

(The Spiritual Man) When God Comes

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When God comes, the enemies scatter, and the righteous rejoice, bringing transformation and victory to those who seek Him.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker expresses their excitement for another opportunity to talk to the young people. They discuss the topic of the spiritual man and how it is a complex subject that cannot be fully covered in just five lessons. The speaker also emphasizes the importance of living according to the principles of the Bible, as every principle holds a hidden blessing. They encourage the young people to trust in God to meet their needs and highlight the transformative power of God in delivering, saving, and comforting individuals.

Transcript

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Greetings to each one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. What a blessed privilege we have to be here today, to be among the people of God, to sense the Spirit of God in this assembly. Well, the joy is mine to stand before you in Christ's stead again this morning.

Young people, I didn't know on Friday that I would get to talk to you again on Sunday, but I must say I'm thrilled with another opportunity to talk to you. My heart is full. Though I've been giving out all week long, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

And so I'm fuller than you are this morning. I am fuller than you. As I was preparing all the lessons through the week on the spiritual man, it's pretty hard to take that subject and fit it into five lessons, I'm sure.

I mean, it's about as thick as this book, you know, what it means to be a spiritual man. But, alas, we were out of time, so we did what we could do, and that was it. But as I began to pray and ponder what I should share this morning, it became very clear to me that I wasn't done.

And so, somehow, by God's grace this morning, I would like to finish that session with you young people, and I would ask you all to pray for me that I can also bring the rest of us into it also. Even though many of you have not sat here all week with the young people, I know it's the longing of your heart also to be a spiritual man and a spiritual woman, because we know it's the will of God. This is the will of God that ye be spiritual men and women.

This whole Christian life that we've embarked upon, it's not just a matter of doing things. It's not just a matter of religion. Jesus didn't die so that he could take us to heaven.

He died that he might save us and sanctify us and make us a spiritual people upon this earth. And yes, praise God, when it's all done, we're going to get to go to glory. But there's a whole lot more than that, too, isn't there? So by God's grace, I want to share one more message with you all.

But I'd like for us to pray first. Let's bow our heads for prayer. Our Father and our God, again we come to you.

Again and again, Lord, we come. We don't tire of coming to thee, for thou hast the words of eternal life. Thou art God.

Thou art the giver of the Spirit. Thou art the one that causes the wind of God to blow through an assembly. Father, this morning we ask you that you would blow upon this assembly with the wind of your Spirit, my God.

I pray that you will take these words, dear Father, and breathe life into them. I pray that you will take your words which we shall read and unite them with your Holy Spirit and make them bread for us, dear God. We have lived in this world this week, Lord, and we've come to be fed with manna from heaven.

We've lived in this world and we need direction for our lives, God. And so we come to you, Holy Father, asking you to help us, each and every one of us. God, I pray that somehow you will guide my heart in such a way that I can bring all the rest of these visitors here this morning into the Spirit of what we've been saying to the young people.

And God, that you would bring a challenge and salt our hearts and create desire and make us long, dear God, for more of thee this morning. And God, more than all of that, I pray, Lord, that you would come, that you would settle down over this meeting, Lord, in a sweet way, that we would all know that you are here. Wash me, Lord, wash me in the blood, dear Father.

Every little thought, God, every fear and insecurity, God, wash me in the blood this morning and fill me with the Holy Ghost. Please, Father, I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Well, we began the week with the young people, talking about the theme of the spiritual man. And we recognized on Monday that there's no way that you can be a spiritual man unless at first there was a clear

conversion in your life. A clear conversion.

A place and time of repentance and a turning wholly unto the Lord and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. And there, in believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, a heart of consecration laid out before God, God receives the sacrifice of the newborn soul that has been washed in His blood. And God fills that soul with the Spirit of the living God.

That's clear conversion. From there, we begin to speak to the young people that out of that clear conversion begins to rise up in the heart a longing desire to pursue Christian perfection. I want to be like Jesus.

I want to walk wholly after God. I want to be pure in my heart. I want to be filled with the character of Christ.

I am pursuing Christian perfection because God has saved me by His precious blood. From there, we move to Romans chapter 8. In the first few verses therein talked about the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. And how that if we will walk by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, which is simply walking in the Spirit and grace of God every day, if we will walk that way, we will find ourselves rising up above this flesh and the world around us.

And that is a spiritual man. On Friday we challenged the young people that if you are going to walk in the grace of God, you are going to have to have a spiritual mind. Spiritual mindedness as opposed to carnal mindedness.

And how that spiritual mindedness opens up the heart for the life of God to flood into the soul day by day and continually through the day. And how that a carnal mind will alienate us from the life of God. Even though we are a child of God, it will alienate us from the life of God.

And lastly, we spoke to the young people, it was on Thursday but it should have been on Friday, about the law of blessing and encouraged them that they would rise up to live after the principles of this book and that every principle that God put in this book has a beautiful hidden blessing in it. And only those who follow those principles will find the golden nugget hidden in the inside of it. The law of blessing hidden in every principle in this blessed book that God has given to us, which He calls the Word of God.

Now this morning I want to preach about the end result of all of these things that we have been talking about all week long. We want to look at what will happen in your life and around you if you will follow this way, which is, by the way, the only way. It is God's way and it is the only way.

