

God's Cry to All Preachers

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Transcript

Mark 10, verse 29. There is no man, there is no man that hath left house. Matthew 19, verse 29 says, that hath forsaken house.

There is no man that hath left house, O brethren, as brothers, or sisters, or fathers, or mothers, or wife, or children, for my sake, for my sake, and the gospels. But he shall receive an hundredfold now, now, in this time, houses. And brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions, with persecutions.

Men separated unto the gospel of God, men separated unto the gospel of God. Romans 1, verse 1 says, I will place, I will place no value on anything. I will place no value on anything I have, or may possess, except, except in relation to the kingdom of Christ.

The words of David Livingston, no man, no man that woth, that woth, entangleth himself with the affairs of this life. No man that woth, entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him, who hath chosen him, that he may please him, who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 2 Timothy 2, verse 4, soldiers of the cross that have sacrificed everything to reach the lost for Christ.

I was in a meeting here in the USA last year, as I was touring for three months, where a young man began to pray fervently. So fervently, I looked at him and opened my eyes, but my heart was deeply stirred when I heard him cry to God, and I watched his face with tears, agonizing. Oh God, oh God, give us broken hearts for the lost.

Give us broken hearts for the lost. Have you got that, sister? Do you know anything about that, brother? Jesus cried, compel them to come. There's something about that word.

It's more than just a testimony if you think you've really got to do the right thing. Compel them to come. In Luke 14, verse 23, Jude, Jude, verse 22, have compassion.

Do you? Have you any compassion? Answer God, making a difference. Others save, save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, pulling them out of the fire. Have you ever witnessed in that way that God, heaven, and Satan, and souls are staggered to compassion, pulling them out of the fire? Are you such a soul winner? I sat earlier this year with a very godly and courageous woman in Africa who was a great soul winner.

I was honored to sit with her and to pray with her for a while. And as we were speaking, I mentioned, I spoke of Christians who are not soul winners, who are not soul winners. You know, that woman was so shocked that I was deeply moved.

Her eyes were filled with tears, her lips were, she looked at me in shock and grief. She said, Brother, if we know that there is a hell and we don't warn people, we are murderers, we are murderers. And she put her head down and tears just flowed down her face.

And what I'd say, the possibility of Christians who are not soul winners, murderers. How many people have you stood with yet made no attempt to witness to them? Though you could have, you could have. But as you walked away, written across that person's life are these tragic words for all eternity, no man cared for my soul.

No man cared for my soul. Psalm 142 verse 4, Ye have not sought that which was lost. Ezekiel 34 verse 4, Ye have not sought that which was lost, God cried.

And in chapter 33 verse 8, He warned, When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die. If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity. But, but his blood, his blood will I require at thine hand.

Fearful words, Christian, fearful words. But do you believe that will happen to you? Or do you think Ezekiel is the only man in history God would be so grieved at if he didn't take that which God had committed to him and expected him to preach to those God wanted to be saved? My wife's brother, Andre Leroux, a farmer in the Eastern Cape of Southern Africa, he was sharing with us a little while ago, weeks ago, in the evening devotions in Jeffreys Bay. He said, Someone will be accountable for the lost in this world, Keith, those who failed to witness when they could have, when they had the opportunity, but didn't.

Those who didn't live the life expected of a Christian before the unsaved, who as a result, as a result, closed their hearts to God, to God's salvation that they heard from your lips. Someone will be held accountable, Keith, don't doubt it, for the lost in this world. Or preachers who didn't preach uncompromising truth faithfully from the pulpit in fear of man.

Preachers will not only be held accountable for what they say in the pulpit, but for what they do not say, that they know is in this book, but will not say for fear of losing your tithing, or your seat, or your smile, for fear of any ostracization or criticism. Martin Luther said, I have not refrained my lips. I have not concealed thy truth from the great congregation.

Psalms 40 verse 9, But how many preachers have, how many preachers in this world have fear of man, so they let them go to hell, murderers. What are you? How would you care to rephrase that, preacher? But God promised, God promised in Jeremiah 3 verse 15, I will give you pastors, that is spiritual shepherds, according to mine heart, that will turn, that will turn many away from iniquity. Malachi 2 verse 6, that will turn many to righteousness.

