

# Hebrews 11 - Part 3

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*Faith is the key to every success in our Christian life, and knowing how to worship God is the key to faith.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher reflects on the significance of blood in the Bible. He mentions various historical events where bloodshed occurred, emphasizing that blood is sacred and cries out to God. The preacher then focuses on the story of Cain and Abel from the book of Genesis, highlighting the importance of obedience to God's word. He emphasizes the need for both belief and behavior in the gospel, and warns against partial obedience. The sermon concludes with a reminder of the preciousness of time and the urgency of living a life aligned with God's will.

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## Transcript

Lord, we can sing tearfully because of its agony, but joyfully because of its blessing to us at the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light. We thank you that you didn't demand any payment from us. We thank you, Lord, you didn't expect certain standards of morality, but just as we are, we came.

You said, just as you are, come, and that's how we came. And you said, him that cometh, I will in no wise cast out. Lord, we are so varied here tonight.

Our backgrounds are so varied. Some of us, no doubt, brought up in strict morality and Christianity, others far, far away from God. But Lord, we think of this little girl there, we pray be her comfort in that well tonight.

But Lord, we were in a pit far deeper, and you reached down and lifted us up. Not only lift us up, but set us up. Not only set us up, but tuned us up, put a new song in our mouths, even praise is unto our God.

Lord, we think of many thousands, maybe millions in the country tonight, delirious over the World Series. But Lord, we thank you that we have something more intoxicating. We bless you for a perpetual intoxication, if it means joy unspeakable and full of glory.

There's love and life and lasting joy, Lord Jesus, found in thee. But we bless you, Father, that you delivered us from this present evil world. Tonight we are marching to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

We intend to make it by the grace of God. And you said, my grace is sufficient for thee. Lord, every one of us tonight is a debtor to somebody who prayed for us when we didn't care.

Tonight we're going to pray for others who don't care. They wouldn't even thank us, they're not even interested. The surest thing in the world is not death and taxes, it's death and eternity.

And yet, Lord, we're so unconcerned. They wouldn't even thank us, they're not even interested. The surest thing in the world is not death and taxes, it's death and eternity.

And yet, Lord, we're so unconcerned. But Lord, as we sang just a minute to go there, along my imprisoned spirit lay. Lord, we thank you for the day when our chains fell off.

Our bondage, our secret bondage. You broke it, you set the fetters off and made us free. We bless you tonight, we know in whom we have believed.

We're persuaded that he is able to keep that which we've committed unto him against that day. Lord, we bless you for your holy word. Open it to us, we ask in Jesus' name.

And the other one owns it all, her daddy's estate. What a difference in the size, look at the little thing and this big guy. You want to say that a few minutes? Good.

I have to read the scripture, I don't like a dedication. This is a dedication service, we don't sprinkle babies. Some people do, but that's the way they catch cold.

So we keep clear of that. You know where this is from, at least I hope you do, I'll just read it. The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

That's from Luke chapter 2 and verse 40. In Luke chapter 1 and verse 80, it says the same thing almost, with one exception. The child grew and waxed strong in spirit, but was in the desert until the days of Israel were showing forth.

That one of course is about John the Baptist. In the second one, the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, and he was filled with wisdom. The next thing it says concerning him, he went into the temple.

He came to pass after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of doctors, a twelve year old. Both hearing and asking them questions. Remember what it said here in the first reading? He's not only growing in grace, waxed strong in spirit, but he was filled with wisdom.

The proof here is at twelve years of age, he's sitting in the temple. There were three synagogues. The first one was for the doctors and lawyers, and the super saints of their day.

And he goes into the third synagogue, into the inner part of the temple, like the holy of holies. And here's a twelve year old boy, what does it say? Verse 47 says, they that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answer. The previous verse says he asked them questions.

I'd like to know what he asked them, wouldn't you? It would be very, very interesting, but I don't have a clue. But the fascinating thing is that he went into that inner part of the temple, where the learned doctors were. And almost all Bible teachers, scholars anyhow agree that the greatest of the Hebrew scholars was Hillel.

And he was living at that time, he was almost a hundred years of age. And he was revered, partly because of his age, and secondly because he had a kind of super wisdom. And here's a little twelve year old boy, asking questions.

Of the most learned man in the world at that time. He was almost a hundred years of age. He had a rival by the name of Shammar.

And he was there at the same time. I checked this to find out, so you couldn't tell I was making this up. And there was another one called Jonathan.

He was a compiler of the Chaldeic holy books as they called them. Then there was another one by the name of Jonathan. There was another one by the name of Simon, he was the son of Hillel.

And then guess who the last one was that was there? Nicodemus, that later was going to come into the life of Jesus. And here's a twelve year old boy, asking them questions, puzzling them. And they were astonished at the wisdom which proceeded from him.

They were astonished at his understanding and his answers. I don't believe they put a question to him that he didn't answer. Not as God, but as a specially anointed child.

You know we waste so many years of the lives of our children. In England it's compulsory to go to school at five. Our boy that now has a PhD was reading I think when he was three years of age.

We waste so much time, don't waste time with your children. If I remember right, the great hem-writer Isaac Watts. Let me take on Jack here.

Do you know his history at all? I think he could speak Greek when he was seven. And Greek and Latin at nine. And I don't know one or two other languages.

