

Freedom From Sin

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Christians can live free from the dominion of sin through the new covenant, which is designed for a sin-sick soul who wants to be free.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher addresses the issue of believers who find themselves addicted to sin despite their love for Jesus. He highlights the pervasive influence of sin in today's society, particularly through the accessibility of pornography and other immoral content. The preacher emphasizes the struggle that many Christians face in trying to overcome sin, often resorting to tears and promises to God. However, he asserts that man cannot save himself and that true deliverance from sin can only come through the work of God's Spirit.

Transcript

Our visitors, may the Lord touch your heart by his presence and now by his word. We've been talking to you about the covenants, four or five messages in the past and again tonight. We're going to talk about the covenants.

And I want to deal with the topic, freedom from the dominion of sin. Freedom from the dominion of sin. God never intended that Christians live under the bondage of sin.

He came not only to forgive us and pardon us, but to give us freedom from the dominion of sin. And that can only be found in the new covenant, through Christ our Lord. Let's pray.

Heavenly Father, we exalt you and we honor truth. For it's truth alone that sets men free. Lord, all of our singing, our shouting, our praising is good news to your ears.

But oh God, for us, only truth can set us free. Nothing else. Truth and truth alone.

And we come to the truth now, humbly. Oh Holy Spirit, come upon me. I yield my body, I yield my mind.

Lord, I believe you put this in my heart. You gave it to me from your throne. Now make it known and understandable.

Speak through my lips, I pray, and from my heart. I glorify your name. Master, I love you.

Thank you, Holy Spirit, for your abiding in us. Now open our ears and our eyes and our understanding. In Jesus' name, amen.

Amen. Now we're living under a time of awful demonic seductions. The devil has come to deceive, the Bible said, even where possible the elect, the chosen of God.

This generation is experiencing a flood of temptation unknown to any past generation. Just think, 80 years ago there was no television. In fact, radio just broke in the 20s, in the 1920s.

There was no video. Our airways were not filled with pornography. Do you understand that our very atmosphere now is polluted? Do you understand that from satellites beaming down upon millions of television sets and through videos now, through intranet, the very airwaves, the very heavens are polluted by ungodly demonic spirits? Incredible betrayals of family, infidelity, homosexuality, evils and seductions unknown in the ferocity that we know it today.

And believers are becoming entrapped and ensnared as never before. And many of you know, I've told you that over the years we've accumulated over probably 800,000, close to a million names on our mailing list that receive my monthly messages and some 50,000, 60,000 letters a month and sometimes 20,000 a week. And reading these letters, it's just overwhelming the numbers of people who weep and cry because they're entrapped now.

They flirted with sin either on net, pornography on the internet, it could be videos, it could be theater, and they found themselves addicted, they found themselves hooked and they still love Jesus, but they woke up one day under the bondage and dominion of sin. And I wonder how many there are listening to me right now in this congregation, you are under the dominion and bondage of a besetting sin, it got a hold of your heart, you sit here now loving Jesus, you've cried, you've prayed a river of tears, but you can't find freedom, you go back to your sin, you counsel with people, you call friends, and you can't understand it, it's made you fearful, it's brought guilt upon you, and I'm telling you now, there is not overcoming victory in many, many churches, among multiplied thousands of believers, sin has taken a stronghold in the heart, and you don't see it outwardly, but oh, we get the confessions, we get them from ministers, we get them from ministers' wives, we get them from pastors who say, I stand up in my pulpit empty and dry because I know I'm a phony, I'm living a double life, I have no fresh word from heaven, the word is dead to me because something's happened in my life, and I am bound, and I can't live this kind of double life. Many are quitting the ministry because they don't want to be phonies.

I wonder if that's why there's no outrage against the sins of the White House. Could it be there's no outrage because so many Christians are bound themselves, so many afraid to point a finger, or even to have any kind of outrage because they're facing the outrage of their own sins. Now, for you that have given up on your sin and you have come to the conclusion that Christians are to live in a struggle all their life, they never get out of Romans 7 into Romans 8, that you live always under the wretchedness of this battle, and that you have made up your mind that it's a struggle the rest of your life, that you will always be under the dominion of some kind of sin, so you learn to live with it, do the best you can, try and strive, and then you go on, and you never do have that freedom.

