





show your power let's do it one more time before we change show your power oh show your power oh Lord Jesus Jesus I want everyone here just to close your eyes whether you know the Lord whether somebody brought you in here tonight and you don't even know why you're here won't hurt you to pray these words and if what we're saying is real and we know it is then God's going to hear you just close your eyes right where you are just say this out loud Heavenly Father you know me you know where I live you know who I am make yourself real to me tonight touch me speak to me change me in the name of Jesus amen amen thank you Lord you can be seated blessed be your name Lord Jesus I found out I had a flight to Minnesota last Sunday 7 in the morning and I talked to my assistant Scott I said we gotta change the tickets I want to leave later and he was about to do it and I said just forget it leave it and I got on that plane and was flying out then the next flight from Atlanta Pastor Kerry Robertson actually believes that if you're a Christian and you die in Pensacola you go to heaven by way of Atlanta well anyway I got on the next flight and a man sat next to me turned out to be just 26 years old and he had a colleague behind him and I thought well why don't I switch seats so he can sit next to his colleague and I thought well maybe he wants the window seat I'll just leave it then another woman came on began talking with another colleague and I thought why don't I offer to switch seats with her so he can talk and I thought no I'll just stay there turns out he was on his way from Baton Rouge through Cincinnati to Minnesota when last minute they wheel off the flight attendant she's suddenly been stricken with appendicitis they wheel her off in a stretcher and they said we don't have sufficient flight crew for this we're going to have to re-route you through Atlanta and last minute he ends up on my plane and about two thirds through the flight he's watching me right at my computer and he says are you an author I said yes religious, spiritual stuff, yeah and he said you know the last 9-10 months and I fly a lot and this is not your normal flight conversation trust me he said you know the last 9-10 months he said I've been trying to find God and uh he said I don't know if this is the right question to ask he said could you tell me how to find God well we talked for about 45 minutes and I didn't feel just to pray with him I wanted things to go even deeper I wanted him to understand more talk to him about sin and need for salvation and why it only comes through Jesus and uh he got off the plane I got his his card with his pager number I said listen I'll give you the details where I'm preaching tonight we paged him he called back he said listen I'm tied up tonight I've got work to do I'll see if I can make it out tomorrow night instead Sunday night there he is he said I changed my schedule to be here and he was raised Catholic and dragged to church and just like a man talked about being hurt by the Southern Baptist Church friends people have been hurt by every church every name every denomination and um he was raised in a church that was just full of tradition but no God and uh he was uh at the service and people were dancing and celebrating and I said to him a little different than Catholic church and he said yeah but it's a good different and uh the end of the night uh he was on his knees with hundreds at the altar and the college pastor from that church went over talked to him and next thing he's praying next thing tears streaming down his cheeks and he comes up to me afterwards just hugging me he said I never dreamed I had no idea and uh the next night without us calling him or anything there he was the next night in the service and uh you know the neat thing is Jesus is working the Holy Spirit is working all over the place I know there are plenty of places where there's resistance but that was just God's reminder his spirit's working his spirit's moving everywhere I called Nancy on the phone I said if this guy doesn't come to Jesus there's something to matter with me I mean if a fish comes to you with an open mouth and says do you know what a hook looks like I mean hallelujah the Lord is good Steve Hill with Pastor Kerry Robertson and Bill Ansara our worship leader at the school our music director and Lisa Ansara who works in the music department here they're just getting back from New Zealand but we've gotten wonderful reports about the moving of God there and uh uh in fact uh I was just told by the daughter of the pastor who coordinated the event not only were altars filled with people getting right with God and crowds grew but uh one day they

had a question and answer session and Pastor Kerry Robertson was there and they said to him someone asked him and said well we've heard about the cost of revival the price of revival what about the fruit and before he could answer he just began to weep and the spirit just broke out they had to cancel their meetings through the afternoon the spirit just fell in power God's moving in New Zealand God's moving in Minnesota God's moving in Pensacola God can move wherever you live amen God can move wherever you live we're so glad that you're here let me just find out again how many are visiting with us this is your first week visiting the revival why don't you just stand if this is your first week visiting the revival whoo God bless you let me ask this how many of you came to the revival this week from outside the United States would you raise your hands if you came from outside the United States remain standing okay if you came from outside the United States to be with us okay great well bless you folks we're thrilled that you're here welcome all the Americans that are here let me encourage you to get everything you possibly can while you're here to open your heart to God not to be in any hurry if you're not leaving tomorrow morning then by all means join us in the Family Life Center at 11 o'clock there's a message that a theme that I've come to hundreds of times in study and prayer and preached on it many times through the word about the fire of God fire is an awesome subject of the word Rod Lashberg who works with you just sharing about the work going on among the people and Klaus is a real hero to me to many of us he's labored sacrificially for more than two decades in conditions I don't know how dark dark gets when you're out at the end of the earth by yourself sometimes but the Lord's faithfully blessed our brother and I just want us to pray for Klaus and his wife Doris and in fact if we could just have we've got a couple of faculty members standing there Bert and Ron and Sonny and our pastoral staff if you could just Klaus just raise your hand so folks know who we're praying for just stand right over there we just want to bless you brother we want to hold your hands up we want to say that you're never forgotten doesn't matter where you are that we feel a sense of standing with you in the work there can we pray the blessing of God down upon him gracious Father Lord you've been so faithful you've done such an awesome work there's so much light where there had been so much darkness there's hope oh God where there had been none before Lord there's a kingdom Lord of your people saved redeemed healed set free Lord I know there's a great crown awaiting your servant I know as he and his wife have sacrificed much Lord the enemies come against them with everything