You see back in those distant days, you know, when they didn't have high schools. And poor souls didn't have TVs. Isn't it shocking what they had to go to school and no cheerleaders? They went to school.

To expand their brain, to expand their understanding. A whole host of those men that we call the, I call them kind of supermen. The men that we call the Puritans were all knowledgeable of three or four languages by the time they were twelve.

The school's hard boys went until they had to take a second language at about what, eleven years of age? Seven. I was behind you see, I was always behind at school. I'm always behind Martha, she's ahead of me.

Seven years of age you had to take a second language. They say by the time you're five, is it five years of age you'll develop most of your intellectual powers. And yet we waste them.

One way to waste a child's mind, or a quick way to send them to hell is buy them their own TV for Christmas. And don't monitor it. You see, the problem is if you start educating your children and really getting them lined up.

The thing is by the time they're thirteen they'll be smarter than you are at thirteen, that's really rough. And it's very rude of me to say it, so I want to emphasize it. It's an awful responsibility actually to be a parent in these days.

It's going to get more and more difficult, particularly as this terrible new age is breaking down on us. They're going to have to be rooted and grounded. It's no good yelling put the Bible back in school, I don't care a hill of beans whether they do or not.

I want to see the Bible back in the home. Not prayer back in school, prayer back... How many of you take your children every day of your life and pray with them and read the word to them and explain it to them? If you don't, you're not a real Christian father. I asked a woman one day, boy she was a... Oh she was a lovely looking woman.

She was what they called a suicide blonde. Do you know what that is? Died by her own hand. She got very angry, well you're not a suicide blonde so don't worry.

She got so angry when I talked about sin and so forth. She said, I want you to know I'm offended by your English tongue. I said, fine, come tomorrow night you'll be offended more.

She said, I'm offended. She said, do you know what? I belong in aristocratic American family. I am a pure-blooded American.

I looked her blue eyes and her blonde hair, I said, what reservation are you from? Boy, was she furious. I doubt if she's got over it now, not five years ago. Come on.

I'm trying to lay heavily on you the responsibility of being a father or a mother in these evil days in which we're living. There's a whole list of presidents of the United States who all in their turn, unconscious of each other, paid tribute to the fact that they read the word of God almost every day of their lives, or it was the underpinning factor in their lives. It's going to get harder and harder in this country and other countries to really stand by the word of the living God.

Well, my prayer for these precious children is this. As the child grows, oh how we rejoice how they grow physically, which is good. Emotionally, which is good.

Intellectually, which is good. But spiritually. Now, this is an amazing thing.

You know, Mrs. Booth, the mother of the Salvation Army, as we call her. She had, I forgot how many children she had. They used to have families in those days.

They don't have them anymore. Jonathan Edwards, he prayed. Jonathan Edwards prayed, I've got this in a book.

Jonathan Edwards prayed and read the Bible 13 hours every day of his life. And he had 12 children. 12 children.

Did you know him personally, Dick? No. Well, you answered so powerfully, I thought you knew him. But Mrs. Booth, if I remember right, says that her children never cried after they were six months old.

Think of that. And then when they got a little older, she went to bed every night, and before they slept, put her hand under the head of the baby, and said, and then kissed it, and going out of the room said, Darling, sleep, the world is waiting for you. Not the town, the world.

Every one of them became outstanding personalities. I saw two of those children. One guy went about 50 yards.

Gray hair, which is a sign of learning, isn't it brother? I met him, I met his oldest daughter, Tamara Shaw. I see some kids of the Maranatha group have been to France, and received very well. They danced in front of, what do they call it, that dame, Notre Dame Cathedral.

And they were well received. Isn't that wonderful? Christians going all the way to France to dance, and do mines. Dear God.

Educated people, pay all that money, all that Bible study to dance. Oh, it's a Christian dance of course. If there's such a thing.

It's a crazy dance for everything. But in the 1900s, Tamara Shaw, the oldest daughter of the founder of the Salvation Army, remember she went with a group of young English women, not because they were English, a group of women, and they rented a basement in one of the big factories in the middle of France, in the middle of Paris. And they hadn't been there many weeks, before the place was jammed out with harlots, the worst criminals in town, the worst prostitutes, and people from the Sorbonne came.

Grey bearded lecturers. Some of the greatest scholars of the day came and listened to this precious English lady, who spoke French better than the French. But at the beginning, they were taught at home.

But William Booth said, every one of you is born for a purpose. These precious children, they're not born accidentally. They're not born just to bring honour to the father and mother.

God has an eternal purpose for them. And I want to remind them that it's their business, not just to see they grow a little longer and a bit fatter and smart intellectually, but grow spiritually. Remember that Hannah went every year to the temple.

She gave a child. Have you ever thought of the heartache? Every year she went, she took him a new suit, he grew out of the last one. Every year she had the wrench of coming home without that child.

She gave him once, and forever he was God. The altar sanctifies the gift. What you put on the altar you can't take back.

What kind of a child did she have? You've heard me pray so often here, and I still pray, both here and at home. I'm so tired of living amongst mediocrity. Average people.

God's looking for unusual men, unusual women. And it doesn't begin in the pulpit, it doesn't begin just in the home, or the school, or Bible school, it begins in the home. I'm going to take the Indian baby first because, not any preference, but just because the Indians were here before we were here.

So you see what I mean? What's the baby called? Don't give me an Indian name. Allison. I think it's kind of a tough baby.