In fact, one of my favorite English preachers, Alexander White, said, as long as I'm your pastor, you'll never get out of Romans 7. Well, I feel so hurt by that because that's where most people live. They stay in

Romans 7, never do get into Romans 8, and the victory there is in Christ Jesus. But if you're one of those people who believe that you cannot be free from the bondage of sin, I'm not talking about perfection, but you do not believe that you can ever be free, that there will always be bondage in your life.

I have nothing more to say to you. This message from now on will mean nothing to you. But for those of you who still believe that there is a place in Christ, there is a place, there are provisions made in the gospel of Jesus Christ for your freedom, that you not only have pardon, you not only have forgiveness, but there is provision made for you by the word of the living God for you to live free from the bondage of sin, that you're no longer a slave to sin, that you don't have to do the bidding of the devil anymore, that there is a place of freedom.

Then we're going to show you something tonight I hope that you'll never forget. God has made a wonderful provision to get us out of Romans 7 into Romans 8. I hope to show you what I believe is the only way to get dominion over sin. It's the only way I've seen after all these years of preaching, and I started preaching when I was a teenager, and I've been a student, and I've studied hard the Puritans, and I have delved into this ever since I was 16, 17 years of age, and at my age now I've come to the conclusion that there is only one way to get absolute dominion over sin, and I hope I can make it clear enough for you tonight.

First of all, let me begin by saying that man cannot save himself, he cannot deliver himself from the power of sin. It is impossible, it has to be the work of God by His Spirit. You cannot conquer, you cannot conquer or overcome your own sin in any of the striving of your flesh.

I don't care how strong you think you are, I don't care how holy you think you are, God sent the Old Covenant to take away those feelings of holiness out of you, until you get Christ's holiness. Now, God had a problem, He still has a problem. Before you can have dominion over sin, God has to work out these problems, and I see two major problems, two things that have to be accomplished in man before God can deliver him from his besetting sin.

First of all, God has to get the sin-bound man, the first thing he has to do is get you to want to be free. He has to have some kind of a plan or device to allow you to see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the wickedness of it, and how it has brought such guilt and how it has brought such ruin into your life, so that you will not cast yourself into it in despair, give up on it, and just throw yourself to your sin. Now, this is a problem God has with all of us, to show us the absolute deceitfulness of sin.

He has to bring us to the place where we have to cry out, I want out of this, I don't want to carry it anymore. Because man, in his natural self, in his own nature, does not want to be delivered from his sin, he wants to toy with it, he wants Jesus and his sin at the same time. He really doesn't want to be delivered, even though he says he does.

And if he wants to be delivered, it's only because of the pain it causes him, and the guilt, and the possibility of shame he would bring on himself, and his family may lose his job over it. But you see, God has to bring forth something in the heart of man, this has been the problem all along, something that causes this man, more than anything else in the world, to want to be free from his sin. Problem number two, that God has.

How does he get this man to come to the end of himself, in all of his human efforts, to break himself free, and then to cast himself in the only hope that he has in Christ Jesus? How does God bring a man to the

end of his strength? How is he going to do this? How does God accomplish to bring a sin-bound man to give up the fight, and lay down his human pride, and come like a dead man to the cross? This is all accomplished by what the Bible calls the Old Covenant. The Bible said there are a number of covenants, but in Hebrews, the eighth chapter, the writer is dealing with two covenants, and you and I are living either under the Old Covenant or the New Covenant. Christians live for all their lifetime.

Many live under the Old Covenant. They never do get into the New Covenant. Some of you sitting out there, you're under the Old Covenant.

Unless God sets you free, you're going to go out under the Old Covenant. And you will never be free. You will always be bound by your sin.

You will never understand freedom. You will never understand the glory of the cross, when you're under the Old Covenant. And you've got to come, by faith, into the New Covenant.

We'll talk about that now. You know the covenant is agreement. Now, the first covenant was made between man and God.

