

The Last Day Return to Discernment - Part 2

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The importance of having the heart of God in order to discern correctly and avoid the danger of having the gift of discernment without the heart of God.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of unity and agreement among believers. He quotes from Psalm 50:22, warning those who forget God that they will face consequences. The preacher also discusses the story of Cain in Genesis 4, highlighting how his punishment of laboring without yielding strength serves as a lesson for judgmental congregations. He calls for revival in New York City and prays for God to flood the streets with the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Transcript

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If you'll go to Genesis chapter four, please just leave your Bible open there, then we'll begin there this morning. And Father, I thank you for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. God Almighty, you're the only one that can lead us into this truth.

Lord, we can't do this in natural ability. We can't see it. We can't respond to it.

You've got to quicken us, and you have to create in our hearts, Lord, a desire to obey this. God, help us in this. Help me in this.

Help us in the days ahead to be a people that you can truly point to and you can say, This is my church. This is my bride. This is my beloved.

God, help us now. I ask it for strength to deliver this, for clarity to speak it, and for willing hearts to embrace it. I thank you for it in Jesus' mighty name.

Now, I began last week in the book of Malachi. I'm not going to re-preach any of that. If you want to know what that's about, you'll have to get the tape on that.

But in chapter 3 and verse 18, it talks about a people who will return, and they will discern between the righteous and the wicked, and between him that serves God and him that serves him not. Now, this is a word from the prophet Malachi in the Old Testament, before 400 years of silence, that was finally broken by the voice of the Holy Spirit through John the Baptist. We spoke about that, the reason for that, last week.

And now we're going to go to Genesis chapter 4, which you should already be there. The Last Day Return to Discernment, part 2. If I could give this message a subtitle, I would call it, The Danger of Having the Gift of Discernment Without the Heart of God. Genesis chapter 4, beginning at verse 8. And Cain talked with Abel his brother.

And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him. And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not. Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Now, Cain is a man, one of the sons of Adam and Eve, and he's a man who resented his brother's sacrifice. It's amazing, the moment that sin enters into the human race, we find this manifestation of sin. The two brothers gave a sacrifice.

One, of course, was more acceptable to God. And Cain finds himself resenting his brother's sacrifice. In his heart, I'm sure he was thinking, How could God accept this sacrifice? Well, I perceive that he's displeased with that with which I am offering.

And subsequently, Cain murdered his brother. And when he murdered his brother, he manifested the spirit of Satan. Jesus said in John chapter 8 and verse 44, speaking of Satan, that he was a murderer from the beginning.

There's a spirit of murder that's in the heart of the devil himself, and when he succeeded in drawing Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden into his way of reasoning, it's not long, it's a generation, it's the next generation, where you see that seed, as it is, of Satan himself being manifested through fallen humanity, and jealousy is in the heart of one brother towards another. He despises his offering and ends up murdering him. Now, in 1 John chapter 3, verses 11 to 16, here's what it says in the New Testament.

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, in other words, who manifested the spirit of Satan himself. And he slew his brother, and wherefore, or why did he slay him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hates you.

Verse 14, we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. And he that loves not his brother abides in death. Well, here's the evidence.

How do I know that I'm truly a son or daughter of Almighty God? It's because I love all of those who profess the name of Jesus Christ, who are over the bloodline, as it is, who have believed on the sacrifice of Christ for their salvation. There's a love, it's a supernatural love, that God himself plants in the heart, because God loves everyone in the world, of course, but there's a love in the heart of God for every son and daughter that comes to Him. An incredible love of God, and because we possess the spirit of God, those who truly belong to Christ, we become partakers of this love.

It's a supernatural love. It's the only reason why, in a world that cannot get along, you find a church in Times Square with over 100 countries of the world, substantially represented, and we appear to get along. There seems to be a love here.

Thank God for the love that is in this house. Now, there are minor skirmishes, I know, that happen from time to time, but overall, there's a love here, and there's a witness to that love, and the witness to that love is the Holy Spirit himself, that you clearly cannot deny. He comes into the midst of His people.

When we are in right order with God and with one another, there is a commanded blessing of God, which is the life of God. You'll see it when you read it in Psalm 133. Verse 15 of 1 John chapter 3, actually verse 14, We know that we pass from death to life because we love the brethren, and he that loves not his brother abides in death.

Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. That's an incredible statement, really, when you take a close look at it.

