and complaining. And you try to speak to them and you can't get through to them. They won't hear you.

Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers. In other words, God says, I send a word of truth that can bring them calm. They have a troubled spirit.

And I send a word that can bring them to calm, but they will not hear. No matter how cunning the preacher might be or the soother or somebody I send to speak to, they might have an incredible ability of craftsmanship, of taking the word of God and making it simple, but they're so hardened in their complaint against God that they can't hear and their troubled nature can never be brought to rest. Go back in your Bibles, please.

I want to show you an example of this very quickly, to 1 Kings chapter 1. And in this chapter we find one of the sons of David. His name was Adonijah or Adonijah, however you prefer to pronounce it. And now you're going to see in this story the seed.

I've been following a trend of thought here. Satan complains against God's order. He draws a third of the angels with him.

They're cast down to the earth. They have great wrath because he knows his time is short. He engages in war against the creation of God that is you and I. And the only way that he can destroy the creation of God is he has to plant a seed of, especially those that have the knowledge of God, he has to plant a seed of complaint, which is the seed of the serpent in your heart, and nurture it and water it and keep you blind to what it really is that is animating you.

And we see this repeating itself all through biblical history. This is only one story, but I want you to see the pattern. The pattern doesn't change.

It was set in heaven. You see it in Ezekiel. You're going to see it again in 1 Kings.

Then Adonijah, the son of Haggath, exalted himself. 1 Kings chapter 1 verse 5. Think of Satan now. Adonijah, the son of Haggath, exalted himself, saying, I will be king.

Does it sound familiar? I'm not content to be the king's son. That's a wonderful place to be. Many here, I hope you'd be content.

I hope you are content being the king's son. But he prepared him chariots and horsemen and 50 men to run before him. And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, why is that done so? And verse 7 says he conferred with Joab, the son of Zariah, and Abiathar the priest, and they following Adonijah helped him.

So the very first thing that a complainer must do is find people with a like spirit. Joab had a complaint against David because David at one time had replaced him with another man who he murdered to keep his position. And Joab had an issue against King David.

And Abiathar was at the house of Eli and knew that God Almighty had cursed his own priesthood. And Abiathar had issues against David. And so this man who exalts himself and says, I'm not content to be where I am, starts looking around for people that have an open heart to a complaint.

And think about it. Remember Absalom. Oh, if I were only king, I'm telling you there'd be justice around this place.

Everybody's question would be answered. The day he got to be king, nobody would get within 500 feet of his door. He conferred with Joab and Abiathar the priest, and they followed Adonijah, and they helped him.

And now, but here's where it gets interesting. But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Reah, and the mighty men which belonged to David were not with Adonijah. Thank God for mighty men and women in the body of Christ.

Thank God for those who say, no, I'm staying where divine order is. I'm not losing my might following this man who thinks he wants to be king. No, God has an order.

If he's to be king, God will make him king. He doesn't have to tell me. God will tell me.

I will know. I'm not going with it. I'm not going there.

Folks, don't ever go with a complainer. Don't ever follow a self-exalter. Don't do it.

And now you see this whole crew, except for the true prophets, the true priesthood, and the mighty men of God. The discontent, in a sense, who are not given to turning to God. And in verse 9 it says, And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen, You see him, he's going to an altar now, and he's making a big spiritual production about the fact that he's going to be the king.

And fat cattle by the stone of Zohelith. And that's really significant because the word Zohelith in Hebrew means serpent. It means actually slippery serpent.

And so he goes to the serpent stone. And he begins to offer sacrifice there. The seed of Satan is in him.

The seed of Satan is in everybody who's following him. You see the whole scenario that happened in Ezekiel, all again repeating itself. Throughout history.

And verse 10 says, But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not. He calls everyone except those who remain under the authority of God. Oh folks, I don't care.

Well, I really don't want to care what men say. But I'm telling you, I want to stay under the authority of God. There's safety under the authority of God.

Hallelujah. It's so important to know your place in the body and stay there. And know that you have a great reward in heaven.

Even if all you're called to do is give a cup of water to a thirsty soul. If that's what God has called you to do, you're going to real cities. If you'll just stay there and be faithful to God.