And it is amazing to me, looking from a pastoral perspective, you know, you minister to your people and you watch them and you pray for them and you preach to them and you counsel them and I tell you, some of them it takes them several years before they get this whole thing figured out. But when they get it figured out, you know it! And others, they will grab a hold of it in a matter of one or two years and take off with God. Whether you take two years or whether you take ten years, God's way is the only way and He will just keep on brooding over your life and He will just keep on bringing you messages and He will just keep on speaking to your heart and He will just keep on bringing disciplines and purifying into your life until He finally gets you to that place where you will pursue the reality of a living God in your heart, in your life, every day.

God will just keep brooding over you because that's what Jesus died for. When He hung there on that cross for the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame. You, my dear people, are the joy that was set before Him.

But He didn't just see you sitting here in a meeting today. He didn't just see you sitting in heaven someday. He saw you walking in the grace of a living God, in purity of heart, looking like Jesus.

And that was the joy set before Him that made Him endure the cross and despise the shame because He wanted all of that for all of us, to be a spiritual man. It's the longing of God's heart for everyone in this room. The title of my message this morning is this, When God Comes, When God Comes.

I want to preach this morning on one of the most powerful texts on revival in the Bible. One of the most powerful texts on revival in the Bible. If you would open to Psalm 68 this morning, we want to read there.

But first I want to talk to you a little bit and give you a little background. Psalm 68, the theme of Psalm 68 is the presence of God. The theme of Psalm 68 is the presence of God.

David wrote this psalm and used it at the time that the ark was being placed in Jerusalem. He wrote it in much fear and trembling because he had tried to move the ark one other time and was not careful and tried to move the ark on a wagon when God said it shall be carried with staves so that no man's hand would ever touch it. And one man died before the Lord because he reached out and touched the ark which was the symbol of the presence of God in Israel.

And so David, with much fear and trembling, he wrote this psalm to be used at the carrying away of the ark, placing it in the little tabernacle that he built for it in Jerusalem before the temple was built. Now I want you to notice before we read here also that the name of God appears 32 times in this psalm. That is no little significance.

I am told and I have read that the old Jewish scribes, when they are transcribing the Word of God, the Scriptures, and they come to the name of God, they lay their pen down and pick up another one and write God's name and set the pen down and pick up the other one and continue to write. That means that scribe, he wrote, he did that 32 times in this one psalm. It must have been a holy awe set over his heart by the time he finished this psalm and realized how many times God's name appeared in this one psalm.

This is a holy, awesome psalm. There is so much depth here and so many applications that could be made. We can take it, first of all, it is a holy, prophetic psalm for the present.

David used it at the moving of the ark. It had its present significance. But as we read it, I am sure that you will also notice it has a bit of prophetic nature to it, in that it speaks about the days when the temple was built and the kings would come from all far and wide to go to Jerusalem and look into this matter of this holy God who dwells in Israel.

We can also look at it again and see that it is a prophetic psalm of Christ, in that we see His life all through the verses of this psalm. We can again go through it again and see that it is a prophetic psalm of the church age and the day of Pentecost, as we see this psalm is fulfilled in powerful ways in the book of Acts. And I know that there may be varied opinions here this morning, but for those who would understand and look forward to a millennial reign of Christ, you can go right through the psalm all over again and see it most beautifully fulfilled in the physical reign of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, only God can do that with His Word. Take it and use it in all those different periods of time, and it fits one and fits another and another, and it seems to me as I look at it, that it unfolds into a more brighter and beautiful flower each time you look at it. And I believe the reason why is because the reality of God comes closer and closer and closer, and therefore it is fulfilled in a more beautiful way every time.

And oh, God wants to fulfill it in your lives, dear young people. He wants to fulfill it in your lives. He wants to come nearer and nearer and nearer to you and fulfill this psalm in your life.

We are going to read this psalm. I would like for us to stand while we read this psalm. We have been sitting a while.

The service is a bit different. Let us read this psalm before the Lord of whom it honors and magnifies. Not just read some words, but read it as it is.

The very words of God, the very revelation of God, even to our hearts and lives today. Let God arise. Let His enemies be scattered.

Let them also that hate Him flee before Him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away. As wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous, the uncompromisingly righteous, be glad. Let them rejoice before God. Yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

Sing. Sing unto God. Sing praises to His name.

Extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His name. Yah, and rejoice before Him, a Father of the fatherless. And the judge of the widows is God in His holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary into families. He bringeth out those which are bound with chains. Hallelujah.

But the rebellious dwell in a dry land, those who resist this God. O God, when Thou wentest forth before Thy people, when Thou didst march through the wilderness, Selah, picture God marching through the wilderness. Hallelujah.

When Thou didst march through the wilderness, the earth shook. The heavens also dropped at the presence of God. Even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby Thou didst confirm or restore Thine inheritance when it was weary. Are you weary today? Thy congregation hath dwelt therein, that is, in the presence of God. Thou, O God, hast prepared Thy goodness for the poor.

Blessed are the poor in spirit. The Lord gave the word. Great was the company of those that published it.

Kings of armies did flee apace, and she that tarried at home, even she divided the spoil, sisters, mothers, wives, though ye have lined among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove, covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold. What a transformation, amen? Just an old pot. When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon.

The hill of God is as the hill of Bishan, as high a hill as the hill of Bishan. Why leap ye, ye high hills? This is the hill which God desireth to dwell in. Yea, the Lord will dwell in it forever.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels. The Lord is among them as in Sinai in the holy place. Thou hast ascended on high.

Thou hast led captivity captive. Thou hast received gifts for men. Yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Oh, that the Lord God might dwell among those who are now rebellious. Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even God, the God of our salvation. He that is our God is the God of salvation.

