

The Prayer Never Repeated

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The church needs a Holy Ghost revival to restore its power and authority and produce fruit for the kingdom of God.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher recounts a story about a meeting where there were only a few people in attendance. Despite the lack of financial resources and apparent lack of interest from the crowd, the preacher felt compelled by God to continue. He shares how a woman in the audience, who had a son with a deep boot, eventually raised her hand when asked if anyone wanted to be healed. The preacher then emphasizes the importance of watching and praying, using the example of Moses' plea to God in Numbers 11. He warns against procrastination and urges listeners to respond to God's call for salvation now. The preacher concludes by acknowledging that the church has lost its fire and calls for a revival of the Holy Spirit's power.

Transcript

Our Father, we thank you again tonight that the head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now. Hail, Saviour Prince of Priests. Thy kingdom shall increase till all the world thy glory see.

And righteousness abound as the great deep profound and fill the earth with purity. We thank you, Lord Jesus, you're at the right hand of the Father. The first time you came, you were molested and mutilated, crucified.

Stupid men crowded around your cross and asked, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? All the wise men asked that, then later they asked, Art thou the King of the Jews? We think of that day when you'll come, Lord, as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. No longer to be handled by men. No longer coming in mercy, but coming in judgment.

We thank you for this fountain, for sin and uncleanness. Today, people in Africa have plunged into that stream, the river of blood. As one old hymn says, Grace is flowing like a river.

Millions there have been supplied, but still it flows as fresh as ever. From the Saviour's wounded side, and none need perish, all may live for Christ has died. We thank you that you already have dominion.

We don't have to ask you to defeat the devil. We hear people praying so often, Lord, you defeated him 2,000 years ago. Open our eyes, open our spiritual understanding to realize that we too can have dominion, we too can have authority.

The old usurper seems to have taken over this universe, at least this planet on which we live. He has millions of slaves, they're devoted to him. They don't whine at the crack of the whip that he has, they don't complain to pay tithes, they give him everything they have.

Nobody preaches to the lost, the rotten people, to present their bodies a living sacrifice, they do it. That's why they're burning with lust and herpes tonight. They've thrown themselves at the mercy of a tyrant.

They've spent their money for that which is not bread, and their labor for that which satisfies not. We hear that men are suffering, the herpes men suffering untold miseries. It's only too thick to what they'll suffer in hell if they don't repent.

Lord, personally I'm sick of the church standing on the side of the road watching the parade go past. I'm tired of writing out recipes, and not being able to produce the meal. I'm tired of all this frivolous talk about the Holy Ghost, when there's not a church in the nation, however big they are, that's affecting the city in which they live.

I'm tired of listening about colleges where they have 2,000 spirit-filled people, but nobody in town knows about it. It can't be the same as the 120 that went out, moneyless, but not powerless. Unknown, unlettered, moving right out to move that crippled man at the gate, beautiful.

Now the church is sitting at the banks, begging for loans. We're crippled. There's no answer except, Lord, you come and inject into us something we don't have.

And maybe take away something we do have. Subtract some of our intelligence and give us wisdom. Save us from mere theology and terminology.

We pray again, Lord, you'll open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Lord, what fools men are. Dare to say what fools the church is.

You've given us everything we need in this book. You've nothing to add if the world lasts a thousand years. You've no P.S. to put to the book of Revelation.

You've nothing to withdraw. You've given us it. As the hymn writer said, what more can he say than to you he has said.

To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled. Make this a memorable night. I pray get beyond my pull this thing stammering tongue.

Get beyond my explanations. If we're big enough, I don't know, Lord, if we are. We talk very tall, but we live very small.

If we're big enough, take us to the edge of eternity. I don't hear any amens, Lord, but anyhow I say amen to it. What we have had the last 25 years hasn't moved the nation to God.

We've more crime than we had before we began all our revival meetings and big crusades. We've more sickness. We've more broken homes.

We've more broken lives. No wonder the hymn writer says thou must say than thou alone. We must have, Lord, divine intervention.

If not, Lord, we know, we're aware that we're finished. Again, we pray you'll anoint our eyes with eye salve tonight that we may see. If anybody came in here with a stony heart, give them a heart of flesh before they leave the place.

If anybody came without 20-20 vision spiritually, touch blind eyes tonight. If there are some paralytic arms or paralytic knees that can't bend in prayer, if there are some lips that offer thee lip service but live for self, work a miracle. Lord, I thought of that saying I used to quote years ago about revival.

If not here, where? If not us, who? If not now, when? I heard today that next week is the week of procrastination. Lord, every day there's procrastination in your church. Procrastination is not only the thief of time, it's the recruiting sergeant of hell, I'm sure of that.

Some more convenient day I'll give up my sins. Some more convenient day I'll get rid of the rotten things in my life. No wonder your word says today if ye will hear his voice, hearken to his call.

Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. I'm not tired, I'm not weary, Lord. I'm not ashamed to quote our old saying that the prayer I pray so often makes it a bad night for the devil, makes it a bad night for the powers of darkness.

It surely gives you the praise, for Lord, nobody else deserves it anyhow. Thank you. We're going to read from Numbers, chapter 11.

If I had a title for this message tonight, it would be this. A prayer that has never been repeated in the history of the world. Now you can check up on that, and if you think I'm wrong, I'll change the title when you go home.

It'll be alright. Numbers, chapter 11. When the people complained, it displeased the Lord.

The Lord heard it, and his anger was kindled. Of course, he doesn't do that anymore now. You can bring the world into the church, you can have half your church divorced, you can have half the church filled with covetous people, or prayerless people, and of course God is a God of love.

You've seen that, it's a bumper sticker. Looks good, doesn't it? I think we're loving people to hell. Have a bumper sticker on one side of your car, God loves you, and have one at the other side, God is angry with the wicked every day.

When the people complained, it displeased the Lord. And the Lord heard it, and his anger was kindled. And the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed them.

Come on, these are the people he's brought out of Egypt. And he consumes his own people? The people cried unto Moses, and Moses prayed to the Lord, and the fire was quenched. I've said this crazy, I say it often to myself, I'll say it to you tonight.

The reason the world is going to hell fire is because the church has lost Holy Ghost fire. Verse 4, the mixed multitude that was among them fell a-lusting. Would you think they'd fall a-lusting when half of their people had been burned to death for sinning? The mixed multitude that was among them fell a-lusting.

And the children of Israel wept again and said, And who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish we ate in Egypt freely, and the cucumbers and the melons. And then let's go back to Egypt. The church has already gone there, we can't go.

To the leeks and the onions and the garlics. But now our soul is dried away. There is nothing at all but this manner.

In God's name, how ungrateful can you get? They screamed to Moses for food. And he prayed, and the heavens sent angels food down, sent manna. And now, is this all we have, manna? You know, like people that go to a meeting.

You know, there wasn't a miracle tonight, wasn't it stale? Oh, the message was good, of course, but I mean, you know, you like to see something, don't you? Our soul is dried away. Our soul is dried up. And we have nothing at all.

