

# (So Great a Salvation) Conviction and Repentance

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*The sermon emphasizes the necessity of conviction of sin as a critical step towards genuine repentance and salvation.*

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**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17, Ezra 9:6, Matthew 6:33, John 16:7-11, Romans 3:20, Romans 7:7, Galatians 3:24

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of addressing the spiritual needs of individuals when they become aware of them. He prays for God's guidance in reaching out to those who are being misled and emphasizes the significance of awakening and convicting sinners. The preacher reads from John chapter 16, focusing on verses 7 to 11, which discuss the second phase of the divine operation - conviction. He also mentions the need to use the law, such as the Ten Commandments, to help individuals who have been awakened but are not yet under conviction.

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## Transcript

Number one in the series we're bringing was Awakening. Tomorrow you will be given an outline and I'd like very much to have you fill it in and keep it. I believe when it's completed you will have a perspective on this so great salvation.

Will you turn now to John chapter 16. John the 16th chapter and I'd like to read verses 7 to 11. This portion, this evening, has to do with the second phase of the divine operation, conviction, and hopefully we're going to be able to move on this evening to the third of these steps.

As the pastor Murdoch in Omaha said, stepping up to life, these steps that of the divine operation when God would bring men out of death into life. It's important that we understand them because you will see as we go on that everything that follows builds on all that has preceded. So this evening the theme is conviction.

John 16 verse 7.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth it is expedient for you that I go away for if I go not away the comforter will not come unto you but if I depart I will send him unto you and when he has come he will reprove the world

of sin and of righteousness and of judgment of sin because they believe not on me of righteousness because I go to my father and you see me no more of judgment because the prince of this world is judged let us bow in prayer father we're asking that the holy spirit will be the teacher tonight that our eyes of our understanding will be open our minds receptive and that our hearts will retain all that thou teach us we ask thee father in and through everything that's said honor and glorify the lord jesus christ in his name we ask it amen what is sin what is sin you have to

answer the question before you can ever expect to be effective in your ministry and helping people to come under conviction of sin now we are laborers together with god we saw this morning that there are three things we can do for the unconverted we can live before them as a sample of god's grace we can intercede for them and we can witness to them we spent some time talking about the witness to the unawakened scriptures that we would use to those that have no sensitivity at all to their need no awareness of their lostness you see before they can become convicted of their sin they've got to discover that things aren't right most people that you meet have already accepted their own plan of salvation in fact i'm sure everyone you'll ever talk to has his own plan of salvation it may be

ridiculous may be ludicrous i've heard people say well god's got a great scales in the sky and he's putting all my good deeds on one side my bad deeds on the other and if my good deeds outweigh my bad deeds it'll be all right for me well whatever that is sinners have a plan of salvation and usually it's it always if they're sinners it's the wrong one and therefore we've got to recognize that our responsibility is as a witness to deal with the person we find at the point where we find them now i've had people come to me through the years saying would you pray for my son my daughter my husband whoever that they'll be saved you know it's an awfully big thing isn't it to pray if they'll be saved it's like a mother coming to someone saying will you pray for my daughter that she'll be married

and she'll get married uh you might want to ask a question well does she have any friends does she have uh someone that she's going with is she engaged well instead of praying that the daughter would be married don't you think it might be pray it would be wise to start praying that she'll become affable and pleasant enough that at least she could have a friend and if that happens they might be able to move on to another step and so when you're talking about the unconverted why should we start in by praying that they'll be that they'll be saved why not ask god if they're unawakened to awaken them and if we sense they're awakened don't rush in with with uh four questions that are going to lead them to a premature assumption that they're they're christians but pray that god will help you now

to use the scripture in such a way as to see them brought to conviction but if they're going to be brought under conviction we must understand a little bit about sin now what is it first is sin a congenital disease or is it a crime are people in trouble because they inherited something from their parents and their grandparents or are they in trouble because when they reach the age of accountability they deliberately turn to their own way they chose to follow in the path of those before them and that they have confirmed everything that's gone before them by the committal of their will to the principle and the practice of pleasing themselves as the end of their being now sin is a crime i'm saying that i don't want to use some elaborate deductive reasoning to get you there i'm going to tell