He who hates his brother is a murderer. Now, I looked it up in the original Greek text, and the word hate means to hate, it means to despise, but it also means to love less. That's an amazing thing.

I started to ask myself the question, to love less than what? And we find the answer in the previous, in verse 23, in 1 John chapter 3, it says, And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another as He gave us commandment. Hate your brother means to love Him less than Jesus Christ has commanded you and I to love each other. It's as simple as that.

It is a command of God, it's not a suggestion. Jesus didn't say, I suggest you love one another. No, He said, I command you to love one another as I have loved you, insomuch that the Son of God gave His life, He laid down His life for us.

That's why, reasonably, He says, here's how we perceive the love of God, because He laid down His life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. In other words, I'm so committed to you and you ought to be so committed to me that we're willing to give of ourselves as much as we have to give for the betterment of each other. There's a love that is not found apart from the bond of family.

Now folks, we're not to love any less than people who love their natural families here in this world. When we've been grafted into Christ, there's a love for God's love that is given to those who truly belong to Him. And there's something supernatural begins to happen in the heart.

Oh, beloved, if you've not known this, you've really not known God yet in the way that He wants you to know Him. There is a love, irrespective of background, irrespective of race, color, culture, language, social standing, there is a love. It supersedes all of these other cultural things around us because the Spirit of God within us recognizes the Spirit of God within you.

And there's a bond of love. Folks, I've traveled much of the world and I've met people and instantaneously walked into a room and just simply began to converse with somebody and I found this warming love in my heart. It's not a fuzzy thing.

It's far beyond that. Human love is based on points of agreement, in a sense. I talk with you for an hour, you talk with me, we go back and forth and see where we agree and if we find that the teeter-totter exit falls on the side of more agreement than disagreement, then we agree to at least tolerate each other.

Love is way beyond these areas, but we agree. Oh, folks, when we are in the Spirit and God's Holy Spirit is upon us, there's something so supernatural that begins to happen within the heart that we no longer have to compare the wish list of agreeing points. If you are on Christ and I am Christ, there's a bond of love that the Holy Spirit puts there and there's an evidence of that within us that is not something we have to conjure up in our own strength. It comes from God Himself.

Now we ask ourselves the question, how does this spirit of murder that is the spirit of Satan, how does it manifest? In Genesis chapter 4, again, verses 8 to 10, we see that Cain killed his brother. He considered him, not only considered him, he killed him, but he put him away, he put him out of sight, he put him out of mind, he put him out of conscience, he just simply put him away. Now he went the full gambit of that, he actually physically killed him, but you can put your brother away without physically killing him, you can do the same thing, you can manifest that spirit and let me just say for a second of what the prophet Malachi says.

Now he says in chapter 2, verse 16 and 17, he says the Lord God of Israel says that he hates putting away. Now this is of course the context of divorce in marriage, but there is another type of putting away, so I'm using the scripture as a type.

There's a putting away, whole denominations put away other denominations in the body of Jesus Christ, parts of even America, people put other bodies of believers away because they're a different color than they are, they're a different social standing than they are, there's division all through the body of Christ, and people don't want to call it this, but it's a spirit of murder, it's the same spirit that manifested through Cain towards his brother Abel, where Cain despised his brother's sacrifice, he said I can't tolerate the fact that God received this, so I've got to put this man away, I can't deal with it in my mind, I'm not going to deal with it, I'm not going to look in my own heart, I'm not going to see if there might be some deficiency in me or in my worship, instead of doing

that, I'm going to put away this man, I'm going to put him out of mind, I'm going to put him out of sight, I'm going to put him in the ground, he's gone as far as I'm concerned, and it says one covers violence with his garment, it's amazing, he puts away, it's a spirit of heaviness, and he's covering this murder that's in his heart, with the songs that come from his lips, even this morning, in a wonderful place like this where we have truly sung the praises of God, a number of people as large as we are today, both here in the sanctuary and the annex, there have to be people who are covering a murderous heart with a garment of praise, just like Malachi said, and take heed he said to your spirit that you deal not treacherously, with your words, but you say how have we wearied him, when you

say everyone that does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delights in every word of the God of judgment, God said I'm wearied when people choose to willfully disobey what I've commanded them, and then they come in with this apparent garment of joy, and garment of praise, and they weary me, he said with their words, because they say that he who does evil is another brother or sister in Christ, another group of people in Christ, and I come and I lift my hands and raise my voice, God says you weary me, you weary me with your praise, because you're covering the spirit of Cain as it is with a garment, and God says I won't accept it, no matter how good you call it, no matter how wonderful you say it is, the Lord says I've discerned something and I will not accept it, in Genesis