he's got and I pray for blessing we ask for blessing blessing upon Klaus and Doris and their children everything they need give to them oh God shower grace on them may the years that lie ahead be brighter than anything they've known in the past may every burden be lifted Father do a new thing in their lives do a new thing among the five people glorify Jesus in them and through them and show your fatherly heart of concern and graciously and tenderly meeting every single need they have bless them Father bless them and Lord we ask that you would speak to us and change us in the name of Jesus amen amen you can be seated you can be seated what I'm about to say to you I don't say lightly but for many of you tonight's message will be the difference between heaven and hell the difference between life and death and many of you have heard thousands of messages and have forgotten most of them just like I have heard so many messages and could not tell you what many of them were about years later but I tell you, you will never forget this message my heart has been bursting with this as I've looked out at you sometimes it's been difficult even to back away and just to worship because of the burden of this years ago a truth opened up to me from the word that's so basic and simple and plain and over a period of many years there was never a theme that I preached on twice in the same way from the word except God would bring me back to this one and I'd preach it in different parts of the world and I'd see somebody years later and they'd come up to me and remember this I've been in the revival now for almost four years preach many Wednesday night and Thursday night services and some Saturday night services and now some Friday night services and in the revival service I've not yet preached on this it was not until I wrote my 10th book, Go and Sin No More

that I even put this in print I have to have a special sense from God to bring this I never wanted to be trivialized in my own heart in my own life, I never wanted to be common I tell you this has saved me from sin I want you to turn with me to Proverbs the 19th chapter I don't think it's going to take me a long time to deliver this Proverbs 19 verse 20 and then we'll be elsewhere in Proverbs before I get into this message though I'm going to give you a Hebrew lesson you say a Hebrew lesson? you said this is the most important message some of us will ever hear, difference between life and death, a Hebrew lesson correct, in fact I want all of you to begin by clearing your throats and I want you to repeat a word after me that word is acharit say it again acharit here's your little Hebrew lesson in Hebrew Hebrew and Arabic and the other related languages called the Semitic languages, sometimes prepositions, sometimes words having to do with the order of things or direction, they come from parts of the body for example if I want to talk about someone being right next to me in Hebrew I say they're by the hand right next, they're by the hand when I'm standing in front of someone I'm literally to the face I'm facing that person to the face, when I want to talk about something that's on top, the top of a mountain, I talk about the head of the mountain and because this is on top this comes first words for first, words for beginning come from the Hebrew word for head the word acharit is related to the Hebrew word for back and it literally refers to that which comes after this is the principle from your vantage point, looking on at me you cannot see my back everyone in front of me, looking at me, you cannot see my back here I've got a suit on, everything looks fine but if I sat on something maybe I sat on wet paint and the back of my suit was completely marred, you can't see that from this angle because you cannot see the acharit, you cannot see that which comes after and Satan's great device that he has used to destroy countless hundreds of millions of lives, is to blind you to the acharit and your whole means of salvation and deliverance and perseverance is to never lose sight of the acharit, that which comes after, the final consequences, the end when the Hebrew prophet when Isaiah spoke about in the end of days, he spoke of the acharit of days, that which comes at the end, that which comes last and this verse Proverbs 19, 20 sums up the whole purpose of the book of Proverbs and in so many ways the whole purpose of everything God does listen to advice and accept instruction and in your acharit in your final end, you will be wise I remember one time after yielding to the flesh it was a relatively minor thing you might say but afterwards I was grieved in my spirit and I said to myself if I could only remember the way I feel now, if I could remember that before I was tempted the next time I'd never sin if I could remember the way I felt after sinning and hold on to that the next time temptation came knocking at my door, I'd say no because I'd remember the acharit I'd remember the final consequences I want you to turn with me to Proverbs 5 what I'm going to talk to you about is real life I've had close friends of mine destroy their ministries destroy their lives destroy their marriages because they lost sight of the acharit Proverbs 5 you will find more lengthy sections in the book of Proverbs dealing with sexual sin than any other specific sin you'll find the theme of wisdom throughout but if you're looking for one specific sin that's nailed and spoken of in particular at length, whole chapters devoted to it, it's sexual sin and when Paul gives lists of sins in his epistles he lists sexual sin first and what we've heard confessed to more at this altar than any other sin, including from visiting pastors and ministers is sexual sin Nehemiah 13 reminds us about Solomon, the one that we understand wrote these very words that it was sexual sin that destroyed him my son pay attention to my wisdom listen well to my words of insight that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge for the lips of an adulteress drip honey and her speech is smoother than oil wow she's so pretty she makes you come alive she's got what you need look at her at the front of that magazine cover look at her calling to you on your computer screen look at you smile look at her smiling at you in the workplace her lips, her face her curves, her figure look at her she's got what you need if you'll only give yourself to her, you'll be satisfied if you'll only go that way the fulfillment you're longing for will come she's special the lips of an adulteress drip honey and her speech is smoother than oil

