

Gospel of John (2nd Yr Study 19 of 19, Chap 21)

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of prioritizing our relationship with God, being obedient to His will, and being filled with the Holy Ghost in order to live a life that is pleasing to Him.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of individual testimonies and experiences with God. He mentions that each person should be ready to share their testimony at any time. The speaker then refers to the book of Acts and highlights Peter's mistakes and how Jesus still loved and persevered with him. He also mentions the story of Balaam and how God used a donkey to teach him. The speaker concludes by discussing the significance of letting God completely transform and guide one's life.

Transcript

Thou hast gathered us again, together, for the last time this season that we want to make full use of the Holy Spirit Thou Thyself move upon us. That we may be in that blessed place of being full of God. And we bless Thee for these things, Father, and we do pray for each other, Father, in the days ahead when we shall separate I now from everybody else, but everybody will be scattered each to our own home.

It's what we believe and how we live, then, that really matters to Thee. We shall be as seeds scattered in Thy glorious kingdom, which has no weeds, nothing, but pure, glorious, fruitful, blossoming lives, that we may indeed bring forth fruit unto Thee. Glorify Thou Thyself.

Thank you, Lord. Amen. So, as you know, we're in that last chapter of John, and I suppose I'd better switch on.

Oh, dot, beginner murmur. But she has saved me many a time. And what a glorious chapter it is.

Look at the last verse. And there are also many other things which Jesus did for which, if they should be written, every one. I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

And when you look round in here at these shelves, the multitude of books, we think it's many, many. How about if everything that Jesus said and did on this earth, if it was all written down, so really we've only got, as it were, a short selection. That's all we have.

Sufficient so that we shouldn't have to keep reading books all our lives and hardly do anything. But to really think the multitudes went round and interviewed everyone, for instance, if you were a reporter on a television or something, let them speak into the mic and go round 5,000 then. And it's also great because each one has an individual experience, and each one of us in this room ought to have a very individual testimony, which we should be ready to speak out at the drop of a hat.

It's a tremendous thing. So we'll go into this 21st chapter. And everything, I suppose, has led up to it.

Although some of the most vital things, these, are not there, not here. See, if you want the vital things, you say, in the beginning was the Word, that's in the first chapter. And that's a glorious thing.

And when you go through that, well, it should take us ever so long to do these things. Let's go into it as much as we can. I was going to look up here for the time again.

I'll take off my watch and glance at it if I think of it. So here we go then. Chapter 21.

After these things, and John finishes up that preceding chapter with, These things are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. And that believing ye might have life through his name. If you cease to positively believing, If you cease to do that, you don't say, well, I'm a believer kind of thing.

You're not going to get anywhere. But this believing, as has been pointed out, must have vital life and action about it. Not just, well, I believe that credal statements of belief count for nothing.

But if this is true, this kind of believing we've got to have, that brings the life of God into us all the time. Beware of thinking a date way back in the past, although you must have it, when you believed. You've got to be vitally believing every time, every day.

And if you vitally believe, you will pass into a very positive experience. And you will be of use to God, for which cause I think you come to this Bible school. That you want to make yourself fit, more fit, and intend to give yourself utterly to declaring and living this life.

Now, John then instructs us in this. He says, after these things, Jesus showed himself again to his disciples at the sea of Tiberias. And on this wise showed he himself.

There were together Simon Peter and Thomas, called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter said unto them, I go fishing. Again we're caught on this same business, that Peter always was coming to the front.

He'd never been promoted, named, or what you will, to be the leader of them. And self-appointed leaders will always run into troubles. They don't intend to, it's in their nature.

And really, if God has made you a leader, then you will become a leader, and everybody will know it. You won't have to have voting, likely, trying to find out who's the leader of this, that, and the other. Everybody knows whether you are a born leader.

May I quote from Isaiah 55 about this? A text which will show you the truth. You know, ho, ye thirsty, come to the waters chapter, you will all know that. But there's a verse there where God says that he has appointed him, that is Jesus, for a leader and a commander of the people.

Now if you are an appointed leader, everybody that's alive in God will know that you are. You don't have to try and jump to the front. Your biggest difficulty is to sit at the back and not be seen.

People won't let you do that. It's wonderful. But notice the words of Isaiah.