The second covenant, the New Covenant, was made by God with His own Son. Now, I've gone over that before, and I don't have time to go into that. But I want you to listen very closely to Hebrews 8, chapter, verses 8 and 9. Listen closely, please.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers up to the days I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. Now, look at me, please.

Here's the introduction of two covenants. God says, I'm making a new agreement with you. It's not like the old agreement that I made with your fathers when I brought them out of Israel.

It's not from Mount Sinai. It's not the old covenant of works, where a man tries to obey God. A man comes to the commandments of obedience, total obedience to the Lord through his works.

Now, the old covenant was designed by God to convince the sin-bound man that he is exceedingly sinful. And there's no way in his own strength and power he can please God or obey Him. Now, God had to take man to school, this sin-bound man to school.

Any man that's bound by sin. This was under the old covenant in Mount Sinai. You know what they said when they received the law? Oh, yes, we'll do it, we'll do it.

And God said, I wish you had the heart, you've got the mouth for it. I wish you had the heart for it. It all has to do with the heart.

Now, God devised a plan that would bring man to the end of his strength and produce in his heart a cry to be delivered, to want to be free. And so, He gives man what we call the moral law, the ten commandments. These ten commandments represent the heart and nature of God.

His high holiness, His purity, His righteousness. He sets the standard so high that no man can possibly reach it in his own strength. He said to God, now, listen, the law is holy, the law is good, it's pure.

I get nervous, I get discouraged when I hear preachers demeaning the law. The law is righteous, the law is holy. Now, there's nothing meritorious for us in the law.

You can obey all the law and still not go to heaven. You can't be saved by the law. But it still represents the nature of God, that's who God is.

Tell me which one of the ten commandments you can break and go to heaven. He said, I'm not under law. I'm under law as showing to me the nature of God and who He is.

And if I want to love God, I want to know who He is. And when God says, I'll give you a heart to know me, then He's going to give you a heart to know His laws. And you obey it in the power of the Holy Ghost.

Not out of merit, because the blood of Jesus is your only merit. But you see, God brings forth a law. He brings forth a revelation of His heart that is so high and so holy.

In fact, it demands perfect obedience. And if a man fulfills nine out of those ten and he breaks the tenth, he's still guilty of the whole law. This man can pray, this man can seek God, this man can be faithful to his wife.

But if he's got an ounce of idolatry in him, he's missed the whole law and there's a curse. You say, why would God make a covenant that He knows that no man can fulfill? It's the only way God can bring man to the end of himself and his own strength. Bring him to a place called death, where he dies to every promise to God that he can do it.

Where he dies to any hope that any man, any human, any force on this earth can heal his soul. It's to bring us to the end of himself. The Bible calls the law ministry of death.

Not that the law is good, but that's what it produces in us. A death of hope, a death of any opportunity or strength that through my willpower, through my goodness, that there's something good inherent in me and I can present it to God. We have a whole world full of people who don't know Jesus.

They're going to stand on the judgment day and try to lay their good works at his feet. And all the things that they've done and say, well, I didn't kill anybody, I didn't do this, I didn't do that. And he says, it's all filthy rags in my sight.

God says in the old covenant, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, ye shall be unto me a holy nation. Obey my voice and I will be your God. It depended on absolute, total obedience.

Obedience by the law is the knowledge of sin. You see, the law was given so that we can we could know our hearts. We could know how helpless, how sinful, how wicked we are with this Adam nature.

That every mouth must be stopped and all the world become guilty before God. A man has to acknowledge he's guilty. That he, without someone somewhere outside himself, outside of his own power and energy and strength, he's got to have a mediator, he's got to have a cosigner.

The law entered that the offense may abound. God gave the law that your sins become offensive to yourself. God knew how offensive they were, but you and I had to see how offensive they are to a holy God.

But by setting the standard so high, he was proving to man that he could not attain it in his own power and strength. The Bible said God put man in school so that when he graduates, he graduates as a dead man. Folks, if you're still looking for some good in you to bring to Jesus, you're still under the old covenant.

It hasn't finished its work. The old covenant is not finished with you. It is not accomplished its work until you know, you know, you know.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt, there is no good thing in you. That in your flesh, you're going to fail God, you're going to sin, confess, sin, confess the rest of your life and never be free. Hallelujah.