Only the faithfulness of God. Only angels' food to eat. We have nothing at all, except the total revelation of the word of God.

Again, God has not another word to say to humanity if the world lasts a million years. He said it all. And we have the whole revelation of God.

I dare to say tonight, you know more than any apostle knew in his day. Because he didn't have a scripture. Now is our soul dried up.

And we have nothing except the manna before our eyes. Verse 11, Moses said unto the Lord, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant, and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest this burden of this people upon me? You know, I've had a real good week this week. I always have a good week anyhow, but this wrecks a good.

A young man was speaking here during the week. A young man, no he wasn't, he was up. I was going to say a guppy, pardon me.

A guppy's out of business now. No, no, no, the church is still there. The pastor's at the back, he'll shoot me down, excuse me.

In fact, I'm going to preach there Sunday morning. You know, I've asked God to give us a real Holy Ghost Sunday morning. I want to see at least two people die under conviction.

Physically, I mean. Drop dead because they're playing double with God. That's, that's, that's the Holy Ghost.

That's a Pentecostal meeting. As much as tongues. It's as much as a healing light.

I'd love it. As long as I'm not one of them, but anyhow, there you are. No, I'll include myself, I don't care.

I'd love to see a real Holy Ghost meeting where God comes and somebody who's been playing double. Saying they love God when they love money more than they love God because they talk about money more. Where they love sport more than they love God.

It's time the house was cleared. Come on, Lord, cleanse the temple. Well, you're saying yes because you won't be here.

Will that be all right, Brother Don, if we have a house cleaning? Yes, sir. I say I had a good week. This young man came to see me, kept me waiting a long while.

But finally he came and in the course of talking and he was very eloquent and he was very, very interesting. I said, well, what book has changed your life most outside of the Bible? Well, he said, I was preaching in the Philippines to thousands of people. And one night I felt really dried up.

And I went to my room and a fellow gave me a book called Why Revival Tarry. And he said, I've never been the same since. I said, well, that's wonderful.

So he went on to talk for a while. Well, then I got a call. I said to Martha, I said, sweetheart, I've nothing to do today, Wednesday.

And then the phone rang and asked me to go and pinch it at that place. I was glad I went. I was very tired.

My throat's still tired. God broke up the meeting and a lot of people came to the altar. Some of the preachers were first there, then some students.

Would you pray for me? I want to go to mission. God has called me to the mission field. Where to? Hong Kong.

Pray for me. So I laid hands on them and prayed for him. No women came up, thank the Lord.

All men. Did you say amen, all the men? Okay. Another one came up.

And another, another, another. And out of them, two of them wanted to go to Hong Kong. Fine.

Then this fine young man came and I said, oh, you and your wife sang tonight. You sang beautifully. You've been mysteries in Japan, yes.

You speak Japanese, yes? Wonderful. You see, the difference between Protestant mysteries and Catholic, Roman Catholic mysteries is this, that we send people on the field that don't know a word. They couldn't ask for a stamp.

They don't know a word. I'll pick up the language. Forget it.

You know what the Catholics do? They put all their prospective mysteries, nuns and priests, through a school and they have to speak the language of the nation to which they're going eloquently before ever they're allowed to leave America. Then what do they do? They all get on the payroll of the nation that they go to, so nobody has to support them at home. Pretty smart, aren't they? We've got mysteries.

I met mysteries in India when I was there, who had been there ten years and couldn't speak more than about 25 words. Oh, I intended to pick up the language, but, you know, I thought I'd pick it up. I missed my way.

I should have gone to a language school in India to get the right accent. Didn't go. So I said to this young man, are you going back to Japan? He said, yes.

He said, before I came home, Brother Raymond, I slipped over to Korea. Have you been to Korea? I said, I got an invitation once. I didn't go.

I went to see Brother Paul Cho's church. Good. 350,000 members.

Very good. No, I wasn't impressed with that vastness. What impressed me, he said, that there are 7,000 cells in the city and outside of the city.

That's why he has 35,000, 350,000 people. There are 7,000 cells all over. And you know most of them have memorized vast areas of the Word of God.

You can quote a scripture. They don't turn to it. They memorize it.

They're memorizing hymns. Oh, that's interesting, Brother. They're memorizing chapters.

Yeah. Maybe one section takes the first four books of the Bible. Another takes some other section.

Somebody takes the five books of Psalms, because there are five books in the book of Psalms. Somebody else has memorized something else. Well, what are they doing this for? Because they have a deep conviction that before long, they're going to have an invasion that's going to drive them all underground.

The devil is going to try to wipe out the whole church there in that great country of Korea. That's why God, in mercy, has sent revival. We had revivals in England.

The most astounding revivals were in my early days, in the 1920s. I mean, early as a preacher. A little Welshman about this height, by the name of Jeffreys, Stephen Jeffreys.

Preachers say to me sometimes, you know, you say some terrible things in your books. And one of them that sticks in their crop, if you know what we call it, or their throat is, you said one day somebody's going to read the Bible and believe it. And we'll all be shocked.

Well, that's what this little man did. He had no Bible school training. He was a coal miner.

So he read the Bible and believed it. And he rented a hall seating 3,300 people. He said to his song leader, who has no music in him anyhow, every time he conducted music, he did this, you know, whether it was blessed assurance, all he did was alter the speed.

He never waved his hand, just did this. Stephen Jeffreys says, look in the auditorium, see how many people there are. He said, well, how many seats are there? He said 3,300.

He said, well, they're all filled. He said, what? They're all filled with angels. What do you mean? He said, well, there's nobody else on them.

They waited till just after three and about a hundred people came in the auditorium holding 3,300. The song leader said, Brother Jeffreys, let's close the meeting. We won't get an offering big enough to pay for the lighting.

But he said, no, God told me to can. In that crowd there's a woman and she has a boy with a boot five inches deep. At the end of the meeting, I'm going to say, who wants to be saved, nobody will raise their hand.

I'm going to say who wants to be healed, nobody will raise their hand. And then the lady will put up her hand and point down. It happened.

He was just going to close the meeting and he said, well, God wants to heal somebody. Let us all pray. So they all remember the same scripture at the same moment.

Do you know what they did? Watch and pray. So they all watched to see what he was going to do. And he prayed.

He said, boys, stand there. And the boy stood there. Take your boot off.

He took it off. And he prayed. And the boy's leg dropped to the floor like that, his foot.

The people fled out of the church, just as he said they would. And he said that tonight there won't be an empty seat. And there wasn't.

And there wasn't for three weeks. Morning meetings, afternoon meetings. God swept through that community.

Every community he went to. That was immediately, I said 1920. It wasn't.

It was immediately before 1914. The First World War was declared on the 4th of August 1914. It was right before that.

In fact, when he was preaching in a church, in a place called Island Place, the wall was white, whereas this blue, it was white. While he was preaching, the people gasped. All the audience.

