

Moved by the Holy Ghost

by Leonard Ravenhill

Leonard Ravenhill's sermon calls for a revival led by the Holy Ghost, emphasizing personal transformation and the power of faith in action.

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Description

Leonard Ravenhill emphasizes the necessity of being moved by the Holy Ghost, contrasting the spiritual fervor of early Christians with the complacency of modern evangelism. He recounts the powerful testimonies of individuals like Jackie Pullinger, who exemplify a life fully surrendered to God, serving the lost and marginalized without seeking personal gain. Ravenhill challenges the audience to seek a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit, urging them to abandon worldly distractions and embrace a life of radical faith and obedience. He warns that true revival requires sacrifice and a willingness to be transformed by the Holy Spirit, rather than merely seeking emotional experiences. Ultimately, he calls for a return to the foundational truths of the Gospel, where the Holy Spirit empowers believers to live out their faith authentically.

Transcript

Very often people refer to the British political system at Westminster as being the mother of parliaments, and very often people refer to the Keswick Convention as being the mother of conventions. It was begun about 1885, and it was begun by the Church of England, would you believe that? And one of the greatest hymns, as far as I'm concerned, was written by a bishop of the Church of England, Bishop Heber, and I want you to sing that hymn, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty. And then we sing the second stanza too, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee.

Father, we thank you tonight. We don't have to ascend into the heights to bring thee down, nor descend into the depths to bring thee up. But Lord, you've even said that where two or three are gathered together in your name, you're there.

We ask you for the Lord and Master of Ceremonies tonight. Speak Lord in the stillness as we wait on thee. Hush our hearts to listen in expectancy.

Speak O blessed Master in this quiet hour. Let us see thy face Lord, and feel thy touch of power. For the words thou speakest, their life indeed, living bread from heaven, now my spirit feed.

Lord I pray make this meeting a tragedy to the devil. Lord we've so often sung in our hymns, when shall all bondage cease and all fetters fall. But Lord many of us are in bondage tonight.

Break every fetter, liberate us, as we sang in that wonderful hymn of Wesley's tonight. He breaks the power of cancelled sin and sets the prisoner free. Lord let nobody go out of this meeting with unanointed eyes.

Let nobody go out in the flesh. Maybe everyone go out in the spirit. Glorify thy great name.

We'll give you praise in the name of him who makes this meeting possible our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you be seated. I think it's 80 years tomorrow afternoon since I first went to a Saturday meeting.

I was four years of age, so guess how old I am. And I remember 60 years ago spending an afternoon with the most distinguished woman preacher in the world. Her name was Catherine Booth.

She was the daughter of the founder of the Salvation Army William Booth. But just a few weeks ago I spent some time, my precious Martha, with a woman that I think is the most anointed woman in the world today. She hasn't, she doesn't own a penny.

She hasn't got two dresses. Nobody on her staff owns a car. She lives in a room 15 feet by 15.

Her bathroom is four feet by four with a toilet there. She has a little tap, a drip of water as big as your finger. She catches water in it and warms it.

Puts some soap on her head and throws the water over her head and that's the shower she has. The Queen the other day when she was in, where was she, in Miami. She didn't drop in to see us, but anyhow she helped Mr, what do you call him, Schwarzkopf? Schwarzkopf? Can't say.

She gave him a knife. Well she doesn't give that to ladies. She gives them an MBE, a member of the British Empire, and she gave that MBE to Jackie Pullinger, who I think is the most anointed woman in the world today.

I mean to listen to her. We started our meeting with 2,500 people in three days. We had 9,000 people there in the civic center in Anaheim.

And she just reduced the whole place to tears and brokenness. There was no thunder and shouting and roaring and voting and all that business. But one thing amongst others that really stuck in my heart was this.

She said there's only one place in the world where today they're having revival. Do you know where it is? It's in America. God's left America long ago.

We million-dollar crusades and nothing happens. We've had million-dollar crusades for 25 years. You can't tell me one city that's had revival through them.

We have 500 evangelists in America. We don't have one revivalist. Evangelists seek popularity.

Prophets shun it. The thing was this. Well, she said they're having revival in China.

Okay. And this is the country, remember, that Mr. Bush is trying to get us to link up with. And she says our young people, look at these young ladies here tonight, they go down the street, they go to a gospel meeting and disappear and they haven't been seen since.

The communists keep gathering up van loads of young people and take them away. They disappear. No politician's going to say that.

I'd tell Mr. Bush if I got half a chance. But we want some cheap cotton or something from over there. We've nothing to take over there.

In fact, some of the people over there say don't bring us American evangelism. One man said recently, young Americans come over here, they show it, they bring their guitars, they sing for three days, and by they go to America, live in luxury. But Jackie, you stayed with us.

And she said, looking at the walls, she said a man came out of prison recently. He'd been there 27 years for preaching the gospel. And when he came out, his face was the color of the wall.

He had been in solitary confinement for years. And the people sent news ahead he's coming back to his village. He didn't have a Bible under his arm.

He didn't have a little cassette. He just walked down the village street and the whole village came and repented. They knelt in the street and cried to God.

There's a Christian, there's a man who for 26 years has been in prison. He's been beaten, he's been without food, he's been without, he's been in solitary confinement, and yet the glory of God is on him. You see, we ought to get the glory of God by coming to a meeting.

She almost scorns those of us who go from meeting to meeting to meeting. I tell you when I listened to that woman, I felt like, well I have to follow her preaching as a matter of fact. And I've never felt as, well I always feel I'm worthy of preaching anyhow.

But to follow that amazing woman, I'll tell you how it happened. She was English as you would imagine. And she said to a vicar in the Church of England, I'm tired of giving a dollar for missions.

I'm tired of stand up, sit down, say a prayer, do something. What should I do? And off the cuff he said get on the boat and wherever it's topped get off and stay the rest of your life. She did that.

19 years of age, playing a classical oboe in the, what do you call it, the Philharmonic there. And little thinking about what that oboe is going to mean anyhow. Let me say this, she got on the boat, it stopped here, it stopped there, stopped at Singapore, stopped somewhere else.

Then it stopped in Hong Kong and she got off the boat. She was 19 years of age, she's still there at 44. She goes to the gutter most.

Martha said to her in our house, Jackie what's the most difficult thing you've had? She smiled so sweetly and she said, Martha I'm a very public person. I love people, I love people, but I love quietness. My biggest difficulty when I went to Hong Kong was to share my bedroom for 18 years with prostitutes.

Sometimes 12 of them on the floor, sometimes half a dozen men, sometimes criminals, the most wicked men that there are. But she so lived there that people say if you want to see a Christian go see Jackie. I

said now when I was talking to her I was thinking when I sat with the daughter of William Booth, she was about 20 years of age, she wasn't very athletic, she had the curvature of the spine that she inherited from her mother.

And William Booth of course used to kick everybody to the ends of the earth but he said to his children don't you go. So Catherine, the second Catherine said I'm going to France. She went to the underworld of France and rented a building there and within three weeks had revival.

Professors from the Sorbonne were there, these long bearded wise men of the world. Prostitutes were there. Men would come to the altar, take daggers out of the socks, take guns out of the socks and kneel there and weep.