chapter 4 verse 9, the Lord came to Cain, and said where's your brother, where's your brother, you know I wonder how many of us come to the Lord, we lift our hands, you see Cain is still in communion with God, the Lord is still speaking to him, and sometimes when God's still speaking to us, we can think that everything is okay, it must be okay I'm hearing from God, everything must be fine, now the Lord comes down to Cain and says where's your brother, that's an amazing statement, I want to know where your brother is, have I been sent to keep him, I thought that was your job, seeing you seem to have received him, I put him away, I reckon he's dead, if you want him, you go find him, that's exactly what Cain was saying to the Lord, am I my brother's keeper, I don't know where he is, you want

him, you go find him, I don't know where he's gone, in Psalm 50, here's what the Lord says and I want you to see this, if you have a Bible go to Psalm 50, we're going to be beginning at verse 16, he says, but unto the wicked God says, what has thou to do to declare my statutes, or that you should take my covenant in your mouth, now the Lord is speaking specifically now to people who claim to belong to him, but he says to them now, wait a minute, where did you get the right to declare my covenant in your mouth, and to start speaking that we are in covenant relationship one with another, now the context to this of course is in verse 15, here's the covenant, and call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you and you will glorify me, here's the covenant, he said you will call to me

and my strength will be freely given to you, I know this is Old Testament, but the type of it is fully realized through the covenant that God made here's the covenant, call to me and my strength will be given to you, that's why half of us come to church on Sunday, we're in a battle, we're in a struggle, we're coming into God's presence, we're worshipping, yes, but our worship is in measure calling out to him, my God come to me, help me, strengthen me, I'm in the crisis of my life, I'm struggling at work, I'm struggling in my mind, I'm struggling in my marriage, I'm struggling with my kids, Lord you promised to be my strength, he says alright I will be, but there's a problem here, in verse 17 he says you hate instruction and you're putting my words behind you, I'm trying to get through to

your heart on an issue, but you won't hear me on this issue, I think of how many people that are in churches this morning, God is trying to speak to them, but they will not let his word go into the heart, they've so long gripped something that is not right, it's not true, it's not according to godliness, but yet they won't put it down, he says in verse 18 when you saw a thief, you consented with him, you see the devil, the Bible says comes to steal and kill and destroy, and here he says you're walking in agreement with him, I came to bring unity in my body, I came to cause there to be a love in my church, so astounding that the world will know that I walk with you, because the world can't love like this, it's impossible, they can't do it, but you have formed a partnership with the thief

as it is, who has come to steal this testimony of my life, and you've been a partaker with adulterers, in other words you've put away unlawfully, you are betrothed to something else that you think I am, but I'm

not that, you've put me away, you've put my ways away, you've put away the way I do things, you've put away my commandments, now you say that you are betrothed to me, but I'm not the one that you're betrothed to, you give your mouth to evil and your tongue frames deceit, people would say what are you talking about, I struggle like everybody else, what's the issue, I'm calling out to you, why won't you give me strength, in verse 20 he settles the issue, he says you sit and speak against your brother, you slander your own mother's son, and these things you've done and I kept silence,

you thought that I was altogether such a one as yourself, but I will reprove thee and set them in order before thine eyes, you are speaking against your brother, folks we want revival, I don't know about you, but I know in my heart, oh God if you don't come in a supernatural power, I don't see a lot of hope for the society, we are quickly spiraling down, down, down, away from all that is godly, we're losing our moorings, we cry out for revival, and I do believe that when we cry out, the Lord says well tell me first, where's your brother, what have you done with your brother, you see his blood's crying out to me from the ground, you sit and you've spoken against him in a manner you've reckoned him dead, you've put him away from you, and I kept silence and I think that I agreed with you,

but God says no I don't agree with you on this, we're not walking together in agreement, he says in verse 22, now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tell you in pieces and there be none to deliver, whoever offers praise glorifies me, and to him that orders his conversation aright, I will show the salvation of God, remember we started about talking last week, about I will show you who's living for God, and who's not living for God, I will show you who's righteous, I will show you who's wicked, I will bring you back, and you will have a discernment in your heart, that can't come from anywhere, but from the head of God, now in chapter 4 again, in Genesis, in verse 12, here's the punishment, he said when you till the ground, this is to Cain, it will not henceforth yield unto thee her