And he looked. And there was a head of Jesus with thorns and blood running down. He preached on and they gasped again and looked this way.

And there was a lamb with his head and his feet together. And little Stephen said that's a sign of coming judgment. Within less than three months when he said that, World War I started.

And blasted the whole of Europe. Followed by a plague of influenza. If I remember right, the First World War killed about 14 million people and influenza killed 16 million right after it.

A sign of coming judgment. Go on, keep praying, keep praying. If you've got the spiritual inner man to pray, we'll have revival and we'll have judgment.

The honeymoon is over for us. When I came back Wednesday night, I was escorted with a very fine man of God and a banker. Do you know I was as poor when I got out of the car as when I got in? We began to talk about world events.

He said, well, I'm on the inside of the track. He said, I've been in the American Air Force Intelligence Secret Service Division for a number of years. I know where every silo is.

I know every plane that we can use in Europe and America. I got the whole thing. Well, this is interesting.

Well, I said, I don't have much faith in the economy. I don't have much faith in banking. He said, I can tell you on the inside that very shortly we're all going to have a car.

What was it called, Martha? Point of sale. At point of sale, he said, they're already printed by the government. I think the currency is going to change.

He said, I can tell you for a shorty it is. We're going back on the gold standard. Oh, well, won't that be nice for people who've got Krugerrands sitting in the basement or in a haystack? No, won't mean a thing.

It would be illegal. They're all going to be withdrawn. We're going back on the gold standard again.

Every bit of gold you'll have, you'll have to declare. It will be gathered by the government. It will be melted and stored at Fort Knox and we're going to work on the gold standard again.

Well, that was interesting. Anyone know about spiritual things, which again, of course, were more interesting? The brother that came to see me, that had been teaching here for the week, we exchanged a lot of views, a lot of opinions. And then he said, finally, do you remember Holy Hubert? Armie, have you ever heard of Holy Hubert? Wonderful.

I said, but he's getting up in years. Did you meet him? I think I met him once, but I went to dinner at the home of his folk away there in California, a very lovely home. Well, how is he doing? I'll tell you how he's doing.

He went to, was it Berkeley or UCLA? Berkeley. And every day he went, they beat him up. This is not Russia, this is America.

He can't see, he's blind. They battered his head so much, he's blind. They split his lips.

There's a young pastor who was one of the thugs living somewhere near San Antonio now. His name is, he's a pastor, but his name is priest. And he's the one that punched him and knocked his teeth out.

He has no teeth. He's blind. While he was preaching, a man came up with a brick and hit his wife at the back of the head.

She's been insane ever since. The wages of being an evangelist? The wages of having a travail for your people? What's God doing? I'll tell you what he's doing. He's laying up treasure.

That man will be a super, super millionaire after the judgment seat of Jesus Christ. He can't see to do anything. He can't drive a car.

He can't read his fine library. Do you know what he's done? He has memorized every word from the first word in Genesis to the last word in Malachi. Every word.

And he's mastered most of the New Testament. He was down at Bailey. You know what that is? It's the Baptist sports field.

It was there, supposed to be there, for preachers. It isn't known for preachers. You couldn't tell me the name of any preacher that came out hardly.

They have a football team. All those smart, handsome men that have got degrees, they go out and put their claw up, you know, the bear claw, and growl when the team... You know, you can't do that without a

PhD. It's a sign of super intelligence.

This precious man went down there to speak and one of the students says, Hey, I say, fellow, they say you can recite the Bible right from the first word in Genesis right down to Malachi. Is that right? He said, Yes, brother, that's true. And you've memorized most of the New Testament.

That's right. He said, Well, can you write now while we're here? Can you recite Romans 12? He said, Which way? What do you mean, which way? Do you want it from the first verse to the last? I'll recite it from the last to the first if you want. Poor guy felt a bit flat.

I'm saying that to say this, that when that man went, because he's a man of intense prayer. His father and mother founded a missionary society, if I remember, called One by One. He was nurtured in prayer.

Eternity alone will reveal how many hours that man has spent in intercession. And he comes back bloody, his collar's bloody, his coats are bloody every time he goes out in the war. UCLA, you say it was? Berkeley.

Sorry, Berkeley. At Berkeley. Do you know what they do now? They sit on the lawn nearly between a thousand and two thousand of them every day listening to a guru.

They don't take him by the beard and blast him. Why not? Because the devil loves his own. A man of God being beaten so much that he's blind, he can't read, he can't see his own hand.

And his wife hit so her skull is knocked in and she's insane tonight. And yet all we do is ask people to come to a prayer meeting. But dynasty's on tonight, maybe.

Not tonight. We've more Christians interested in dynasty than in destiny, I'll tell you that. Now is our soul dried up.

Here we are again in Numbers 11, verse 6. Our soul is dried up. There is nothing at all but this manner. Isn't it terrible when all you have is the Word of God and the Holy Ghost? You know, I mean, you know, when your TV goes out, isn't life miserable? Huh? Always think the joy of the Lord shall be your strength.

And the TV goes off and we're miserable for a month. Who are we fooling? Not God. The manner was, it doesn't matter what kind it was, it's in verse 7 there.

Verse 11. Moses said unto the Lord, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? And wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight that thou layest all this burden upon this people? Have I conceived this people? Have I begotten them? You seldom hear about Moses as an intercessor. We think of him standing with a rod and dividing the sea.

This man is one of the most magnificent characters in the whole of the Word of God. I tried to make a comparison the other week between him and Jesus. Jesus was born and they tried to kill him in the first six months.

They did the same with Moses. Jesus was born in a stable. Moses was born in the slums of Goshen.

Jesus went down into Egypt. Moses was born in Egypt. Jesus had 40 days in the wilderness.

Moses had 40 years there. Jesus gave us the Sermon on the Mount. Moses brought down the tablets, the Ten Commandments in his Sermon on the Mount.

The Scripture gives this of Moses, He was the meekest man in all the earth. And then right after that it says he was angry. What was the first word of Jesus? Matthew 11.28 Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I'll give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you. For I am meek. But he got blazing angry in the church when he saw the uncleanness.

I dare say to you tonight that we have no anger because we have no meekness. And we have no meekness because we have no anger. This is holy anger.

It's not self-anger, jealous anger. It's holy anger. Verse 11, Moses said unto the Lord, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? And wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight that thou layest this burden on my heart? Have I conceived all this people? How do you conceive? Through trouble, through tears.

Verse 13, When should I have flesh to give unto this people? For they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh that we may eat. Now here's some of the most solemn words ever uttered. I am not able to bear all this people alone because it is too heavy for me.

If thou wilt deal thus with me, kill me. Isn't that the only prayer in the Bible, never repeated? Tell me somebody who prayed that prayer. I turned up the other scripture there, without you looking at it, in Isaiah, I've forgotten the chapter now.

Isaiah 59, 16. And he saw that there was no man, and he wondered that there was no intercessor. Therefore his arm brought salvation unto him, and his righteousness it sustained him.