And here these titled ladies of England left their stately homes. You see there's one thing that's more attractive than anything and on God's name I tell you this, you never have to advertise a fire whether it's in a man, whether it's in a church, whether it's in a community. All we need is men and women on the fire.

We don't need more money, we don't need more organization, we don't need broken bankrupt actors to come and sit on the platform of our conferences. Forget it, let's go back to God. Well there's my introduction.

Shall I preach now? I could talk all night about exactly what I want. Let me give you a text and do something with it from the second letter of Peter, second Peter chapter one. Have you got it now? I'm reading from the NIV, the never improved version, King James, King James, the never improved version.

There it is, NIV. Oh you just woke up, thank you. At least you're asleep, you're not asleep.

Second letter of Peter, chapter one and verse 20. Knowing this first, that prophecy of the scriptures have no private interpretation. For prophecy came not in the old time by the will of men, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

You get that? What are prophets? Prophets are holy men. Prophets are lowly men. Prophets are lonely men.

Prophets are direct. Prophets are daring. Prophets are difficult.

In the last two years I've traveled much of the country in conferences with up to eight to nine thousand people with some of the most famous so-called prophets in the world today. Then people say, do we have any prophets like Jeremiah? No we don't. These are prophets of God.

You see the little church I went to in England, they thought was very popular in England at the time. They used to make the difference and say this, and I've heard it on TV and you have years ago. The difference between the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.

In the Old Testament he was with them, and in the New Testament he was in them. That's not true. Look at the first epistle of Peter, and the first chapter, verse 9. 1 Peter 1 verse 9. Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls, of which salvation the prophets have inquired, search diligently and prophesy of the grace that should be unto you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ which was in them.

The Spirit was in them. Then look for a moment at the third chapter of Acts, and verse 22. Is that verse? I think it is.

No that's not the text. I wonder. Yes I'll find it now.

Acts 3 22 okay. Moses, listen, Moses truly said unto you, a prophet your Lord your God shall raise up of your brethren like unto me. Is that astounding? If Jesus said that, if Jesus said there was a prophet like me, and his name was Moses, that would be one thing.

But God says here's a man called Moses, and there'll be somebody raised up eventually who is like Moses. What was Moses? He was an intercessor. He prayed like no other man that ever lived except Jesus.

But let's go back again to that verse. In 2 Peter 1. Holy men of God spake, did you get this? As they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Do you remember that story in Acts 26? Is it 27? Where Paul was on a ship, and there were 270 people on it, and the ship got in trouble, and they threw out the baggage, they threw out the lifeboats, they threw out everything they have.

It's a type of the church that's in darkness, and going into further darkness. We're going to throw everybody overboard. Three years from now your money won't be worth a dime.

Not even the gold you've stashed away. We're going into the greatest tribulation the world has ever known, and the church isn't ready for it. And my prayer is the same as dear Joyce tonight.

I mean I should be in Hong Kong tonight actually. I should go from Hong Kong to Taiwan, Taiwan to New Zealand, New Zealand to somewhere else. But I'm where God wants me, and that's all that matters to me tonight.

To be here where God is, to say something, to share something which is superior, important to you. God is looking for men and women full of faith, and of the Holy Ghost. But it says that when they couldn't do anything with that ship, it says, well we let her drive.

That same word in the Greek is used here, move by the Holy Ghost. How does the Holy Ghost move? Doesn't it say in the beginning, he moved over the face of the earth? There was darkness over the face of the earth, there was chaos, and out of chaos he brought cosmos. What about these men here? What do you do with men like Zachariah? What do you do with men like Elijah? What do you do with men like Isaiah? These are awesome men.

You see we have such a petty idea of the Holy Ghost. We don't know God. I'm going to speak either tomorrow night or Sunday morning, I don't know which, on a message God gave me.

You see I was taught as a little boy in England, and I got a lot of wisdom there. Man proposes, but God disposes. Now last year I was ready to go to London to preach in the London arena of 11,000 people a night.

A friend of mine rented it for 168,000 for four days. We're going to have three meetings a day, and I anticipated going because people coming from Australia, New Zealand, India, all the evangelical preachers of Europe were going to be there. And then suddenly I didn't feel well enough to go, so I said well I'm not going.

But then I wanted to know why did God not let me go? Because I don't go to a meeting and preach. I'm not on hire. I'm not a taxi cab.

So I come here this weekend. It took me three months to prepare. If you give me \$100,000 it won't pay me.

It took me six months to prepare to go for six days, and then the Lord said no, so that's okay. So I waited on God, and he gave me this word. Holy men of God speak as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The other thing he gave me, which I'll share tomorrow night or Sunday morning, as it was in the days of nought. Do you know this is the most, this is the most critical crisis America or the world has ever been in? What's it say in the Bible? In the last days there'll be, what's the scripture you say Martha? Without, Martha remember in a minute. With no exit.

Without, or perplexity. What's the scripture though? I've forgotten even where it is. One of those blanks came up right now.

Okay. But it talks about the last days there'll be troubles in the world anyhow. Without, without, with perplexities.

In other words there's no way out. Why in God's name are we bowing the knees to Gorbachev? He's the bloodiest man in the world. He supervised the rape of Afghanistan for 10 years.

He supervised the rape of Romania for the few years that they had power. He was behind a terrible massacre in Tiananmen Square last year in China. He got his legs under the table in the White House for the first time in history.

Right before him all the homosexuals had a meal there. That's never happened in history. Going downhill, how much quicker can we go? There's only one answer to the situation in the world today.

Not just America, but the world. And that's a Holy Ghost revival. If we don't do that we'll have the biggest bloodshed in history.

And so I trust you'll give attention to what God wants to hear tonight. Holy men of God's pray because they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Well as I said I didn't go to that meeting, but I was on a plane with Martha in January of this year going to the conference in New York.

And I, no, not a conference in New York, conference in California. And I just looked out of the plane. I saw what looked like sheets and sheets or acres or miles and miles of snow.

And I nudged Martha, I said, darling look at this snow. And then the captain said, look to the right window and you'll see the white sands of New Mexico. And I thought, boy they look beautiful.

And just like that this text came into my mind, moved by the Holy Ghost. And then the most stupendous thing, look at the gospel recorded by Luke for a mini-renewal. What would happen to you, come on friend, let me ask you a question.

Supposing as you were getting ready this morning, packing your bag or putting gas in your car, an angel came and stood at the side of you and began to communicate. Would you ask for his visa? Would you say, are you really an angel? We're not used to seeing angels. Well here it says in the first chapter of the

gospel recorded by Saint Luke.

Now look at verse 28. The angel came in unto her and said, Hail, thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee. Isn't that something? An angel comes from heaven to tell a young woman, the Lord is with thee.

But wait a minute, look at verse 35. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest love of charity. That holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Come on, how many times have you read that and it doesn't mean that much to you. This young woman wakes up in the morning, she's an ordinary woman, her womb is empty, the Holy Ghost comes upon her, and at night time her womb is filled with God. What do you think she felt like? She goes to her boyfriend and says, Joseph I've got something to tell you darling.

And he says, well is it very important, because I've got something to do with it. No, no, no, no, no. This, I, I, nobody in history has ever had this.