but her acharit in other words, the final consequences of associating with her her final end the final end of those who join with her her lips drip honey her speech is smoother than oil but her acharit is bitter as gall sharp as a double edged sword her feet go down to death her steps lead straight to the grave she gives no thought to the way of life her paths are crooked, but she knows it not there's some stories that I've read and people I've known and their stories have impacted me and some of them I've never forgotten when one of our grads heard what I was preaching on tonight, I just said the word acharit, he remembered it and he remembered this very illustration there was a rich businessman on Long Island married man and I read this account in a newspaper one day while going to teach in New York City, years ago I never forgot it a young lady met him offered him what he wanted sexually meet me at such and such a place and we'll have some fun together here he is a married man here she is young, beautiful giving him whatever she'll whatever he'll want if he'll only come along as the story read and he met her at the location but when he went in, instead of just her there was a whole gang of people with her and they jumped him beat him up, tied him up threw him in their vehicle and then brought him to an abandoned building in the city there were extra thick boards on the windows so that you couldn't hear him from the outside and they began to beat him they began to burn him with cigarettes the men began to sexually abuse him to the point of injuring his organs they were waiting for ransom money and his wife was coming up with it but before the money even arrived, they beat him to death they forced him to relieve himself in a diaper the last 5 days they gave him no food I began to think of that picture I began to think of this man's Akharite if he could have only seen if he could have only seen himself shut in that room, screaming for mercy burned with cigarettes from head to toe, beaten humiliated, abused if he could have only seen his Akharite, I don't care what that young lady offered him, I don't care if a thousand young ladies offered him whatever he wanted, he would have said, no I won't touch it but that's not the way of the devil the devil comes with the emotion of the moment and the need of the moment, oh he's just what you're looking for you've got one opportunity to be with him, how can you say no, the lust and the passion rises see some of us have forgotten something about sin sin is tempting the devil knows the weakness of the flesh and sometimes we don't even need the devil to do it, because we give ourselves over to the weakness of the flesh the devil pushes people like Esau what do you need a birthright for, what do you need these things for the future, you're hungry now forget about the consequences, forget about what's going to happen later, forget about the fact you'll end up in jail, forget about the fact it will destroy your marriage forget about the pain forget about the sexually transmitted diseases, forget about the unwanted pregnancies forget about, right now you're hungry forget about the fact that you're a minister and you've got to preach tomorrow that porno is calling to you give yourself to the moment listen to the warning of Proverbs, now then my son listen to me do not turn aside from what I say, keep to a path far from her do not go near the door of her house lest you give your best strength to others in your years, to one who is cruel, lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house and in your akharit you will groan when your flesh and body are spent I remember visiting someone in the hospital I got a call from a pastor I just met he said, is there any way you can get to the hospital there's someone there, needs ministry I didn't even know the person she had shacked up with a guy good relationship, nice guy not married, but that's okay shacked up with this guy had a baby with him some years after that the baby dies mysteriously, no one knows why until she comes down with AIDS and they realize what killed the baby there she was in the hospital, couldn't talk all the tubes in her mouth, withered away I just began to talk to her, she hadn't received the Lord yet in her life, I just began to talk to her, turns out later that night she was gone later that night she entered eternity, I believe right with God by his mercy I began to talk to her and say if you could have seen this could have seen your baby dying could have seen your own life cut short, would you have ever gone near this guy no only could have seen the akharit only could have seen everything stripped away friends that have walked with God for years,

ministers of the gospel it takes a long time to climb up that mountain takes a long time to climb up that place where people respect you and you have a reputation for integrity and honor and trustworthiness but you can fall from that mountain in one minute you can open the door open the door, open the door, open the door open the door and then take one step and you're through it in your akharit you will groan if only if only I could go back and do it over if only I could have seen what was coming you ever have a dream and in that dream you've committed some horrible crime or some horrible sin and you wake up and thank God it was just a dream the problem here is you wake up and it's not a dream you wake up and there's your board sitting there, your church board and you're confessing adultery and it's not a dream and there's your wife out the door and it's not a dream God bless you brothers from New Hope Home as the Lord is restoring your lives and restoring your families how many baptismal testimonies have we heard when people said I lost it all for what? for a little pleasure for momentary satisfaction for fleeting fulfillment for what? to satisfy some animal desire in your akharit you will groan when your flesh and body are spent you'll say how I hated discipline why didn't I listen? why didn't I listen before I went that way? I used to be free I wasn't bound I wasn't a slave I was free to do the will of God I was free to be holy I was free to say no to wrong relationships I was free to say no to tempt why didn't I open the door to the devil? why didn't I listen? why didn't I go forward at the altar that night? why didn't I completely shut the door? let me just warn some young people here and I say this to you by the spirit it's not just something that I'm throwing in and it's not just percentage with several thousand people here, it fits I say this by the push and unction of the spirit some of you here are playing games with the devil by leaving the door open to the possibility of a wrong relationship leaving the door open to the possibility of sin if that opportunity comes and your only hope friend is to slam the door in the devil's face and to turn the opposite way and walk away and leave it behind otherwise you will go down you will say how I hated discipline how my heart spurned correction anyone that works with me knows that I'm easy going as far as people making mistakes I make mistakes, you make mistakes I forget to mail this thing out you forget to make that phone call we make mistakes and students can make mistakes and blow it in certain ways and we're just forgiving and loving and compassionate but when somebody won't receive correction that's it that's it when somebody hardens their heart to loving rebuke, that's when I tremble when somebody can't hear a word of life designed to deliver them from the snare of the enemy pride comes up, or who are you to talk to me or because they are holding on to the sin they are clutching to the sin that's going to damn them to hell that's when it's dangerous you will say how I hated discipline how my heart spurned correction I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors I've come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly I remember meeting this family what a tragedy years ago I doubt the wife is alive anymore I doubt one or two of the other kids are alive anymore unless God miraculously intervenes I was preaching brothers told me a sad story they introduced me to the family the husband was gone he was dead he had been a preacher he had been used by God there are people that have been in this revival touched by God that are in backslidden conditions right now and others lost and in hell I wish with all my heart it were not true and I hoped when we started to school that it would not happen although I knew I was hoping against reality but I hoped we wouldn't get a casualty report about a grad that messed up and blew it someone came to me the other day with a broken heart and said you know so and so one of the pioneer students in the school one of the first 84 to graduate you know he's bound by sexual sin and messing up his life how can it be? how can it be? here was a pastor used by God he was even a church planter he got discouraged and friend remember if the devil can't come in the front door he'll come in the side door the back door or window he may not be able to get you to go out and get drunk dear man hear me and if the women are here from waterfront hear me devil knows when you get out of the program he can't just come and hit you from the front cause you're strong cause you're grounded in the word but he also knows when