God wondered that there was no intercessor. Read the previous part of the chapter when you go home. In Ezekiel 22, I don't know what that is.

Ezekiel 22, 32, I think it is. Ezekiel 22, 30. God wondered that there was no intercessor.

There's no man to stand in the gap, or stand in the hedge, as the King James Version says. I'm going back to verse 14. I'm not able to bear this people alone.

Back to verse 12. Have I conceived all this people? Have I begotten them? Where were Aaron and her? Playing ball or something? If you're going to have the life of an intercessor, you'll live alone. The most lonely life in the world, in the church, is the life of the intercessor.

I'm not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. But if thou deal'st with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, and let me not see my own wretchedness. Do you think you dare ask God to disrobe you tonight, and show you your wretchedness, your wretched selfishness, your wretched pride? I'm quite sure of this.

I get all kinds of requests for prayer. Some of you tonight have a daughter that's becoming a drunkard or something. I've had the Lord tell me to say this.

Or a brother or sister or a parent who's a drunkard. Some of you have a son who's going to file for divorce. You say, I pray for them every day.

Forget it. You'll still be praying for your children every day for the next ten years ahead. If you don't get serious, why should God get serious? If you can eat and drink and go to bed, and you know your children are damned, you're in bad shape.

Our dear Paul quoted something just the other week when he was home. About a man who was living in Baltimore a few years ago. He had a very beautiful daughter, but she got fascinated with a ne'er do well.

The mother and the two brothers were taking a plane to Dallas. And the girl was going to skip away and go on a plane to meet her boyfriend over in the West Coast. The father got news that the girl was going to leave and go away.

She had already gone on the plane with her mother and her sisters. It suddenly struck him that his daughter was unsaved, going to an unsaved man. Now, if he had said, it's my daughter who's lost, it's my daughter who's going to hell.

He didn't say that. Do you know what he said? I've never heard this in my life. And I've read thousands of books and I've heard a lot.

Do you know what he said? He flung himself down in the room and he broke into tears. And he said, God, I'll be an embarrassment in heaven. I'll be weeping.

He said, my daughter, no, a part of me will be in hell for a million years. And how can I be happy with my child, no, with my child, with a part of me in hell? I'll salt the streets with my tears. He traveled, he prayed.

He was saying almost like, not that he could vicariously save his daughter by being killed. If I could, I'd give my life for her. He doesn't need to die.

Jesus died for her. What she needs is an awakening by the Holy Ghost. So he prays, he travels, I can't eat, I can't sleep.

That plane won't get to Dallas until so and so. I remember I.T. phone from Dallas, his wife's phone from Dallas. Do you know, she didn't get the plane to California.

She's decided to come home with me. Do you think he'd dance for joy? Do you know why we're looking for joy? Because we don't know how to mourn! He gives beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning. As soon as you start mourning, you'll be around to save a loved one.

As soon as you get serious, you're not concerned about the style of living. And you show, and you say, Lord, at least one day a week I'm going to fast until that child of mine is really genuine born again of the Spirit of God, you'll get some place. I wonder if the wiping away of tears from our lives, which is mentioned there in the Word of God, I think it will be at the judgment seat of Christ.

Or maybe it will be in heaven there will be tears. You say there are no tears in heaven, how do you know? What does the scripture say? There is what? In the presence of the angels of God. Joy in the... Well, if angels have joy, don't they weep? That's the other side of the coin.

There's maybe as much weeping in heaven tonight as in hell. Weeping over a lost world? No, weeping over a bankrupt church. A weak... A church where we have all the terminology.

A church where a meeting is wonderful if we come riding the sky, but not if we leave it with a broken heart and sore eyes from weeping. You know, people always laugh at intercessors. I was reading part of a book.

I won't tell the name of it, but later I will some other time. I didn't get all my statistics and facts. I don't like to read at all.

As you know, I usually don't read. But I said I would read this tonight because it's part of my lifestyle. It's part of my life.

Many times people have asked me, did you know Rhys Howells? Sorrowfully I didn't. I know his son who I think is a greater man than his father. The last time I taught in that Bible school, dear old Mrs. Howells took me by the arm.

She said, in a Welsh beautiful way, could I talk with you? I said, sure. Let's go on the veranda. It's a huge mansion that you may remember he bought by faith.

When we turned the bend in the stairs, she said, see the door there by the ravine? I said, yes. She said, daddy, meaning her husband, went in that door at six o'clock in the morning and didn't come out until six at night every day without a break for eleven months except the day he went to bury his mother. He asked permission of God.

Do you ask God? No, you just go shopping because of some bargains. I'm going to get after some of you here. If you feel insulted, enjoy it.

Don't you dare pray to God for a lost loved one if you're breaking commandments. You're wasting your time. Oh, that's legalism.

Well, you tell God that at the judgment seat. I'll be listening. Here's Isaiah 59.

Is it 59 or 58? I forget which. If thou take thy foot from the Sabbath, which chapter is that? Pardon? 58? What verse? Oh, thank you, yes. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, so remember that when you're going around Canton Fair on Sunday, will you? A lot of you go.

Well, go. If you'd love to be raptured just when you've been arguing about that bargain, go to Canton Fair. Don't take any notes of this crazy old guy.

But I remind you of the Ten Commandments. There's only one way to remember in it. Remember the Sabbath day.

Not half a day. The day to keep it holy. Don't go to church Sunday morning and then go back to Sodom in the afternoon.

That's rough language. Takes rough language to stir some of you up. Save you from all your folly.

Take your foot from the Sabbath from doing your pleasure on my holy day. Find the verse again. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath from doing thy pleasure on my holy day and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord honorable, thou shalt honor him not doing thine own ways or thine own pleasure.

If you can't find enough pleasure in the house of God, well, plunge back in the world. Don't play ducks and drakes. Don't serve God on Sundays and serve the devil the rest of the week.

You can't have two masters. Whether you like the Ten Commandments or not. Oh, I don't feel condemned breaking the Sabbath.

Well, your neighbor doesn't have to feel condemned committing adultery. Why should he? If you break one of the commandments, he that breaks one is guilty of all. Don't argue with your kids if they get drunk and do rotten things.

They might spit in your face and say, what did you do on the Lord today anyhow? You're happy for the morning but in the afternoon you're sitting dumb before the old TV set. You're running off here, you're running off there. Of course, in summer you do have some relief.

You can always go and be half nude and put your bikini on. I won't ask how many of you wear bikinis. I'll just ask you this, would you like to be raptured in it? You don't know when the Lord's coming so he may come at that moment when you're half naked.

Dear old Reese Howells. People laughed at him. Why? He had no ordination.

Well, let me tell you something for sure. Do you know he had an ordination bigger than the Archbishop of Canterbury? He had the ordination of the 15th chapter of John. I have ordained you.

He listened in to God. I remember in the newspapers in England all laughing at that coal miner in England, down there in Wales. The little guy that taught him the Bible school and he can't even speak Greek.