What do you mean? She says, have you ever read the ninth chapter, have you heard the rabbi, or the high priest in the temple reading the ninth chapter of Isaiah, when he says a virgin shall be with child. He says, well darling I've heard that a hundred times. She said, well I'm that one.

No, she didn't say that. She wasn't allowed to say it. What do you think he thought as her belly begins to swell, she gets bigger and bigger and bigger and says, well I want to ask you, but I didn't ask you.

She said, well I can't tell you anything, I can't tell you anything. And then she goes from him, and she has to tell the high priest. Can you imagine the gossip? Listen, do you think you're going to get the Holy Ghost to revolutionize your life, and stay in the status quo? If you say you're in a meeting tonight, and in the mercy of God he moves you, and you say tomorrow, last night God moved on me, uh, in that meeting, it changed my life.

Listen, there's only one proof of that, it changes your lifestyle. You can't store it in your mind, because you get to know a bit more about the Holy Ghost than last meeting or that. God didn't ask you to be a walking library, he asked you to be a gospel personality.

What do you think was in Jerusalem? Somebody says, I want to tell you something, you won't believe this, you know all these soldiers that camped around, and there were at that time, hundreds of soldiers camped around Jerusalem, and you know Mary, which Mary, there's a hundred Marys go to the temple, you know, Holy Mary, you know the one always goes in the corner, she always prays with that woman a hundred years of age, Hannah. Is that something a woman went to church every day of her life for 80 years, and never got tired? That Simeon went and prayed every day? All the old people go up in that corner, there's old Simeon with his long beard within his eyes, I'm not going to die till I see the salvation of God. Do you know, in the last three years people have come from seven different areas, nearly as many countries to my office, and without knowing it, each of them have told me, oh Simeon, you're not going to die till revival comes, that's great.

I'm willing to hang around a couple more years, just as long as social security doesn't run out. No, I don't have a newsletter, if I don't want it, it's okay. I'm trying to trust the Lord anyhow.

Well, what's the news? Well, you know my, my, my brother-in-law's friendly with a high priest, and he says that Mary, you know little Mary, of course all kinds of girls are getting pregnant with all these soldiers

running about, but Mary, Mary says she's carrying a baby, and Joseph isn't the father. What? She's, she's let Joseph down? No, no, no. She just says, no man did this, I've had no meeting with a man at all.

Well, she adds blasphemy to it. She says God did this. You'll get filled with the Holy Ghost, you'll lose a lot of your friends, and then you have to say God did this.

That's not one way to get rid of your husband, by the way. But we don't think of that, do we? The Holy Ghost will come up. Do you think she knew that the Holy Ghost had come upon her? Do you think she got up next morning with her hands on her tummy and saying, the Christ of God is in me? I'm the only woman in history that would ever have this privilege.

That's wonderful. Maybe she didn't sleep for a night or two. But the gossip is around town.

Oh Mary, I saw today, you know she smiles and she's so gracious, and you know she acts as though she doesn't even know what's happening, and she's pregnant. A single girl like her. I've always told my daughter, I hope you'll be like Mary.

Mary's been a role model. She's at every meeting that's spiritual. She never missed a feast, a Passover, a tabernacle, anything else.

And now she's in this mess. Boy that gave her gossips, a lot of stuff to talk about. And she looks back and says, well how many times I've been in the in the temple and I've heard them read the ninth chapter of Isaiah, a virgin shall be with, but I couldn't believe it wouldn't be me.

Supposing I say there's another Jackie Pullinger here tonight. You think so? Is God in the same business? He found a 19 year old girl with a university degree, from a middle-class family, that today might be married with a bunch of children and living in a mansion in England, and she lives in the rottenest hell hole in the world. She doesn't go out till 11 o'clock at night.

She goes down an alley, and at the end of the alley 20 feet is where she sleeps. She goes down 10 feet, stamps her feet, claps her hands, so the rats won't get in the house when she opens the door. She has to drag them back.

Then she goes out and she finds women. Can you imagine there are women in Hong Kong at 60 years of age that have prostituted for 45 years? Do you know who hates Jackie the most in Hong Kong? The professional missionaries. They won't still toil their hands.

She doesn't say everybody should be like me, but thank God there's a model there. Even the, well I'll tell you what happened one night. A bunch of guys came into a meeting place.

They threw the chairs through the windows. They smashed the doors and tore the place up. They passed their dung off and picked it up and smeared it all over the walls and then went out.

And she came in to see the place wrecked and ruined and all the chairs broken, all the sacrificial money spent, and the places broken up, and human excrement on the walls that stunk like a skunk. All she did was wash it off. The men that did it had a sudden relapse and they went back to one of the greatest bandits in the nation.

They went to the den of the worst, rottenest, wicked men that murder and rape. It's their lifestyle and they rob and do every damning thing they can do. And they went back and said to the chief, you know we got in

Jackie's place tonight and we feel bad now.

We broke the place up. We broke all the chairs. We broke all the tables.

We smashed the windows. And the bandits said, go back and apologize. They said, what? Go back and tell you sorry.

You don't understand. I mean there isn't a chair to sit on. There isn't a thing.

We smashed everything that's smashable. We smashed. We can't go back to Jackie.

She won't forgive us. Here's a man who can cut your throat without spitting. Rape your daughter in front of her eyes.

Steal your money. Blast everything you have. And when this other rascal says, we can't go back to Jackie.

He says, he says, she won't forgive us. And the bandits says, this dirty filthy man whose hands are running with blood says, go tell Jackie you're sorry. But she won't forgive us.

She has to. She's a Christian. Isn't that something that a bandit knows that and we don't know it? Dear God we get offended because the pastor went twice to one house in the same street and How easily we're offended are.

Yes, yes, yes. It's very nice when she says that little thing inside of me is the redeemer of the world. He's prophet, priest and king.

He's the only one the Holy Ghost ever conceived in history. And he's the only one that will be conceived that way. Okay.

That's very nice. But what would you do when it comes to this second chapter in Luke? Listen to this. Verse 34 says, Simeon blessed her and said, Mary his mother behold, this child is set for the rising again of men in Israel and for a sign which shall be spoken against a sword shall pierce through thine own soul.

Do you hear that? This woman who had heard over time and time again. She heard the high priest quoting the ninth chapter of Isaiah, but she's also heard the high priest quotes Isaiah 53. What does it say in Isaiah 53? None of you remember.

Thank you. He was ruined for our transgression. He was bruised for our iniquity.

She's bearing the man that's going to bear the sin of the world. She's going to see him on the cross naked. She's going to see a man that walked up and down penniless like Precious Jackie does.

You talk about prophets. Do you know Plato was a prophet? Do you know Plato prophesied? Long before Jesus was born, Plato said, one day God will come to this world with bare feet. He'll have no home.

He'll be a homeless, penniless man and we won't know him. And it came to pass. What do you think people said when they saw the belly on that little girl? Looked a dirty tramp, messing around with the soldiers.

She talks about holiness and gets pregnant. She talks about fasting and there she is. She'll never bring that child.

She's too small and everything. They said every damnable thing about her. What did she care? Listen, if you get through with the Holy Ghost, you won't care a snap of a thing about the opinion of people.

Whether they like you or hate you, what difference does it make? In that big conference one day, nine thousand people, I said let's sing a chorus. Maybe some of you know it. Jesus loves me this I know.