You look at the history now. Joab is slain at the altar. He grabs hold and can't find mercy anymore.

He stopped his ears to the voice of God. And subsequently he's slain right at the altar. Abiathar, after Solomon becomes king, is banished from the priesthood.

He's put forth, as Scripture says, as a polluted man out of the priesthood. And Adonijah is slain by his own ambition. Even under Solomon, where he's found mercy, he still cannot stop his quest for power and authority.

And ultimately oversteps his boundary to the point that it costs him his own life. And he's slain under the reign of King Solomon. Now go ahead again with me to Psalm 58, where we were just a moment ago.

And I'm going to show you there's a reward for those who choose righteousness. Those who won't go the way of complaint. There's a reward.

Now, in Psalm 58, remember, David started by saying, The wicked go astray when they be born. In verse 4, they have poison in their mouths. They have ears that are shut.

Verse 5, they will not hearken to the voice of charmers charming ever so wisely. There are people even in this church today. I mean, I hope not, but certainly possible.

You're not going to be able to hear me. I'm standing here. I believe the anointing of God is on me and on this word.

But you're given to complain. It's so deep. There's such a harvest now.

You're probably not able to hear me. David says, Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth. Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord.

I remember one time there was a man in Canada that started criticizing me. He was another minister. And he started criticizing me everywhere and inventing rumors.

And I met him on the street one day. And he had no teeth. And he was trying to talk.

And you could hardly make out what he was saying. And when I finally could understand what he was saying, his dog had gotten, he had false teeth. And his dog had gotten in the glass and taken him out and chewed up his teeth.

And I remember thinking of this verse, Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth. That man stopped complaining about me. You know, he just stopped complaining.

And if he wasn't, nobody could understand what he was saying. Let them melt away as waters which run continually. When he bends his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

It's so graphic. David is saying when he bends his bow to shoot the righteous, when he lets it go, let his arrow break in two. And not even get ten feet after he lets the string go.

He says, As a snail it melts, let every one of them pass away. Like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun. Before your paws can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with the whirlwind, both living and in his wrath.

The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance. He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. So that a man shall say, Verily, there is a reward for the righteous.

Verily, he is a God that judges in the earth. Now, folks, there is a reward for the righteous. For those who choose to walk God's way.

For those who say like Paul, I have learned whatever state I'm in therewith to be content. I've learned to have all things and to have nothing. I've learned.

I've learned, God. You've taught me. My ear's been opened.

You've sown peace in my heart. There's a reward for me. Now, you ask me the question, well, what is the reward? Go ahead quickly, please, to Psalm 142.

And we're going to talk about what this reward is. And you're going to be surprised when you see this. Psalm 142.

It's David again. Now, he's in a cave and he's being pursued by religious insanity in his generation. And he says in Psalm 142, I cried to the Lord with my voice.

And with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication. Now, here's the interesting thing in verse 2. I poured out my complaint before him. Now, if you're going to complain, do it in the right place.

Do it in the prayer closet. God, I don't understand this. I don't think it's good.

I don't like it. I don't think it's fair. But do it to him.

Pour out your complaint in the right place. He doesn't despise the honesty of your heart. I showed before him my trouble.

In verse 3, when my spirit was overwhelmed. Remember? The psalmist in Psalm 77 said, I complained and my spirit was overwhelmed. But here, this psalmist, David, says, when my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then you knew my path.

In other words, God, you knew why I was where I was. And you knew how to get me out. You showed me that everything was in order.

It's not out of order. You are just, not unjust. You are fair, not unfair.

I'm not being triumphed over. You are triumphing over an evil reign as it is. A reign that had become evil over Israel.

And this is all part of the process. And because he poured out his complaint in the right place. You see, when you pour out your complaint to another complainer, you're just going to get back the voice of the devil speaking into your ears.

But when you pour out your complaint to God, God's going to say, no, you don't understand. Let me just unfold some things to you and show you what's going on here. You're not being triumphed over.

The devil is not winning the victory. And then he says, Then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I have walked have they privily or secretly laid a snare for me.

Now, you have to understand, David is in a cave. And at this point, the men who have come to him are in distress. They're in debt.