Daniel 12 verse 3, Now at the moment of our salvation, at the moment of our salvation, we are all entrusted with this, the set work book in the school of God, the Bible. But to a preacher, from the moment of his calling, till the moment of his death, he is fearfully conscious that a staggering amount of God's Word addresses those who God has called to preach, who have been separated unto the gospel. A staggering amount of God's Word addresses those who God has called to preach, who have been separated, separated unto the gospel.

Now, when Peter asked Christ about John's life and ministry, Jesus said, What is that to thee? Follow thou me. John 21 verse 21, Each preacher, beloved, each preacher has a unique calling and ministry to fulfill. Some will be embraced and honored and revered by multitudes, while others will be led by God to preach cutting words that will anger the multitudes.

Some will be greatly gifted in their preaching, that will be immediately envied by carnal preachers, like the Pharisees, who immediately felt threatened by Christ, and therefore, and only that reason, they evilly sought to destroy him. Pilate knew that for envy they had delivered him. But all, though their ministry may be greatly differing, all, though their ministry may greatly differ, all are called, all are called to separate themselves to be consumed, to be consumed in a fervent study of the Word of God daily.

Though their ministry may greatly differ, all are called to separate themselves to be consumed in a fervent study of the Word of God daily. Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 1 Timothy 4 verse 13, We nourish up in the words of faith and of good doctrine.

1 Timothy 4 verse 6 verse 15, Meditate upon these things. Give thyself wholly to them, that ye may be able by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers, to convince those who oppose and contradict and challenge you. Titus 1 verse 9, Therefore study, study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2 verse 15, Whatsoever thine hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might, with all thy might. Ecclesiastes 9 verse 10, We all must seek God to find our specific ministry and then redeem the time. Ephesians 5 verse 16, For the time is short.

50 years ago I started preaching. It was like a moment ago. So what's left? The greatest shock you'll ever have in life, every one of you, is how short life is.

You will wake up to it in one terrifying moment when you think it's just beginning, it's finished. It's over. I guarantee every one of you.

Redeem the time, for the time is short. 1 Corinthians 7 verse 20 warns us, Seest thou, seest thou a man diligent, diligent in his business? Proverbs 22 verse 29 asks, Seest thou a man diligent in his business? The godly Will McFarlane, most certainly the godliest man I ever knew in my life, without him saying a word about Jesus, people fell on their knees in public and sought God to save their souls just by being near him. The only man I ever trembled in his presence in my whole life, as I saw what God could do with one man just looking at his countenance, if he let God have all his.

The godly Will McFarlane once looked sadly at a group of young people and after a while he wearily shed of them, nothing to do and all day to do it. Amy Carmichael wrote, Let me not sink to be a clod, make me thy fuel, flame of God. So firstly, firstly, firstly there is a separation from all other Christians of those that God commissions to preach, who like Paul are separated unto the gospel and for the gospel, Romans 1 verse 1. But secondly, there is a separation, a separation among those who are called by God to preach into their specific and unique ministries.

And thirdly, there is a separation for preparation, a discipline expected of every preacher to not entangle himself in unnecessary things of this world ever, but to devote himself wherever possible to fervent study and prayerful meditation of God's sacred word daily. And preacher, God solemnly cries, Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. The Hebrew is, I will show thee great and mighty things inaccessible on a human level without God.

Jeremiah 33 verse 3, So we cry to him, Give me understanding. Psalm 119 verse 34, Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Psalm 119 verse 18.

Now, a sermon, a sermon is never simply worked out, brother, then you should go to another trade. If you think that's what you're doing, a sermon is never, ever just simply worked out. A God-given sermon is born as the Holy Spirit gives revelation through his word.

The Spirit giveth life to this book, 2 Corinthians 3 verse 6. And preachers, we need to be careful here. When a baby is born, you don't say to it, Hang on now, it's the middle of the night. Be a bit considerate.

Daddy's tired. Can't you wait until the morning? That's a bit stupid, isn't it? Well, preachers, be careful. Be careful here.

When a God-given revelation is imparted to your heart from the sacred pages of this book, you are on holy ground. Even if it's the middle of the night, brother, get up, write it down. Don't dare lose it, and you will.