strength, a fugitive and a vagabond shall thou be in the earth, God says because of this attitude of your heart, you will labor, and you will gather no strength from it, now think with me this morning for a moment, think of all the labor that goes on in God's name, all throughout the world, especially throughout America and Canada, it all goes on in God's name, and it often gathers in so little, that strengthens his kingdom, is it possible, is it possible, I'm only asking the question, is it possible that this spirit as it is of murder, one to another, has brought much of God's testimony into the same place, of where we work the ground, and work the ground, and work the ground, program after program, effort after effort, and so little strength comes to those who work the ground, and so

little strength is given from the harvest field, so few come in to the kingdom of God, I think of the church of Ephesus, in Revelation chapter 2, which was a discerning church, Jesus said to this church, you've tested and tried false apostles, and prophets, and you have proven that they're not, you've labored, you've worked, this is a discerning church, this is a working church, and a question entered my mind, as I began to read it over again, the Lord said, you cannot bear them which are evil, and the question is just this, could it be that in their discerning, that they had put away the good with the wicked, it's just a food for thought, and the Lord said to this working, discerning church, and said to them, you are in danger of losing the candlestick, the candlestick is the very heart

of God, it's the very testimony of Christ within the church, what was Ephesus doing, that was putting them in such danger, I do believe it's possible, at least within the realm of possibility, that they were putting away, the righteous with the wicked, the Lord doesn't call us, in this love, to embrace false apostles, to embrace those who are, truly evil, and masquerading as servants of light, but he does call us to embrace

everyone, who in genuineness of heart, has received Christ as Lord and Savior, and they're across the bloodline, and they're walking with God, the best they know how, and the light that they've been given, could it be, that they had put away, the good with the wicked, in Luke chapter 15, if you'll go there with me, I want to, share some thoughts, on the prodigal son,

the prodigal son is a young boy, a younger brother, who took his inheritance, and he went away from his father, and he spent it in a place, of self-consumption, and this prodigal had an older brother, and this older brother, was a hard-working brother, the scripture tells us that he, he worked in the field, he said in verse 29, these many years, do I serve you, and neither did I transgress, any time thy commandment, now I don't think he was right on the second part, but he did serve his father, he worked hard in the field, he stuck to the instruction as it is, that he had been given of his father, but this older brother, had written off his younger brother, because he inwardly despised, the way he was living, he had been there, he had seen this younger brother, with the bag of money, as

it is over his shoulder, heading away from his father's house, and going out to take this inheritance, and spend it on himself, he saw the disgrace as it is, that would be coming to his father's name, because this younger brother, I'm sure never stopped telling everybody, he was the son of his father, I'm sure he bragged about his father's house, and I feel that the whole of society, where he travelled, would have just shaken their heads, and they would be fully well aware, that he was far from his father's house, and from his father's heart, and the older brother knew this, and the older brother despised this, oh the older brother, in the house of God quite often, can clearly see the flaws in others, that are far short of what he feels, they should be in the kingdom of God, and if he's

not aware, a deep inner despising, of what's coming to his heart, and he could end up laboring, in a place that yields no strength, look at verse 29, he said, oh these many years I've served you, I've never transgressed at any time your commandment, but you never gave me a goat or a kid, that I may marry with my friends, here he is, he's laboring in a place that has no strength, the very place that Cain was in, he's saying to his father, I've been working the ground, I've worked hard for you, I'm sure that the whole time he's working, he's got this inward stirring about his brother, this inner despising of his brother, that no good, sniveling coward, that took off with his inheritance, probably wasting it now with harlots, probably living a foolish life, and the distress he's brought into

the family, and what he's done to us, and if we're honest, from time to time, we've all felt this, about somebody else who really belongs to the family, now this young man was spiritually dead at the time, that he was doing this, but his father still had a heart for him, and while the son is working in the field, the father is still standing out on the road, he's still watching in the distance, and waiting for this boy to come home, now in this case, the older brother correctly discerned, the temporary failure of his brother, but he incorrectly discerned his father, it's amazing, you know, we can fall into this trap, we can correctly discern the flaws, in other forms of worship, in the body of Christ, and in our discerning, we can fail to discern, the great love, that is in the heart of