Do you know they went into ecstasy about it. They hadn't sung that since 50 years ago. The greatest thing you'll ever learn this side of eternity is Jesus loves me.

The Apostle Paul said he loved me and gave himself for me. I don't care if he died for the world. I don't care if he died for the church.

He loved me. A bloody man going down the road, my hands running with blood. And he transformed him and made him the greatest man of his day.

Maybe the greatest man that ever lived after Jesus Christ. So Mary had that. Would you like God to give you an unveiling of your life from here to the end? You know what will happen in another 25 years in America? People will be crucified in the streets for following the Lamb.

If you won't join the Roman Catholic Church, they'll burn you to death or something like they've always done. Like they're still doing in South America. That battle is coming up.

It's either be totally Christ or be committed to Christ. Or else get tied up with the harlot church. Filled.

Mary was filled physically too. But what's the next thing the Holy Spirit does? He comes on a bunch of men. And they were gathered together where in the upper room.

And they were filled with the Holy Ghost. It's in Acts 2.4. But you know why do we get stuck there? I made a quick note of this just yesterday. Oh we're filled with the Holy Ghost, Acts 2.4. But it says in the 6th chapter.

Do you remember what it says about Stephen? He was a man full of what? No before that. Full of faith. Lots of people are full of the Holy Ghost.

But not full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. It says in Philippians 1. We're filled with the fruits of righteousness. Paul prays for the Colossians and he'd be filled with the knowledge of his will.

How many of you are stumbling around? You don't know which way to go. You young people. I don't know whether God wants on the mission field, wants me here, wants me there.

Find out God's will and do it. Get on a boat and go to Hong Kong or King Kong as far as that goes. As long as you know you're in the will of God, all hell won't stand against you.

And then it says in 2 Corinthians 7.4 that they were filled with comfort. And then in Ephesians 3 and verse 19. You remember that fantastic verse? Well I'll remind you of it.

Ask somebody to preach on it will you? It's the most stupendous thing I know of this side of eternity. It says you, you, you are you mortal beings. You can be filled with all the fullness of God.

Can you fill what's already full without emptying it? No. Yes you can. Look I put all the lights out in this room.

Let's say a couple of hours ago maybe there wasn't anybody in it. And people start coming in. The room was empty.

You fill it with people. The room was full of air otherwise they couldn't breathe. Then we put on a switch.

We fill it with light. It's full of people. It's full of air.

It's full of light. We can turn up the switch and we can fill it with heat. It's full of people.

It's full of light. It's full of warmth. And I take a spray and I can fill it with perfume.

It's filled and filled and filled. Well that Greek word there be filled with a spirit is actually be being filled with a spirit. It's not something that happens once.

It's continually there. Jesus says if you abide in me you don't get your prayers answered. Simply because you use God as you go shopping.

Do you abide in him every day? Does he tell you to go to a certain place and meditate and he shows you your whole career crucified? You make up your mind to be a lawyer and God says you can't be a lawyer. You make up your mind to get married and God says you can't do that. I went to a conference some years ago.

Walked up to the front and there were about 800 college people there. And as I bowed in prayer somebody just grabbed my knee and I looked like the most gorgeous girl I've ever seen. I think gorgeous cheeks and bright eyes.

And she said do you remember me? I said sure I do. I remember you. She said you remember you preached on Isaiah 6 one night? Woe, lo, go.

I said sure I remember that. She said well I went home and the Lord spoke to me and she said you said wait before God. You told us of a vision of eternity, a vision of God, a vision of deity, a vision of depravity, a vision of duty.

I said I went home and I prayed and God said now forget all about any courtship. For the next three years pray and study and meditate. I just said but Lord this boyfriend I love he's the most handsome man in all the university.

He won't be single another month. The girls will be after him. I said what happened? She said oh he's wonderful.

And she said look he's coming and here comes a man of course modern young man, nice mustache, tall, handsome like me and not like somebody else. And she said well Mr Ravenhill I want to tell you something. When I went home that night I made a pledge to God all right I'll never talk to a boy again.

I'll never have a date with a young man until you release me to meet that fellow. He went home and the Lord said to him forget all about that pretty girl for three years. I'll take care of her.

And she said we met just recently. I haven't dated anybody in three years. You haven't dated anybody in three years.

And each of us said God has kept us and so we're going to get married. So there you are cancel your relationship with your boyfriend. Not with your husband just with your boyfriend.

But oh well you know most of us are trying to get we want God's maximum blessing on minimum deposits and he doesn't do that. God will remind you a whole spirit and soul and body he says. The spirit of God.

Have you noticed Jesus never did anything till the spirit of the Lord was upon him. He knew he was the son of God when he was 12 years of age. But he waited till he came up out of Jordan.

Then what happened? Oh I want to live through the Holy Ghost. You clap your hands you shout you have a wonderful time. Wait a minute you told God you want to be like Jesus.

What happened when Jesus was still with the Holy Ghost? He was immediately led of the spirit. He wasn't led of the devil. He was led into of the spirit for 40 days in the wilderness.

Are you prepared for that? You can't have God's blessing on your terms. But go read on to the next chapter. He returned in the power of the spirit.

He didn't return a nervous wreck. The devil tempted him for 40 days sexually everywhere. He was tempted in all points.

And the devil never took advantage of him by because he's a God filled man. How filled was he? Look at Isaiah chapter 11 a minute. Isaiah chapter 11.

John 3 34 says what? He was given the steward out measure in John 3 34. But here in Isaiah 11 listen they shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse. A branch shall go out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. Did you hear that? The spirit of the Lord. The spirit of wisdom number two.

The spirit of understanding number three. The spirit of counsel number four. The spirit of might number five.

The spirit of knowledge number six. And the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge after the sight of the eyes nor reprov'd after the hearing of his ears.

He shall judge with righteous judgment. Come on dear friend don't you wish those things were exercised in your church? That your preachers or your deacons had the spirit of wisdom. The spirit of knowledge.

The spirit of power. The spirit of revelation. That we're not thumbling around wondering what's going to happen.

But you don't get that by just going to a meeting for one night. Remember he come out of the ivory palaces into a world of wall. Can you imagine the heaven of heavens cannot contain God and yet God compresses him into the matrix of a woman.

What do you think he felt like in that black chamber of that woman's womb? Read the six of Isaiah. Cherubim and seraphim falling down before him he sang tonight. And instead of cherubim and seraphim he's in a black chamber where nobody talks nobody hears.

He's just up in the womb of a blessed woman by the name of the Virgin Mary. You see it's not all strawberries and cream. Oh I hear people say oh I'd like to Jackie Puddinger.

Would you? We like to live in a hell hole like that. Would you like go down that alley at night and you can't step this way because there's a pile of human excrement. You can't step that way because there's blood.

Somebody's had half his head cut off. There's a girl there with her breast out trying to feed a baby. There's a man there smoking pot.

Smoking from a big pipe. Hold to him he's been smoking for 50 years. Who wants to live like that? You see if this happened in Wesley's day or a hundred years ago you'd say well that's a different day.

What's different about it? Human nature is the same isn't it? Isn't pain the same? Isn't murder the same? Isn't drunkenness the same? Why in God's name do we make excuses? Hell is the same. Heaven is the same. I hope to bring your message burning message on the judgment seat of Christ.