I'll tell you what, he could. He could speak enough to let the Lord hear him and understand him. He made mistakes.

Maybe you've never made them. I have. I think one mistake he made was he said bombs would never drop on England and they sure did.

They never dropped on his area. What he did say at the time of the Dunkirk evacuation Side 2 He's nice. He said that Hitler would not conquer Europe and he was labelled a false prophet.

But he said I know the Lord has called me. Do you know what he did? He didn't say well, praise God. God never fails you know.

I mean, it's no good us sweating and toiling. We're not going to wait. For five years he gathered everybody in his college and they interceded every night for five years.

And you think God's going to save your children because well, I pray for them every day. In fact, sometimes I rush home from shopping to be sure they're there. Listen, till God can pick up your tears as Psalmist says store my tears in thy bottle forget it you untouched God.

Maybe the last thing you'll see at the judgment seat of Christ will be when your child turns around when your child is going to everlasting darkness and they scream out mommy, dad, you didn't care for me really. You gave me nice clothing, nice clothing, bought me a car but you didn't care for my soul. You never traveled for my soul.

The newspapers laughed. I remember when we picked up newspaper Howells has been saying this. Reese Howells has said something else.

Hitler was taking over Europe. Howells has labeled a false prophet. But he said I know God has spoken to me.

So he gathered together all his intercessors every night for five years. At the time of Dunkirk Howells went alone for three days and nights and fasted and wrestled in prayer. What happened? He broke his health.

He was the sick man ever after that. Oh we go out to our prayer meetings and oh we come out just the same. Our coats aren't wet with tears.

God Almighty can't find any real true compassion in our hearts. We go through words. We spin words.

Do we bleed? I'm not trying to bring into condemnation. I'm trying to wake you up. My sweet little daughter-in-law.

She's one of the greatest women in the world. Little Irene. Speaking there she got.

Dave Wilkerson turned upside down nearly. He said this Sunday at our meeting last Sunday don't forget get Irene's tape. They were sold out as soon as they were put down to the table.

She said two astounding things that morning. One was this. We are missionaries.

Meaning her husband of course and she. In Paraguay South America. I think the only country in South America that's never had revival.

Chile has had revival. Brazil has had big revivals. It's having one now.

Argentina had a super revival in 20 years ago. An unknown American heard the voice of God go down to. Well I don't know anybody in Argentina.

He went down. What happened? They took the bull ring. Seats 120,000 people.

He packed it every night for three weeks. After the meeting they had trucks going around picking up crutches and braces. People took off their legs and off their bodies.

Truckloads of them. Every night. From an unknown man.

Dear Irene said we have gone to that country of Paraguay. The hardest country without question in South America. Well they never stress that fact.

And she said we've gone there not to get converts. And you say well what have you gone for? We've gone to get worshippers. The greatest man living on the face of the earth right now to me is old back thing there in India.

A man that goes round to the railway desk and asks for a return ticket to the other end of town. He has a pen in his pocket. And he's putting his hand through to get the ticket.

The man has drawn the ticket and says do you want a round trip? Sure. Well that's whatever he's saying. \$19, \$119.25 and he hasn't a cent.

The man is pushing the ticket through the little window there. And he gets it and he says \$119.50 and he says yes. And he hasn't a dime.

A man went to breakfast and hits him on his back and says Brother Singh we couldn't get through yesterday. There was a herd of elephants on the track and we couldn't move them. I should have brought you this envelope from brother so and so.

And I don't know what's in it. Buck Singh said I do. What sir what did you say the ticket was? \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 \$119.50 50,000 at the weekend.

They all have a meal. They build booths and women sleep in one field and men in the other. They all have meals twice a day for 10 days.

And he never takes an offering. And he uses a word that's used in the Old Testament. He has a holy convocation.

He has never been a penny behind in any year he's had that. And he's had that for about 20 years. Never asked for a penny.

Feeds that multitude and never has been without. He never has money. What do you need money for when you're saved? I've no money as far as I go.

No much faith either. But anyhow, it's great. Okay.

You know why this man got his prayers answered? Because he says every time the Holy Ghost told me what to pray for. At the time of the Dunkirk evacuation, Howells went for three days and three nights alone. He wrestled in the Lord, with the Lord.

And he was left like Jacob, limping, a semi-indolent the rest of his life. Well God Almighty, I'd do that. If I thought three days of prayer and fasting would give me faith like that man, and I'd be crippled, I'd pray tomorrow.

He said pray that Germany will break off the Battle of Britain. And it happened. Pray for the Normandy invasion and it succeeded.

It succeeded against all odds. I remember getting up at night, one night. I said to Martha, darling, there's a terrible rout.

And I looked, and there was a kind of a moonlit sky. And there were thousands of American and English planes, all going in formation over the coast. When they came back next day, they were all broken up.

Because they find formation, even when they've been smashed up. When there's 20 planes smashed, they say reform and come back. And the Lord said, now pray that Germany will attract Russia.

Because I'm going to judge them both. Pray that Germany will not take Moscow, but attack Stalingrad instead and be destroyed. What happened? That very day we were having a meeting in Wales.

Staying with a lady, a very beautiful Salvation Army lady. She's one of the fattest women I've ever seen, but one of the most joyful, one of the greatest prayer warriors. When we went in the house, she said,

Brother Raymond, you're rather early for lunch.

It's ten minutes to twelve. I said, I'm sorry, but it's pouring rain outside. And at that time there was spoonerism being written.

Harry Briggs, our pianist, came in at the door. He was running wet, and he was walking off the mat onto the floor. And I said, Harry, wipe your meat on the fat.

He said, what? You mean wipe my feet on the mat? I said, well, I turned it round. So you'd remember it. Wipe your meat on the fat when you come in this house.

I walked in, and Mrs. Snow said, well, how was your prayer meeting? Oh, the God came to know this morning. She's cooking. I said, I knew it would be like that.

I said, we have ten minutes. No, we have five minutes now. Ten minutes.

At five minutes to twelve, the BBC in London, we were in Wales, the BBC in London said, well, it's five minutes to twelve. And there's one minute's news. Now, I'm going to reach for a record, the man says.

I'll put this phonograph. I don't know what it is. I said to her, well, there are two things I want before we turn on the BBC.

What do you want? I said, I want to hear that Hitler's won at Stalingrad. I said, oh, pray that Germany will attack. Oh, if Germany was attacking, attacks Stalingrad.

I'd like to see the Russians get belted. I'd like to see Stalingrad fall. She said, well, mister, you'll have to wait a long while.

It's not going to fall. And how are you so well informed? Because, she said, I was praying two days ago, and the Holy Ghost said to me, you pray that Germany will collapse at Stalingrad. Now, what's your other request? I said, I would like a record played in London of Jiju Joy of Man's Desiring, Mayra Hess's interpretation of that marvellous piece.

The man turned on the news. He said, ladies and gentlemen, I have to announce to you that Germany is attacking Stalingrad instead of Moscow. Ha ha, he said.