And unto God the Lord belongeth the issues from death. But God shall wound the head of His enemies. God shall wound the head of His enemies.

God will do that. And the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses, watch out, the Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring My people again from the depths of the sea, that Thy foot may be dripped in the blood of Thine enemies and the tongue of Thy dogs in the same. What a picture! They have seen Thy goings, O God, even the goings of My God, My King, in the sanctuary.

The singers went before the players on instruments, followed after, and among them were the damsels playing with timbrels. Can you see the procession there? There was a procession when they moved the ark into Jerusalem. Bless ye God in the congregation, even the Lord from the fountain of Israel.

There is little Benjamin with the ruler, the princes of Judah and their counsel, the princes of Zebulun and the princes of Naphtali. Thy God hath commended Thy strength. Strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us.

That's a good prayer, isn't it, young people? Strengthen, Thou, O God, that which You have wrought for us this week. Because of Thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto Thee. Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of bulls with the calves and the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver.

Scatter Thou the people that delight in war. Princes shall come out of Egypt. Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth. O sing praises unto the Lord. Selah.

Stop and picture that. All over the world, all the heathen, all those idolaters, all those worshipers of Islam, all of those Hindu worshipers, all of them, singing unto God. Sing unto Him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old.

Lo, He doth send out His voice, and that a mighty voice. Ascribe ye strength unto God. His excellency is over Israel, and His strength is in the clouds.

O God, Thou art terrible out of Thy holy places. The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people. Blessed be this God, who giveth strength and power to His people.

Father, in Jesus' name again, we worship You, Lord. As we have looked upon these pages, and seen what a mighty God You are, we worship You, Lord God. O Father, come, sit among us this morning, and open our eyes to who You are.

I pray in Jesus' name. Amen. You can be seated.

When God comes, what happens? What happens when God comes? What happens to your life when God comes? What happens to your family when all of a sudden the reality of the presence of a living God is in your home every day? What happens when God comes to your church? So many churches represented here by all you dear young people. What happens when God comes to your church? And lastly, what happens when God comes to your community? When God comes to your community, are you listening when God comes to your community? What happens when God comes? Now, there's many things that we see here in this text that we've read. But we have to begin where God begins here in these Scriptures.

The enemies are scattered. When God arises, the enemies are scattered. It's talking about the enemies of God.

The enemies of the cross of Christ. Some of these enemies may be human beings. Some of these enemies may be spiritual beings that we cannot see with our eyes.

But just like Paul said, we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. These are the enemies of God. But sometimes people are also the enemies of God.

But when God comes, the enemies scatter. When God comes, the enemy hangs his head. When God comes, the enemy is confused and doesn't know what to do.

And dear young people, I want to tell you this morning, when God comes to your life, the enemies will be scattered. You may be facing some enemies. You may have some things that you look ahead at as you think about going home, and it looms up before you, and you sit with fear as you wonder how it's going to be when you get home.

But I want to remind you that when God comes, the enemies are scattered. It's so precious to me as I meditate through this psalm to go and read through the book of Acts, because there in the book of Acts, there in chapter 2, God came. And I believe that you can track every one of these characteristics that we're going to look at this morning.

You can go right into the book of Acts and see, yes indeed, there they are, every one of them. And why? Because God was there. And when God is there, things begin to happen.

And when God was there in the book of Acts, did not the enemies scatter, young people? The enemies did scatter. They were confounded. They didn't know what to do.

The gates of hell could not prevail against the church of Jesus Christ. And the reason is because God was there. God was upon her.

And the enemies were scattered. And dear young people, the enemies will be scattered in your life also. I don't know what you're facing.

I don't know what you'll deal with when you go back home. But I can tell you this, if God is with you, you have nothing to fear. If God is with you, you can follow the admonition that James gives us in chapter 4. You can resist the devil and he will run! He will flee! Do you believe that? He will flee! He has no power when God is there.

None! When God comes, I want us to notice also that the saints of God begin to praise. They have overflowing joy when God comes. I think many of you young people can testify to this point even this week, can't you? As you have sought to clear your heart with God, you have found joy in your souls and you have found it welling up within you.

One of the sweet blessings that I've had all this week is to sit over here through each one of the evening services and look over here at you sisters while you were singing. My, it blessed my soul so many times because there was an overflowing joy coming up out of some of your hearts and I could see it upon your faces. And I'm sure that I would have seen it on your faces also, but I was sitting in the wrong place.

That is the joy of the Lord and that comes when God comes. You cannot have one without the other. And may I say to you young people, the joy of the Lord is your strength.

It is your strength. It is the way that strength is continually flooding into your heart when you have the joy of the Lord. It is like it puts a spring in your step.

It makes every day a beautiful day. It sanctifies the most menial task. The joy of the Lord does that.

The joy of the Lord is your strength. And when God comes, it's always this way. There's joy! There's joy in your hearts! Young people, don't go home without joy! Don't go home without joy! The joy of the Lord is your strength.

I think of the early church. I believe that was the magnet that drew everybody to that early church. They were so full of joy.

I mean, even from the very beginning, the others looked on and said, they must be drunk! They're so happy! They're so full of God! They must be drunk! No! They have the joy of the Lord and they are magnifying the works, the mighty works of their God. And I believe the joy of the Lord is a magnet that draws people around you. Listen, you can go here and there.

My mind went this morning. I thought about the Salvation Army and I know it's not what it used to be, but what it used to be was good and right! Those young people used to go out full of the joy of the Lord. They would go out into the streets and the highways and the byways and sing, marching down the streets with the joy of the Lord and the heathen looked on from their windows and looked around the doors at them and said, I wonder why they're so happy.