And it was very painful for me to deliver. It's true that by the grace of God I'm going to deliver there. So holy men of God spake as we were moved by the Holy Ghost.

But there's never anything. You can be moved emotionally. You go.

How many times you've gone to meetings where you move? How many times you make commitments? Come on. Commit yourself to give a bit more. Commit yourself to pray a bit more.

Commit yourself do this. You can commit yourself a hundred times. How many times does a man get crucified? That's one commitment.

Sign 2. Preachers love to say oh we had a lovely sunny morning. People have been coming to them. It doesn't mean a thing to come to the front anymore.

I was raised in a holiness church where at least twice you enter the altar and that's only twice. When you got saved and the second time to be sanctified or crucified if you like. It's not coming every weekend.

What what good does it do? I remember preaching in a lovely church in London. I was preaching at the London Keswick. And one day I had to go over town to a plain called Orange Grove.

It's a typical church of England. Very beautiful. It had stained glass windows and a lovely pulpit.

And just when I went in the pulpit one of the men in the church said you know we used to stand at this pulpit when you grip the pulpit and put your feet down. Just say to yourself I'm standing in the place where Augustus Toplady stood. Remember he wrote to him rock of ages cleft for me.

So boy when I got in the pulpit I put my feet down and held that pulpit tight. And I was thinking that one phrase in that hymn be of sin the double cure. Do you know why we've had no revivals? There isn't an evangelist from Billy Graham downward that has a message with a double cure.

Wesley says I went here. I went there. I went to Manchester.

I went to London. And I offered them Christ. We don't offer people Christ.

We offer them forgiveness. We offer them peace. We offer them forgiveness.

We offer them heaven, peace, pardon and prosperity. The damnable teaching that we have. Oh well money is a proof that God is with you.

Well the mafia must be very happy. They must be the most blessed man in the world the mafia. If that's a proof of blessing the mafia are multi-millionaire.

I tell you before God I don't covet the ministry of any man on God's earth right now. If I wanted to be like anybody I wouldn't be like Jackie. I said I'm going to come to Hong Kong.

I'm going to sweep the floor there. And one thing I'm going to do in all this effort. How many visitors do you have? Oh with millions they come sightseeing.

The BBC in England sent a whole crew and took pictures and showed it all over the tv space in England. And England was shaken to the root. And they didn't even go into the wall city as it's called where all the vice is.

Of course they didn't tell that whole story. But if ever I've seen a person who's consumed in God it surely is Jackie. I said Jackie to me you're the living evidence of one Corinthians 13 love that beareth all things believeth all things.

You've not only gone the second mile you've gone the 22nd mile. Everybody in Hong Kong knows she is to the evangelical world what Mother Teresa is to the Catholics. And Mother Teresa takes all of you were in I don't know if you saw her in India.

She goes and gets all the dying people in the gutter. Jackie gets all the people who've gone to hell. But she doesn't get publicity.

She's got that love that beareth all things hopeth all things endureth all things. She said one night just she's getting into bed it was about two in the morning the phone rang. Hello hello can I help you? Oh Miss Jackie Miss Jackie Miss Jackie I'm in very big trouble.

Well she says you've seen pictures of these Chinese girls of such lovely faces and this girl was a beauty amongst beauties and she came to see Jackie before this and Jackie says darling you're exceptionally beautiful. Now I've been here 30 odd years now I'll tell you what will happen. Some rich man in this town will come and he'll give you jewels he'll give you cars he'll give you servants.

He'll live like a good husband for a week and then when he's had his sexual satisfaction he'll turn you out he won't want you. Oh no no no no no no this man this man he wears the nicest thousand dollar suit. He wears the best jewels.

He is the richest man maybe in Hong Kong and he wants to marry me. So here she is at two o'clock in the morning Jackie Jackie this is so and so. She could you could you help me? She said why? She said my husband beat me up.

I'm all bloody my lips are swollen I can't speak and she said he says if I don't take him fifteen hundred dollars by tomorrow night he'll kill me and I know he will. He's done that thing before. So Jackie there's nobody in Hong Kong I know has fifteen hundred dollars and she said darling I don't have fifteen.

But Miss Jackie I mean all the world knows about you. Well I'm sorry I don't have fifteen dollars. Well what can Jackie say I'll tell you what.

What's the deadline? It's tomorrow night at six or whatever it was. She said all right don't worry my God answers prayer. I don't have fifteen dollars but I'll get you fifteen hundred by tomorrow night.

So she went to pray and she said Lord what do I do? This girl will be killed and the Lord said she'll be killed tomorrow night between six and seven unless you give her fifteen hundred dollars. What can I do? Well you brought an oboe from England. She still plays in the Hong Kong Philharmonic to have access to them.

Take your oboe it's an antique. It's worth a lot of money. She goes in town there's a man he buys an instrument and he said she says he says Jackie what have you got? She said I need money and all I have is this oboe.

Oh he says that that's an antique. That's worth a lot of money but well I can't really give you what you should have Miss Jackie but I will give you fifteen hundred dollars for it. She said well thank you and she took it to the girl and the girl of course said well nobody does anything like that they just give you tracts and saying Jesus loves you and they leave you.

Another day she went to see a lady had about six children and hardly any clothes they dragged and the Lord said well you see those girls she had six girls and the mother go to your wardrobe and she said I have a little rail in my room and somebody'd give me a bunch of clothes new clothes lovely ones and she said put your hand by the wall and reach out like that and close all those dresses in and whatever dresses you have in that bunch give them away. She said but Lord they're all new ones. She said well that's why I wanted to give them away.

So she collected all the clothes up and gave them. Do you wonder it breaks people's heart. Do you wonder she's just just like Jesus.

Okay but read that chapter of Isaiah 11 when you go home. How's my time going. Clock always goes too fast here.

Okay. Holy men moved as they were moved by the Holy Ghost spake as they were moved. If I didn't feel I had an anointing before I came here and I don't wait till I get to here.

I've been praying for weeks and weeks and weeks and God's my witness of it. I go to bed at nine at night. I went to bed at ten o'clock Thursday night had a good sleep and I thought well I've had a wonderful night's sleep.

Went in the front room I went to bed at ten. I was refreshed got up and it was eleven. So I go to bed at nine get up at twelve or one or two.

Wait on God and ask for anointing from eating like this. What do you think I'm the best preacher in the world or the worst who couldn't carry a hill of beans. All I have to do is deliver my soul.

Men moved as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Listen let me tell you one of two things will happen if you get filled with the Holy Ghost. Your prayer life will be revolutionized as something else will.

Go back to Peter will you just for a minute. Would you like to be a preacher? Do you want to know the secret of preaching? Here it is in first Peter the first chapter verse 11. Searching water what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which is in them did signify when it testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ

and the glory that should follow.

Do you see that? The suffering and then the glory okay. Unto them it was revealed but not unto ourselves and themselves but unto us they did minister to you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. Most preaching today is rhetoric and logic and historic stuff but there's no true preaching unless the Holy Ghost is upon it.

The Holy Ghost is creative. What do we say about Moses? Somebody like Moses. Let me just give you one glance of Moses.