You better put your hand on the knife. Father, we thank you for this precious life you've entrusted to these dear ones. Lord bless dear Allison.

We ask that right from her early days she may hate that which is evil and cleave to that which is good. Lord, we have need of saintly, holy women. We pray that she will grow up to be a blessing to her parents and an honour to God, and a tremendous addition to the Church of Jesus Christ.

Sanctify her mind, sanctify her body, sanctify her emotions. Lord, don't let there be one usual thing about this child. Make her totally unusual.

Make she grow more rapidly in spirit, even in appearance. Lord, make her spiritually illumined that she may be able to say, even if they can't hear, Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth. So we commit her to you, Lord.

Here she is. However long she lives, Lord, we believe that she lives to the glory of God. One day in eternity, this congregation will see this precious one mature in the presence of our holy God.

Hallelujah. Now listen, bless you, dearie. She won't let me kiss her.

Twenty years from now, she'll let somebody else do that. Maybe. If her daddy isn't watching.

Oh, wonderful, Hannah. Isn't that beautiful? Don't put your arm on mine, sir. I'm scared, you know, I think they might snap.

Oh, she's looking round. They're not laughing at you, dear, they're laughing at me. Lord, we thank you for this precious babe.

Thank you for trusting, dear John and Linda. Loaning her, she's your property. Lord, I praise you, they'll guard this precious one.

But again, there'll be inspiration to her. That she not only read about the things of God, but see the things of God in the lives of her parents. Again, I ask that body, soul and spirit, you'll sanctify her.

Take her for your own. May she grow up in maturity. Lord, I dare to believe for both of these babies, there's a place of destiny.

They're not just ordinary children, they're born of sanctified parents for a purpose. Not to add to the world's population, but to add to the kingdom of God. Both in their own lives and in the lives of others.

To this end, we thank you and we bless you. We bless, dear Hannah, in your name. Like this.

Hold her tight, don't drop her. I've lost my burden. Let's sing a verse, this is my story, this is my song.

If you weren't here the other weeks, you won't know. But anyhow, for the next few weeks, we're going to study Hebrews 11, the faith chapter. Let me remind you again that faith is mentioned more than 300 times in the New Testament, only twice in the Old Testament.

You know, there's a wonderful pattern in this Hebrews 11. Remember, the common denominator is they had faith. It occurs that the key word in the chapter is faith.

The key verse in the chapter is verse 6. He that cometh to God must believe that he is. That he is what? That he is all he says he is. If you let down to chapter 7, verse 25, he is able to save to the uttermost.

In another scripture, he is able to keep you from falling. In another scripture, he is able to make all grace to abound to you. What's Psalm 46 beginning with? No one remembers.

Thank God, I couldn't get it, it's the second part of it. God is our refuge, he is our refuge. In other words, he is our all in all.

The first character mentioned in this chapter, Hebrews 11, is who? Abel. Why? Because he worshipped. And the key to every success in our Christian life is knowing how to worship.

I don't believe we know how to worship. I found a very smart, intelligent man this week, came to my home. I'll tell you why, smart, he agreed with all I said.

Which is unusual. No, but in the course of talking, he said, Brother Raymond, I don't think we can worship collectively. I said, I don't either.

We can sing. Remember again, I say, Prayer is preoccupation with our needs. Praise is preoccupation with our blessings.

Worship is preoccupation with God. I don't know if I have that verse here. My goal is God himself.

Not joy, not peace, not even blessing, but it's thee, my God. It is his to lead me there, not mine, but his. At any cost, dear Lord, any road.

One thing I know I cannot say him nay. One thing I do, I press toward my Lord. My God, my glory, hear from day to day.

And in the glory there, thy great reward. The first character then is Abel. What did he do? He worshipped.

The second character is Enoch. What did he do? Worship? Maybe he did. But he walked.

Abel walked, Enoch worshipped. The third character is Noah. He worked.

You see, faith isn't daydreaming. A simple definition is faith takes God at his word. Takes God at his word.

I think in the first book I wrote, I put a statement there that one day somebody's going to read the Bible and believe it. And when they do, Lord, be embarrassed. Do you know that makes preachers so furious? They say, boy, I read your book ten years ago, and I can't get over the fact.

Oh, wonderful, you mean I've kept you awake for ten years? Yes, you said one day we'll take the word of God and believe it. Well, come on, be honest. Why should you be able to complain again the world doesn't believe God if we don't believe him? There's two things Mrs. Boo said again to her children.

No, it wasn't Mrs. Boo, Mrs. Wesley said, you have two things to do with the gospel, believe it and behave it. We've been heavy on believing it but not behaving it. Dear Lord, if we both, everyone has to toe the line who's disobedient to the word of God, our churches will be empty.

But remember, partial obedience is disobedience. The way for the children of Israel out of bondage was what? To take a lamb and slay it. Maybe it was a pet lamb.

We used to live in the old, kind of an old relic of a castle in England. The boys had, we had a lot of sheep, about 150, no, in Ireland. And the boys each had a lamb.

Boy, they grow so quickly. Mary had a little lamb, they followed her to school one day. They used to follow, our boys used to get hold of them with the wool and pull them back.

We had to sell them one day. Oh boy, that would upset the house. Here's a lamb, you have to slay it.