He said that God had appointed Jesus for a leader and a commander. So if you are a leader, people will follow you. And then, if you do give any commands, they'll follow you.

They'll do what you say. Because men and women know God-given leaders. I have given him for that reason.

And everybody knows it. Now I could go into a discussion about eldership. No, I won't.

But here is the thing to see. Peter again, I call a vision. And by saying that, he drew these other six men into his own eras.

You see, nobody can be a leader or give instructions or what it is to anybody, not in the true church of Jesus Christ, unless God has appointed them to that position. And if people follow these kind of men, not appointed, not filled with the Holy Ghost, then they'll go wrong. And they'll share in that leader's errors or deliberate sins, whatever word you want to do.

That's the thing to get. He simply says, listen, he couldn't say, God has told me to go fishing. Note that.

I'm going fishing. Now God, the Lord Jesus, had told them that they were to tarry in Jerusalem. If you stay in Jerusalem, there's no way to go fishing.

They were tarrying there because that which must be done had not in them, had not yet taken place. Keep that very fit to the forefront of your mind. They jumped in.

Okay, we'll go fishing with you tonight. The Lord had not told them to go there. They went into the ship immediately, verse 3, and that night they caught nothing.

Serves them right. They deserve to catch nothing. Do you know people who, though they say they're born again Christians, filled with God's Spirit and so on and so on, have got nothing to show for it.

You have to have something to show to support any claim you may make or trying to fill any position which you fill, even if it's a Sunday school teacher, Bible class leader, pastor, teachers, and all the rest of it. Some have even claimed to be apostles. But here is the thing.

You must get this deeply into your heart of my longing for you, that every one of you will be a vital man and woman of God in this world. I tell you that. For God.

It turns on what you may have to let go of before you'll ever be in those positions. Counted, this is Jesus, he counted it, not robbery, to call himself equal with God. There's somebody tapping them.

They want to come in. Here is the big thing. You must have something to show.

You see, if you know Isaiah 40, you don't want to be giving you instructions in the Bible, but you do, you need to take these things into your heart. You remember the great cry of Isaiah is, Get you up into the mountains, Jerusalem. Well, you're going to bring the good tidings, I put it into our simple English.

And God had determined that the great blessing for the world should come from Jerusalem. So he said, you stay in Jerusalem until you be endued with power from on high. And that's when that prophecy was fulfilled.

When the Holy Ghost came, was going to come to Jerusalem, and God had decided, planned everything there. Though Jerusalem had crucified his son, shall we say. As you know, he was crucified in that garden place, that horrible name, the place of the scourge.

God had fixed, so he was going to be there, and he wasn't going to call forth the Holy Ghost from heaven anywhere else. His son could come in a manger, but the Holy Ghost wasn't going to come in a manger. You should think this out.

The importance of the Holy Ghost. All right, having discussed that a little more fully than we need have done, let's go on. They caught nothing all night.

Possibly they could have argued, well, we've got to live somehow, haven't we? We've got Jesus to supply us with bread any time we want. That kind of thing, I don't know. What could have taken place? But whatever it was, Peter was in great disobedience.

Great disobedience. For he went back to fishing, from which God had called him. Now, there's no going back.

If you want to go on with God, obviously if you want to go on, you can't go back. I want to say this to you. You possibly may have heard these things on tape.

I've preached so many things, but the big thing is this, beloved. If you don't go on with God, you will backslide. There's no such thing as standing still.

You either go on or you go back. Are you taking this in? If I was to see you in 12 months' time and I would recognize immediately by even contacting you, my spirit contacting yours, and that's the most vital contact between men, I would know whether you've gone on or not. You've got to go on.

Did you know the word backslide does not occur in the New Testament? It's an Old Testament word. Search and see. You'll do quite easily with a concordance.

The word backsliding does not occur in the New Covenant. It occurred over and over and over again in the Old Covenant. You see, there are certain things that God doesn't want our hearts to dwell on, certain things He doesn't want our minds to get mixed up.

Oh, well, he's a backslider, or she's got, well, I want to tell you she was never in. It doesn't occur in the Old Testament, in the New Testament. And it's happened, this so-called backsliding, because they've never got the fullness of God, that is, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, living in them.

How can you backslide? You can backslide from so-called Christianity. You can do this, that, and that. But you've been born sons and daughters of God.