I wrote the following in my journal back many months ago when I started diligently studying the covenant. I wrote this in my journal and I pulled it out yesterday. Here's what I wrote.

The old covenant has finished its work and it can fade away once I'm on my face, empty, helpless, wounded and weak, fully persuaded. I cannot humanly obey God or please him. I have no plea of holiness.

I am without strength. I can do nothing on my own power, in my own power. My sin is too powerful for me.

My chains are too heavy. I'm too wicked for me to free myself. I need a miracle.

I need a helper. I need a mediator. All I can do now is cry, Abba Father.

Let me tell you how you can know whether you're under the old covenant and whether or not you're ready to move into the revelation of the new covenant. You see, the new covenant has nothing to say to the man who wants to continue in his sin. Nothing.

The whole new covenant completely is designed, totally designed for a sin sick soul who says, I am tired of my sin. I don't want to grieve the heart of God. It's more than just getting to heaven.

It's more than just getting rid of my guilt. I know what the word says. I know how holy my God is.

And I want to be in communion with him. I want to love him. I want his power, his authority in my life.

I want victory over my sin. That's the man, that's the woman who gets the new covenant. It's not written for anybody else.

Nobody else will understand it. And if you want to be free from your sin, he will start. Very soon, this is going to start working his way into your spirit.

You're going to see it and shout victory. Hallelujah. Now, let me tell you how you can tell.

What is your reaction when you sin or fail God? What is your reaction? What do you do? Let me tell you what most Christians do. They run to the room and they fall down on the carpet and they cry a river of tears and say, God, I won't do that anymore. I promise I won't do that anymore.

And we cry and we bawl and we squall or some of them say, Lord, where were you? Where's the Holy Ghost you promised me? And we cry a river of tears and we get a little peeved at God because he didn't inject us with a little bit of power. And we cry our tears and then we try to wash away our tears and then we get up and try again. Let me tell you something is going to sound to you at first like false doctrine.

Blow some of your way now. If after you fall, you go to the secret place and you do just what I'm telling you now, you're under the old covenant. Now, folks, there is a true repentance.

You know, we preach that. There is a godly sorrow for sin and only a Holy Ghost can give you that. There are tears.

Yes, there are tears that flow out of a truly repentant heart that God honors and bottles in heaven. And, you know, I believe that. But let me tell you what happens when most Christians go their knees and they cry and they wail.

You know the story of the young preacher. I told you about it after 15 years of being delivered from heroin addiction. The director of a very successful drug program came to my office last year.

And I love this young man. Beautiful wife who's been saved from drugs also. But he took a fall, went back to heroin, was so disgusted with himself, so discouraged.

He was standing, still ministering to the boys and sneaking out at night and getting high. He'd come home and after his high would wear out a little bit, he'd go into his office and he'd fall on the rug. And cry and scream and beg and plead with God.

And his face would be raw and red where he rubbed his face into the carpet. Crying for freedom. Let me tell you what that cry is most of the time.

It's the flesh. The flesh. You know what it is? It's the flesh.

Feeling sorry for itself because it couldn't accomplish the deliverance. It's the flesh begging for one more opportunity. It's the flesh waiting for the Holy Ghost to come and try to empower your own will.

The Holy Ghost will not come and empower your will because the will is still your flesh. It is the will of God. It's the will of the Holy Ghost.

It's not our will. Our will has to die. And the reason we're not getting the work of the Holy Ghost is because we're saying, God, make me strong.

He won't make you strong. You'll be weak to get deliverance. And it's in your weakness your strength will come from the Holy Ghost.

But we're waiting for the Holy Ghost to come down and just give us a power pop into our physical bodies. That gives the flesh still opportunity to boast. You're still under the old covenant, still looking for something inside of you.

This young man shouldn't have been surprised at his flesh. He should have gone down to his knees and said, God, I know now I'll never get out of this on my own strength. My river of tears won't deliver me.

My promises won't deliver me. God, there has to be a revelation of another way. There has to be something else.

Until you come to that place, I'm telling you, I thank God the covenant killed. The old covenant killed me. Killed any hope that one of my promises might work or I could get it figured out.