God, for everyone who's called by his name, whether we agree with them or not folks, oh I remember, many of you don't know this, but I was saved in a Baptist church, I was actually disciplined there, it's called in Canada Associated Gospel, but it's really theologically Baptist, I was saved there, I was disciplined there, I didn't share it, I believed that until it happened to me, I believed it with all my heart, if you were to ask, I would have shared it with you, I thank God, that my first encounter, with spiritual people, was not the older brother, in religion, I thank God they would have, had a lot of nasty things to say to me, I have no doubt

about that, because we've encountered that over the years, since then, it's all in my heart, I wanted power to live for him, I was desperate for

him, and he couldn't take me to certain places, and so he ended up guiding me to a halfway house, where all ex-cons, all coming out of jail, a lot of them for very lengthy sentences, and this was a halfway house, on the way back into mainstream society, I remember attending his service in full uniform, because I was actually on my way somewhere else, they invited me to stay, I remember being dumbfounded, by the incredible love, that I felt from these men, who really, I probably threw in jail a few of them, a few years before, but this incredible love, that they felt toward, they didn't hate my uniform, they didn't hate the fact that I was a Baptist, basically they didn't seem to despise, they just loved me, and I was overwhelmed by this sense of love, because I couldn't reciprocate, I

liked them I guess, but I just kept everybody at arms length, and I remember the director of the house, asking me at the end of the meeting, he says, have you been filled with the Holy Spirit, and I remember thinking, oh goodness, I went back in all of the Rolodex, of what I had learned in church, yeah of course, yeah I've got everything, I just started to spout everything I had learned, in new believers class, and these other things, and then an ex-con came to me, and he said to me, you need to be filled with the Holy Ghost, you need the power of God, he said can we pray for you, and I thought, I was in a war in my mind, oh God, I want this, but it's not supposed to exist, then why do I want it so bad, if it doesn't exist, and what is it about these men, that they seem to be a step ahead

of me, why are they loving me this way, and I don't feel this towards them, and all of these things, and I said all right pray for me, and so I stood there, full uniform, gun on the whole deal, I just stood there, and a guy stepped behind me, and I said get away from the door, I didn't like people behind me, he said I think I should stand behind you, I said no you shouldn't stand behind me, and so he got away, and they began to pray for me, I'm just telling you the way this happened, I had no exposure to the charismatic full gospel church, I didn't even know what it was, I was standing there, and they started to pray for me, I can't tell you what happened, the only thing I can tell you is the next thing I knew, full uniform, gun on the whole deal, I was on the floor, I was flat on the

floor, and I was speaking in another language, that I didn't know, I was scared, I got up and when I left that place, I was thinking oh good grief, how come if this is not good, it makes me feel so good, how come if this is not right, I seem to want to love everybody that moves tonight, how come, and I remember coming back to the farmhouse, and I walked in the back door, and of course we're both disciplined, in a particular church, and I walked in and I said Teresa listen to this, and I started speaking in tongues, and she just like, she didn't know what to do, she thought my husband has lost his mind, and we were in the house in the kitchen, we were at a farm at that time, and I ran through the field, it was like one or two o'clock in the morning, I was shouting and singing and praising

God, because he had satisfied the hunger in my heart, now listen I have a choice to make, do I go back now and condemn the people, that came to my door, and won me to Jesus Christ, because they may in some measure, be falling short of what I think the full gospel is today, I have a choice to make, should I stand in the pulpit and deride them, should I make fun of all Baptists, or Methodists or others out there, Presbyterians who may not practice or serve God the way I do, God forbid that that should ever happen, I'm forever thankful for people who came to my door, and led me to Jesus Christ, I thank God with all of my heart, I've never stopped loving that body of believers, I still see every face, and in spite of how they may have felt about me when I came to Christ, you know I was part

of a program called Evangelism Explosion, a church of about 900 people, we had a program we'd go out, win one, two, maybe three people a session to Christ, and I remember the week after I was filled with the Holy Ghost, we had a report back meeting, and in the report back meeting they said, well did you win anybody to Christ, did you share Christ, I remember when it came to my turn I said, yeah I won 21 people to Christ last week, and I had, folks everybody I talked to came to Christ, and they didn't believe me, they said no it can't be, it's not possible, and I said it is possible, I know who they are, I'll give you their names, now I didn't want to tell them they not only got saved, a lot of them got filled with the Holy Ghost, I wasn't that ready to share these things, but folks,