I can't backslide from being the daughter of a man named Walter Govia North. It's there. I am the living proof of it.

And that's the thing you've got to get into your heart. Don't you make big allowances for people who say they're backslidden. We're in a New Covenant where that doesn't occur.

Though Paul says, Demas, he didn't say he'd backslidden. He'd gone back deliberately. He loved the world.

Demas had left me, he says. And you've left Jesus. You've left Him.

My recommendation is you get down on your knees and get born again. Not just a Christian. Here then is the big thing.

I have to hurry. Let's go on. Jesus comes.

When they got nothing, Jesus stood on the shore. Listen. He wasn't in that boat.

Though there were seven Christians, great leaders of the church, but Jesus wasn't with them. Beloved, if Jesus is not with you, stop it. Stop immediately.

Stop immediately. Jesus stood on the shore, but they didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered Him, No.

Listen to this carefully. And He said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast their thought, and now they were not able to draw it, for a multitude of fish.

Now Jesus didn't do that, if we read on, just so that they could have a great fish, because Jesus ignored them. He only showed that. But when they got to shore, I'm sure you've read this chapter, they found fish already, not those they'd caught, being cooked.

Leave them. The big thing was to show them how wrong they were. Peter had vowed in his heart that he'd never go back to fishing anymore.

They left all, and I followed him, Peter and his brother, and these two pals. One of these two pals was John, writing the book. They all went wrong, and there was this great leader leading them all.

Peter, we got nothing. They couldn't blame him, because they'd gone voluntary with him. But this is the trouble with leadership.

Avoid leadership if you can. If God has chosen you for a leader, you can't avoid it. Here is the great truth, and notice this again.

In those days, the net was always cast on the left side, but they had to cast it on the other side. Oh, against all custom. They were fine.

And notice this. They were a boat, only a boat, which they weren't great fishing boats like they have today. They were only that distance from being out of the will of God and stepping into the will of God, only a boat distance.

Cast the net on the other side. You can think you're very near to being in the will of God, and all the time you're not. You've got to understand this.

Only a boat will. I doubt whether, probably as wide as this will. And you can fish and fish and fish, and never have one soul to the credit of your efforts.

Very, very important. And you know what happened? The disciple whom Jesus loved said unto Peter, It's the Lord. Now, when Simon Peter heard that, he didn't hear it was the Lord, you see.

How near were these twelve to the Lord? Eh? How near? I don't mean they were sitting on the next seat or anything like that, but how near were they that there was one man that said, It's the Lord. Only one. That's the man that's writing all this.

When Simon Peter saw this, he girt himself with his fish's coat, for he was naked, and he'd cast himself into the sea. And the other disciples came a little ship, for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits. And you know what a cubit is? From your elbow to the tip of your finger.

That's the old cubit. And the great thing was, they dragged the net with him. Do you know what Peter was after? He was always like this, until God changed.

He wanted to get to Jesus first. He dived over the boat, outside the boat. She's mighty Peter, he wants to get to Jesus.

The other poor fellows were left to struggle. They had to come in with the boat, but Peter would have got to Jesus first. This impetuous thing, this thing, Oh, beloved, you trust in your natural self, you'll fall, make a mess of everything.

It's only the new manhood, or womanhood of course is included, that's of any use to God. And it's never going to work for God. Say, natural talent, may have been born an artist, you may have been born a wonderful thing, and you think you're going to convert that to Christ, but nothing of the natural man can be of any use in God's kingdom.

So don't devote your life to that, will you? I know, I've been to it, I was singing solos for a, you know him that great, a doctor, Martin Lloyd-Jones, that used to pack his church in Westminster. I went to conferences, I was singing, and he said to me, young man, you've got a gift there, may you make sure you use it for the Lord. Do you see? I've been through it all, beloved, and I'm talking right out of experience.

Right out. Well I can do this, I can do that, not until the whole of your nature, physical, as well as spiritual, as well as this artistic nature you might talk about, has got to be shot through with the fire and the breath of God, a la the day of Pentecost, before it's of any use to God. I'm glad I've told you that, because there are thousands in this world who would tell you different.

He, they all struck it to shore. Soon as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coal there, and fish laid there on, and bread. They saw it, didn't see it till they got to the shore.