I said, well, that's wonderful. And he said, now I will, I'll take a record. I don't know what it is.

Oh, it's Jiju Joy of Man's Desiring, Mayra Hess's interpretation. So she said, well, I said, I got both my requests. She said, but you didn't say anything about Stalingrad, did you? I didn't pray about that.

I said, no, you did that. When I came to America, I brought a little man with me from Ireland. Mr. Tom Hare his name was.

Mr. Tozer wrote a book about him, The Praying Plumber. The night we were caught in that terrible fire, he hadn't been to bed for five nights. He was talking one day, he said, you know, when I was, he used to, in Ireland, he spent three nights a week by himself in intercession.

And he said, you know, Brother Len, he said, I remember the night. And he was telling a crowd of people too. He said, when the Lord told me to pray that Germany would not go to Russia, but attack Stalingrad and be destroyed.

And it happened, because I made intercession. I said, wait a minute, it didn't. You see, God is going to pull the rug from under us we get proud so easily.

I said, I'll tell you why it happened. Because little Mrs. Snell, not so little, she carried weight for sure. I said, that dear precious woman in that little house in Wales, a cottage, you wouldn't have given her a thousand dollars for, had a ministry of intercession.

And the Holy Ghost laid its honor to pray for Stalingrad. And Rhys Howells, the giant of prayer, in another part of Wales was praying. And God answered prayer.

And you were praying in Ireland, and God answered prayer in Ireland. See, the Holy Ghost speaks to those who listen. Do you know why your prayer is so repetitious and poor? Because you don't hear the Holy Ghost.

You pray your request, not God's request. This man never prayed God's request. They got so scared of him praying, you know, he went and saw a huge mansion, and he went and bought it for a Bible school.

If I remember, it's called Dyrwen Fawr in Welsh. They needed another one, so he went and he stood on the hedge, and he was looking over the wall at this huge mansion. And a man came past in his super car, a Rolls Royce or something, and he saw Rhys Howells looking over the fence at this mansion.

And he phoned the owner, he said, listen, he said, if that fellow, that praying man comes to your house, he said, sell him whatever he's asking. He said, because he'll get it anyhow. And he went and he bought the second mansion.

I felt so totally unworthy when I was there. Though he wasn't there, his son, I've forgotten his name, I think. Samuel.

That's the boy that he left, you know, to go to the missionary. He left him for 15 years. Samuel.

Samuel has been in that big old house. The room's full of, looks like antique furniture. I won't give him a dollar for the whole showroom.

All beaten up, old furniture. He spends about 11 hours a day in that room, mostly interceding. Who's the wealthiest man in Wales? Samuel Howells.

Because he touches God. It doesn't say, we want to do this, would you kindly promise three dollars a month for the next 45 years. Your father knoweth what ye have need of.

So he says, Lord, we need this. I do not need a thing. I do not need a coat.

I do not need a shirt. We sent our boys to a good school in England. The ladies, three ladies that ran it, were geniuses.

And they said, if you can't get your boy in Eton or Harrow, which we couldn't because of the price, send them to Rhys Howells. Do you know Rhys Howells School? Yes. It's the best standard of education in the British Isles.

There's a whole bunch of PhDs. There's a friend of mine there now, he's one of the greatest Bible teachers I've ever heard, and I've heard most of them in the world in the last 60 years. That's my wife.

What's his name? E.I.M. Jones. He speaks English, he speaks Welsh, he can read Greek, he can read Latin. And he was a missionary in China, he can speak two or three Chinese languages.

He's worked in that school, he's been teaching in that school about 45 years and never had a penny wage. There's a brilliant PhD there, Dr. Priddy, one of the greatest educationists in England, joins up with a faith mission where they never have any money, and yet have produced some of the finest men in this generation. Rhys Howells prayed.

Dunkirk was victorious because he prayed. Germany didn't take Moscow, they attacked Stalingrad and got beaten. And then he prayed for his other people.

Five years, every night, they were interceding. Now God takes you seriously when you do that. No, we all want a nice meeting.

You know, this is a day of admiring persons. We're going to a man, or it's a hundred miles, and we'll be laid home. But you know, he's a wonderful man, he has a word of knowledge.

What scares the devil, a word of knowledge? It's precious to have a word of knowledge. We're making idols out of men who have remarkable gifts. They can heal, they can do this.

I'm concerned about two things only. I would like to be the holiest man on earth, and I want to be known in hell. If my name isn't on the most wanted list in hell, forget it.

The greatest honor ever given to a human being was given by demons, when the demons jumped up on a man who was trying to cast them out. I think it's the most amazing testament in history. They wanted to know why this squirt was trying to cast them out.

You know, they said, Jesus we know, and Paul we know. Oh God, I wonder if demons will ever have to say, Jesus we know, and Ravner we know. You can have all your titles, and all your labels, and all your popularity.

If I'm not known in hell, I don't want to live. This is the hardest work in the world, and yet it's the most glorious work in the world. Let me finish this.

After the battle of Britain, the intercessors were told that they should pray that the enemy would be bogged down in Greece, in order that the Bible land might be saved. When the Afri Corps, you remember Rommel leading the Afri Corps to the gates of Cairo, and they had had all the water, you know they have to lay miles and miles and miles, ten, fifty, hundred miles of water line, main, to get water to the troops. And the pipes had been broken, the water had been leaking, and so they sealed all the leaks up.

The Germans had shot holes all down in them. They got them all fixed. And then they decided to test them, and they couldn't afford the pure water, drinking water.

You know what they did? They let sea water run through all those pipes. And the Germans came again and shot, and they drank. Imagine what happened.

They were dying like flies, dying of thirst in the torrid heat. And they'd been fooled, they thought they'd get drinking water, and they got salt water. Pray that Greece, that the enemy will get bogged down, the Afri Corps, Afri Corps as they were called, so that the Bible land will be kept open, and the Afri Corps were defeated.

All through the course of war, the Spirit of God guided these intercessors. They never prayed, we were starving. We used to get one egg, what was it, how often Martha? One egg in four weeks for the whole family.

When I hear you talk about rationing here in the war, boy that's better than we live in at top scale in England. Is America grateful? Not on your life. These people had seen the mighty acts of God.

He sent them manna from the sky. They cried for meat, and he gave them meat. I read this the other day, very fascinating.

How many people came out in the exodus? According to numbers, chapter 1, verses 45 and 46, there were 600,000 men. Add to that an equal number of women, plus an average of four per family for children. And the Egyptians were terrified of them, because they were multiplying so rapidly, as it says in Exodus 1. The men were 600,000, the women were 600,000, the children were 2,400,000, that makes 3,600 people that came out in a night.

How do you like to feed that gang? How did they feed them? Miraculously. If those people marched 50 abreast past one given point, they would stretch, the line would stretch for 40 miles into the desert. Walking at two and a half miles an hour, which is about what you do while marching around, the people would require more than 16 hours to pass one point.

50 abreast. 40 miles long. Just to provide the minimum of ration for food and water, not including provision for animals, just for this crowd of almost two and a half million people.