And they're discontent. And he's in a cave full of complainers. I have no doubt about it.

They're all around him. And he says, God, they have laid a snare for me. I believe he's speaking about the men who later on became mighty men of God.

Had he listened to their complaints, he would have followed the pathway of Satan and they would have followed him. They would have murdered Saul. They would have taken by force a throne that God could never bless.

Because it would not be the blood of righteousness that was upon that throne. He said, I looked on my right hand and behold, there was no man that would know me. Think of him in the cave as he's writing this.

Refuge failed me. No man cared for my soul. He said, I'm surrounded by those who are unconcerned for my good.

I cried unto thee, O Lord. I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. Attend to my cry.

I'm brought very low. Deliver me from my persecutors. They're stronger than I am.

Bring my soul out of prison that I may praise thy name. Now, here's the reward. The righteous shall compass me about, for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

This is what God said. David had a promise. And I believe God spoke to him and said, David, there's a reward.

If you'll just hold on. If you'll trust me. I'm going to surround you with righteous men.

Not complainers. And this will be your reward. Hallelujah.

On your left and on your right will be men who are mighty. Women who are mighty in God. I will surround you with those whose eyes are open to truth.

They have faith. They will put swords in their hand. They will slay giants.

They will take on lions. I will surround you with the righteous. This is the reward of those who do not give in to the seed of Satan in their heart.

They say, God, you are faithful. God, you are good. God, everything you've sent my way is for a purpose.

I believe all things work together for good. I am called of God. I love God.

Now, let's go back to Psalm 59 again very quickly. In Psalm 59, this is going to get better as we go on. Give me six minutes.

In Psalm 59, verse 12, this is David again. And he says, For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, let them be taken in their pride. And for cursing and lying, which they speak, consume them.

In verse 13, in thy wrath that they may not be. And let them know that God rules in Jacob to the ends of the earth. And God did that.

Actually, he consumed the wicked one that was planting a harvest in men that would be mighty. Oh, folks, all God ever needs is one or two righteous people, a righteous man, a righteous woman who can change an entire nation. At the evening, he says in verse 14, I'm speaking now to Times Square Church.

At the evening, let them return. In other words, let them even come back to the 6 p.m. service. Let them make a noise like a dog and go around about the city.

Let them come back. And he says, Let them wander up and down and grudge for meat. In other words, let them look around and find nothing to devour and grudge if they be not satisfied.

And the word grudge in the Hebrew means let them be miserable all night. This is what David is saying. This is what you ought to be saying.

If complainers come to this church, people have issues against what God is doing. Let them even come to the 6 o'clock service. Let them walk up and down the aisles.

Let them look. Let them make all the noise they want to make. Let them look for somebody to devour.

But then, God, let them find nothing in this house. Let them be miserable all night. Let them sit in their seat and be miserable.

Where will I be? Where will I be then if they find nothing to devour? And then David goes on in verse 16. But I will sing of thy power. Hallelujah.

I will sing of thy mercy in the morning. Where am I going to be? I'm going to be singing. I'm going to be glorifying God.

I'm going to be lifting up my hands and my voice to the God who created me and is faithful to me. Hallelujah. Let them complain.

Let them make a noise like a dog. Not me. I'm going to glorify God with everything that is in me.

Hallelujah. He says, I will sing of your power. Because morning by morning I'm finding new mercy.

I'm changing into the image of my Christ. My weakness is passing away. My thoughts are starting to come into divine order.

I will sing of your power, O God. I will sing of your mercy. Your mercy that's coming to me in the morning.

I'll be thankful to you. O God, bless your name. For thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing. For God is my defense and the God of my life. I will sing to the one who gives me power.

I'll sing to the one who gives me mercy. I'll sing to the one who gives me strength. For I have learned.

I have learned. I have learned. Now you said to me, Pastor, you started by saying we're going to set fire to Satan's harvest.

So where's the fire? Well, don't turn there, but let me tell you a story. I'll close with this. In Judges chapter 15, there was a man called Samson who was called to deliver his people.

And he was denied by stealth. His enemies denied him of a lawful relationship that was his. He had taken a woman to wife, and they took her away, to make a long story short.