You will. When I was a young theological student at the Glenvar Bible School in Cape Town, often throughout the whole night, revelation just kept coming. So, I just kept getting up in excitement to write everything down.

Some nights giving up the idea of getting back into bed at all. The whole night, imagine living through your life and you couldn't find anything to be excited about to actually stay awake the whole night. Oh, how boring life must be.

You can't do too much or you'll die young. But anyway, I just kept getting up, giving up the idea of going back to bed again in order to write everything down as the excitement, the enthrallment of God, the Holy Ghost, giving revelation to this book that you dare not lose. In my fear of losing anything, I wrote everything down through the nights, often weeping as God gave revelation, often worshiping that such revelation has been imparted to a man.

One day, after some event that the students were involved in across the other side of Cape Town, one of the biggest cities in the world. So, we go along the freeways in a convoy of cars, all that had a vehicle with the college vehicles, putting all the students. Yeah, we go down all these cars.

We're coming back now from this event where we sang and testified and everything else, some convention, the other side of the city. Nonetheless, here we're driving along the freeway back to the Bible school when suddenly, there's no way you could comprehend what I'm talking about unless you experience it. The revelation just kept, whoa, whoa, whoa.

So, what did I do? I forgot about everybody else. I just took the car off the road into the side little thing, boom, pulled out a paper and a pen and started writing. I didn't want to lose it.

After a while, there was a banging on my car window. It's the principle of the Bible school. Yes, what's wrong? What's happened? I didn't want to lose anything, but there was this revelation just coming.

God is suddenly breaking things open to me. I just had to write it down for fear of losing it. Oh, he says, gee, we saw you just pull the car over as if you're going to crash into the side and suddenly you just slump, boom.

I thought you were dead. You can't do this to us anymore, boy. Well, anyway, I would have been in total poverty as a preacher if it had not been for Dr. Colin Peckham.

I thank God for him and every memory of him. One night here in America many years ago now, in a place called Loveland, Colorado, there was a big conference they asked me to preach at and it had a lot of people. Whoa, that hall, whatever it was that they hired was just filled as far as you could look, just people and people and people cramming in there.

Oh, it was a joy. So after the meeting, I go back to the house they provided for me and I put aside now what I thought I had to preach the next morning. So I said, let me prepare a bit before I go to sleep because there's not going to be much.

But you know, within minutes, I put that sermon aside as God began to give to me thoughts I'd never ever thought in my life about my father, his life before his salvation and then his salvation and then his life after salvation. Everything I could think of until the day he died that shook the powers of hell and shook this world. He turned his world upside down.

Almost every step he took shook the powers of hell, I guarantee you that. So I wrote it, I thought of all these things that I could remember my daddy and what we endured as a house until his salvation and what God did and what happened through him in this world until he died. And so I went to the meeting.

I didn't sleep one minute the whole night, trembling, weeping as I remembered, as God brought to remembrance. It means even in my childhood, remembering of my daddy right through to as he lay there dying. I said, hold into that.

I have seldom ever seen such a response in my life of 50 years of preaching as what happened in that meeting. I made no appeal. There was just a bowing as people just went to the floor and just started weeping on their knees everywhere, just crying, weeping to God.

The gentleman who asked me to preach at that convention took that. It wasn't filmed. It was a tape those days.

He had recorded it on tape and he gave it the title, My Godly Father. That was spread around the world when they told me roughly an estimate of how many copies have spread around this world. Not only that movement, but other movements such as took it and spread it and the homes and the souls and the families that have found Christ across the entire world through that message.

I didn't go to sleep that night and stand up empty the next day of what God wanted me to preach. Thank God. That is how I've had the joy of living for many years now and preaching.

More revelation comes now than ever before in my life. Isn't that wonderful? I'm 72. It literally explodes from the pages of the sacred book daily.

One becomes fearful that life may be cut short now when so much more light and understanding is being given now than ever before because now you know the Bible and you compare Scripture before you even pass one thought. The whole Bible is comparative. I'm scared you'll be cut short now.

It's just coming, bursting like a flame into your heart and setting you on so on fire you want to run out into the street and tell the whole world what God says. I was talking to a former missionary of our mission, the Africa Evangelistic Band. I believe it is now the oldest surviving mission in Africa that has sent literally thousands of workers throughout that continent.