Maybe some preacher from a hideaway in India, some Holy Ghost guru would give me the key. Oh, come on. How many of you soaking in tape after tape after tape? Tapeworms.

Now, folks, I may sound facetious, but I would tell you something. Everybody's seeking and looking everywhere. When you're running to pastors, you're running to counselors, running everyone to try to find the power.

You're going to the wrong place. You've got to go to the new covenant. Until your search is ended.

Now, there's nothing wrong with counselors. We've got counselors and they're good counselors. You see, until you come to a place where you say, there's nothing here.

Nothing here. By the way, this young man that I told you about is doing fine now. He's been free now for almost eight months.

You know, if you're really honest with yourself, look back at how many times you've done just what I've talked about. Look at the times that you've gone and cried and accused God of everything but child abuse. How many times have you cried and wept and said, oh, where's the Holy Ghost and all these things? Did it do you any good? Oh, folks, I believe in intercession.

I believe in praying. I pray every day and I seek the face of God. But, folks, this kind of going to God and crying and weeping.

Remember Malachi? He said to them, he said, you cover the altar with tears. You just cover the altar with tears and you cry, you wail. But he said, there's deception in your heart.

How do you get that deception out? How do you get the power? You know, it's not yours. It's the power of the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah.

Glory to God. God would rather have you go soberly to his throne, confess your total inability to obey his commandments, acknowledge your absolute, utter helplessness and tell God, I surrender. I come as a dead man.

I come as a dead woman and all my strivings, I have failed. I come to you to trust you first. Now, Lord, accomplish these two things, these two problems you've always had with men.

Bring it. Bring me now through it, Lord. I confess that I can't do it.

I confess that I want to be delivered from my sin. Now, folks, if you don't want deliverance, you're still not allowing the Old Covenant to do its work. You can get so hard hearing this word of God.

That's why the word comes. That's why often even the law is preached in love, only as a mirror to get you to want to be free and to show you the exceeding sinfulness of the sin. Now, if you're dead to any hope or ambition of doing it on your own, now you're ready to hear about the New Covenant.

I want you to go to Acts 3. This is the end of Psalm 3. But I'm really just now starting to preach. Third chapter of Acts. If this isn't good news, I don't know what good news is.

I want to talk to you about the blessing of the New Covenant. The blessing of the New Covenant. Get you out of the old into the new.

Remember what he said? I'm going to make a new covenant with you, a new agreement, not like the old one made with your fathers. This is a better covenant made on better promises. Read with me verses 25 and 26, third chapter of Acts, talking about the blessing of the covenant.

Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Now, who is the seed of Abraham? Jesus Christ. And all who believe in him.

He said the whole earth will be blessed by Christ. He will be blessed. Now listen to the next verse.

Unto you first God, having raised up his son Jesus, sent him to what? Bless you in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. Now you may not understand that right now, but I hope you will in the next ten minutes. Look this way if you will, please.

Listen to the words. God, having raised up his son, sent him to bless you. Look at me now, please.

Think of this sin-bound man who, the old covenant has accomplished this work. Now he said, I really want to be free. I can't free myself.

I can't free myself. That's the ABC, I call, of the new covenant. One, that God is determined to set you free, and he's made an oath to do it.

Number two, you can't do it yourself under your own strength, and that's why he gave the old covenant to prove it to you. And number three, he has promised to send the Holy Ghost to do in you everything he commands you to do. This is the glory of the new covenant.

This is the blessing of the new covenant. Everything God expects of you. God expects under the new covenant perfect obedience.

Absolute obedience. Jesus, through the Holy Ghost, was perfectly obedient to the Heavenly Father. I'm not talking about sinner's perfection, but I'm telling you that it's possible for the Holy Ghost to overcome and subdue your sins.

Subdue them. Cross the dominion of them. God, having raised up his Son, sent him to bless you.

Here's this sin-bound man, and he goes to prayer, and he's expecting judgment to strike him. He's saying, how could God bless me? Because I have sinned against light. I have failed God.

Some of you sitting here right now, you went back to your sin. You did it again, after promising you wouldn't, and you grieve over it. And here's the sin-bound man.