there's something about unity in the body, I can't despise others, who may even through a shortcoming despise me, I'm not given the option to reciprocate, there were people in that body, who just were not yet made complete, I guess in the love of God, who may have said or done some things, but I'm not called to reciprocate, I'm called to love, and today God's given me open doors, I can go anywhere, I don't have to offend anybody's distinctives, I don't have to preach or promote my own, Jesus Christ is big enough, I can preach him and him alone, from now till he returns, and there's enough in there to cause hunger, for those who want to walk with him, and want to follow him, the prodigal the older brother, discerned the temporary failure of his brother, but he did not discern the mercy and

sacrifice of his father, and here he is, he's observing his father bringing this young boy back, as it is into his house, and he's watching him put on him a robe, he's watching him put on a ring, now the robe just take it to be clothing for now, he's giving him the finest robe back actually in the house, it's reserved for the most special of guests, and perhaps he could have dealt with that, but then he watches the father put a ring on his hand, which means full sonship, receiving him back in spite of the mess, that he's made of the family name, he watches him put shoes on his feet, which represents the fact that God, the father was saying to the son, you're not going to represent me, there are places son I'm going to send you, the older brother is dumbfounded, how could the father be

doing this, how could the father be receiving this son, how could he be commissioning him, to represent him, when he falls so far short, of what I think he should be, you see he was discerning everything around him, he discerns his brother's failure, but he incorrectly discerns the heart of God, folks their discernment is dangerous, if you don't have the heart of God, you have to have the heart of God, or you'll end up murdering the body of Jesus Christ, I warn you when God brings back discernment into his church, you better be sure you have the heart of God with it, or you will murder everyone, who falls or fails in your sight, only to have incorrectly discerned the heart of God, and ultimately he incorrectly discerned himself, he didn't know how far he had fallen, from the heart of his

father, so he ends up in a place of no blessing, no strength and no joy, and this is the place of every man, who stands observing divine mercy, and says in his heart, I don't agree with God, I don't agree that God has received the Baptist like he has received me, I don't agree with God, that born again Presbyterians are just as precious in the sight of God as I am, I don't agree with God, and he can point to all the reasons, I don't agree with God, that God can reach down into the success and prosperity movement of today, and draw out a bride to himself, I don't agree with God, and so we stand in our place of knowing everything, only to be proven ultimately that we know nothing, we've lost the heart of God, Cain in Genesis 4.13 said, my punishment is greater than I can bear, the Lord told

him, you're going into a place of no strength, and no yielding, oh folks, you show me a judgmental congregation, and I will show you a place where the glory of God is not, and where souls are not one to

the kingdom of God, where people do not grow, in the grace of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they accumulate knowledge in their minds, but they do not grow into that grace, because the blood of their brothers cries out to God from the ground, Hallelujah, we pray for revival in New York City, we say oh God come flood our streets, with the knowledge of Jesus Christ, flood our schools, oh God save our children, oh God convince Wall Street, that there's a greater treasure than what they're looking for, God show the acting community, that there's reality in Jesus Christ, do not have to live

in an illusion all of their lives, other than what they do perhaps for an occupation, we pray these things with all our heart, and the Lord says, where's your brother, where's your brother, I think of all the prayer meetings that go on all over the world, but they're exclusive prayer meetings, excluding this group, and excluding that group, we pray for revival, God says I want to send revival, but first of all you have to answer this question, where is your brother, Cain said to the Lord, my punishment is greater than I can bear, oh God, you've sent me into a place, where I'm going to labor, and I will find no strength there, I'm going to work there, and the land is not going to yield its increase, I'm going to be witnessing, and witnessing, and coming to Christ, and God I'm going to be

exhausted, it is more than I can bear, oh folks, I can't fathom living in that kind of a mindset, I can't fathom being in a place, where my mind and theology is so closed, that I can't receive another brother, because he looks different than I do, or dresses different than I do, he doesn't raise his hands, or he keeps his hands down, or he speaks in tongues, I can't fathom it, he says my punishment is greater than I can bear, and the Lord said, put a mark on Cain, that no man can kill him, as he's killed his brother, now this is a mark of mercy, believe it or not, it's mercy, God puts a mark on him, and says you've killed your brother, but I'm putting a mark on you, that nobody can kill you, Paul said it this way in 1st Timothy 1, 12 and 13, I was only faithful putting me into the