It would take 30 boxcars of food and 300 tanks, you know, the tanks they have instead of boxcars, for water, every day of the journey. There'd never been anything like that in the history of the world. Well, this people had seen Almighty God do that.

They'd heard about that most amazing evacuation in history. They'd heard about the supplies of manna that came. And you'd better be obedient then, because it went rotten if you took too much, and tried to preserve it for the next day.

Supposing we all gave whatever we have, little or big, out of our bank balance, dare you give God all you have and trust him for the next day? But they'd seen all these miracles. Miracles of deliverance that saved their lives. Miracles of food.

Miracles of drinking. And yet what did they do? They went after strange gods. What does this man say? If they're not going to repent, if they're going to be destroyed, kill me! What are you praying for deliverance for that child of yours for? Because you're embarrassed at her iniquity.

Because you're embarrassed your son is going to show you up, when you're supposed to be Christians and your son's going to get divorced. Are you praying for your own selfish reason? Well, what do I pray for? For my son? Yeah, pray for your son. Pray for your daughter.

But not for your reason, because you're embarrassed. Oh, you mean I have to pray for the sake of my son? No, don't pray for the sake of your son. That's selfish.

Pray for the sake of my... No, no, pray because your son and your daughter are robbing glory of the use of their lives. The biggest sin in the world is not adultery, rotten as it is, or breaking one of the, what we call

the Decalogue, the Ten Commandments. The greatest sin is I run my life.

What did Adam get kicked out of the garden for? Drunk? No. Beating up some other woman? You say there were none, there were a thousand a few years after. Did he get beaten up? Did he get for stealing? No, he was thrown out because he said, I can run my life better without God.

Living independent of God. Your son, your daughter, may be embarrassing you, shaming you, and maybe you shed tears, but are you really shedding them because God is being robbed of their lives? Or because socially you're getting hurt? It's rough. I don't care how rough it is.

Is it true? Yes, that's an awful thing that the, this precious man prayed. This is a kind of praying. I'm going to wind up.

It's the only kind of praying that's going to save our generation. I'm trying to think of that other verse, I can't think of it, but there's another circumstance in which he says, if you don't, if you're not going to heal these people, he said, I prayed, blot my name out of the book of God. That's praying.

That's intercession. If there isn't enough room on the register for the, for my son or daughter, if they get saved, if you're short of space, cross my name off, which means I go to hell anyhow. What is it saying? I'm going to pass over this quickly.

It says that Jesus prayed in the fifth chapter of Hebrews verse 10. What did he do? He prayed with crying. No, he did not.

He prayed with strong crying and with fears, and he was heard of his father, because he prayed with strong crying and fears. Strong crying. The Greek word there will bear the interpretation, he prayed vehemently.

He prayed with anguish. Not for his sin, he had none. He was praying for the sin of the world.

In that prophetic psalm, Psalm 22, you can read when you go home, verse 1, he talks about his roaring. One of the most awesome things in eternity, I believe, will be when God lifts the veil off the garden of Gethsemane. He prayed with strong crying and tears.

Read the different versions of the Gethsemane story. One says being in an agony. An agony of what? He knew he was the eternal son, he knew he was going to reign forever and ever as king of kings and lord of lords.

No one could advise him, nobody could teach him. He knew everything about the coming history of the world. He knew about his triumph over death.

Those three psalms, 22, 23, 24, have to be read together. The son of God prayed with agony. Remember that song we used to sing so happily, and stamp our feet and clap our hands when we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be.

It's a bit late, isn't it? You know, the scripture says, as he was, so are we. Oh, I'm going to have a body like unto his glorified body. I'm going to have an unrestricted intelligence.

So you are, so you are. When I get to the other side, I'm going to be like him. But listen to the word of God.

As he is, so are we in this world. It's too late when I get to heaven. There's no praying in heaven any hours dear, Irene says.

They pray in hell, they pray to get out. It shows there's no answer to prayer, no listening. God says, remember son, do you know memory is eternal? That multi-billionaire down there had everything he could have.

I think it's interesting, it says, the rich man died and was buried. The poor man died and was carried. Which do you want? He didn't go to hell because he was rich.

He went to hell because it was his God. Because he was consumed with selfishness. Like in the example of a preacher, he gains prosperity.

He's become a damnation in the church almost. Got to the place now where if you're not rich, there's sin in your life. Of course you may have a life of intercession and prayer and suave, they don't know a thing about.

Do you know what that thing does, what it breeds? It breeds covetousness. And Paul says covetousness is as the sin of idolatry for which in the Old Testament you could be murdered. You could be stoned to death just as if you committed suicide.

But now he threw out the man. You don't ask how he got his money. He's a big shot.

Well those big shots kicked me off their platform a long while ago. I wouldn't go back for \$10,000 a night, I'll tell you that. Because they don't want my message.

I've only two strings on my violin, one is holiness and the other is prayer. The church is not pursuing holiness tonight, she's pursuing happiness. With strong crying and with tears.

This man is almost suggesting he birthed this nation in verse 12, and I'll quit in a minute or two. Have I conceived all these people? Have I begotten them? Didn't Paul say, my little children for whom I traveled in birth? Oh God's going to save them. If you travel, he is, surely not.

If you get rid of your pride. As an old Scotsman said, we've got pride of faith and pride of grace and pride of race. But pride is the thing that got the devil kicked out of heaven anyhow.

And I believe as old Daniel Steele says, it's the last thing that goes out of the human heart and the first thing to return. It comes in with such subtlety. Have I conceived all these people? You think he conceived them without tears? Maybe he wiped over Aaron and Herbert and joined with them in fellowship, in prayer.

Verse 14 again, I am not able to bear all these people alone. It's too heavy for me. But if you deal with me like this, kill me I pray, and get me out of hand.

Or again, when he comes up and sees the sin of the people and that God is a God of holiness and righteousness, he says, blot me out. That precious woman, Madame Guillaume prayed that once. I don't know anybody else in history who did.

She said, Lord I've enjoyed you so much on earth, that if you're limited for space in heaven, give somebody my seat in heaven and send me to hell. I met somebody. Now that's praying.

I dare you to pray. Give somebody my place in heaven and I'm willing to go to hell because I'll have such eternal memories of all the times of fellowship and adoration. I'd be happy in hell even.

Argue with the theology if you like. But I love her willingness. If need be, blot me out of thy book.

She said, do you want me to pray, kill me? Yeah, I do. I want you to pray tonight, kill me. Kill my interest in sport.

Kill my interest in money. Kill my interest in popularity. Kill my interest in all those superfluous things.

All the vain things that charm me most and help me least. I sacrifice them to him. Brother, I want to tell you something.

There's nobody on this earth ever sacrificed anything in the light of Calvary. I believe the Lord wanted me to stress this to you parents tonight, like it or not, I don't care. You've been praying all these weeks and years, nothing has happened, why don't you get serious? Think over it when you go to bed tonight.