He comes to prayer, and he's expecting judgment. He's expecting wrath. He's expecting chastening.

And here comes the word. God has raised up his Son. In other words, given all power and authority and riches to bless you.

He says this. He's saying this to a people who have failed. He said, my God has raised up Jesus to bless you.

Oh, I know people have run off with this and say, in fact, I am shocked at what people think of when they think of blessing. A new Ford. A better apartment.

A new refrigerator. Come on, your little mind's going, thinking all the good is. And people say, pray God will bless me.

Uh-huh. There's a whole gospel today to run off on this, and they use this, God has raised up his Son to bless you. What is the blessing? To turn you from your iniquities.

God is saying, this is the greatest blessing in the mind of God. What you call blessing is not what I call blessing. God says the greatest way I can bless you under anything on this earth is to deliver you from your sins and break the dominion and the power of your sins.

God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. You mean to tell me, Pastor, if I come to the Lord and repent and truly turn to the new covenant, to the power of the Holy Ghost, that he won't point a finger at me and condemn me? Jesus, I didn't come to condemn you, I came to save you. That's the whole purpose of the cross.

Scripture says, in thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed. Jesus sent him to bless you in turning every one of you from his iniquities. Now, the Jews expected Jesus, the Messiah, rather to come and set up an opulent kingdom, and they would have all the food, they would all have positions, they wouldn't have to work, because they would bring slaves in, and this would solve their problem for life.

They were looking for a Messiah that would come in power, majesty, and opulence. And a lot of people expect that even today from Christ, but here's what the Scripture says. He shall be called Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.

He shall save his people from their sins. Folks, I'm at the place now, in May, I'm going for a month to Europe for ministers' conferences all over Europe. I'm starting in France, and then I'm going to Bosnia, Lord willing, Romania, and Poland.

And in that month, a few thousand ministers to be ministering to. And this is the message God has put in my heart. For pastors, for themselves, who are living under bondage, and also to take to their congregations this message that we have, in this day and age, when there's a flood of iniquities spewing out of the pits of hell, and with such exotic temptations, and so many Christians being swallowed up in this flood, there has to be a message of deliverance and truth.

It can't just be some prayer line. It can't be just somebody coming to get some kind of a happy feeling and laugh. You can't laugh this thing out of your gut.

People talk about going to revival and getting refreshed. Three months later, they're back in the dominion of sin. There has to be a message come forth in this last day.

It's the only thing I can see. It's the new covenant whereby God has made a vow, He's made a promise, and an oath, that when you give up doing it your way, and you come to the cross in the victory of Jesus Christ, and you say, Holy Ghost, come upon me. You, Lord, are the one who saved me.

If I can believe Jesus to save me from my sins, I can believe Him to give me dominion over my sins. If you're going to tell me you're saved by faith, then what hinders you from telling me that you can have dominion by faith? If you don't have the Holy Ghost in you, the Bible said you're none of His. It was the Holy Ghost that brought you to Jesus.

And that same Holy Ghost, when we are fully submitted to Him, has all power and all authority. Now, the Lord says on the new covenant, you're going to obey me, yes. I'm going to give you a new heart so that you'll be receptive to the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is here now. There's nobody in this building that can tell me that you don't have two battles. There's a battle going on, isn't there? There's a battle in your heart.

Doesn't the Bible say the spirit and the flesh are lusting, or fighting? It means there's a battle going on. Now, if you cast your vote for the Holy Ghost, and if you just trust Him completely, and throw yourself at the mercy of the Holy Spirit, and let Him embrace you, believing that He has all the power and authority for you to fulfill everything God demands of us. God says, I'm demanding everything I demanded under the old covenant, but the difference is, I have sent the Holy Ghost to abide in you.

He has all power, He has all authority. Do you think for one minute, do you know of any temptation that's more powerful than the Holy Ghost? Can you tell me of any sin more powerful than the Holy Ghost? Folks, it's been because we have not trusted Him. We have not come in complete confidence that He has the power and the authority.

Now, I don't know how He does it. I've prayed and fasted and asked God to show me how He does it. The Lord just keeps saying, the ways of the Holy Ghost are beyond your comprehension.