It isn't enough to slay it and take the blood and put it in a bowl in the house. The angel of death would still come. The blood has to be applied upon the lintels and the doorposts.

How many thousands of people are there who print our Bibles and don't know a thing about them? Build our churches and never go in them and I can understand why they don't in some degree. Print the Bibles and don't read it and don't believe it. And they're going to have a greater judgment.

I think every time you go down the street and see a cross on a church, that will come up against us at the judgment. The more I read of the judgment, I'm reading it by day and I can say it before God by night. You know last night I slept all night, I couldn't believe it was read.

I like to go to bed between nine and half past. Go to bed half past nine, half past eleven and get a few hours with the Lord. The phone doesn't, you know we were going to have a quiet day today.

We had eight visitors today. I tell them, listen, 15 minutes. Oh I've come 500 miles, I don't care if you've come from Jupiter.

My time's due preciously. You get 15 minutes. A guy came from England, you know that wonderful country of England came a few weeks ago.

I come all the way from England, I say well sit on the chair where others sit. And I gave him a little more than half an hour. You know, the most precious thing we have we think is money.

Don't spend your money frivolously but don't spend your time frivolously. I'm only 20, you may be dead at 21. You don't have a lease on life.

The only thing any man in the world has is one beat of his heart, that's all. We need to sing, take time to be holy. We need to worship, one night we'll take a study now, worship God in spirit and in truth.

Let's go back now to Genesis, read the story in the original, not in the original Hebrew, just the original story in chapter 4 of Genesis. I mean again from the King James Version of course. Adam knew Eve his wife and she conceived and bear Cain and said I've gotten a man from the Lord.

And she again bear his brother Abel and Abel was a keeper of the sheep but Cain was a tiller of the ground. In the process of time it came to pass Cain brought to the fruit of the ground from the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. Abel also brought to the firstlings of his flock and the fat thereof.

Why does it say the fat? To prove that he killed it. The fat isn't on the outside. It's telling us he killed it in obedience.

But the thing is where did he get a clue from? I don't believe he was in the garden the first shedding of blood was not by man. The first shedding of blood that is the animal blood was when God took the beasts and killed them and made skin coverings for Adam and Eve. Do you think there was a clue in his mind? God could have accepted something else but he killed beasts covered us with the skin he shed blood and when that blood was shed our shame was taken away we were hidden why not? This I do know that one man brings an offering from the ground verse 3 Abel brought to the firstlings of his flock and the fat thereof and the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering but unto Cain and to his offering he had no respect and Cain was very wroth and his countenance fell.

Why didn't God accept the offering that's all he could bring? I'll tell you why he couldn't accept the offering of Cain look in verse 14 of the 3rd chapter the Lord said unto the serpent because thou hast done this thou art cursed above all the cattle verse 17 Adam he said because thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife watch it I'm not facetious here you hearken to the voice of your wife instead of me you know Abraham disobeyed God and God says watch the voice of thy wife God didn't speak to him for 15 years and I'm not thinking just literally of the wife there but somebody very close to you take their advice against the advice that God gives and God is a jealous God the purest of love has jealousy in it and God is a jealous God and we don't think of that we think of his love all the time he's a jealous God I wonder how much he gets oh I didn't get much out of that meeting tonight but that's not the point no it was a sermon good what did God get out of it did he get worship, did he get adoration did he get what he's looking for our only business on earth is to glorify God is to get to know him intimately I noticed that Dr.

Weir my dear old friend Dr.

Tozer he knew God very closely and he did he wasn't the greatest preacher I've heard in my life I've heard preachers in many countries around the world and Tozer was not the greatest he had a more intimate fellowship with God than any man that I was ever with even to kneel with him you could almost feel some vibes as we might say coming from him and when he prayed there was a holy ush I prayed with him many times in a little office that was half a length from here to the window and he didn't put books on the shelves he stood them up this way so he wouldn't be bothered to read them he spent his time with God worship, adoration but the ground was cursed and he wanted to bring the ground that was cursed the fruit of the ground and God said no that's why these folk that poor brother that got

that million plus dollars from dirty damnable dollars from the gamblers blood stain, sin stain or tear stain, beer stain blood stain, sin stain and said it was an answer to prayer that's a lie from hell God doesn't want that well he was to help young doctors listen there are more than a thousand Christian doctors in America why can't they pack up and go to the most parts of the earth nobody's challenged them to do it and they're not rookies they've experienced for about 34 years of medical practice they could finish years, glory years instead of staying at home playing golf and doing some other thing but God is a jealous God everything that he receives has to be pure even before he receives it you couldn't take a lamb that was limping that was lame you couldn't take a lamb with any

defects it had to be an antitype or a pretype if you like of the Lord Jesus, a perfect lamb anyhow he says he brought his offering but verse 14 that we read again in the third chapter the Lord said unto the serpent thou hast done this, thou art cursed go down to verse 17 unto Adam he said because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wifeness eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee saying thou shalt not eat cursed is the ground for thy sake because of that cursed ground he tried to present a gift to God it shall bring forth thorns and thistles let's go now into chapter 4 so we'd save some time unto Cain and to his offering he had no respect and Cain was very wroth he was very angry you know there's nothing no anger worse I think than religious anger I wonder why he was angry I

suggest to you that this was not the first time that this young man and after Abel came away from worship which he did because he offered he offered the lamb and I'm very very suspicious about people coming to the altar the altar is for one of two things death or sacrifice it's cheap to come to the altar now I've talked with a man not long ago goes to a big church 20 to 30 people come forward in our church every week I don't know where they go I guess about a dozen congregations like that in the last month where do all these people go it doesn't mean anything to come to the altar people don't come broken hearted because

of sin they come and get a lift they get an emotional lift they feel better because they've said they're sorry my dear friend when you think of the cross all it cost Jesus