And many of them tagged along behind the little train and followed themselves with the group and went into an old shabby building somewhere or a basement down in the bottom of some other building where they had a holy service and the Word of God was preached. And they were changed by the power of God. What drew them, it was the joy of the Lord.

And when God comes, you can't get away from it. Oh, I love revival. I love revival.

It will take the shyest, staidest, most reserved and fill them with the joy of God. It will do that. You can't help it because it's inside of you like a well bubbling up.

What else? In verse 6, it talks about in verse 5, the Lord being the Father of the fatherless and a judge of the widows and One who sets the solitary into family and brings out those that are bound with chains. When God comes, people's needs get met. Dear young people, you've been having a lot of your needs

met this week, but when you get home, I want to tell you, God is the One who will meet your needs.

Only God can meet your needs. And I don't want to sound too simplistic here this morning, but I tell you, God is all you need. The reality of a living God beating in your breast, moving in your being is what you need to meet your needs.

When God comes, needs get met. People get delivered. Souls get saved.

The widows get encouraged and comforted. And the solitary are gathered into families. Amen! What a precious promise that is! Some of you are pretty solitary.

When God comes, He will gather a family together. He will gather a family together. Verse 7 and 8, here in this text, Israel begins to rehearse their past.

Past. Back there when the Red Sea was opened. Back there at Sinai.

Back there when they marched through the wilderness following a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Israel begins to rehearse all of that because it is a rehearsal of a point in time in their history when God was in their midst. And think about it, young people.

Everything was cared for when God was there. Their food was cared for. Their protection was cared for.

They had victory over their enemies when God was with them in the wilderness. And there in Mount Sinai, they trembled. May I just make this point? When God comes, His influence is felt in every direction.

When God comes, His influence is felt. Mount Sinai trembled at the presence of God. The heathen trembled at the presence of God.

And dear young people, when God comes in reality, in your heart, in your life, all of a sudden, you will see an influence begin to emanate out of your life that is the influence of the Spirit of God. And it's the will of God that every one of you have that divine influence settle down upon your life, that you have the sweet fragrance of Christ upon you. And wherever you go, people know that you've been with Jesus because they can smell it on your life.

When God comes, there's always an effect. In verse 9, when God comes, blessings begin to fall. Showers of blessings begin to fall.

That's what it's speaking about here in verse 9. O God, Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain whereby Thou didst confirm or restore Thine inheritance when it was weary. Oh my, that is likening our hearts and our lives to a parched soil. And at times you get weary.

But when God comes, He sends a plentiful rain, a shower of blessing, the rain of His Spirit down upon us. And listen, that's what God wants to do. That's what God is all about.

He wants to send blessings down upon our lives. He wants to send refreshings from the presence of the Lord. Even this morning, God wants to send refreshings from the presence of the Lord.

Remember, remind you of that little song we used to sing. We don't sing it anymore. I wonder why.

Do you remember it? Some of you hear? It's beginning to rain, rain, rain. Hear the voice of the Father. When God comes, it begins to rain.

I promise to pour out My Spirit upon your sons and daughters, says the song. I take that as a challenge, as a personal challenge in my own home. God promises to pour out His Spirit upon our sons and our daughters.

But God has to come to our home before that can happen. Blessings begin to fall. Showers of blessings.

Verse 11, God gave the Word, and great was the company of those that published it. In the margin of my Bible, it says an army. An army! Great was the army that published it.

God sent forth His Word. God's Word, full of life. God's Word, pregnant with faith.

God's Word, full of fire. God's Word, right out of the throne room in heaven. God's Word, right out of His heart.

God's Word, filled with power. God sent forth His Word into the hearts of His people. And when God sends forth His Word, when God comes, you don't lack for preachers, I'll tell you that.

I'll guarantee you, you don't have to go scratching to find somebody who's filled with the Holy Ghost and has a message from God. When God comes, He sends forth His Word right out of His heart, filled with life. And it comes into the hearts of men and women.

And great is the company that printed it, published it. Go to the book of Acts again and you will see the very thing that I just said being lived out in reality because God came. On the day of Pentecost, God came.

And from that day forward, none of the rulers in Israel didn't know what to do. You know, you can beat a few of them, but what are you going to do when 5,000 of them are running around full of the Holy Ghost with a message from God burning in their soul? What do you do with that? And all they could do is accuse them that they turned Jerusalem upside down. Bless God, they did turn Jerusalem upside down.

And it's because God came. He sent His Word into their hearts and His Word was alive! It was spirit! It was life! It was full of power! And it had an influence! And I thought about you, dear young people. You say, for the day, that's too much for us.

We're young people. Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

Joel 2 says, in the last days, I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. I will pour out My Spirit upon your sons and your daughters. And it says, your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Do you know what that means, young ladies? It means to speak forth the mind and will of God in the power of the Holy Ghost. That's what it means. And God says, when I come, I'm going to transform your sons and daughters into preachers of the Word of God.

That's what God wants to do. That's what God did in the book of Acts, didn't He? That's what He did. When God comes, salvation comes.

When God comes, salvation comes. Verse 13. We emphasized it already.

Here you are, just an old pot lying among the pots. One pot in the midst of a bunch of other pots with very little value. But then God comes.

And God can take that vessel and clean that vessel and purify that vessel and fill that vessel and make it a beautiful vessel, a vessel under honor, neat for the Master's use. That's what happens when God comes to each and every one of us, to each and every one of our families, brothers and sisters, to each and every one of our churches, and yea, even to the community. When God comes, salvation comes.