He has ways. Oh, He can convict you of your sin. He can remove the source of your sin.

He can chasten you and put you on your back, and lovingly make it impossible for you to sin. I mean, there are all kinds of ways I can think of. The Holy Ghost can do it.

He can just pluck it out of your heart if He wants to. It would be like a billionaire. Put this billionaire on the face of the earth and he adopts a young man.

And he says, young man, I'm going to make all my resources available to you. I'm going to take care of you. I want you to just obey me.

I just want you to be my loving son. But all my resources are yours. He's a teenager now, and he's already had many of the resources available to him.

He's been blessed. And he goes to this rich father that has adopted him, and he says, you made me a promise to keep me. And he says, how are you going to do it? Tell me, how are you going to keep me? Well, folks, you'd think that was awful stupid, wouldn't you? How are you going to keep me? I've got all you need.

I've got all the resources. I'm the richest man on earth. That's how I'm going to keep you.

I've got the riches. I've got the power. I've got the authority.

That's not your business. Folks, all I have to do is believe my God has the resources. The Holy Ghost has the power.

I am tired of telling the Holy Ghost how to do it. I'm tired of trying to figure out how He does it. I'm ready to just lay down and say, oh, Holy Ghost, take over.

Take it. Take it. That's all I've tried to.

Listen, you just keep trusting the Holy Spirit. Folks, I've been born and raised in Pentecost. And all my childhood, I never heard anybody preach about the power of the Holy Ghost this way, that He's going to come.

We say it in so many words, but can't you understand? God made an oath. He made a covenant. He cannot lie.

That has to grip our inner man. This has to grip our very life, that we absolutely trust our life to this truth. I give my life to this truth.

Folks, I've given my life to this truth. And until the Holy Ghost makes that real, until I begin to see it accomplished in my life, even though there may be some times of failure in trying to yield to Him, it's just in the failure of yielding, but until that happens, the Holy Ghost is loving and patient and kind. And He'll not cast you away in the process.

Now, folks, it comes back to this before I close. If you're just looking, as the libertines do, if you're just looking for a way of easy grace, where you can somehow continue in your sin and be saved, this has no meaning for you whatsoever. For the believer here tonight, says, Pastor Dave, I've carried this long enough.

I've heard so many sermons about it. If all you can hear tonight is that the Holy Ghost, God sent the Holy Ghost through Christ Jesus, our Savior, sent the Holy Ghost to release His power in us, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, the same power that enabled Christ, the Son of the living God, to fulfill the law and to live a sinless life, that same power is given to us. I have my part, and folks, it's not easy.

What's our obligation? Surely God has obligated us in some way. Yes, He has. To believe His Word.

All God's been looking for from the beginning is the people who would trust Him. That's why He took Israel into the wilderness and trained them. I want a people who trust me, trust my Word.

Folks, it's that. You're either going to trust Him or you're not. You're only going to get out through trusting Him.

There's no other way out. You're going to trust the Holy Ghost. Will you stand, please? Now, folks, I'm asking the Holy Ghost now to help you see this, at least in some measure.

I'll be writing a book on it, and maybe when you study it, it'll help establish you in the new covenant. But until then, there's a step that you can take right now. There's a step out of the old covenant.

You can step out right now and say, Pastor Dave, I am tired. What it is, I am fed up, I'm sick and tired of trying to do this on my own. If you'll tell God that and mean it, and you convince yourself and come to this death, and some of you here right now, you're battling, some of you up in the balcony, battling with something that has just been attached to you.

You can't break loose. You've tried and tried and tried. Oh, there's victory for you tonight.

There is a power of the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah. It can overcome that besetting sin.

I want you to come in faith. Up in the balcony, go to the stairs on either side. Now, if you're not right with God, if you've been backslidden, if you're cold in heart or lukewarm, or especially if you say, Pastor David, I want to understand this.

I want freedom. I want to walk righteously before the Lord. I want to be free from every besetting sin in my life.

I want you to come. You say, well, Brother Dave, doesn't the Bible say, be strong in the Lord? Read the rest of it. In the power of His might.