You've got to get where Jesus is before you see anything of this tremendous truth that we've been gathered up into. Jesus said, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, he was the man's great strong man, drew the net to land full of great fishes, a hundred, and fifty, and three.

For all there were so many, yet was net not the net broken. What did I do with them? Jesus said, Now bring me some fish and I'll cook it for you. It was all ready there.

I'll give them their due. They might have thought, Well, we've got to live, haven't we? We haven't got a job to go to. You know, the reasoning of the natural mind is deceptive, beloved.

I've had missionary letters from aboard, all wanting to find out how to live. Some people believe in sending somebody abroad to be a missionary and let them starve out there. I know.

I've been asked, How did it happen? Ah, beloved. Perhaps they thought they needed to go fishing. I don't know.

I'm not here except to comment as I have commented, not condemn. Jesus said unto them, Come and die. He never gave them a great lecture.

He never said, I chose you. One of you proved to be a devil. And you disobeying me was enough for Jesus, sufficient to make Jesus wish he could be back in heaven with his father.

Spent three years on them and still they're in disobedience. You will be, however high your ideals, you will be till you're baptized in the Holy Ghost. It's the only thing that stabilizes Peter.

That. Until he was, I don't want to spend all, I keep looking at clocks. I've got a watch in my hand.

The only thing that stabilized Peter, he made a mess all the time. You could turn to Acts 1, which is the next chapter, and you'd say, what a tremendous blunder he made. Jesus just loved him.

And Jesus persevered. One of the reasons he perseveres with you is not just to get you to heaven. Maybe because he really wants to use you.

Make something out of your useless humanity. And mine, of course. In the Old Testament there was one man.

He had to learn. He was a prophet of the Lord. And God had to teach him through a donkey speaking to him.

Balaam. A donkey spoke the word of God to him. God help us.

So that our aspirations to really serve the Lord we want can be rightly based. And if not, you'll have sorrow upon sorrow. Well, anyway.

Let's continue here. Nobody asked who the Lord was. They knew who he was.

And this was the third time that he showed himself to his disciples after he was risen from the dead. So, when they had dined, Jesus said to Simon Peter. He knew Peter was the ringleader.

The others were wrong to follow him. He said, Simon, son of Jonas. The word Jonas is dove.

Peter, son of a dove. Now, the dove is the symbol of the Holy Ghost. Keep this clear.

If you're going to be a son of the Holy Ghost in the sense in which I'm speaking, you've got to be born. You've got to be a dove-like creature, Peter. Keep these things in mind.

I mustn't digress. I've got so many stories to tell about this, but let's go on. He said to him, Lovest thou me more than these? These things.

Do you really love the fishing boats and the nets? And the sea? And the fishes? More than me. Now, Jesus Christ, are you listening? He's got to come before everyone. Your mother, your father, your wife if you've got one, sweetheart if you haven't, your husband, and the others.

Before your business. Before Peter lost his business completely. Christ must be first.

Not only first, but second, and last. For that's what He is. I am Alpha and I'll be Omega.

First and the last. Unless Jesus is there, beloved, in that position, you will grieve Him and finish up a failure. Though you may be able to point to all sorts of things that you feel are favours or blessings in the sight of God.

Yeah. It's because you're viewing it all with man's eyes. The human eyes.

And the workings of the human brain. And all this discipling your personality unto the world. Unto the world.

Don't think like the world thinks. Don't go that way. I beg of you.

You be men and women of God. Remind you, dear. We took it the other day.

You have to take up the cross and follow Him. That's right. The cross is a symbol of death leading through to life.

That's where it goes. Death first, life second. After.

It's a marvellous thing. Well, let's go on again. Lovest thou me more than these? I wonder how Peter felt.

He said, Yea, Lord. You know that I love Him. But he used a different word.

He twisted. He twisted the truth. For when God used, when Jesus used the word love, He used a great word, *agape*, which is the love of God.

But He brought in the word love, which means, I love you. I love you as a friend. I love you as a listener.

That kind of thing. Yea. In other words, a thing you can easily achieve.

But God can only achieve this great love of Himself in you by the baptism in the Spirit. That's why the Holy Ghost comes. The first thing of His fruit in a life is this wonderful love.

The word for God's soul, love. Oh well. That's the thing.

It's important, beloved. There are shades of meaning. I know that none of us can read the Greek and the Hebrew as we would like to do.