Do you dare say, Lord, now look, my daughter isn't right, I know. My son isn't right, I know, or my daddy or somebody. And Lord, I've just realized that this man said it suddenly brought man to my consciousness in a new way.

Not just that my daughter will be in hell, but a part of me will be there. And a million years in eternity, I'll still be saying, but my daughter is in eternal misery. I don't think I've ever heard a better message outside of the Bible, on a man's despair, or a man's intercessory prayer.

I don't think I've ever heard any better than that by the Don. My daughter is going to perish. A part of me will be there, and in heaven I'll be an embarrassment to heaven.

I'll be leaving a trail of tears behind me, he said. You think God is going to turn a prayer away like that? Oh, my daughter's going out tonight. I know she's not good, but you know, we do want to finish this program on TV, don't we Jim? My son's in a mess, but you know, Dale is playing Sunday afternoon, of course, when they pray on Saturday, with the other team.

Don't interfere with my program. This man says you can not only interfere with my program, you can wreck my life. I'm not asking you to make me the great Moses or the greatest leader in the whole history of the world.

That's not it. I won't. Our Paul said something the other week again, he said, in his meeting, that cut me through, and I know David will just nudge me if I remember right.

He said, the trouble with us today is this. We Christians are not feeling the hurt of God. We want God to feel our hurt, but we're not feeling his hurt.

His Ten Commandments have been brought in ten million times in America alone today. Why in God's name doesn't he burn us up? PTL said, and they're always right. Little Jim Baker said, now the rate of divorce in the pulpit is as high as the rate of divorce in a funeral.

We're getting fatter and fatter, and more comfortable, and more comfortable. The people in Korea are fasting. People in Korea have memorized the Word of God, so they'll be going round to one house meeting and another.

There'll be no buildings, there'll be house meetings. That's what we're going back to. Billy Graham said that ten years ago.

Dave Wilkinson said it last Sunday. The church is going to end where it began. You know, son, in a few years our churches won't have enough money to pay the light bill and the heat bill.

God's going to starve us into surrender. We won't fast and weep and travel in prosperity, so he's going to pull the rent from us. I look to the next ten years, I pray God I'll survive it.

I've not much energy, but I want to live it, just to glorify God, not for the sake of living. I believe it'll be the roughest ten years in the history of America, as far as that goes the history of the world. Money won't be any good.

The currency will all be changed when we go on the gold standard. You'll have a, what card was it, Martha? A point of sale card. And when you go for anything, they'll put it into a little machine.

That will say that what your value is, whatever you've had and sold and put in the bank, but it will deteriorate very quickly. There'll be a new national currency if there's any at all. I doubt there'll be any at all.

God help the churches. The lifeblood of crusades and Christian work, mainly, is not in God, it's in money. I had two men come to see me today.

They're two men from Dallas Bible College. They've taken over the agape grounds. They're coming in August, about 250 of them.

I said, we'll expect to see all of them down at last day, every Friday night. The man said, can we come? I said, sure you can. 250 students during the day.

An open Bible school at night for anybody who wants to go. There's a chance for you. They can maybe add something to our teaching here.

Melody, bless you. Good to see you tonight. You're a stranger.

Did you lose your way coming? You came late. I thought maybe you lost your way. Anyhow.

These people are coming. And they're excited to come into this community. Almighty God knows, I hope they bring something.

We'll share what we got. God is going to do something, believe me. I believe God's going to do something within 10 miles.

I'll stretch a bit further so we can take poor old Mr. Tyler in. God's going to do something in his community. I have read and read and read.

Do you know what prayer is? Yes, it's throwing tears up in heaven. Forget it. Do you know they have perfume in heaven? Make your women happy, won't it? Some lady is looking very disgusted at me.

I can't tell whether they're angry. I'll find out after. What are these under the altar in golden vessels? What are they? The what? Yeah, but what does it say about them? Incense, which is quoted again in some versions, and rightly so, as perfume.

Fragrance. They're going to release, what shall I say, a computer system, all down the ages. I'm going to hear Abraham pray again.

It's going to be released. Abraham the intercessor, standing there sweating, grieving, mourning. Moses the intercessor.

Paul praying, if need be, damn me. God going to release all that fragrance. The vials of the saints, the golden vessels full of the prayers of the saints.

It doesn't say that any sermon is released in heaven, thank the Lord. Just prayers. When the Lord opens the prayers of Jesus, won't that be wonderful? When he releases all the prayers of all the ages, the fragrance is going to spread over heaven with a perfume, a fragrance, the likes of which we can't even imagine.

These odors, as it says, these odors in these vessels, these fragrances stored up for thousands of years, are going to be released. I'm not going to ask you to stand, kneel, do something. I don't like that stuff.

We've all made that many vows, we'll be embarrassed when we get to eternity. I'm going to ask you to read over those scriptures again, and get into the shoes of Moses, as it were, and ask God if you dare to make you an intercessor. If you dare, it will change your lifestyle, change your social standing, change your eating, may change the group of folk you live with, and meet with in worship.

But they're the only people going to save this generation. If organizing could have done it, man, dear Lord, this nation would be on fire. We're the best organizers in anything, religion, banking, anything you like.

It's not organizing, it's agonizing. It's beauty for ashes. What do you get ashes out of? When you burn something up, when you burn your reputation, when you burn that silly idol you have, that craze for sport, that craze for something else, and God burns it up.

Put in a hymn like this, then we're going to sing. When God's fire upon the altar of my heart was set ablaze, my ambitions, plans and wishes at my feet in ashes lay. Do you think you dare go home and get quiet and say, Lord, give me a baptism of grief? Give me a consciousness of what it will mean that if I'm in eternity and my child is unsaved, that she'll be in hell forever and ever and ever and ever.

As our Dave Paul put it, I think 50 million years, 50 billion years from now. Because you don't die in either place. Their world never dies.

I guess I could sweep you away, but we sang a few nice emotional carols. Forget it. You've been stirred up many times emotionally and got nowhere.

I'm rough tonight. I'm angry tonight with a holy anger. Except that the poor will suffer more, I'd say, Lord, start shrinking the economy this week.

If that's going to bring revival, that is. I don't know what it means. God's going to use it.

He's going to use some. Whom the Lord loveth he lets become wealthy, nor whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. Blessed Lord, in Psalm 50th of Isaiah, he gave his back to the smiters.

Nobody ever, ever, ever, ever suffered like Jesus. Read Isaiah 50, read Isaiah 53. Read Psalm 22, where he says he roared in his grief.

We always quote, at least the guys usually quote when they're talking about the 17th chapter of Genesis. This is the Lord making intercession for us. You see, he only makes intercession for his children.

Forget it. Read the scripture. Don't be fooled about it.

Doesn't it say in Isaiah 53, he makes intercession for the transgressors? I nearly said poor devils. I will say poor devils because the devil possess. Who's going to intercede for them if Jesus doesn't intercede? On the earth level, who's going to intercede for them if we don't intercede?

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