Here he is in what the 32nd chapter of Exodus. Listen if you're going to get filled with the Spirit and walk with God you're going to get an awful lot of disappointments. But look at the 32nd chapter in Exodus.

At the end of verse 5 says tomorrow is the feast of the Lord. They rose up early on the morrow and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to pray and the Lord said unto Moses go down for the people which thou brought out of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

Can you imagine that? Moses is on the mountain having a revelation of God in fire and the high priest is dancing around a golden calf with half-naked people and he's the anointed of God. And verse 9 says the Lord said unto Moses I've seen this people they are a stiff-necked people now therefore let me alone. Did you ever hear anybody preach that? How many charismatic meetings you've been to? How many conferences? Did you ever hear a man stand up and say God said this is the Almighty God.

He can do anything. He can create a world by spitting it off the end of his tongue if he likes. He can make a Moses out of a stone.

And God says let me alone. This is not God reaching down and take hold of Moses. It's Moses reaching up and taking hold of God.

I'd love to pray like that until says God let me alone. Don't intercede for America anymore. Why do you weep when other people laugh? Why do you fast when other people feed? Why do you live as as nail as you can on the poverty level? Have a nice home? Have a garage? It's turned into an office now.

But as far as do you remember three young people who used to go to Christ what were they called? Youth of Christ meetings? How many of you used to go to youth of Christ meeting? Let me see. Are you afraid to show your age? Okay. Do you remember a song that starts worldly worldly some things don't end so.

I would be like Jesus be like Jesus is my song in the home and in the throng be like Jesus all day long. I would be like Jesus worldly fetters shan't enthrall me. But why did you watch tv so much? The biggest curse in America or the world is tv.

Preaching with the holy ghost set down from heaven. Let me give you two quick pictures. Martin Luther we know came out of Rome and it's bondage and it's all it's cult and it's indulgences.

And one day God came to him but listen do you know he fought for 15 years to find assurance? 15 years. He said one day in his cell the devil came and wrote all the sins of Martin Luther on every wall and on the top. And he stopped and Martin Luther says write and he says there's nothing.

I've got all the record of your sins. I know every sin you committed as a child, as a youth, as a man. Sins of omniscience, sins of everything.

Every record every sin of yours is on the walls. There's nothing else to write. And Martin Luther said write one thing.

What is it? It is right across them all. The blood of Jesus Christ God's son cleanses us from all sin. So what did he do? How many people I've watched in milligrams, meetings, sing 20,000 times at a time.

Blessed assurance. Jesus demanded they have no assurance. That you see when you pray.

Do you remember and I'll quote the script I guess it's Romans 9 where Paul prays one of the most amazing prayers. I wish myself had cursed. He didn't say it.

He says I call the Holy Ghost to bear witness. How many times do you pray and call the Holy Ghost to bear witness? You're not praying because other people pray. You're not praying because the pastor's there and he may be impressed with your prayer.

I mean are you as excited to pray alone as you are in a meeting? Do you clap your hands when you worship alone or do you just do it publicly? I went to a meeting a while ago to preach. When I got there there were 1,400 people there. As I came in from the back of the auditorium there were five, six, five young women and they were where the hair was down.

They were tossing it this way and going to the ground touching the ground with their hair, toss their hand. And they were clapping and singing. It was more than I could take when I got up.

I said listen you young women there. You're supposed to lead the worship. Do you do that at home in your bedroom or is it an exhibition? Are you just there professionally? There's very little real worship I'll tell you that.

I believe the highest form of worship is silence. I can't even speak. I believe the highest form of prayer is speechless.

Hannah prayed. She's barren and she's reproached. She prayed.

Nobody heard her pray. Her lips moved and even the man of God didn't understand her. Okay so I'm saying this.

Martin Luther did not invent the doctrine of justification by faith. He rediscovered it and declared it to the world and shook the world. John Leslie did not invent the doctrine of entire sanctification.

He rediscovered it and shook the world. We've had healing meetings my god. What healing meetings? I preached a number of times in the Carnegie Hall in Pittsburgh.

Miss Kuhlman preached on the Friday mornings and I preached on the Tuesday night. When she had a healing meeting there wasn't a room. There's room to stand that's all.

The gallery was packed. When I preached on holiness Tuesday night, hardly anybody in the gallery. They were all down here.

So somebody said one day why don't you take Ramiel on your staff. She didn't want me. I don't care about that.

But you see the same happened with Jesus. Give Jesus. Give them loaves and fishes.

They run after him. But when he laid down the conditions. This is the way you enter.

Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are the meek. Who wants to go that way? Jesus the man who said my kingdom is not of this world.

Ended up on a cross. Start naked. Oh the artists don't paint him like that.

It's too humiliating. But that was the law. A man must be publicly exhibited there in nakedness.

And everybody can curse him. You can throw urine on him. You can spit on him.

He has no rights once he's on the cross. And that's the man who leads us into a kingdom. Well let me tell you something.

There's no other way into the kingdom of that way. You've got to sell all you have. You'll have to lose a hundred friends.

You'll have to stop feasting and do some fasting. These eyes of yours, your mascara won't be much good. The tears will come.

And you'll be in trouble. The biggest danger you have is becoming more spiritual than your pastor. Isn't that usually the trouble? Oh boy you can't be more spiritual than the pastor.

Okay. Let Moses in the spirit groan. I'm paraphrasing it now from the old Methodist hymn book.

Let Moses in the spirit groan. Down there people are worshipping the golden calf. They're dancing naked.

The high priest is backslidden. The whole nation's gone whoring after a strange God. And only Moses has a revelation of God.

He's been on the mountain. And he lays hold of God for this people. And God says Moses let me alone.

Listen to what God says. I'll read it quickly to you. And Moses besought God.

Verse 11. And the Lord said. And Moses besought the Lord his God and said Lord why does thy wrath, thy wrath wax hot against thy people.

Now look at verse 22. And Aaron said let not the anger of my Lord wax hot. What do you mean? Because Moses had been in the presence of God and God was angry.

And he taught holy anger. The man that teaches you that the Holy Ghost is only joy and he doesn't know a thing about the Holy Ghost. You'll get angry someday.

I get angry. I'm angry now. How much longer do you think God's going to put up with the sin of America? I'll tell you some statistics in a few days.

Not just about vice. I'll tell you things that we have that no nation in history has ever had. For instance just one.

I checked so I wouldn't make a mistake. You've got some parts of the world like where Jackie says. I go into China there isn't one Bible in a whole town.

Do you know we have 600 million Bibles in America? Do you know we have 26 translations of the Bible in America? Do you know in America and Canada between them we have 450 Bible schools and 250 seminaries? Did Sodom and Gomorrah have a seminary? Did they have a Bible school? How much longer are we going to break God's laws? Sure we're shouting our heads off. We're going to have the biggest celebration of 4th of July. What do I care? Listen, listen to this.

Have you realized you privileged people? You fought in World War One but people in Europe say America didn't come in except to save its neck. America fought World War One in the backyard of Europe. She fought World War Two in the backyard of Europe.

She fought the Middle East war in the Middle East. She hasn't suffered a thing. I got up one morning and opened the door looked out the neighborhood had disappeared.

I looked down the tree there's a baby up in a tree. There's a man's leg sticking out of the debris. There's a chair leg sticking out there.