We're not that kind of person. But you can get the kind of Bible which will give it to you. The Lord wants us to see this.

Do you love me? He said, well I love you as a friend or as a brother. That was the meaning of the Greek word. Okay.

He says, feed my lambs. But I thought you said when you called me Jesus that I was to catch men using the figure of fishing again. The great achievement that comes out of this that God turned the fishermen into a shepherd.

You're to feed my sheep. After this Peter never went back to sea again, so far as we know. God might want to change your natural talents.

Well I've got a great gift for fishing. This is the thing, beloved. It's when we let God take hold of us and change these things, even our likes.

I like to go bike riding. I like to go walking over the mountains or up the moors. I like to go figure skating or something like this.

It's when God takes you away from your imprisoning likes and sets you free and will give you his life and likes in their place. You can't have the best unless you let the Lord get hold of you to that extent. You cannot have it.

Jesus came down to do the will of God. He wouldn't humanly have loved to be a Dolorosa. He wouldn't have chosen a cross naturally.

He wouldn't have done that, would he? Nor would you. Unless God strangely changes you and you come to want and love the things that naturally you would flee from. It's a great thing to let God get hold of you entirely.

It's so wonderful. I know somewhat of it, beloved, and it's true. All right.

So Jesus said to him again, Simon, son of Jermas, lovest thou me, repeat it, use the same wonderful word, you've got the love of God in you for me. Lord, thou knowest that I love thee, and he used the same weaker word. And he said unto him, feed my sheep.

He said unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jermas, lovest thou me. Peter was grieved about it all. He said unto him the third time, he was upset about it.

He needed to be upset. And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things. Thou knowest that I love thee.

And this time he brought it up. But you see, sometimes when you're caught in these ways and you're disobeying God and you're doing that, you know all things. How can I tell you, Lord, that I love you when I failed you and disobeyed you? That had crept into Peter's mind too.

You know everything. You know I denied you in the judgment hall. You know this and you know the other.

In the story that Jesus told about the prodigal son. Yeah? Father knew. Father knew.

But he knew underneath all, he could come back to Father. That was very, very wonderful. Jesus didn't... I'm quite sure I've got a lot of questions to ask when I get to heaven.

I often say this. I'm quite sure that Peter thought, how can I say I love him? Is that in me which fights against his will? Wants to disobey? And all that, you see. But Jesus loved him.

Peter says, you know it all, Lord, from the very first moment you called me. I obeyed what you did. Don't you know what I did then? It's your Jesus.

I went back to my fishing. He would tell it. That's what they did.

Went back to his fishing. Beloved, the way forward is not back. Beloved, it's so wonderful to get hold of what the truth is.

And Jesus said, feed my sheep. And why did he so emphasize this word love? For that's what you've got to feed the sheep. Oh, love.

That's what they're wanting, these young lambs. They're not wanting Bible stories. They don't know to want them very much.

But they want to be loved. They can't tell you what it is. Love.

That's what you've got to feed people on. Not gift. Love.

It comes through your being. And is of your being. Once you're a child of God, love.

And it's so tremendous to get this. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, when thou wast young, thou girdest thyself and walked with us, whoever thou wouldst. But when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee and carry thee, whither thou wouldst not.

The cry for help wasn't going to be answered. He was going to be carried where he wouldn't have gone. And you will have heard, I'm sure, that Peter was finally crucified on a cross.

Upside down. Worse than Jesus, almost. In that sense, on the physical side.

It's so big to get into your heart. And John finishes his book on this note. See, you voluntarily chose to come here.

But out of part of this, you're carried by some overlord power. Where you don't want to go. Where you couldn't possibly be happy.

Except in Jesus. That's all. Told you in 19, that's what Jesus told him.

Telling him what death he was going to die. And he said unto him, follow me, Peter. Just follow me.

Wonderful, isn't it? Peter turning about, seeth a disciple whom Jesus loved following, which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is it that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him said to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? And virtually, the Lord said to him, Ah, mind your own business. And you're not surprised, I hope, to read in Peter's letter, that Peter said, study to mind your own business. He'd come the way of the nosy Parker.

He'd come that way. And he advised everybody who read his epistles to just study to do one thing. Mind your own business.

Don't poke your nose into other people's businesses. It's enough for you to mind your own. And then scandal will stop in the churches.