There's even one of the dear young men now. Is he here? David Wiley, are you here? David, where is he? Brother, I can't see you. Oh dear, okay.

I knew him when he was a boy. I was a boy, too, actually. I was four years older than him.

David Wiley. Oh, we saw him up in Star City when they advertised there when they asked me two or three years ago, and he saw this advert and Keith Daniel. We came to hear, and there he was.

His father was the greatest influence of our work in the Congo in those days. So many of the workers and the mamas were slaying the missionaries, slaughtering them. Anyway, his father and mother did a great work for God there.

The radio stations still went on from other countries when they weren't allowed back in, and I believe it's still going, and David had a lot to do. Anyway, he's one of the children of one of our great missionaries, and I'm very grateful he's here today because I loved your father and mother and revered every moment I ever spent with them. Well, I was talking to one of the former missionaries of our mission, a retired woman who's now in her 80s, Miss Pat Seddon, and I said to her as I stood there, I said, you know, I'm 71 now.

She said, oh, shame, brother. It's downhill all the way now. Oh, not if I can help it.

Oh, well, Caleb was 85 when he cried, give me this mountain. Oh, hallelujah, for such people who don't give up at 60 to die in a rocking chair. Oh, anyway, they shall still bring forth fruit in old age.

Psalms 92 verse 14 is a wonderful promise to open, to hold onto for those that have given their lives to reach the lost. I know some of our missionaries, as they died, they led the soul to God that was tending them, the doctors, the nurses. That's all they lived for.

Last breath, hallelujah. Imagine dying and not being concerned of the souls because you really had no concern for any souls ever. You can't suddenly start a death, sir.

They shall bring forth fruit in old age. Don't bury your ministry too quickly after having acquired a lifetime of God-given experience and knowledge. You can't get that in a Bible school, sir.

Don't bury it too quickly if God's given it to you, and you can hold on. But there is yet another separation. There is yet another separation among those who have been called by God to preach.

In Judges 7 verse 3, we read of the 22,000 Israelites who had responded to fight alongside the godly Gideon. Of those 22,000, only 300 were carefully separated by God, who later went on to conquer an army of 120,000. Judges 8 verse 10 records.

And in 2 Samuel 23 verse 8 to 39, we are given a detailed record of the 37 brave men who courageously fought alongside King David in one of the darkest hours of his life, the 37 brave men. But of those 37, only three were referred to as chief among the mighty men, a very unique term in the whole Bible, mighty men. Adino, who lift up his spear against 800, whom he slew at one time, 2 Samuel 23 verse 8. Secondly, Eleazar, who smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword.

It was stuck onto the sword with blood, 2 Samuel 23 verse 10. And thirdly, Shammah, who courageously stood alone to fight an entire army, when all others had fearfully fled, 2 Samuel 23 verse 11 records. And these three mighty men, the Bible calls them, also broke through the host of the Philistines to draw water out of the well at Bethlehem in a staggering devotion to their king, 2 Samuel 23 verse 16 records.

These things did these three, these three singled out, 1 Corinthians 11 verse 19. But the other 34, though faithful and brave, did not attain unto the courage and greatness of these three mighty men, 2 Samuel 23 verse 19 and 23 records. Now there is also such a separation from among preachers, beloved, of those who rise up to be more fearless, selfless, and courageous than all others in every generation.

There is a separation, such a separation from among preachers of those who rise up to be more fearless, selfless, and courageous than all others in every generation. Daniel prophesied in chapter 11 verse 32 that in the last days there would rise up men who will do exploits for their God and instruct many, that is, who will make a courageous and staggering stand for God's truth in such a way that many across this earth will be profoundly affected in the last days. Mordecai cried to Esther, who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom, for such a time is this.

Esther 4 verse 4, does God not cry that to us as preachers in this compromising and apostate generation? He hath made us able ministers, 2 Corinthians 3 verse 6 says. He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword. Isaiah 49 verse 2 says that we may open our mouths boldly, Ephesians 6 verse 10, with great boldness.