ministry, I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious, but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly, and in unbelief, it's unbelief that God had accepted the people, who Paul in his former unconverted religious zeal, did not consider worthy of mercy, Paul said I hurt people, I was injurious to people, I blasphemed the mercy of God as it is, I spoke things that I shouldn't speak, but God was merciful, he put a mark of mercy on me, and Paul knew he had been marked with mercy, he's a man who rightly deserved to be doomed and damned, for what he had done to the body of Christ, but the mark of God's mercy was on this man, and finally he had a confrontation face to face with God, this very well might be for some here today, your confrontation with God, but God said to Paul,

I've marked you with mercy, and no man can take my mercy from you, as you have attempted to take it from others, I gave you life, and no matter what men say, only I can take it away, God said I've set a mark on you of mercy, you may not deserve it, you may be deserving of being judged, as you've judged others, but I put a mark of mercy on you, and only I can take it away, Jesus said come to me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, oh God, oh God, oh God, oh God, come to me, all ye that labor, you work so hard, and you find so little rest, you labor under the condemning voice of the devil, or the voice of wrong spirited men, maybe you are the person who's been on the receiving end, of some of what I've spoken about today, you just wanted to love God, but you've

got to get through the hazing, that goes on in his name, to get to him, there's a lot of evil voices, folks, that claim to speak for God, and you've virtually got to get through them, to find the heart of God, you labor because you've wrongly condemned, those that God has loved, it starts by jokes, it does, you look at every genocide in history, it starts by jokes, about a certain race of people, a certain type of people, and

then once you have everybody laughing, then the joke takes a twist, and then it makes the people inanimate, means worth less than a chair, and then once everybody agrees with that, then it takes a third twist, and it says these people are not worthy, to be left alive, the spirit of Cain, the spirit of Satan, it starts, with joking about other denominations, I've done

it folks, and you have done it, and telling you the Holy Spirit has been, drawing me into something, that only he can take me into, St.

Carter if you want to know revival, there's certain things that you and I have to talk about, and he's been drawing me into his presence, it's really begun, with our pastors prayer meeting, that we have once a month in this church, and I've met some of the godliest, finest men and women, who come from backgrounds, so different than mine, religious practices that are, difficult for me to understand, but I'm telling you, one-on-one you begin to talk, and you find a brother and sister in Christ, somebody who loves God with all their heart, they're giving their all, as best as they know how, to lead people to the saving knowledge, of Jesus Christ, and the Lord has asked me to contact, the pastors of churches in the city, of some of the larger churches, maybe a thousand or two thousand and

upward, I'm going to have a luncheon, and the Holy Spirit told me, that I'm to ask their forgiveness, every pastor, for the indifference in my heart, I've been here 13 years in New York City, I don't even know where they are, and I've not even cared, and I'm being honest before you, because I don't care, I really want revival, I really want what God has for this generation, and I'm going to ask them, to forgive me, I'm not asking for reciprocation, I'm not telling them I'm going to be on the bus, heading for your church tomorrow, I'm just saying, I've not even cared, you've been in the city, and I've been so engrossed in what I'm doing, my own little thing, that I've not cared that you're even out there, and I'm just simply going to ask them to forgive me, and you're in a place of labor,

and joylessness, because you've just been on the outside looking in, and you can say, I'm tired of this, I want the heart of God, I'm tired of this joylessness, I'm tired of, my only joy I experience is in the house of God, but I'm joyless outside, I'm tired of this, I want inside, the Lord says, well if you want in, remember he came out to the older son, and the older son came, and he heard music and dancing in the house, and he was so offended, that his father had received this, vagabond, into the house, and he'd killed a fatted calf for him, that's only reserved for the finest of occasions, and he was so offended, and the father came out to him, and said son come in, come on in and join the celebration, he said all that I have, has always been yours, it wasn't about the robe and the

ring, and the shoes and the calf, it was talking to his older son, about his heart, I've had a heart, for struggling humanity, I've had a heart for those, that have gone wayward, I've had a heart, you don't understand my son, my heart, and I'm inviting you to come in, because all I've had has always been yours, and you can have it if you'll come in, ironically it's the older brother, of the joy of the Lord, and it's the younger brother, who made the mess that ends up inside, I don't know about you, but I'm not going to be the older brother, I'm not staying outside, where God is I'm going, where the rejoicing is I'm going to join the chorus, hallelujah, I believe that the Lord wants to send revival to New York City, I believe it with all my heart, but there are some things that we've got