Christ no disaster people now you're saved, you take up your cross and follow him we don't say that to Christians these days I kind of think he came back from the worship of God and his brother had nothing but his miserable possessions and when his brother comes back from worship he'd been up the hills he comes back and he delighted himself in God and his brother thought where in the world do you get this delight where do you get this joy you see people say it's boring to go to church it sure is I guess you heard of the preacher that said on Wednesday night next week I want to meet all the board members in my church 700 turned up to meet the board what greater joy is than being married to the will of God and here way there in the beginning this fellow has no he can't pick up a Bible there

is no Bible there's nothing written maybe the spirit bore witness with him that this is the way to do it and I'm sure in his heart he knew his brother I can't think this is the first time that Cain punched Abel on the nose I guess many times he was angry he's so light hearted he's so free he moves in a dimension I don't know anything about and therefore he got more and more angry and then when the offering was received by God the sacrifice the Lord said to Cain why art thou wrath and why art thou why is thy countenance fallen so in verse 5 here you have anger there's his first sin anger in verse 7 you have sin this is the first time sin is mentioned in the word of God and then death at the door and unto thee shall be his desire and thou shalt rule over him come down to verse 9 of verse 8

we read Cain talked with Abel his brother and it came to pass when they were in the field that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him I kind of think he'd beaten him up many times and maybe Abel didn't think it would be any worse this time than the last but this time he slew him verse 9 the Lord said unto him I know not see what the first thing was in his sin he got angry and the second thing is he slew his brother and the third thing he became a liar thy brother's blood cries to me from the ground let me remind you again briefly George Fox you must read the life of George Fox that famous Quaker the man that made leather breeches because his others wore out riding horses and praying and he has a cathedral with red stone two towers instead of one going through the town he said

my feet began to burn so he took his shoes off the Lord said take off thy shoes he put them under a hedge he said raise your hand walk right through town it was market day they were selling cattle selling fruit and he marched through town with his hands in the air into our bloody city when he got through the city he said I felt such a relief he said I thank the Lord for strength and the Lord said you'll need more you can go back and do it again you think the Lord has no humour so he said I walked through and people came out of a butcher shop and the drug store was called the apothecary the man came out of the apothecary they stared who is this man who is this wild man oh he's George Fox he's founding a new branch of Christianity called Quakers anyhow he walked through the city again and

he said when I got to where my shoes were my feet were not burning I put them on more than a year after he was staying in the home of a wealthy Quaker Cadbury's chocolate in England they're Quakers and fries are Quakers lots of very very as you say multi-million dollar people are Quakers they're very rigid they won't fight in wars lots of things they won't do they keep the Sabbath rigidly they take care of the poor share their money build wonderful schools and children can go or used to go free education anyhow he went to this Quaker's house for supper and supper wasn't ready so the good man said go into my library it was all thee and thou thou can go into my library and he said he went in he took down a volume and he opened this great volume and what did it say Litchfield and he read 200

years before in Litchfield a bunch of Christians had been martyred and he said Lord I didn't realise but the Lord said your feet were burning because those martyrs who had been there for 200 years their blood was crying from the ground he said my brother's blood cries from the ground I've told you there's a book you should get it you fellows for your children too what's it called martyrs what's it called Jack pardon no no no a far better book than Foxes cost you \$32 it's worth it you know as I handle that I handle it today showing it to a pastor the blood of everybody martyred the blood from every battle field whether you go back to France Passchendaele, Binny Ridge, Somme what was it 600,000 people destroyed in the battle of Somme when I was a kid in 1914-18 war all the people killed in

the Franco-Prussian war in the Roman Empire all that blood cries to God from the ground blood is sacred thy brother's blood crieth from the ground and remember there's another scripture in Hebrew says the blood of Christ speaketh better things than the blood of Abel this is the blood of condemnation thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground Cain said Lord in verse 13 my punishment is greater you know I'm convinced of this that through revival meetings when the Holy Spirit of God begins to convict people it's like having open heart surgery without an anaesthetic God opens the prison house of memory you can talk about the subconscious and all you like God only has to open that door by conviction I remember preaching in that great Methodist church right opposite Abbey Theatre where