And all kinds of things will vanish when you can control your nose and control your tongue and settle yourself down to do that which God has told you to do. It's as much as you can do. Mind your own business.

It all got wrong anyway. And Jesus said to Peter, If I will that he, that is John, tarry till I come, what is that to thee? I didn't say it to you. You see, so they got that wrong too.

They misinterpreted it. You generally will if you poke your nose into other people's businesses. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren that that disciple, that is John, should not die.

They believed it meant that John was going to live forever and ever on the earth till the Lord comes back. That's the way they interpreted it. It will always happen that way if you don't mind your own business.

Always. Perhaps it was upon that very statement that all the wrong interpretations of prophecy have arisen. All the time John's on the earth, Jesus isn't coming.

We know that Jesus isn't coming. It's John's still alive and kicking sort of thing. You see, you just go wrong on one thing and you interpret it wrongly all the way through.

And that was the thing that bugged the Hebrews. They'd been taught, who didn't know anything about it, the Judah Hebrews. They'd been taught by people who had evangelized them that Jesus was going to come back in John's lifetime.

And that's why so many of them went back. You just read it thoroughly through the Hebrews' letter, that's what you will find. In the beginning, revival came, you might call it, and they took joyfully their houses were smashed down and their lovely furniture was broken and all this thing, you see, they took it joyfully.

But then they waited, waited for Jesus coming and he never came. This Bible becomes a really new book when you get down and see the roots of things, where they've come from. Amen.

Peter did not live so long. John, I think, you can't prove this, outlived all the rest of them, all the rest of them. And at the end, he was a prisoner of Rome.

But there's one lovely thing I once read about John It was said of him that when he could no longer walk or anything like that, up to the church to worship, some young man used to come and carry him to the place and he used to say, beloved, let us love one another. See, John's heart was filled with love. That's what made him the dearest to my heart.

Be full of love. Be full of love. A man named Henry Drummond, I suppose some of you will not have heard the name, of course, you might know your own authors in your own country, but he wrote a book about love.

He wrote a book called The Greatest Power on Earth. It was on love. How wonderful it is.

It still is the greatest power. Atomic energy isn't the greatest power. That is chiefly developed for death.

While we are here now, there will be so-called scientists, boffin boys in the back room, developing and studying how to make a bigger and better bomb. I've been in the laboratories now. Fancy being devoted, but will they earn money? Will they be exalted? This is a world where I'm full of hate.

Jesus didn't say John wouldn't die. He said, tarry till I come. Just tarry.

This is the disciple which testifies of these things, he writes and wrote these things, that we know that his testimony is true. Never refers to himself in the first person, you see. Always someone whom Jesus loved.

What a testimony. Would you think of saying that, if you stand up and give your testimony? Would it ever cross your mind to say a thing like that? And he didn't copy anyone. This was the spontaneous thing that rose up in him.

Well, these things, and there are many other things also. These things which Jesus did, and he says which they should be written, everyone, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Do you agree with John? If everyone that Jesus healed were to give their testimony, how many millions would be, say millions, I had a wonderful miracle happen to me. It's the five thousand odd that he fed with bread and fish, was I'd like to give my testimony, and everyone was written down. Eh? No, beloved, it doesn't lie in that.

I tell you what it lies in. It lies in those words that John wrote, for God so loved. It lies in that.

Let that be said about you, will you? If you think you're a he-man or a, I don't know what's that about, a she-woman, I don't mean, you don't say that. Whatever you think, you're a clever boy, you've got degrees, and, beloved, they don't count. And I'll give you the answer to that.

You wouldn't think, I mean, I say I'm a dunce, and I am. But would you believe it? I've been invited into, invited and taken the invitation to go and lecture in universities. You see, it's what old David said.

He said, I have more knowledge and understanding than my teachers. You've read the psalm, I hope. You have read this Bible through, haven't you? Yeah.

This is it, you see, beloved. To be so full of love, and in that love, the Lord imparts to you things that are hidden from the wise and the prudent, and reveals them unto thieves. And with that, I close.

Haven't I done well? Derek thought I wouldn't be through. He said, are you going to go on till eight o'clock? I said, oh no. And thank you for listening to me, but my greatest thanks would be to God if you stand with me in the glory.

You.

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