to deal with, we've got to reckon with God on a few levels, and I'm going to open this altar, for every person, I believe you're going to count me into this, because I've done the very things, you've been preaching about this morning, and I want this thing out of my life, I want it out of my heart, I have wrongly

condemned those that you have loved, and I'm speaking to those who've been condemned, along the journey, you might be a young Christian, and you've just been blasted away by people, who didn't fully represent the heart of God, and then thirdly people are just joyless, you say God something's wrong, I believe that you're speaking to my heart, I'm stirred this morning, I'm tired of this, I want to come into where you are, Lord if you're loving these people, then you're going to

love them through me too, God I'm going to let these barriers break, oh folks wouldn't it be nice to see integrated churches like this all over the country, please stand, the Holy Spirit is speaking to you, please come and join me at this altar, and we're going to pray together, that we discern with the heart of God, wherever you are, please just come, we'll take a moment to worship together, and then we're just going to pray, God give me your heart, as you open my eyes, you've got to open my heart at the same time, or I will greatly harm your kingdom, oh God, I have given this as best as I know how, I've delivered this Lord that you've given to me, I know I'm speaking from your heart, oh God, I pray you give us the ability to love, our brothers and sisters in Christ, my God, you've got

to open our eyes to the depth of your love, you've got to help us to put down the walls and barriers, that we have erected in your name, oh God help us, let these things disappear, yes many will keep their distinctives, but that should not keep the love of God, out of the doors, it should not keep us from loving one another, Father I thank you for this, I thank you God, that you're going to do the miraculous in this house today, beginning in our hearts, and if you're here today and you're not saved, you're welcome to come to this altar, Jesus Christ will receive you, in spite of what you've done, in spite of the mess you're living in even now, or what your life has become, you are welcome to open your heart, and Jesus Christ will receive you to himself, and forgive your sin, and he'll

give you the power to walk a new life, that will bring honor to his name, hallelujah, let's worship God, scripture says that God has not given us a spirit of fear, we don't have to be afraid of other believers in Christ, because they do things a little differently than we do, but a power, the ability to go beyond our natural limitations, and love, and a sound mind, we know what to do, and we're a people who choose to obey the commandment of God, Lord we choose to love, the way that we are loved of you, hallelujah, there's such freedom in this, it's an incredible freedom, that comes into the heart, when we choose to love, and refuse to be drawn into little walled fortifications, where we only allow people who adhere to every one of our 600 distinctives, inside those walls, oh God help us,

God help us, we start by not making fun of other people, we put it all away, it's evil speech, we recognize it to be such, we put it away, and we honor God and his church, hallelujah, now Lord you see our hearts this morning, Lord we are united in this, I believe that you've spoken and we've embraced your word, we've not cast it behind us, God you're helping us, to understand, why revival doesn't come, Lord give us the grace now, to go beyond our limitations, and to love as you love, give us the grace to embrace in the coming days, people who have made a mess, even of the testimony of Jesus Christ, give us your heart for them father, Jesus give us your heart, we don't want to lay down terms and conditions Lord, you freely receive this young man, you restored him to sonship, and you

commissioned him, and you rejoiced over him, I pray God that be our heart, Lord for whoever comes into this house, no matter what kind of a mess they've made, Lord they would always find, the reception that comes from the heart of God, Lord we put away childish things, we put away foolish divisions, we put away boasting and pride, in the way we do things, we put it away, and we recognize we're just part of a much larger body, in this world, God help us, to be a people that you could point to, and say this is my

bride, this is my beloved, I pray you give us great grace in this, I ask you Lord that we be reconciled, to every church in this city, that is preaching, publishing and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, I pray that love always be found here, and acceptance always be within

these walls, I pray that evil speech not be here, God Almighty help us, give us strength in this Lord, guide us into the future now, Lord you said that when we cry to you, you'll answer us, that we can take your covenant into our mouths, that we can ask you for what we need, and you'll give it to us, you'll give us strength and life and joy and power, God all of these things will be ours, because we're choosing to do it your way, Lord we thank you for it with all our hearts, God Almighty guide us, into the days ahead of us Lord, and keep us from evil, Father we thank you with all our hearts, now let's just rejoice together, God spoken to us.

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