And they hindered him from this relationship. Now, he could have complained against God. He could have said, God, you're unjust.

I have a right to this relationship, and it's been taken away from me. And I don't understand. But at this point in his life, he didn't do this.

The Lord, it says in the Song of Solomon, he speaks to his bride. And he says, come with me. Let me see your countenance.

Let me hear your voice. And let's go out into the vineyard together. But on the journey, now I'm paraphrasing this.

You'll find this in Song of Solomon chapter 2. He said, let us take the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines. These stray thoughts, these arguments against God that are spoiling the life that I've come to give you. Let's you and I, he says, let's take these things and let's get rid of them.

And you see, Samson was denied this relationship. And the enemy wanted to sow that seed of Satan so deep in his heart. That's what he tries to do with every one of us who's called to be a deliverer.

But the spirit of the Lord came upon him. Now, you have to picture this. And he caught 300 foxes, the scripture says.

You have to be fast to catch one fox. He caught 300 foxes. This guy was fast.

He had an anointing on him. And he tied their tails together. Now, listen, you can always tell a fox by its tail.

I've quite often driven through the countryside, especially in Canada. And you see somebody say, oh, there's a dog or there's a big cat or a raccoon. You say, no, it's a fox.

How do you know? By the length of its tail. You always know a fox or a person who's become a fox in the body of Christ by the tails that follow them. They are given to tails.

Did you know about Elder so-and-so? Were you aware of what's going on with Pastor so-and-so? And they have a tail this long, really, that follows them. You can always spot a fox by their tail. And Samson went out and caught 300 of these foxes.

He tied their tails together, which to me is, I know this is a simple interpretation, but he put it all together and said, ah, I see what's happening here. All these thoughts coming at me from all these directions. All these things come to take away this relationship I have with God and to rob me of the power of God that's on my life to be a deliverer to my family and to my friends and to my neighborhood and my community and my nation, my city.

And he tied them together. And then he does something really peculiar. He sets them on fire.

I mean, he takes a torch, really, and ties it between the tails of each pair of foxes. And then he turns them loose into the harvest of the Philistines. And he burns down their fields.

And folks, that's exactly what God calls us to do. We're not ignorant, Paul says, of the devil's devices. By God's grace, we have to bring it all together and say, ah, this is what the Lord is telling me.

And this is what the devil has been trying to sow in me. This is why I'm keeping such company. This is why this type of thing is coming out of my mouth.

Ah, I see now. This is not God. God has been just.

God has been fair. He's never failed me. This is the seed of an enemy who's trying to grow a harvest of unrighteousness in my life.

You see, but when the Spirit of God came upon him, that's where the power comes from, to catch these foxes. The Bible says we have a might in our God that enables us to cast down imaginations and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. We have the power within us to grab these foxes, tie their tails together and set fire to them and send them through and burn up the harvest as it is that the enemy is trying to plant in every one of our hearts towards God.

That's where the power of God comes in. That's why you need the Holy Spirit and I need the Holy Spirit. It's the enablement of God to see as God sees and trust that God is faithful to us.

It's time to set fire to the harvest the enemy's tried to plant in your heart towards God. There are people here today who've had a complaint against God. It's the devil himself who's trying to set that seed in you and grow an unrighteous harvest in the promised land of Christ and take you out of the relationship that God has destined you to have with His Son.

It's time. It's time. It's time.

It's time. And we start by saying, I'm not going to complain anymore. By the grace of God, I'm going to sing.

I'm going to sing of His power. I'm going to sing of His mercy. I'm going to sing of His strength.

I'm not going to complain against God. I'm not going to complain about His church. I'm not going to complain about His leadership.

I'm not even going to complain about the ushers on Sunday morning. I'm not going to complain anymore. I'm going to sing.

I'm going to glorify God. It's also time, may I suggest, for some here today, it's time to deal with that person that Satan has been using to sow a complaining harvest in your life. There are some people here, and let me just say this, that you're innocent, in a sense that you've become a victim of your own fallen nature.

Somebody has come, and because you have an undealt with grievance against God, has found access to you. And you're coming to church on Sunday, and Tuesday, and Friday, and the complainers found you, and will seek you out and come to you, and with a new tale. See, this is a fox that's spoiling the vine of God's life within you.