Because God is salvation. God is salvation. Don't forget that.

That's a simple little statement with a lifetime of meditation packed in it. God is salvation. Dear people, God is.

When God comes, in verse 17, His chariots come with Him. Praise God! He brings His chariots along with Him when He comes. His chariots and His angels.

He brings them along with Him. You may not get to see them with your eyes. But when God comes, He doesn't come by Himself.

He brings His chariots with Him. One of those chariots like Elijah rode on. One of those chariots like Elisha's servants saw there surrounding the city that he and Elisha were staying in.

One of those kind of chariots. Listen, when God comes, you don't need to be afraid of anything. You don't need to be afraid of anything when God comes.

You don't need to be afraid of a gun. You don't need to be afraid of a knife. You don't need to be afraid of a demon.

You don't need to be afraid of a witch doctor. You don't need to be afraid of an angry tribe of people. When God comes, He brings His chariots with Him.

What's there to be afraid of? He brings His chariots with Him. You may not be able to see them, but with the eyes of your heart, you'll be able to know without a doubt that God is standing beside you. And when God is standing beside you, what is a silly little gun? What is a silly little gun in someone's hand when God is standing beside you? When God comes, He brings His chariots with Him.

Twenty thousand of them. Bless God. Verse 18, when God comes, He brings gifts with Him.

Gifts. And gives them out. When God comes, He brings gifts with Him.

Gifts of ministry, young people. When God comes, He brings gifts of ministry with Him. And when God comes, He gives those gifts of ministry out to everybody.

And those gifts of the Spirit, those gifts of ministry, when God gives those to you, everybody becomes useful. Everybody! There's no longer one there who has no use. When God comes, He gives gifts of ministry.

And this Scripture, you can track it right to Ephesians chapter 4, which talks about gifts of ministry. That's what God does. Myself, personally, I believe that God gives a spiritual gift or spiritual gifts to every single one of us who walk in the Spirit.

As soon as you begin to have a steady walk in the Spirit of God, in the grace of God, as soon as you learn that, be it one year or ten, as soon as you learn it, all of a sudden, gifts start flowing. Isn't that right, Brother

Moses? You see it! From a pastor's perspective, you can watch it happening. Look at those gifts now.

Look at them. Look at them. See them flow.

Look at how God is using that person. Why? Because he got right with God. He got right with God.

I've seen men and women flop around until they were 50 years old. And then God came. And when they were 50 years old, they dumped everything and went off to a mission field somewhere.

Now, what got into them? God got into them. And He gave them gifts. And they found themselves even though they were older, off somewhere where they never dreamed they would ever go.

Because when God comes, He brings gifts with Him. And He freely gives them out. He measures them out severally as He will to this one, to that one, to each one.

That's what God does. And there are gifts in you, young people. As you sit here this morning before me, there are gifts in you.

They are in you now. If your heart is clear, there are gifts in you. But you will never realize the beauty of them, listen, until you start walking.

Until you start walking. You just keep walking and walking and walking and you will find them coming forth. When God comes, again in verse 21, there is victory over our enemies.

God shall wound the head of His enemies and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in His trespasses. There is victory over our enemies when God comes. I'd like us to notice also down in verse 31, when God comes, the heathen get converted.

The heathen get converted. And I would like to make a special point of this aside from the point that when God comes, salvation comes. I believe these verses here in verse 31 and 32 are speaking about world evangelism.

Those places so far off, Ethiopia, Egypt, when God comes, the heathen that are far off get converted. That happens when God comes. And I tell you, not just you young people, all of us, I tell you, the more we begin to walk in the grace of God, the more we are going to find ourselves being pressed by God into this vision of what to do with this world around us.

We will find ourselves being pressed by God with our responsibility of what we're going to do with this world around us. And the reason why is because it is one of the greatest burdens on God's heart. You get close to God, you will immediately begin to feel this burden.

Isn't that right? It was shared with me the account of a dear old sister. She's old. She can't run.

She walks pretty slow. She can't go preach. She can't be a missionary.

She's an old sister. But you know, this lady lives close to God. She lives close to God and she prays.

She travels the world every day. She gets all these missionary periodicals and she reads them one after another after another. This is what's happening in Ghana.

This is what's happening in Nigeria. This is what's happening in China. This is what's going on in Afghanistan.

This is what's happening in Saudi Arabia. She gathers all these things up and she goes away into her closet and stays in there for a long time. And she gets so caught up with God in there, she travels the world on her knees in that little prayer closet.

Why? Because God is a living reality to her and immediately the burden for the world just begins to come. It just begins to come. One dear young lady came to me this week and she wasn't sure if she was okay.

She said, Brother Denny, I'm not sure if I'm okay, but I just cry for lost souls all the time. You know, tears just welled up in her eyes, you know. And she said, I don't know.

I don't know what's wrong with me. If I'm just being emotional or... You know, she wanted to get a checkup and I told her, You're okay, sister! Keep right on going! There's nothing wrong with you! You're not getting emotional! You get in your closet and you weep your heart out for the souls of men. Because God does! God weeps! And I believe the closer we choose to walk with the living God, the more this burden will begin to settle down on our hearts.

All of us! All of us. You know, it's very interesting to me as we just have perused over this chapter and we look into the book of Acts, everything that we have looked at here was happening in the book of Acts. And it's because God was there.