Why? Because the Germans raided us in the night. America hasn't suffered that much. I'm trying to warn you that we're heading for trouble.

I want to let me tell you this dear friend with all the churches and everything we have. God G-O-D is N-O-T not on trial in this critical hour in history. God is not on trial.

His church is on trial and she doesn't have an answer to the problem. We're like Mother Howard her cupboards are bare. Where is the supernatural? Do you think Jack isn't filled with God when a woman comes running down the street and kneels in front of her and the woman's all pot mark? She's prostituted 40 years and she says tremblingly Jackie Miss Jackie Miss Jackie please take the devil out of me.

I'm full of the devil and you're full of God. Will you please? And every day of her life almost she casts out demons. She doesn't even claim to be Pentecostal.

She does claim to be a Christian. I've got the greatest Pentecostal preacher in the world coming to see me in three days. I'm going to ask him a question.

I wonder the greatest Pentecostal theologians came to see me have a stack of his books and I said I said I'm just reading the the history of Azusa Street by Bartleman and it says on after the fly page the first page it says on the second page there are 70 listen 70 million spirit-filled Pentecostals in the world today and I said to him listen tell me this is this record true? Are there 70 million spirit-filled Pentecostals? Oh no Mr. Amiel Bartleman wrote that five years ago. I said well what's what's the story? And he said without blushing he said Mr. Amiel there are 120 million charismatic and old-style Pentecostals in the world today. Well it was near enough dear lady I could almost my finger in his hand and I said listen tell me this I know you've written stacks of book on theology I know there are 120 Pentecostal churches in Dallas and nobody knows are there.

You want me? He said no there are not 70 million Pentecostals. I said it is a Pentecostal a man that's full of the Holy Ghost and speaks in tongues yes. He said there are 120 million of them in the world.

I almost knocked his head over but I said well brother tell me this were there 120 million in the upper room? Oh no I said what's the difference between their baptism of the Holy Ghost and yours? Don't tell me it's tongues. Every devout Mormon in Salt Lake City speaks in tongues. It's part of their religion.

Spiritists speak in tongues. Who cares a hill of beans if you speak in tongues if you're bad-tempered if you're jealous if you get the last ounce of money out of somebody last ounce of work out of somebody come on we're a million miles removed from apostolic Christianity and it's not going to come back by big crowds there's not I don't think there's not 200 people here tonight I doubt there's 120 maybe but supposing God has his way in us I'm not preaching to the absent people I'd like Billy Graham to be I'd like Oral Roberts to be I'd like the word of faith guy to be here they don't know a thing about the Holy Ghost every time he says a word Bob Tilton says thus saith the Lord he's a liar from hell he doesn't say that one day he'll stand in the judgment seat oh I preached the meeting a while ago I mentioned some names I mentioned Oral Roberts I mentioned uh what do you call him little fellow in Baton Rouge and somebody said Mr.

Amiel that's not love I said listen I'll be watching you at the judgment seat I said you say it's not love the greatest man that ever lived the life of love they said was John that John didn't write one Corinthians 13 a bloody warrior wrote it a man by the name of the apostle Paul that pulled down strongholds the greatest thing ever said of a man outside of Jesus Christ was said of the apostle Paul by who by demons when he cast out demon the demon said Jesus we know and Paul we know come on are you known in hell I don't care who knows me I know people think I'm a fanatic people say you're the last of the line your old friend Tozer's dead uh what was it what was the great baptist I've forgotten his name he's died but I'm not gonna die yet just to make you happy for sure I'm gonna hang

around a bit more isn't it something when demons say Jesus we know and Paul we know come on young preacher are you ambitious to be known in hell what's the good of being known anywhere else you preach better than Billy Graham you preach better than so-and-so so what but you can't have the holy ghost without revolution he's going to fill you as you feel merry he's going to let you see things suffering that's going to come to others and you may be okay let me just say and you know this some of your preachers there's a great deal of contention about the second blessing I don't know if you've seen a book if you haven't it's out again I think called uh greater experiences of famous christians there isn't one of them in the list that didn't have a second crisis one of the most amazing men we've

forgotten about was George Fox and George Fox was filled with a holy ghost he had to go to prison very often he's going down the street one day God says take your shoes off so he took them off and shoved them under the head raise your hand and walk through town shout at the top of your voice warn to Litchfield our bloody city and when Martha and I used to go through I used to say Martha George Fox went through this city with his hands raised he made leather breeches because he's wearing his trousers out he went through the city crying warn to Litchfield our bloody city some months after he pulled up at a house at night they were expecting him to dinner and the master of the house said uh the maids are not ready yet and the chef is a big house he said would you would you please sit in my

library and read a little so George Fox went in he took down one of those big tomes they were all leather bound you know big things and he took the book down and opened it and as he opened it he saw in big

letters old English Litchfield and he thought well that's where I walked through the city barefoot crying warn to Litchfield our bloody city but why did God let me open here so he opened at Litchfield and he read what it said there 200 years before George Fox walked through that town 200 Christians were martyred they were put to death in the very marketplace where he went and God says to him their blood crieth from the ground through you what an experience and we get blessed if you just sing a song and they sang my face so what if you go out to this meeting and you came in I'll be

disappointed and God will okay let me prove to you forever as far as I'm concerned maybe tomorrow night we'll sing a hymn I was going to sing it tonight so don't don't have it before we start tomorrow night because he lives you know that wonderful song in that grave you know I believe the most disappointing day in the life of Jesus you see when he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men the Holy Ghost had no gifts the gifts were purchased by Jesus the Holy Ghost disperses those gifts okay Jesus rose from the dead what did he do he led captivity captive he went into hell and declared his triumph over death and sin and the devil and when he came out of the the tomb on the resurrection morning there wasn't one person there how many did he like opera do you remember Verdi's Aida you

don't remember it oh well when Verdi uh celebrated his Aida the first time he played it was in the uh what they call the theater in Milan anyhow it's one of the biggest theaters in the world and when he finished they were so excited I think at the end of it the heroine lays dead and they went out clapping and shouting and whistling at 10 o'clock at night they unhinged the horses from his chariot and men pushed his chariot down to the hotel and they were still yelling at four o'clock in the morning Verdi Verdi Verdi Verdi clapping shouting whistling for five hours when Jesus rose from the dead there wasn't a person there Peter wasn't there John wasn't there it must have been disgusting for Jesus the greatest triumph ever because he lives at the right hand of the father tonight every Sunday

we preach sermons uh we're preaching 80 percent of the 90 percent of the sermons we preach about a man who lived 2,000 years ago of the other 10 percent 80 percent 8 percent are about somebody who may come today or tomorrow only it matters not where he was 2,000 years ago where he will be where is he now do you realize he's been praying for 2,000 years and he isn't tired but how much longer is he going to do it let me take you through this very quickly now can I do that please tie this thing up look at the end of the gospel recorded by Luke read verse 45 then opened he their understanding that they might understand the scriptures and he said thus it is written thus it is believed to suffer that Christ must suffer and rise the third day and that repentance and remission of sins should be