But something is about to change for many here today. You're going to have a glint in your eye, and when that person approaches you, whether it's today, tomorrow, Tuesday, Friday, and they walk up and say, why is that glint in your eye? And you look them in the face and say, because I'm about to set your tail on fire. Did you see that? I want to give an altar call today for complainers.

I guess it takes courage, but I don't know, I can't grease the slide for you today, I'm sorry. Can't throw out one of those if you've got a sore knee, come to the altar. Complainers.

You've had a grievance in your heart against God. It happens. It happens to a lot of people.

But you say, Lord, I'm not living there anymore. I'm not opening my ears to these complaining stories. I'm going to be a worshiper, and I'm going to grow in the grace and knowledge of my Christ.

If that's you, if you're backslidden as well today and you need to get back to God, and if you're unsaved, and you'd like to give your life to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, join these that are already coming as the worship team begins to worship. And in the annex, you can step out, stand between the screens. Complainers.

Come on, folks. It's time. It's time.

You need to get here. If you've given your heart to it, you've been part of a little circle, you've opened your ears, or you just even have a secret inner complaint against God because you say, God, why have you made me the way you have? Why aren't you using me more than you are? You've got a complaint against God. It's potentially opening your heart to a seed that can produce a very, very, very dark harvest.

Come get it right with God. Declare him to be faithful. Just come and begin to sing your song of faith in God.

Lord, if I never get out of the cave, you're still faithful. If I never understand, you're still faithful. You don't change because my circumstances change.

You are still God. You're still merciful. You're still all-powerful.

You still have a mansion with my name on it in heaven. I'm still going to rule and reign with Christ for eternity. Even if I don't ever understand what's going on on this side of eternity, I choose to worship you.

I choose God. I choose fellowship with the righteous. I'm going to have beside me on the left and on the right, men and women of God who have faith in the God who created us and who will never fail us, whose words speak life and whose direction has a vibrancy and a touch of God in it.

This is where I'm going to live. This is the kind of person that I'm going to associate with and let the rest of God deal with them. But I'm not going there.

I'm not living there. I'm not going to be part of this. Oh, God, I pray, Lord, there be a shout of glory in this house.

Oh, Father, let a shout of glory come into Times Square Church. Let this be a place where there's no complaining in our streets. My God, my God, let our children grow up hearing the praises of God only.

Never, never complain around the table. Let mighty men and women of God be birthed in this place. Let them go out the doors with a sword in their hand and a bounce in their step.

And God's spirit animating them, let them take ground for God's glory. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, be glorified in this house, be glorified in this house. Oh, God, we ask it in your precious name.

Come, come, Holy Spirit. Give us the power to tie these boxes up and set them on fire. Give us the power to burn down the devil's harvest.

God, do it now. God, do it now in Jesus mighty name. Hallelujah.

Simple prayer. Pray with me, please. Lord Jesus, I come here today to make a declaration as David did.

As David did. I say to you, Lord. God is good.

His mercy endures forever. Lord, I choose to worship you. I lay down all complaint.

I choose to trust you. You have me where I am. For a divine purpose.

Your ways are not my ways. They are higher than my ways. And I am learning to trust you in all things.

And even if I never know all of the reasons, I will sing of your power. I will sing of your mercy. I will sing of the new strength that you will give to me every morning and every night.

And you tell me there is a reward for the righteous. You tell me that you will surround me with righteous friends, friends who have the same song. They have the same voice, the same faith, the same confidence.

And you say that through us, you will be mighty and do exploits that glorify your name. And so, Lord, I choose even now to lift my voice and raise my hands and give you glory and give you praise. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Oh, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. We give you praise. We give you glory.

We give you honor. Mighty God. Mighty God.

Mighty God. Mighty God. Merciful God, all-powerful Savior.

Hallelujah, Lamb of God. We love you. We love you, Lord.

We love you. We trust you, God. Hallelujah.

You are welcome here. You are welcome here. You are welcome in our hearts.

You are welcome in our homes. You are welcome in our lives. Oh, give God glory.

Give him praise. Give him praise. Hallelujah.

This is the conclusion of the message.

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