1 Timothy 3 verse 13, to contend for the faith. Jude verse 3, and be valiant for the truth. Jeremiah 9 verse 3, and be counted among those who have hazarded their lives for Christ in this world, to be counted among those who have hazarded their lives for Christ in this world, Acts 15 verse 26.

And brother, if I perish, I perish, Esther 4 verse 16. Now, in our opening passage of Scripture, Matthew 10 from verse 30, Jesus spoke of the spiritual fruit and honor that would be bestowed upon those who are willing to sacrifice their lives for the souls of men. But then he carefully added these words, with persecution, with persecutions.

Preacher, preacher, Satan will not just sit back if he sees you totally surrendered to God's will, diligently seeking him to make you into a sharp threshing instrument in his hand, in his powerful hand. Isaiah 41 verse 15 says, Satan declared war against such saints. Daniel 7 verse 21 warns, the Lord Jesus warned Peter, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat.

Luke 22 verse 31, in this world ye shall have tribulation. John 16, 33, there is total onslaught of Satan and demons. Jesus said to his disciples, in this world ye shall have tribulation.

He that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. Isaiah 59 verse 15 records, how much more then they who preach the truth fearlessly, who turn many to righteousness. Daniel 12 verse 3, marvel not if the world hate you.

1 John 3 verse 13, John 15 verse 18, if the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own. But because ye are not of this world, but I have chosen you, I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Especially the world in the church. Paul spoke of being in perils, that's in grave danger among false brethren. Being in perils, danger among false brethren.

2 Corinthians 11 verse 26, in the time cometh that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God's service. That's contextually frightening, because it's speaking about religious people who actually believe they're serving God, they're doing God's service, but they're so far from God, those that thought they were serving him hated him and wanted him dead. They were the leading religious people of the day.

You think that's changed? Today, they may not kill you with a rock like Cain killed Abel, or with a spear like Saul attempted to kill David. Oh no, they may lose their testimony doing that. Today, they say, come and let us smite him with a tongue.

Jeremiah 18 verse 18, let us destroy him. If Satan can impart any knowledge to you of how to destroy anybody, and if you're willing to listen to Satan, you don't need a gun to kill a man, sir, or a knife. You murder somebody more evilly, cruelly, with this.

Just one sentence is all the devil needs, and a man, a great man, will crawl into the grave because the power of suggestion. He's guilty even if he's not. That's all the devil needs is a tongue, a tongue.

Come and let us smite him with the tongue. The tongue is an unruly evil full of deadly poison. James 3 verse 8 says, death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Proverbs 18 verse 21, you choose to make or break a man with this. It's your choice, though. It's your choice.

Satan goeth to and fro in the earth, God says, from walking up and down in it. Job 1 verse 7, your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5 verse 8, and they go up and down for him as tail bearers.

Leviticus 19 verse 16 says, and here is where all faithful preachers need to be careful, for the words of a tail bearer are as wounds. They cause wounds that go down like a knife into the innermost part of the body of the body. Proverbs 18 verse 8, they love devouring words.

Psalm 52 verse 4 warns, the prophet Habakkuk cried fearfully to God, wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth a man that is more righteous than he. Habakkuk 1 verse 12, when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he. I considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun, and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, but they had no comforter, and on the side of their oppressors there was power, but they had no comforter.

Ecclesiastes 4 verse 1, and here is where we are in danger of taking our eyes off of God, and can become gravely wounded. Preacher, we can become gravely wounded when my heart is wounded within me. Psalm 109 verse 22, their reproach hath broken my heart.

Psalm 69 verse 20, and I said, O that I had wings, that I could die, for then would I fly away. I would fly away and be at rest. Psalm 55 verse 6, but we are prisoners of the earth.

Beloved, lamentation see verse 34, which at times long for death, but it cometh not. Job 3 verse 21, I once in weariness of life, years ago now, spoke to a very godly man, a German man in Africa, and I said to him, it would be better if I just die. I would welcome it, and to face any more of this cruel unjust world.

This dear man looked at me and smiled gently. He said, no, Keith, boy, you're wrong. That's the easy way out, boy.

We all have our cross to bear, Keith, in this world. We are called to endure sorrows, to endure suffering, to endure trials. 2 Timothy 2 verse 3, in the school of God, boy, and always remember that in your darkest moment, Keith, God is doing his greatest work in your life.