And then as I pondered it further and more deeply, I realized that we can see every bit of this in the life of our Lord Jesus. Every bit of this again. You can just go right through the whole sermon all over again.

We could preach it all over again. You know why? Because there on that day, Jesus walked up to the River Jordan when John the Baptist was baptizing many people. Jesus walked up to the River Jordan and said, I want you to baptize Me.

And straightway when He was coming up out of the water, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove. And there was a voice from Heaven that said, This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. And from that moment, He was driven by the Spirit of God into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil for 40 days.

Now, I want you to note that, young people. It was in the fullness of the Spirit that He went into the wilderness and withstood the temptations of the devil. And He was tempted 40 days in the wilderness and had victory over the enemy! And then He was driven by the Spirit in the power of the Spirit.

The Bible says, back out of the wilderness and went to Galilee and Capernaum and Nazareth and all those places. And you follow His life all the way through. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

And you'll see all of these things there. You know why? Because God the Holy Ghost had come to fill Him. And I believe that Jesus did what He did by the power of the Holy Spirit.

He did what He did by the power of the Holy Spirit. But we can't stop there. You go in.

You take this chapter again. And you open up your history books, young people. The church history that Brother Philip has been giving to you through this week.

You look at that church history and you will find that wherever there was a major move of God among God's people, all these things were there. All of them! Because God came. Because God came.

In 1904, a dear man named Evan Roberts was working in the coal mines in Wales, praying. He looked around him. He looked at the churches in Wales.

He went to the services. He sat in the dry meetings. He heard the dry sermons.

He was just a young man. And he worked in the coal mines. But there in the coal mines, he prayed, Oh God, send revival to Wales.

Oh God, would Thou rend the heavens and come down in this land of Wales? Would You come, Lord? And suddenly, God came, suddenly, to Wales. In 1908, Jonathan Goforth was a missionary in northern China. And he was burdened about the work.

And he wasn't happy in his heart. And his ministry was not effective. And the converts were not solid.

And he didn't know what to do. And somehow, out there in the middle of north China, he got a hold of an autobiography of Charles Finney. And he started reading it.

And reading Finney's lectures on revival, he began to realize that there's something that I can do. There's something that I can do. I don't have to just sit in my chair and wait for the day when God will come.

But I can deal with my own heart. I can confess my sins. I can get right with my God.

I can let God take out His plow and plow down through my heart. And God will come. And so Jonathan Goforth, he set his heart, he set his heart to see that which Finney saw in America in 1908.

After much repentance and confession and restitution, God came. God came. Do you know what the Chinese heathens said in His day? They said, That's what the heathens said when revival broke out in north China.

The Christian's God has come! Look out! Look out! Don't go near that place now! The Christian's God has come! That's what dear Sister Mary was testifying to us on Saturday morning at home. She was saved in revival, in the Hebrides revival in the 1950's. But I mean, she set her heart with everything to stay away from those people.

Because she thought she might get converted. But she got near them and it was just like a magnet. It just drew her like a magnet.

It's like she couldn't stop herself even though she was saying, I won't! I won't! I won't! She was being drawn. All the while, God was drawing her. Because the Christian's God had come.

Oh! Do it again, Lord. Do it again. Do it like that.

In 1932, there was what was called the Shang-Tung revival in China. A dear old missionary lady, and I can't give you her name. Bertha Smith? Is that it? Bertha Smith! Just an old lady! Amen! Filled with the Holy Ghost! She walked up to a Southern Baptist preacher at a meeting.

Mr. Culpepper. Dr. Culpepper, by the way. Dr. Culpepper! This little old lady looked him in the eye and said, Have you been filled with the Holy Ghost, Dr. Culpepper? He didn't like that.

His proud heart didn't like that. But God stuck an arrow in his heart when she said those words. And you know, he stumbled around and got real theological and all that stuff with her, you know.

But she wasn't satisfied with that and he couldn't shake the conviction. And he went home and wrestled with God and God wrestled with him. And he got right with God.

And he got his heart clear. And he began to seek God for a living reality of an outpouring of God's Spirit in his whole heart and life. And from that, burst forth the Shang Tung revival in China.

God came. Mary was telling us about the island of Lewis off the coast of Scotland. She lived there.

She lived there. It was a community a lot like Lancaster County, as she was telling it. It was amazing to me.

Hardly any vehicles there. The people were very religious. Staunch Presbyterians.

I mean, she said, the only thing you could do on the Sabbath is breathe. That was allowed. They were strict in their religion.

They read a psalm every day. Father had a little prayer. But they were as dead as dead could be.

Sound familiar? But there were a few. There were a few on the island that remembered. They remembered the way it used to be.

And they began to pray. You know what they prayed? They prayed that God would come! That God would come again to His people! And they prayed and they prayed and they looked around and they continued to pray and they went to the dry service and heard the preacher preach without any unction. And they went home and prayed and they went out to the streets and saw the young people running into all kinds of foolery.

And they went home and prayed that somehow God would visit their island again. And suddenly, God came. God came.

Has God come to you, young people? Have you gotten through to God this week? Can I say it that way? Have you gotten through to God this week? Or did you just clear a couple things up? Have you gotten through to God? There were some German missionaries in South Africa in the late 1960s. 1960. Not 1860.

1960. German missionaries trying to win the Zulu people to Christ. The most fierce tribe of black Africans.

And they tried and they tried and they had a few converts, but they fell back again. And it just wasn't going well. They were burdened about it.