Not ours. Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Folks, first thing God wants you to know right now, all of you that are here, the very fact that you're here, there's something crying in your heart.

I don't want to carry this. I don't want to live a double life. I want to be free so that I can commune with the Lord and I want to be close to Him.

I want to draw nigh to Him. That's what this new covenant is all about. It's for you.

It's for you. First thing God wants you to get a hold of right now is hope and faith. Hope.

I'm not going to have to live bound on my life. I'm not going to be a slave. God's going to set me free.

He's going to give me the truth. If you want the truth, He's going to give it to you. You may not understand it all now.

You may have one little ray of light comes in, but God will use that light. And if you just keep pursuing the light, asking God in prayer, Lord, turn the lights on. Let me see how committed you are to me.

God's committed to you. Listen, I'll tell you what. The Holy Ghost is outside these walls right now sending conviction and moving on people, trying to get people to see the sinfulness and the need of Him.

How much more does He reach out to you? Because you're already inside. You're here. You're His child.

You want Him. You love Him. Would you let your heart rise in joy right now that God's committed Himself to keep me? God wants to keep me.

Hallelujah. God wants to keep me. On to Him who is able to keep you from falling.

Him who is able to keep you from falling and present you faultless to the throne of His mercy. Hallelujah. Can you say it to yourself? God really loves me.

God's committed Himself. And He's taken an oath to not let the devil have me. The devil can't have me because God made a promise that if I just reach out and trust Him and believe Him to send the Holy Ghost into my heart and I'm going to submit to Him and He's going to give me freedom in His way, my part is to trust.

Now pray this prayer for me. Jesus, forgive me for trying so hard and failing so often in my own way. I am tired of it, Lord.

I give that way up to You now. Now, Lord Jesus, put a hatred in my heart for my sin. Put a love in my heart for Your truth.

I want to walk before You in the righteousness of Jesus. Not my own, but His. Cleanse me now, Jesus, and bring me into the new covenant.

Holy Ghost, I give You my body. I give You my mind. I want You to help me to trust You.

Lead me and guide me into victory. Defeat and destroy all the power of sin that has come against me. You promised it and I believe it and I'm going to hold You to it.

God, I'm going to hold You to the covenant. You made me a promise and I believe Your promise. Oh, glory to God.

Glory to God. Peg your faith on the promise. Hang your faith on the promise.

God made you a promise. Yes, He did. If you desire and hunger for freedom, you give up your own ways and turn in simple childlike faith to Him, He's not going to fail His Word.

If that were true, God would be a liar. And the Bible says it's impossible for God to lie. He can't lie.

So what God wants more than you falling on your face and just crying a river of tears of self-pity and self-shame, He wants you to come now boldly to His throne of grace to receive mercy and grace in your time of need. You come to Him now. You go to Him and say, Lord, I failed.

Now, don't expect to fail because if you're expecting to fail, that means you still have a hankering for your sin. You don't expect to fail. But if any man sins, we have an advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous.

You run to Him and say, Lord, I can't cry any more tears. I'm trusting You now. I'm coming right back to the covenant.

I'm coming right back to where I failed. I'm coming right back to the truth. Run back to the truth.

Run back to the cross. Run back to your faith. And see if God doesn't come.

He didn't take children of Israel into the promised land on a superhighway. He took them in little by little, revelation after revelation, faith by faith. Lord Jesus, I promise You I'd never knowingly preach a message in my lifetime that would cause any man or woman to look at their sin with anything but revulsion.

I promise You, Lord, I would never preach a message, God helping me, knowingly, that would cause men to be at ease in their sin. And I pray, Lord Jesus, that You would not allow the enemy to come in and excuse any man's sin. Lord Jesus, let them realize that You have given them this promise so that they can obey, so that they can live in favor, in victory with the Lord, that they can have this joyous freedom.

And then we can enter into what Acts says, the Lord God has raised up His Son Jesus to bless you by turning you away from your sins. Lord, turn us away from our sins. However you do it and however you choose.

Turn us all, all you said, all from our sins. Hallelujah. There's a song in my heart.

The angels can't sing. Redeem. Hallelujah.

I want you to sing it. This is the conclusion.

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