George Handel preached at a conference there on Psalm 51 I remember two and a half years afterwards I went to a conference in the north of Ireland and a man came to me he said do you remember me I said no he said you preached in the Methodist church at that conference oh yes yes in Dublin he said do you know that night my wife and I went good Methodists so there must be bad ones because they were good ones he said we went real good Methodists we ate a cookie or a biscuit we say to go to bed went to bed my wife sat on one side of the bed I sat on the other you know that friendly loving couple get into bed get into bed yourself are you going to get into bed are you going to get into bed no he said it went on like that till after 12 o'clock till 1 o'clock then he said I got out of the bed

and I yanked it away from the wall and my wife walked round that way and I walked this way and he said to me oh it's alright for her he said I just sat on the bed she just lay there in bed muttering weeping crying praying he said little later he said every sin I ever committed all rose up and marched round the bedroom I could hear the trample of their feet sins of youth sins of manhood open sins secret sins sins of the flesh sins of the spirit they marched in parade you know it's one thing to sing my change fell off it's another thing to say long my imprisoned spirit lay you know God has power to recall every sin that you and I have ever committed unless you are under the blood but I want to tell you something I write little aphorisms try to write one everyday the holiness of God the

holiness of God will not ignore the sin that is the mercy of God will not ignore the sin which his holiness condemns if he condemns it brother we are in for trouble but if it's under the blood people say oh I get trouble sometimes about some sin I did before I was saved well forget it he said he saw it in the abyss of his forgetfulness never to be remembered against us anymore forever boy if that doesn't make you shout you are in bad shape even if you are not pentecostal all the sins you ever committed sins of the flesh sins of the spirit sins of you sins you do remember sins you don't remember sins other people bring up against you so forget what they say we are justified in his sight you see this guy went the wrong way his tongue is stained with lying his hands are stained with blood

his heart is stained with anger and enmity and hatred no blood has ever been shed human blood isn't it amazing it was a brother that killed his brother that started the whole bloody mess and since that blood

there has been a river of blood I honestly believe in my heart that human history is not written with ink on pages of paper human history is written in blood on the parchment on the skins of men and women verse 16 says Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of none you see it wasn't enough to have done what he did he ran away from the presence of God did he ever do that I'll tell you when God the Holy Ghost is on a church not when you talk about its numbers when people don't go in and when they get in they are irritable they want to get out as quickly as

they can from the presence of God there are more ways than one and what they do they suffer agonies because God is trying to heal them but often he has to wound us this man must have felt terribly wounded he's stained with lying he's stained with murder he's stained with disobedience how in the world did he face his father and mother well he knew what sin did either his father or mother tell the story it said God drove them out of the garden of Eden the paradise and messed it up if we put this world right unless Jesus Christ rules lives it will be as bad in six months it takes the miracle of grace to transform human personality he was driven out of the grounds and God says to him in verse 11 now thou art cursed the devil was cursed the lamb was cursed and he says now thou art cursed from

the earth I'm looking for the verse that says God put a mark upon him what? 15? thank you the Lord said and the Lord set a mark now listen he put a mark on Cain why? lest any finding him well according to some people there's only four people in the earth his father and mother wouldn't sway him lest any finding him there must have been a lot of people on the earth I read one record he was the chief on the earth by the time this thing finalized this chapter but lest any finding him should slay him a mark upon him you know we're moving up to that time very quickly I think we're going to have to sign up straight with God or wear the mark of the beast people say I won't do that the government won't get me well open your billfold why? because you've got an identity card haven't you? it's

already got your number so you can't back away from it and I tell you I believe we're going into a greater conflict than ever right now this new age theory that's coming is all anti-Christian every bit of it this new stuff that Oral Roberts is the head of that fellow Pork is in with him and Pork says his sister comes into his office and talks with him she's been dead over a year and then she comes and talks in his office and yet they've launched this what group of charismatics they're going to change the world nothing of the kind the holy ghost alone can do it his business is to convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment to come lest any finding him should slay him and it says in verse 17 Cain knew his wife and she conceived him there Enoch isn't that amazing huh I'm

not facetious here but I don't know the background of Beerspence and his wife that much or John and his wife I'm not suggesting they're like like Cain that Cain the wicked man should bear Enoch the man that walked with God all his life we'll talk about him next week this man worshipped Abel worshipped Enoch walked what does it say he knew his wife and she conceived him there Enoch what did he do he built a city so there you are right after coming out of Eden they become materialistic what does it say it says Cain built a city what does it say about Abram what did he do huh good for you 10 marks Cain built a city Abram looked for a city John saw the city you know you and I boy we're going to have the hottest judgement that any humans have ever had since the day of Pentecost I believe why

because we have a complete revelation of God God has nothing to add to it dear Lord instead of our churches being crippled and powerless and fireless they ought to be throbbing with the Holy Ghost people ought to be rushing there I told a preacher the other day I said brother and I'm not prostitious about any of these things I'm light hearted I ache I weep I get out of bed at night go to my closet and pray wait on God

I'm wondering that somebody I don't care what the Pentecostal testimony is that a pastor can stand at the door throw the doors open and say to the world outside a world that's scarred by the evangelical witness of the last 2 or 3 years not only scarred it's scared because of the coming judgement a poll was made recently by one of the leading groups in the country leading

newspaper monthly paper what are you afraid of what's your number 1 problem fear I can't give you the exact list but this was it what are you afraid of I'm afraid of cancer what are you afraid of I'm afraid of an atomic war what are you afraid of I'm afraid that the banking system will collapse they went down the list I'm afraid of personal injury I'm afraid of death I'm afraid of war I'm afraid of atomic war I'm afraid of a Russian invasion you know out of about 25 answers not one person said they were afraid of God not one but listen it's not there's no fear of God before the eyes of the man in the street there's no fear of God in the pew there's no fear of God in the pulpit there's no fear of God in the seminary there's all his majesty and glory as I read to you last week I used to use