You know, many times when that happens, the missionaries just pack their bags and go home, but for some reason, these missionaries had enough in them that they decided there was something wrong with them. God help us! They decided maybe something's wrong with us! And so they decided, we're going to get up early every morning and we're going to seek the face of God. We're going to read and study in the book of Acts every morning.

And we're going to pray for two or three hours every morning until God does something among us. And so they set out that way. And they began to open up the book of Acts and read.

And they would read a page and begin to weep as they looked at the reality that was there when God was there. They began to weep over the fact that it wasn't that way in their lives. Brothers and sisters, this is 1960, not 1860.

And the next day they came again and opened up the book of Acts and they began to read again. And look at what's in there! Look at that! Look what God was doing! And down on their knees, they began to seek the face of God again with a longing in their heart. And you know what happened.

Soon God began to put His finger on things in their lives. Oh my, it wasn't very fun, you know. He told them, you high-minded missionaries, you think you're better than these Zulus.

That's why you can't win any of them. Because you think you're better than they are and you're not. Go repent in front of them.

Oh! Go and repent! Go tell them you're sorry! And then again, God began to minister to them. You have envy in your heart toward your fellow missionary. I bless him and you envy him.

You're not going to have revival with all that in your hearts. Let's get it right. And they just kept going like that.

Day after day. And I'm not sure how long, maybe three months. Suddenly, God broke in among them.

God broke in. The Zulu people had a hard case among them. And they said, is your God a mighty God? Yes.

Well, I got my theology right anyway. Can your God do miracles? Oh, yes! Yes! He can! Let me show you the verse. And they took Him to this little room where this wild, screaming witch doctor was tied up with wires because ropes would not hold her because she would bite through them with her teeth.

And they said, then let your God take care of that. Now what do we do? We have our theology right. But what do we do with that? And they just kept on praying and seeking God.

And suddenly, God came to that poor soul and totally transformed that wretched, filthy, evil witch doctor. Amen! Thank you! And from then on, the Zulus paid attention. And revival broke out among the Zulus.

And there is a book this thick today that you can read. Revival Among the Zulus. 1970! God is still doing many beautiful, wonderful things there! 28 years later! Well, how about it? Praise God for the mercy drops that fall upon us here.

Oh, we thank God for it. I'm not criticizing anything that's happening around here. But, oh, people, God wants to work in our midst in a mighty way.

God wants to work. We need to pray. I want to challenge you young people.

I want to challenge you one more time. Get thoroughly right with God before you leave this place. Get thoroughly, completely right with God! Let heaven be open over your life! And go home and pray.

Go home and pray. Some of you face all kinds of difficult situations. Go home and pray.

Some of you don't know what to do about going home. Go home and pray. Get heaven clear and open over your life.

And pray. Pray in the old-time way, the way they used to pray when the power of God came down. Pray effectual, fervent prayers of a righteous man or woman.

God says they avail much. They avail much. Go home and pray.

Some of the ministers that are represented here, teach your people to pray for refreshings from the presence of God. Teach them to pray. Hold examples like this out before them.

This God is our God! This God that we've been talking about is our God! He'll do it again! He's no respecter of persons. He's no respecter of time or place. He's no respecter of churches or people.

This God is our God! This God we've read about here in Psalm 68, He's our God! He's the God who saved us. He wants to do mighty things among His people. I thought about us here in the local congregation.

You know, we're here today. We're here in this meeting today because back there somewhere, God came in a measure. God came.

Not in as much of a measure as we would want, but God came. And that's why we're here today. Do it again, Lord.

Do it again. Oh, let that be a prayer. Let it be a cry upon our heart for our own personal life, for our family, for our church, for our community, that God would come.

You know, something that stood out in my heart as I studied the history of revival, I remember a tape that Brother Bill McCloud gave as he was giving an account of the revival that broke out in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in Canada in 1971. He said these words, I began to study the history of revival. And I began to pray that somehow God would send revival to my church.

And he said there came a point in time in my heart when I began to believe that God could send revival to my church. And at that point he said, I began to gather the people together and encourage them. Let's get together and pray.

God wants to send revival. God will send revival. Let's pray.

Let's believe God for revival. Let's pray believing prayers that God will come in revival in our midst. And he led the people and held before them from time to time beautiful examples.

He took them around Zion, you know. Zion in South Africa and Zion in China and Zion in North China and Zion in Korea and Zion in New York City in 1859. He took them round about Zion again and again and showed them this God is our God.

Let's believe God for revival. Let's pray. Believing prayers.

Not despairing prayers. Not discouraged prayers. Not woe is me prayers.

Let's pray believing prayers. God wants to send revival. Somehow those people got a hold of that thing.

The spark of faith stirred up in their hearts. During that time, God sent Duncan Campbell who was the instrument that God used in revival in the Lewis revival. Those islands we talked about.

Duncan Campbell was still alive and he went to that church and preached there. And while he was there, God told him. God talks to people.

Did you know that? He talks to people. God told Duncan Campbell, revival is going to come to Canada. And it's going to start in this church.

And Duncan Campbell didn't say a thing to the pastor. Wise old man. He didn't say a thing.

He just went back and prayed. And suddenly, God came to that church. And they had revival.

It may not be everything we would want it to be, but I'll tell you what. People were meeting God for eight weeks. Every night.

Every night for eight weeks. They went from one building. They had to go beg another church building.

They outgrew that. Went and begged for another church building. Finally, they were in the biggest church building in the city of Saskatoon.

And still there was overflow crowds. And so, they got another preacher to preach to the overflow crowd in one of the other buildings. And people were meeting God.