the wife says look I'm just not ready for you right now and when that job offer suddenly leaves and when somebody betrays you and steals some money and you're down or you just have a fight with your spouse or when your friends reject you and you're down that's when the devil comes knocking that same temptation that you said no to for the last six months he comes knocking when you're vulnerable this pastor got discouraged he got down he was in New York City he went out and got drunk next thing he ends up at an orgy next thing he ends up having sex with another man I don't know what his background was I don't know if he came out of that or what think of the humiliation, think of the shame think of the pain, think of the grief agony of heart, what did I do? gets right with God, receives forgiveness confesses little by little is restored goes back to ministry everything's okay, no one night, one sin, one time AIDS kills him kills his wife, kills his kids if only he could have seen his if he could have seen his wife and kids weeping as they lowered his casket into the ground I don't care how discouraged he got I don't care how hot the temptation was I don't care how severe the pain, the rejection was he never would have touched alcohol he never would have gone near those people he would have said to his family, chain me to the bed don't let me out of the house if only he could have seen the Aharit there are people, I've got friends in this room dear co-workers, and they know some of these people and my wife Nancy knows every one of them people that we worked with, people that we labored with people that I submitted to as pastor or leader over me over a period of 17 years four main men and three out of the four destroyed their ministries through adultery I'll never forget the face of one of them when I heard what was going on, I knew there were problems in his life, I had no clue it had gone that far when I heard what had happened, and God confirmed to my heart he was guilty, and I called him he didn't want to talk to me, so I pursued him I went to his house and he finally opened up, after all, he finally opened up he confessed, he began to cry we went down to the basement of his house he had this horrific look on his face this contorted, anguished look this agony and as my heart was breaking for him I was still praying a prayer, God don't ever let me forget what he looks like don't let me forget this face some beautiful young lady came along, he had opened the door he had opened the door, he had played games he had hardened his heart he let a little sin in here he let a little sin in there, a little disobedience in there and dropped a standard here and dropped a standard there, before that he was a prey somebody came right along he had his fling he took off for a week, instead of going to praying fast as he told us he was doing, he took off with this lady oh, he may have had the time of his life, he may have had more pleasure than he ever had before and all he's got now is a mark in grief lasting grief that mark hanging over him reproach in your Acharit you will groan hear me friends people have said this for centuries, it's so true Satan shows you the bait he doesn't show you the hook all the advertising campaigns all perfect plastic surgery this, this, this, this oh, if you could only have that oh, if you could only touch that and it's always out there the glitter of the moment I remember when I worked in New York City when I taught Korean students training for ministry in the mid 1980's and I'd go at lunch time and walk over to a Christian book store to get some books to read as I'd take the train back and I remember walking and on one side of the road was this nude theater nude women advertised and on the other side was the identical thing except it was all men and I remember saying to myself I remember saying to myself even though the all men thing was no more in my background than it was in my background to be the next Martian president of the United I mean it was unrelated to my life I remember saying to myself if the devil can get you in here he can get you in there see once you become a slave once you become chained as we preached before as we lay out in the opening chapters of Go and Sin No More sin leads to more sin sin leads to worse sin and before you know it you're doing things you never dreamed of doing before you know it there are cop cars around your house and you're being carted off for child abuse how did it happen? the devil blinded you to the he blinded you to the consequences and I want you to see something young ladies in particular please hear me look in the sixth chapter of

Proverbs chapter six you go home you get on your knees you read through all the five and six and seven in the book of Proverbs and ask God to everlastingly burn it in your hearts and minds verse twenty my son keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching bind them upon your heart forever fasten them around your neck when you walk they will guide you when you sleep they will watch over you when you awake they will speak to you for these commands are a lamp this teaching is a light the corrections of discipline are the way to life keeping you from the immoral woman from the smooth tongue of the wayward wife do not lust in your beauty after her in your heart after her beauty do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread and the adulterous preys upon your very life can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched so is he who sleeps with another man's wife no one who touches her will go unpunished now I know temptation can go both ways I know women can be tempted with the eyes and men can be tempted to display themselves in certain ways but for the most part and in our culture and the images that we have in front of us constant alluring sinful sensual images of women disrobed in every different level calling appealing to the eyes of men appealing to the lusts of men we used to tell our daughters as they were growing up they're 22 and 21 now we used to tell them young men that are not right with God they're just like dogs going after some other dog in heat they're just driven by these hormones and unclean assume that they're unclean in their thinking towards you you say that's extreme, it's more right than it's wrong and I'd rather be too extreme and warn there's a pit there, there's a pit there and there are only two pits instead of three pits then say everything's okay and