it in the open air so often in the 10th chapter of this marvelous book and remember this book actually that is the epistle to the Hebrews one word to say to sinners it's all to believers let us let us we we we it says all through the book it says in chapter 10 it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God we say that to the drunken the harlot but that's a fearful thing for me to fall into the hands of the living God isn't going to dim his holiness isn't going to lessen his power because you've served him for 40 years as a missionary or something it's a fearful thing for me to say I'm a Christian it means I'm Christ's one Christ has my mind Christ has my thinking Christ has my heart Christ has my interest I'm not interested in world series I'm interested seriously about

the world and there's going to have to be only this one thing when you come down to what chapter 12 or 13 where it says without what without miracles no without holiness no man shall see the Lord and Jesus didn't die to save us from hell that's a fringe benefit he died to get total occupation of us to be holy in speech in acts in desires do you wonder that DOS let me quote him once again there was a lady called she lived 100 years before John Wesley he found a hymn of hers on a piece of ragged paper and all his life he loved that hymn written by a petite little French lady she wrote this come save your Jesus from above assist me with thy heavenly grace empty my heart of earthly love that's where it starts he's not going to be a shareholder forget it he doesn't want partnership he wants

ownership of every part of my being come save your Jesus from above assist me with thy heavenly grace empty my heart of earthly love and for thyself prepare the place nothing on earth do I desire listen nothing on earth do I desire but thy pure love within my breast this, only this will I require and freely give up all the rest wealth, honour, pleasure and what else this short she will, my soul rebels for Christ alone is all to live thee will I love and thee alone with pure delight and inward bliss to know thou takes me for thine own there's a girl going home to her mother that I should say mother you know I've been going out with Jim for 5 years and he's a lovely man he's a lovely character he's a godly man do you know tonight he proposed do you think he's ever going to be the same from

here to eternity that young man could have chosen out of a hundred girls in the church he chose me, he chose me I've got to realise that he chose me, I didn't choose him he chose me nothing on earth do I desire this, only this will I require and freely give up all the rest wealth, honour, pleasure and what else this short she will, my soul rebels for Christ alone is all to live thee will I love and thee alone to know thou takes me for thine own unworthy me undeserving me unuseful me to know thou takes me for thine own oh what a happiness is this that path with humble speed I'll seek in which my saviour's footsteps shine nor will I

think nor will I speak of any other love but thine henceforth may no profane delight divide this consecrated soul possess it thou who hast the right as Lord and

Master of it all he cheated to sing but remember John Wesley was one of the most brilliant men that ever lived he spoke a number of languages read his Bible almost every day in English and in Latin and in French and yet at the end of his life sure he made a lot of money a guy challenged me not long ago he said well you talk about Wesley he didn't die penniless he made a lot of money sure he did he had one of the biggest incomes of any man and all he did was ride horseback and preach but what did he do with his money he built orphanages and he built schools and he built churches and he printed Bibles and he printed Methodist hymn books that's what he did with his money all his money was sanctified when he died he left 6 pound notes so that he said get 6 poor men to carry me to my grave and

he got a pound note which was maybe worth 25 dollars those days so he had 6 men each got a pound note he had a handful of oh he had 6 silver spoons did you know the IRS got after him for having 6 silver spoons even in his day where do you get them what do you want with 6 silver spoons an old lady gave me that old lady has done so much good in history hasn't she an old lady gave me 6 silver spoons I have 6 pounds a handful of books a Geneva gown that he preached in that's all he had 6 pound notes 6 silver spoons a handful of books a Geneva gown and something else what was the other thing he left oh I know I knew something the Methodist church all out of one man who got kicked out of the church of England the Bishop of Gloucester said that man Whitfield will never preach in my church you

don't nobody else does but all the world Christian world knows about George Whitfield he got kicked out like the rest of them they were too hot to handle boy it would be great to have some preachers too hot to handle but God is the same God the God who was with Wesley the God who saw this man through alright the last thing what did Abel get killed for the scripture says because he was righteous if you want to prune a church I'll tell you what preach righteousness you'll lose 80% of your congregation then if you want to lose another 10% preach holiness righteousness is my relationship with my fellow man holiness is my relationship with God we're lacking both of them these days righteousness righteous Abel the word of God said Zachariah was killed between the door post and the altar to

preach righteousness we're going to come down to Noah what did Noah do you say Noah built an ark no he didn't oh yes he did yes he did but it says in Jude he wasn't killed for building an ark what was he killed for he preached righteousness and people won't ask them for righteousness you can preach about the second blessing the second coming the second anything else he was seeking bondage maybe it is tell you what it's glorious bondage I'd much rather have bondage of relationship with him than bondage that people have in the world anyhow so we leave Abel there didn't live very long I told a young guy the other day I said brother it's not how long you live it's how you live that matters Draynard didn't live long McShane didn't live long Henry Martin didn't live long he might have been one

of the greatest diplomats in England but he left England went to India was there less than 7 years he took the original Greek and translated it into Hindustani then he went back to his Greek and translated it into Arabic one of the most difficult languages in the world and yet the whole gospel really in India sprouts out of that that one young man and he came out of a church I learned another book today and the pastor of that church was influential I don't know what else in leading one young man into experience with God Henry Martin and that's the way God works these people also varied in what they did but they all had faith Enoch had faith to walk Noah had faith to work Abraham had faith he saw a city afar off we can see it all as we read this blessed word we've got we've got the end