preached in his name among the nations and near witnesses of it and behold listen listen now I send you the promise of my father but tarry now in one breath he says go in the other breath he says tarry what had happened they'd seen Jesus they gave him a piece of honeycomb to eat they had breakfast with him they talked with him they listened to him they saw him they touched him well isn't that enough can't you go into all the world and preach the gospel and somebody says well how do you know Jesus is alive because I gave him a piece of my honeycomb because I shook hands with him because I touched him because I heard him pray no that's not enough that's number one miracle the second is this and he led them out as far as Bethany and he lifted up his hands and blessed them and they worshiped

him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continuing the temple leaping and praising God do you see that the two most stupendous things one he's risen from the dead and then while they're watching him just as he reversed nature to come into the world without a father he reverts he reverses the law of gravity and he goes up they'd seen him risen from the dead they break bread with him they had meat with

him they had honeycomb with him and now they see him going up he'll have enough do you think a thousand demons couldn't say you never did talk to Jesus you never did eat with him but Jesus says you need more than some emotional stirring you need the Holy Ghost well listen friend if they needed the Holy Ghost how much do I need it do you know that I think our evangelism today is

very much like a man trying to swing up Niagara Falls with his boots on what chance would he have I get invitations all over the world some of them I'll go to some I won't I don't have price tags they offered me a thousand dollars to preach for an hour I've turned that down to preach for half an hour I'm not concerned about traveling here right now I could go to about 10 countries I want to be where God wants me to be the fire of heaven is going to fall people are going to go out totally transformed without one desire to be known without one desire to have an increase of anything there's not a preacher in the world I envy I'd like to go to Jackie's place I may go this year if you'd beg me to go I want to teach a staff that's all I want to sit with the staff I want to talk with the poor

people I want to talk with young men who've been to prison 20 times girls who've been harlots or 40 years of being transformed by the power of God said no bunch of them you can't show me a bible school in america as in christ for nations doesn't have them all the robbers doesn't have them all robbers says he's 4 000 kids full of the holy ghost that's a lie from hell he hasn't how can you have 4 000 people filled with the holy ghost they said he'd be the same only 120 filled with the holy ghost God is still in the business one thing I'm sure I preached in Louisville a while ago there was a man in Louisville just about a hundred years ago had the largest congregation in Louisville his name was A.B.

Simpson he founded the Christian Missionary Alliance he had a five-figure salary that was as much as the President of the United States got he had a chariot a horse and carriage he had a big home and one day he got met God in a new way he was on him you know once it was a blessing now it is the Lord once it was the feeling now it is his work once his gifts I wanted now to give it all once for self I labored now himself alone and then he goes on he sold his carriage gave of that big congregation went to New York and bought a piece of land and I preached in the tabernacle it's taken down now I think in 1950 I preached there since about 2000 they built that place and had a holy ghost revival but it cost him everything he had his wife didn't understand him she didn't agree with him you've

been to university you've got scholarships you're the best preacher in town you have the biggest crowd you've plenty of money why give it all up because Jesus did that for me I've got to go and as a result of that now you have 1,200 missus all over the world through one man moved by the holy ghost the woman is moved on by the holy ghost she gives birth to the most remarkable babe the devil is there's a bunch of men nervous in the upper room no they were not what does it say they waited in the upper room they were filled with joy they went they said he's risen and he's ascended to heaven and he's gonna send us the father's gift the holy ghost and they waited what do you think they did each day they said well we've been waiting 40 days only 10 more to go they knew how many days they had to

wait and he came down to the last day how do you think they got up that morning and then suddenly the holy ghost well when the holy ghost came on mary she gave birth when the holy ghost came on then they gave birth they went out they turned the world upside down they didn't have any financial backers they didn't ask for offerings when you've got what is john weston charles weston said thou oh christ that's all i want the only time you can say christ is all i need is in when christ is all you have how can you say christ is all i need you've fifty thousand dollars in the bank when you know people are suffering full of faith full of the holy ghost no room for anything else no room for pride no room for greed no room for promotion no

room for ambition no more desire to be known i want god

that's all i can't i wish i could i can't revise it besides the verse uh you study my bible with an image i don't know this but i have it but i'll finish with it my goal is god himself not joy not peace not even blessing but it's thee my god and then it finishes up by any road at any cost are you prepared tonight i'm not gonna ask you to come here you've come out how many times you've been to the front and wept and grown and committed this and committed that forget it go to your room tonight and die a wealthy preacher was at jackie's not long ago he had a three-piece suit and he sat there and he said jackie you see my case there she said yes he said i've got 10 lectures in there i passed one of the largest churches in america and i'll be here for a number of days i'd like to teach you i'd

like to take your young men i'll give them exactly the same teaching i've given for 10 weeks to our young preachers 10 lectures on leadership and she said you see that he said of course that's the door she said well get through it we don't want men to come and teach us leadership we want you to teach us to die she said don't you realize china's gonna come down what in seven years hong kong goes to china it'll be a bloodbath and the young men they know that that's why i want to go and share with them while i have enough energy they know they're going to be martyred she said one of the courses of the young china girls they had their clothes their rags and they stayed there clapping and saying oh lord let's be martyrs for jesus let's die for jesus not to live and get married not win the

tennis championship or something let's die for jesus she said we'd have the most remarkable group of young people not coming out to bible college in america or england but these young people already counted the cost and say i'm ready to die physically that they may be now pouring in the spirit they can't be now putting any other way i know some of the young prophets you know them rick john and others they're building a house now for the prophets they may do that but you can't build a house for god he dwelleth not in temples made with hands i preached the other week there and across the road from me was preaching who bob schuler in his 17 million dollar crystal palace do you think people take notice of that he's put a bell cloud up now five million dollars who takes notice of it the devil

isn't afraid of it the devil is afraid of men full of the holy ghost men who have no vision but a vision for god and vision for holiness and a passion for the lost two days ago we saw precious daughter-in-law go back to south america she's one of the greatest women in the world today she's another jackie pulling on another level she's a school teacher she speaks a number of languages but she has revelation of god like nobody i know in this world and her husband been battling it out where there's a mix of voodooism and catholicism in south america she's a challenge for me every moment that i see her now all christ art all i want more than all in thee i find says wesley can you really say that tonight i'm not going to i'm not going to sing about him and stir you emotionally i'm asking you

to go home or go to your hotel and get alone and think over this message read again and say lord i want to be moved by the holy ghost listen if he's going to come in other things have to go out every area of you which is unclean he will purge every obstruction he'll take away and he'll come and from today you'll have divine wisdom and divine understanding divine strength father as we sit in the comfort of this lovely place we go to our homes or hotels we do remember these precious people in china pray tonight you're blessed jackie give her a new inspiration this weekend we pray for these young people who have already agreed that they're willing to die for christ's sake these young people walk for an hour or two hours at six in the morning to pray and then walk home two hours and they have

no breakfast they've nowhere to have a nice warm shower they have to stand in the middle of a village and get a bucket of water for the rest of the day lord here we are we're drowning in our creature comforts oh god give us an appetite greater than our appetite for food or appetite for fellowship keep your hand upon us bless these precious folk lord may we be able to say as we leave this place tonight i was not disobedient to the heavenly vision give us a glorious day tomorrow rain the heavens and come down in jesus name we really hope that this teaching has ministered to you and in some way drawn you closer to our lord jesus

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