watch them perish young ladies hear me there is tremendous pressure on you to look a certain way to dress a certain way to behave a certain way to have a certain kind of perfect shape and perfect body and I urge you young men as well, older men, older women as well of all ages but young ladies in particular, hear me do not ever yield to the temptation to dress in a way so as to draw sensual attention to yourselves never, never do that never be a stumbling block to your brother or to your sister you say are you telling us brother that we ought to dress like the Islamic women and cover ourselves from head to toe I'll tell you if I had to choose between that and contemporary American dress I'd choose that is there a happy medium sure there is but if you're going to go to the extreme go to the extreme of modesty, not immodesty trust me you're not going to stand before God and God's going to say why were you so modest why did you go to such an extreme with this purity stuff God's not going to say to me on that day Mike why were you so strict I don't mean laying trips on other people I don't mean putting you into some legalistic bondage and let me tell you, you can cover yourself from head to toe in burlap sacks and that won't save you and that won't make you right with God and that won't bring you forgiveness of sins that's a gift by the grace and mercy and goodness of God and we receive it as a gift as I was writing my book on revolution that I wrote at the beginning of this year one of the chapters is an uncompromising holiness that's the theme of the chapter the standard of the revolution and I was sending some of the chapters as I was writing them to dear friends here in the worship team Benny and Hazel and I talked about dress in that and conduct and Benny just sent me a note a principle that they've taught their family two things about dress clothes the clothes that we wear should draw attention to the face and the purpose of dress is what we're trying to cover up not what we're trying to reveal I like that come on my brother is it just that you ran out of money to get new shirts once you started lifting weights is it just just in case somebody's car is stuck and they need a push that you want to let them know that you're ready to help and you've got, come on young lady you lost some weight do you have to show everybody does it have to be the look at me look I can get into this tight thing if you're conscious as you're dancing and celebrating before the Lord and you're drawing attention to yourself and you're doing it in such a way look at how I look look at what I'm showing off see how I look in this new outfit see my legs see this, see that you are working with the devil

my friend you are a co-worker of hell you may be saved but you're playing with fire and you may just get your heart's desire some animal guy may just get you on the way home he may find in you just what he wants but he may not want you to tell anybody about it either let's rise higher let's be holy people let's be people of modesty and godliness let me say it again never dress in such a way I'm talking about your public dress never dress in such a way so as to draw sensual attention to yourself never dress in such a way so as to be an object of lust let me just tell you one more gruesome story and then I'm going to move on another story that I never forgot 15 year old girl on Long Island having problems in the home broken family mother, stepfather constant battles, constant conflicts she was a good looking young lady and god may have blessed you with good looks and god may have blessed you with a good figure let me ask you something if god blessed you with an ability to break into homes, I mean you're just real slick with breaking into homes does that mean you ought to be a thief? perhaps if god's really blessed you with a beautiful body why be in church, why not be a prostitute make a lot of money I mean let's just wake up, let's just use a little common sense, let's just be honest you say well, you're stealing my joy if your joy is being an object of sensual lust then get saved but don't go around parading as a believer I love to look out at our student body men and women of all ages and look at a beauty on their faces look at their enthusiasm as they're going after god and just there's a beauty, there's something special I look at some young couples I say what an awesome young couple look at that look at how they glow don't degrade yourself friend young lady, 15 years old but she looked very mature for her age finally couldn't take the conflicts in the home decided she was going to leave home went with a friend they started hitchhiking down south picked up by a trucker and he paid them some money to perform a particular act with them and afterwards they wept in shame they got out of that truck and they wept in shame, they could not believe what they had done well she made it down to Texas and wrote her family, everything's fine, I'm working as a waitress in a restaurant what she didn't tell them was that she needed some money because she was young and good looking mature body for her age and all this, good personality well she ended up, not quite as a waitress but she ended up working in a bar with pornographic movies in the background and then would come in and pick out which lady they wanted, it was just house of prostitution it had only been a few months earlier that she wept with shame over something far less degrading but the heart gets hard you say man I can watch people take their clothes off on TV, I mean Steve Hill preaches about that what's he so fanatical about, that doesn't bother me friend it doesn't bother you because your heart is hard what's your problem man, you don't go to the beach with all these bikini people walking around what's your problem, my problem is I love Jesus, my problem is that that stuff is unclean and defiling and brings lustful suggestive thoughts into your mind and if it doesn't bring them into your mind it's not because you're so holy but because you're so hard this may be a little extreme statement but friends this is life and death and I'm doing my best to speak in such a way that whatever I'm saying as radical and extreme as it is, is not using certain words and terms that are going to send kids scurrying to ask what I'm talking about but you know there are people that actually hang out in nudist colonies and they're not turned on being around that is that because they're really holy people is it because their standards are so high no it's because they get used to it we've gotten so used to the smut we've gotten so used to the junk we've gotten so used to the low standards listen as bad as things have been on television radio, I got this report last night just checking the news and saw it on the internet from 1989 to 1999 one decade there is now three times as much sexual content on network television three times as much we get used to it we lose touch with reality watch them shoot them up on television shoot them up on video games go in the school and shoot them up what's the problem, what did I do wrong this young lady was now in prostitution she became the most popular girl there just 16 years old now became the most popular girl in the place and then realized that the other girls were getting jealous and decided she had to get out of there while she could but they