And people were getting right with God. And I tell you, God did a wonderful thing there because the pastor led his people to pray believing prayers that God would come in revival and shake their very church. Can you believe God for that today? Can you? I believe God wants us to pray believing prayers.

Believing prayers. You say, Oh, sorry. The days of revival are over.

You don't understand what revival is, friend. The days of revival are not over because God is not dead yet. Revival is God.

It's God coming in the midst of His people. And I could take you today and I wish I could and I wish I could go with you. Take you into the heart of China to some of those underground churches.

And I tell you, there is such an awesome presence of God that you would tremble as you sat there. Are they having revival? No, they're having normal Christianity. That's what they're having.

And God is in the midst of His people. And they're being persecuted. And they're being purified.

And they're crying out to God. And God is pouring more and more grace upon them. And all these things that we talked about in Psalm 68 are happening in that underground church in China.

I guarantee you every one of them. You know why? Because God is there. That's why.

Oh, let's believe God. Let's believe God for revival. Let's believe God.

Young people, get through to God. Get through to God before you go home. Get through to God.

What do you mean get through to God? Make sure that everything in your heart and life is clear. And that you sense the grace of God upon you. And that God is real to you.

Vitally real. And that your prayers are easy. They flow from your heart.

And that everything is on the altar, sacrifice laid. I tell you, if you do that, God will come to you. Individually, God will come to you.

And He's a sweet God and a loving God. But He's an awesome God. And He will make you tremble.

He will make you tremble. Let's bow our heads for prayer. Our Father and our God, we are undone this morning, Lord.

As we ponder these things, we are undone before You. Oh, how we bless You, Lord, for all You're doing here. It causes the saints of God to rejoice and shout for joy.

Oh, Lord, more, Lord, more. More blessing. More cleansing.

More conviction. More young people breaking through to clarity and joy and blessing. More parents, Lord, broken at the altar of God.

More, Lord, more. Father, I pray this morning, spark a longing desire in our souls, all the churches represented here, to go home and pray and believe God. And pray and believe God.

To ask and keep on asking. And keep on asking. And to seek and keep on seeking.

And keep on seeking. And to knock and keep on knocking. And keep on knocking.

Lord, would You do that? Father, we thank You. Thank You for all that You've done for us. We worship You this morning, King of kings, Lord of lords.

I pray only that You would settle down upon every heart, Lord. Bring these things home, Lord. Bring them home.

Stir us, Father, deeply through this day in the days to come. And I pray for the young people that You will hover over them through this day and bring them to that beautiful place of complete surrender to Jesus Christ. God, I commit this to You.

Thanking You. In Jesus' name, Amen. Thank you very much for the privilege this morning.

Thank you, Brother Denny, for sharing that message, When God Comes. I had a testimony I would like to add to that this morning. About 15 years ago, we had a speaker here from Germany, a man by the name of Gerhard Hum.

He now has cancer, and he's in bad shape. He may have gone on to be with the Lord, but the last we knew, he was still alive, but not in good shape at all. We befriended him years ago, and he came and preached for us when we were just a young church, but he was involved in the Zulu revival.

And I'm not sure when he first went down, but Gerhard was a mighty preacher in the underground church in Russia during the days of the persecution from 61 through the 70s when he came to West Germany. And he was one well-loved because he preached loud. Those of you who know German, the Germans used to say, from Russia they're used to standing behind the pulpit and staying in one place, not moving around, and speaking a little bit more in normal tones when they speak.

But Gerhard wouldn't do that. And they used to say, Der Brut! He hollered. But anyway, he went to the Zulu revival and was so blessed and impressed by seeing that firsthand and being out of Russia was well

to identify with it.

And I don't know how many trips he made down there, but I remember how he told me that people would repent in their seats. No altar calls, no counseling in the part that he was telling me about. They may have had some of that.

He said women would just break down and just weep and cry right in their seats. It was an awesome thing, but he was not prepared what he found when he came home. And that's the reason I'm sharing it with you.

His ministry almost got rejected when he came back to Germany. The churches were settling down in Germany, trying to get along with the other churches. Persecution had been going ten years, five, ten years out of Russia.

And a different spirit was settling down upon the churches. Many of them were denying their former holiness and not following through with it, maybe not denying it in mouth, but a change was coming over the churches in Germany. And if you're familiar with them today, you will identify what I am speaking about because worldliness has set in in many of them and he almost lost his ministry through it.

They said that thing is charismatic. That thing is charismatic down there in Africa and you're being deceived by a charismatic movement because revival come and people didn't understand it. The reason I share that with you is because if you get on fire for God and revival breaks out, in your life, people will not understand you all.

And you must prepare for that. People will not understand it. Your parents may not understand it.

Your preacher may not understand it. Your church fellowship may not understand it. And you will all at once be devastated.

Why? What's going on? I thought I gave my heart to the Lord. I thought I got cleaned up. And I come home and everybody thinks I'm off the wall.

That's something you have to be prepared for. A couple of ladies, I think about three of them, came to a revival just a few months ago in North Carolina and got gloriously saved, transformed and went home and things didn't go well. Things didn't go well at all.

They made some changes in their life and immediately people thought they had been deceived into legalism. Those things are reality today and I just wanted to prepare you for that as you go home. People don't all understand revival.

They want to all jump up and rejoice and say amen with you. But don't you get discouraged and don't throw it away. Gerhardt didn't.

He knew what he had seen and he just silently kept on believing it. And pretty soon things died down and so on as far as their opposition of him. But in your case, like Brother Denny said, you pray.

May God bless you.

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