He hasn't ceased to be God. Oh, orchestrated by the devil, yes, but allowed by God who is always to be looked at the broader picture of why, what he allows. He hasn't lost control, Keith.

In your darkest moment, my boy, God is doing his greatest work in your life where it wouldn't be allowed, for he is God. For it is in such times, Keith, that the Bible ceases to be your source of doctrine and becomes your source of survival, my boy. And you can't preach, boy, properly until it is that others can survive too, Keith, through you.

It is in such times that God clothes us with humility. You can't do that for yourself, boy. 1 Peter 5 verse 5, it is in such times that God doth instruct us and teach us discretion, Keith.

Isaiah 28 verse 26, to make you preach what he wants you to preach, the way he wants you to preach, Keith, that I should know how to speak. Isaiah 50 verse 4, and preacher, always remember, always remember he was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Isaiah 53 verse 3, yet he opened not his mouth, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps.

1 Peter 2 verse 21, set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth. Keep the door of my lips. Psalm 141 verse 3, say not I will do to him as he hath done to me.

Proverbs 24 verse 29, when Christ was reviled, he reviled not again. When he suffered, he threatened not, but committed himself to him that judges righteously. 1 Peter 2 verse 23, for I will undo all that afflict thee.

God promised in Zephaniah 3 verse 19, I will undo. I remember when I was on my face and that verse was given to me, and within 30 minutes, three men had fallen down dead in one town who were trying to

destroy me. I aged years in the next two weeks that that happened.

I didn't want it. That's why I have fallen on my knees in front of people that want to destroy me and beg them, not for my sake, sir, but for yours. I'm begging you, sir.

I will undo all that afflict thee. Zephaniah 3 verse 19, Pastor Don Covell once said to me, I'd rather be attacked, Keith, than to be the attacker in the light of this book. I'd rather be attacked than to be the attacker.

For God in righteousness turns the devices of wicked men to naught, requiting the evil, the wicked, and justifying the righteous, literally bringing his own conduct upon his own head. 2 Corinthians 6 verse 23, till all iniquity shall stop her mouth. Psalm 107 verse 42, but if it had not been for the Lord who was on our side when men rose up against us, then they had swallowed us up quick when their wrath was kindled against us.

Psalm 124 verse 2, when all hell rose up against God's people, when he had commanded them to work, God said, be strong and work, for I am with you. Haggai 2 verse 4, that matter, Keith, what's going on around you? You leave the fighting to me. Don't you fight? That's when you can be destroyed, boy.

There are very few left, and I don't even know what became of them who tried to destroy me that God didn't destroy in a way that left even whole towns in deathly silence and shock, because they knew it was God's judgment. Even the unsaved said so. Fear thou not.

Let not thine hands be slack. You just go on working. You just go on preparing.

You just go on to the next pulpit. Leave them to me, but you go on. Don't stop.

Let not thine hands be slack. Fear not. Zephaniah 3 verse 16, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15 verse 58, perhaps the words God spoke to Joshua in Joshua 1 verse 5 are the words I should end the sermon with. I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, verse 7 only. Be thou strong and very courageous, no matter what Satan and wounded soldier in the battle.

For the Lord, fallen hero, but you still hold your sword, and though you are fallen, God looks from above, and you must not doubt this. He looks down with love. Valiant warrior, Satan looks now with glee, and his people are glad what they see.

Their hearts were condemned as you preach from God's word. And they were all angered by what they had heard. You had dared to preach God's solemn truth.

He remembers how you stood from your youth, how those that condemned you and rose at your fall, all hate you. As David was hated by Saul, as you lie there, you look back to see who's left standing. You cry, can this be? For those who condemned you are fallen away.

Hold on, though you're wounded, till God has his way. Be wounded, soldier, take God's healing balm, for like David, he heareth your song. As Peter was sinking, Christ held out his hand.

He now holds his promise by which you can stand. You can stand, so take your sword to do battle for your Lord. Though you're fallen on the ground, through his promise, grace is found.

Wounded soldier in the battle for the Lord, fallen hero, but you still hold your sword. And though you are fallen, God looks from above. And you must not doubt this, he looks down with love.

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