you sin is a crime it is a crime against god when a mere man determines that he's going to defy the only one in the universe that's wise enough and big enough and good enough to govern and rule his life climb up into that throne chair in his heart that only god can fill like a little infant in a big chair a little tiny baby in a chair and has to cling to the post so he doesn't fall out under the armrest here we are sinners climb up in

the throne of our life and sit there and determine that we're going to do what we want to do and all the time we're dependent on god for life and breath and all things well sin is not only a crime it's insanity it's moral insanity we saw this morning that sin is treason against righteous government sin is open rebellion and defiance of government sin leads

to anarchy where the only rule is i'm going to do what pleases me and it of course in issues into transgression when their law of god gets between the individual and his appetite the means of satisfying he forgets all about god's law the astounding thing is after all of these crimes against god you would think god would be the enemy of the sinner but you know the scripture says that carol mind is enmity against god in other words sinners committed all these crimes against god then he turns out to be god's enemy well if that's it then you got to understand that we've got to have conviction of sin now in the years when i was here in training in minneapolis i did quite a bit of work in jails a little later on in prison and i gathered from the people i talked to on the other side of the bars

that at least in minnesota the miscarriage of justice is almost a hundred percent now all these folks were there they were all in prison but i only think once that i ever met anybody that according to him was there justly i remember asking one fellow why are you here he said because i deserve to be here in fact i deserve to have been killed for my crimes but they were merciful the court was merciful and i'm here on a life sentence but i hear because i deserve to be now that's the only time and you'd think wouldn't you that there might be somebody else in jail that was there because he deserved to be but all the people i talked to had been sentenced but in their own minds they weren't convicted now what is conviction it is that state of the mind and heart when the individual takes sides

with god against himself now the word says all have sinned and come short of the glory of god but conviction is the work of the spirit of god on the human heart that causes the individual to realize at least something of the enormity of the crime that's been committed i'd like to give you some illustrations i'm going to ask you to turn i want you to use your bible will you turn to genesis chapter 42 and verse 21 i would like to have you see with your own eyes something wonderful that happened in the life of these the brethren of of joseph joseph is an agent and in verse 8 it says and joseph knew his brethren but they knew him not and joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them and said unto them you are spies to see the nakedness of the land you are come and they said unto him

nay my lord but to buy food i like servants come we are all one man's sons we are true men thy servants are no spies and he said unto them nay but to see the nakedness of the land you are come and they said thy servants are twelve brethren the sons of one man in the land of canaan and behold the youngest is this day with our father and one is not and joseph said unto them you are spies and how be it you prove it now you you just bring your brother down here and in verse 21 and they said one to another we are verily guilty concerning our brother in that we saw the anguish of his soul when he besought us and we would not hear therefore is this distress come upon us these brethren that so arrogantly and potterly sold joseph into slavery now have come to the place that they're under

conviction and they've taken sides with god against themselves we are verily guilty now that's conviction when the sinner takes sides against himself you might want to turn over to numbers chapter 21 in verse 7 and you'll see another instance when when this has happened therefore the people came to mooses and said we have sinned but we have spoken against the lord and against thee pray unto the lord that he take away the serpents from us and mooses prayed for them perhaps you'd like to turn to ezra there's another instance as in the ninth chapter in the sixth verse where the god in the old the god of the old testament you

know is the same as the god of the new testament and he has given to us these testimonies here that we might understand them as were nine verse six and said oh my god i am

ashamed and blushed to lift up my face to thee my god for our iniquities have increased over our head and our trespasses is grown up into the heavens since the days of our father have we been in a great trespass unto this day and for our iniquities have we our kings and our priests been delivered into the hands of the kings of the land of the sword to captivity and to spoil and to confusion as it is this day conviction of sin well why why should it happen in this way why should we have to have such an awful work of the spirit of god to produce conviction i heard a preacher just a week or two ago say never preach the law god is love just talk to sinners about the love of god everybody knows they've sinned but how interesting it is to read in romans that the law is the schoolmaster to bring