caught her the owner and his wife caught her when they pulled her naked body out of the river when the police pulled her out they said it had been the most terrifically tortured body they ever saw 16 years old cigarette burns from head to toe broken jaw shot to death thrown in the river she could have just seen the video of her life advanced a little bit she could have just seen it watch them pull that body out heard her screaming for mercy and she only could have seen her Aharit she would have let her parents scream and yell at her she would have let her stepfather say whatever he wanted she would have taken all the verbal abuse she would have just sat there and smiled anything but going that way friend when that end comes when that Aharit comes you can't reverse it you can't go and turn it around when you stand before God and he says depart from me you can't say but God now that I understand can I have another chance you can't pull that Aharit back look look with me in Proverbs 23 it's going to take a couple more minutes give you a word of encouragement and call you to a decision a life decision Proverbs 23 verse 29 who has woe, who has sorrow who has strife who has complaints who has needless bruises who has bloodshot eyes those who linger over wine who go to sample bowls of mixed wine do not gaze at wine when it's red when it sparkles in the cup when it goes down smoothly it's Aharit bites like a snake and poisons like a viper you ever see the beer commercials on television my dad who died 1977 my dad was a senior lawyer in the New York Supreme Court of course knew laws very well when I was a kid he said you know on these commercials on television it's against the law to show anybody actually drinking I didn't realize that most people never realize it that's why they got to make that cup look so good that mug look so good that glass look so good here it is, you're hot, you're sweaty you've been out there working hard you've been playing hard oh it's been a long day and you come in and there it is they pour that beer that gold and beer that white head just on top of it oh it looks so good it just gets to the lips they never show you drinking it not allowed to in the commercials it's glowing just what we need I remember as a boy my friend and I decided we just had to have a beer my dad used to have a card game at his house and some of his friends would drink beer and he had it in the house my mom and dad went out one night my friend and I decided we're going to have some fun we're going to drink a beer we got those big pretzels those big hard pretzels and it was winter time and there was snow on the ground but we wanted to go out bike riding just so we could get like in that commercial all sweaty and hot even though it was winter with snow on the ground my parents had this tandem bicycle it was a two seater and we'd drive out on this thing on a flat tire actually out there in the snow and we came back home we were good and sweaty and all that and we took out those glasses and we poured oh it looked just like it looked in the commercial we poured that thing in took a pretzel get our mouths nice and dry and it was absolutely horrid not what we expected at all how many of you remember that first puff of a cigarette we still tried it another time because we saw so many commercials we were convinced it must be better again I was on a train one time going into New York City and I looked and there was this champagne ad it was one of these perfect settings you know an exotic island somewhere that's just the field you got looking at and the perfect couple they were not born they were chiseled you understand I mean perfect features perfect everything and they're looking there they're sitting there and there's that glass of champagne on the table and you know the light's hitting it in such a way that there's that reflection in the eyes oh and there you are sir 674 pounds with warts from head to toe and no teeth if you can just get that champagne you just kind of enter into that and she'll just be sitting there glowing looking at you oh do not gaze at wine when it is red when it sparkles in the cup when it goes down smooth it'll calm your nerves so much pressure so much on you come on nobody can handle just that one little drink it'll calm your nerves and it does I don't feel so bad the world's a better place I'm going to make it life is alright I'm feeling a little happy I just need another cup I need another bottle I need another drink man that white powder just snorted just heat it up with that little spoon there and shoot it in your veins you'll feel like a king I have a friend in ministry for a while his ministry funds went down he

couldn't figure out why monies didn't seem to be coming in like normal turned out there was a man on his staff that had been stealing all cash that had come in in different forms he'd been an alcoholic before he was saved and as a believer was walking with God for years until one day he had one drink I've heard this story too many times I do not believe you can make a case from the Bible that teaches clearly it's just my own belief and understanding having studied the scriptures carefully I do not believe you can make an airtight case from studying scripture that says that believers under no circumstances should drink alcoholic beverages wine, beer, anything else I believe you can make a very strong case based on principle based on example that we ought never to touch it, have it in our home period, in public or in private even if you could justify it on any other level, somehow, somewhere, even if you felt you could say well there's no drunkenness, there's no abuse there's no this, there's no that, you open up the door for someone else's destruction you get some other weak person, you say well I don't do it in public, if they ask you about your private habit you should be able to say I don't touch it that's why every night when Steve urges people if you got booze at home pour it out, we say amen, pour it out get rid of it you remember the old ads for Marlboro country Marlboro country there's this big strong cowboy on a horse, he was on a horse, that was a steed there's beautiful green pasture as far as the eye can see you just take that cigarette, I was never a cigarette smoker most of my friends were, you just take that cigarette just take a drag suck deep get that poison in your lungs you're in Marlboro country you're now big strong cowboy there you are living in your roach infested apartment in the inner city but no now you're in Marlboro country just have that drink and just enter paradise with the partner of your dreams you know where Marlboro country is? it's the lung cancer ward of the hospital you know what happened to the Marlboro man, I heard it from two relatives and then I found out it was just public knowledge, he died of lung cancer was it worth it? smoking cigarettes was it worth it? there's the dad holding the kid's hand as his wife is withering away in a hospital dying of lung cancer because of cigarette smoke never see him again in this world she could have only seen her aherit seeing the final consequences of her actions she never would have touched it is it worth it? you go walk the streets of New York City and other major cities and you'll find somebody laying on the ground in their own urine vomit all over them bloody nose they'll have some bubble of glue there that they're trying to huff to get high from two years before they were the CEO of some company happily married with a family little cocaine little drink got into their lives and