chapter of human history not only that we've got something beyond the end chapter another revelation from God himself but remember faith as a grain of mustard seed I remind you again Paul's anxiety for the people at Thessalonica I'm praying night and day not for sinners, not for drunkards not for the Roman Empire I'm praying for your faith I pray night and day that I may see your faith and help complete your faith in the second epistle chapter when he says your faith grows exceedingly but faith that is going to be trusted is going to be tested we need to know that we have one single reason to be unbelievers because we've got this precious word God's faithfulness well we'll come back to it next week but tonight I've got something that will cheer the heart of my Indian friends here today a

brother called me and asked for prayer in our service tonight for a man, what was his name his name is Leonard Everly E-V-E-R-L-Y and he prayed for him he said this man has committed his life to evangelizing Indians in America but two or three years ago he had an enormous growth he had a tumor it weighed 18 pounds when they took it out of him then after that he had cancer the tumor if I remember right he wouldn't let the surgeon put a knife on him the tumor went but after that he got cancer and maybe it was after he got the cancer he wouldn't let them touch him but he had a healing but now the cancer is coming back and he asked that we pray for him tonight and he said this man really loves the Indians and gives his life for the Indians I talked with another man this week from he's from

Cincinnati at least his friend is there's a reckless young man there boy I love reckless young men it's a holy recklessness he goes into the town square once a week Thursday and meets everybody that comes and in a little over a month he's had 88 people out of the street not kids out of Sunday school kids out of the street raw, raw unbelievers rebels against 88 of them have been saved in the last two months the young fellow stands in the square where our Dave Watt used to live in Christchurch, New Zealand every day of his life he stands there at the other end of the square there's a native there have been so many encouraging things this week that this young man's given his life to serve the Indians this man's given his life to standing in his own city and witness there and somebody else

told me about some prayer meeting somewhere I don't know where that was except that there are people again that are really recognizing the lateness of the hour in which we're living there's not much time left we'd better put on the whole armour of God better, Lord, teach us, teach us, teach us what it means to really trust God to exercise faith believe God in this very late hour we're not responsible for Finney's day or Wesley's day we're responsible for our day and I won't rest either I want to see the glory of God or else go to glory, one of the two doesn't matter which for me in one sense I want to see God's name vindicated in this rotten day in which we live I want to see some house of God where 24 hours a day it's open so people can go we don't close the hospitals after 8 hours a day

or the police station or somewhere why should the churches all be locked up tonight by the way we've got 4 young men coming down from Lubbock next week they said that Spencer was going to take care of where they slept so that's nice Spencer's going to hang them up in his place there's no room to lay down I'm sure anyhow there's 4 young men coming all the way from Lubbock because they're hungry they want to come to pray this dear brother away from Oklahoma tonight so let's remember this brother as the Lord enables us remember particularly Dave Wilkerson's work I don't know what's happening up in New York and dear Joe Foss I admire that little guy he was in the state prison in Missouri wasn't he this week oh it's still on yes he says it's psychics and hormones and loaded with AIDS he said

the very atmosphere when you go in reminds me of Alan Gardner there's 2 Alan Gardners one went to Tierra del Fuego whenever you see the story read it it will turn you on your ear he went down there and

died the other Alan Gardner went to from England to Egypt he said when I got off the boat in that Mohammedan country as soon as I got off he said the whole atmosphere was cloying it got hold of me it's so full of heathenism and superstition so let's uphold the hands of dear that little giant Joe Foss in that prison with all those thousands of men that are there just as degenerate and corrupt as any men on earth the trouble is many of those guys you know they've passed by church doors hundreds of times never felt a drawing power to go in they've seen Bibles didn't want to read them this is a

horrible thing every church door will testify against men in that day every time they pass a graveyard and see a cross we're without excuse and dear God I think we're without excuse more than anybody so are you I've got all the exceeding great and precious promises of God Spurgeon said this is God's checkbook with blank checks fill them in and by faith write your name and say they're already paid in the name of Jesus and he did it and I want God to move us up in faith not just praying but faith, believing they didn't get the promises of God and here's why because they had no faith they just said words let's really pray when you pray I'm praying with you others pray pray for Joe, pray for this brother going to the Indians pray for dear Spencer and the other Indians when they go back to

Oklahoma that God will do a strange work there I want God to get us angry that he bypasses us and uses somebody else I'd love to hear there's a Holy Ghost revival in Russia there's one in the middle of Africa by the, what do they call it, Misa tribe M-A-I-S-A Maasai you know, men are walking 20 and 30 miles to meetings because God has come down hard people won't come Sunday because the air conditioning isn't working in the car these people are walking 20, 30 miles I say again you never have to advertise a fire once the fire of God falls they'll come it will out rival sports or drinking clubs or any other hellish thing they're tired, our words have no meaning our words have no power Paul said I preach not in word only but in power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost and power and

demonstration of the Holy Ghost isn't getting excited running up and down then singing a half a dozen choruses to get people to the altar when the Holy Ghost is there people come to the altar without being asked they don't always walk to the altar, they run they don't always run sometimes they walk on their hands and knees this is strange language to us we're used to a nice quiet church you can go in and come out as you went in that's going to change there's a hunger amongst some people some here, some elsewhere we want to believe God we want to see God work overthrow the power of darkness so let's go to prayer if you have to go don't go to a scared praying but if you have to go sing a chorus

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