destroyed them and took everything if they could have seen their aherit seen them laying there seen the hopelessness of it seen the shame I don't care what situation presented itself they never would have touched it your eyes will see strange sights, your mind imagine confusing things, you'll be like one sleeping on the high seas, lying on top of the ring they hit me you'll say but I'm not hurt, they beat me but I don't feel it when will I wake up so I can find another drink God help us you know there's something encouraging and I'm going to close here and give you an opportunity to respond some of you right here tonight it's going to make the difference between life and death you're going to turn away from playing games you're going to turn away from sin, you're going to turn away from the devil and turn to God, that's what repentance is and the blood of Jesus is going to wash you clean and give you a brand new start oh there's six months from now, a year from now, five years ten years, temptation is going to raise its head and the aherit is going to come back, you're going to remember and as your hands ready to touch that thing you're going to say it's not worth it every BRSM student and grad here more than anybody in this place, my heart is knit with you I plead with you, I beg of you remember the aherit one of the most painful things I've ever had to do is look students in the eye as they've come sometimes they haven't even said a word, they blew it had to be put out of school, we do everything we can to see them restored and go on with God and come back and pursue the call but to have to look at them and there they are crying and shaking I've had them sit in my office they can't talk because they're crying so full of shame why? why? I preach this to myself friends but look at what it says

in Proverbs 23 17 do not let your heart envy sinners always be in the fear of the Lord NIV says always be zealous, it's just in Hebrew always be in the fear of the Lord oh yeah it looks like they're having a great time, the party life oh man you're so restricted, you're so bound up in church there's rules, regulations old people telling you how to live stealing your funds you need the party life, you need to step out just do your own thing no, no, no don't let your heart envy sinners there is an aherit for you your hope will not be cut off look at the 24th chapter verse 19 do not fret because of evil men or be envious of the wicked for the evil man has no aherit the lamp of the wicked will be snuffed out you know what that's saying? that the fate of the ungodly will be cut off destroyed from the presence of God darkness who are they? what about all their accomplishments? gone they were so big in this world gone all they worked for, gone but the righteous have a future hope the righteous have an aherit the righteous have something to look forward to and I love to think about I love to think of seeing people that I haven't seen in the rest of this life believers, godly people and here we are in God's eternal kingdom here we are in the heavenly kingdom and I look and there is somebody glowing bright there is somebody I can hardly recognize them they are shining so brightly the joy, the peace the pleasure of God all over them is that you? that's you? look at you what an aherit what a final and forever and ever and ever no joy forever and ever joy without sorrow no pain, no suffering no grief, no temptation no problems, no tears but endless fulfillment endless adventure in God endless joyful pleasure in his presence forever and ever and ever and ever and ever without end that's aherit a weeping and gnashing of teeth cut off friend the lord loves us so much he warns us take heed to this instruction take heed to this counsel so that you can be wise in your aherit everybody please stand everybody stand, those with chairs please move them to the left and right otherwise nobody stir in this place please nobody else stir except prayer team that needs to I ask you I ask you tonight is your life right with God I ask you tonight are there secret sins are there tendencies are there hidden things which if allowed to reach their final culmination would destroy you I ask you are there areas of compromise here's a very simple question you know the way you're living you're getting closer to the lord you're getting farther from God you're becoming more sensitive you're becoming harder you're walking in the fear of God you're playing games if you continued on the path that you're on how would you end up if you continued on the path that you're on what would your aherit look like you may be here as a minister you may be here as a visiting student you may be in our school you may be an usher in the revival you may be a member of this church you may be a visiting minister whoever you are God's searching every heart God's looking at every life and this altar is going to be a place of mercy and forgiveness of grace as Charles Finney said to a weeping crowd in a city that was nicknamed Sodom as they were weeping and wailing and screaming he said you're not in hell yet you can still pray the final chapter hasn't been written your aherit has not been sealed yet there's still time I don't care if you've wasted years you can get right with God and the end can be better than the beginning what will your aherit be don't hide in the back of the balcony don't hide in your home listening on radio or internet if God's dealing with you right now his convicting spirit is fishing you out if there's something in your life if your life as a whole is not right with God if there's secret sin if there are things hidden and covered there are things out in the open whoever you are I remind you Jesus paid the price for every sin you've ever committed his blood cleanses us his blood satisfies God when we put our trust in him and say save me from my sins he'll give you a brand new start whether it's a secret lust whether it's a relationship whether it's the whole pattern of your life whether you've never known Jesus when I open these altars I want you to come if God's speaking to you through this message I don't want you to worry about what anybody else is thinking what it looks like God sent me to bring this message to save you from destruction to save you from shame to save you from destroying your ministry to save you from hell father bring your people home save those who don't know you turn up the heat of conviction until every last unclean thing is burned out of our midst in Jesus name amen if God's speaking to you come

right now don't wait for anybody else step out and come step out I don't care who you are I don't care how it looks step out if God's speaking to you come on step down from the balcony make your way around people humble yourself in the sight of the Lord Jesus God knows don't hide it if you harden your heart today you may not have a chance tomorrow God's dealing with you come on step out humble yourself humble yourself in the sight of the Lord come on friends Jesus wash your screen Jesus show us the authority cast off the fear of man and step out get right with God tonight Jesus Jesus are your hands clean can you look me in the eyes and say my hands are clean my heart is pure if not you need to be up here friend Jesus there's several dozen people in their seats that have been guilty of viewing pornography in the last weeks and you're standing in your seats humble yourself and get right friend humble yourself and get right there's some guilty of every attitude of the heart we've been speaking about and you're sitting there humble yourself get right you say does that mean I have to leave the sin behind absolutely Jesus God's dealing with you come on Jesus Jesus are your hands clean can you look me in the eyes and say my hands are clean my heart is pure Jesus young people it's time to get concentrated the overflow get right with God get right with God Jesus just going to take one more minute this is not a competition to see how many people we can get to the altar when I preach this message at a men's conference that was sponsored in this church here we got a letter subsequently from one man who'd been living in adultery for years and it's brought tremendous upheaval in his life to have to confess to his wife and the leadership in his church but for the first time in years for the first time in years he's free and he's on the path of restoration now listen some of you here have been covering your sins covering your tracks you know just how to do it but God's saying I see you and destruction is near I see you you buried it, covered it, buried it, covered it buried it, covered it, God sees it and if you don't deal with it tonight it's going to come back and bite you I'm saying this to help you I'm saying this to help you if God is dealing with you in the balcony, in the overflow in the front row if God is dealing with you humble yourself and step out and get right forget what the people on the bus think that came with you, forget about that if you say but how am I ever going to tell my spouse, you're going to have to because that which is done in secret is going to be shouted from the rooftops according to scriptures, unless we get right with God it's cleansed anyone else that needs to respond anyone else the seeds that you're sowing now are going to lead to destruction, the doors you're opening now are going to lead to destruction, the sin you keep trying to bury is going to come back and bite you if that's you friend and I give this last appeal, Lendl will sing this through one more time, come now and get right come now and get right come now and get right while the door of mercy and grace is open sing it through one more time come breathe on me now oh life giving wind come breathe on me now redeemer you're looking for hearts broken and contrite love with faith restore me you're prepared restore me to save your friend restore me restore us to find your joy restore me to save your friend restore me restore us Jesus Father I just pray right now for those that haven't responded I pray Father that that deep feeling of uneasiness and that conviction would only increase every moment that they resist that you bring them to the breaking point, Lord if they leave here still resisting, turn up the heat of conviction, make them miserable in their sin Lord I pray something I don't know that I've prayed before Lord I pray this for me I pray this for everyone here who says Lord I want you Lord I pray that you would embarrass us and expose us before you'd allow us to destroy our lives for good Lord I'd rather be ashamed in this world than in the world to come Father bring secret things to light Lord not those things which are confessed and turned from and under the blood but those things Lord which are only going to come to destroy us Lord bring them to light in your mercy before it's too late Lord that man that's in our midst that is fully planning on going back to his drug life Father Lord bring it to the surface so he can get help before he kills himself before he takes that one step and doesn't wake up to think about it again Lord for that couple that stands here in our midst and hears this message contemplating divorce Lord open their eyes to truth to reality to

the pain of it to the consequences of it to the blemish of it to the hurt of it and save them and spare them Father and those that just feel so ashamed and too ashamed to even come Lord show them that you're a forgiving God show them Lord the only way out is to come clean those that have committed crimes and are terrified to make it known for the consequences Lord show them it's the only way to get out of the prison of their soul Jesus just feel to say this one last time if there's anybody that God's dealing with even as I pray just step out right now because we're going to pray Jesus Jesus Jesus I'm not going to have you turn to the person next to you I'm not going to have you prompt anybody I just don't feel to do that there's one last person we're still waiting for you Jesus Jesus there's some lives still in the balance I hate to see you leave without the surrender everybody at this altar just ask God to wash you clean and change just ask God for a fresh new start ask God to put a hatred of sin in your life to show you how ugly it is to show you that your worth and your identity is something a whole lot different than what you've been living for Jesus Jesus Jesus I want you to pray with me at this altar here's what I want you to do I want you to get with these people as Lendl continues to lead us in quiet worship because we're going to go right from that back into just pursuing the Lord in his heart I know this is pretty heavy and pretty intense but eternity will show the fruit prayer team if you make your way out we're going to pray with these folks and then you're going to squeeze your way in right where they are you're going to get with them if you can kneel next to them put your arm around those that want to stand up you can stand with them but let's seal this thing at the altar and someone's going to pray with everybody right here at the altar nobody's going to leave untouched here and if you've got to just confess the most terrific thing get it out we've heard it all up here everybody at this altar pray with me now say this out loud Heavenly Father I confess my sin to you I don't hide it I don't make excuses for it I've sinned I've broken your laws I've hurt myself this night I ask you to wash me clean with the blood of Jesus Lord remove the guilt remove the stain remove everything that stands between us this night I turn from my sins I renounce everything unclean I say no to compromise and I ask you to give me a brand new slate through the blood of Jesus I'm yours Jesus spirit soul and body I hold nothing back from you my life is yours use me for your glory give me a blessed acharit may my final end be one of joy and victory this night I renounce Satan devil you lose I am not yours I belong to Jesus Jesus is my Lord Jesus is my master Jesus is my king Jesus is my friend he is with me and he will carry me through prayer workers just get with these folks Jesus Jesus bless you Lord Lendl just lead us those that want to stay on your knees for a bit go ahead and do that those that feel you need to just come up to the altar and make a fresh consecration of your life you go ahead and do that everyone else at this altar just talk with a prayer worker first just say hey I came up for this I came up for this reason I want to seal this I want to deal with it don't leave the altar until somebody's just talked to you one on one they'll come to right where you are stay on your knees stand up whatever you want to do it's fine let's all just begin to worship the Lord and consecrate our hearts and lives to him afresh Jesus my simple prayer if you're a visiting pastor and someone from your congregation is up here

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