us to christ and by the law is the knowledge of sin i don't know how i can give up the word of god to accept the metaphysics of certain preachers that think that because god is holy it's a blot on his character a blemish on his character and so when i heard this man say that i said no i'm going to stake with the word and the word says by the law is the knowledge of sin how then are people brought to conviction of sin how does it occur what's the what happens if you haven't read it i urge you to get the book gospel themes the sermons that were preached by charles g finney and in one of these messages finney talked about the inner revelation and the outer revelation now when my wife and i went to africa back in 1945 we had just the customarian training that you'd get in a very fine bible

school and so we didn't have very high expectations as to what the people that had never seen a missionary or heard the name of jesus knew but when i went into the gonzo tribe along the sudan-ethiopian border who said i was the first one ever to come to the bible first one ever to mention to them the name of jesus i found out that these people knew an amazing amount far more than i'd ever been led to expect they knew for instance they knew god had made the world all you had to do is break off a stick or pick up a stone or anything and say who made it and they gave you the name in this case it was one of me and that he was holy and he was angry with them because of their sin all they also knew about satan why don't you bring your chickens to one of me and they said we don't even know that

he wants chickens we can't waste them on him because we don't know that's what he wants we know that we don't take our chickens to the evil spirits our goats will die and our crops won't mature and so we got to save all the chickens we got for the ones who want them for the evil spirits so they knew that god was but there was no fear of god before their eyes oh they knew he was going to punish them when they died but they were so worried about how to survive till the harvest that they couldn't be particularly concerned about what was going to happen when they died now i began to say they knew god was angry with them because of what they had done was the way they put it well what have you done that he's angry with and they said well we've lied have you ever heard that i mean seems out

somewhat familiar to 10 commandments doesn't and and what else have you done well we've stolen he doesn't want you no we can't steal well have you stole oh yes and what else well you can't kill and i remember turned to one man have you ever killed he said are you as a government and i said no i'm here just to study your language and talk to you about jesus yeah i've killed and so he's so he's so he's accusing one another you know he didn't want to be all alone there now they knew it was wrong to lie and to steal and to kill now who taught them they'd never seen a bible they never heard the name of jesus they never had introduction 10 commandments so how in the world would they know that well you might be surprised in romans the second chapter paul writes saying when the gentiles that's

the pagans people i've talked to who have not the law do by nature the things contained in the law show that they have a law the law is written on their hearts you see every model of the human family that's been come off the assembly line everybody's ever been born of human parents is standard equipment and the standard equipment for a human being is the law written on the heart now i referred to this marvelous sermon by charles finney now he used an illustration appropriate to his day in his day flour mills consisted of having a big stone that had had lines cut in it the grooves cut into it and they had a means with a water wheel so that this one the lower stone would go one way and then there was an upper stone and it would go the other way now it's hard for you to get you to do your

hands that you might want to try it it's hard to get one hand going one way and the other and he'd know it won't work but you get it with what's with millstones and so what finney said was this that when you bring the outer revelation of the law in the word to bear upon the inner revelation written on the heart the human spirit is caught between and is ground that is the how is taken off the sophistication is taken away and they're brought under conviction of sin now the upper millstone is the law written the lower millstone is the law in the heart and this is why wherever we go any place in the world you can always bring the revelation of the holiness of god in the law of god down upon the person that's there knowing that the spirit of god is going to cause that preparation of the heart

for grace you see without that upper millstone lowered the conduct just rests on the lower millstone and it just rides around and there's no abrasion and no pressure no friction and they're content but when you bring the word of god down and the human spirit is there and human conduct is there and it begins to be ground now you see why it says by the law is the knowledge of sin and the law gives the gives to sin the character of exceeding sinfulness and transgression and it's therefore imperative that we learn how to use the law in such a way that it is going to cause the human spirit to undergo this work of being shredded and ripped and ripped and crushed and ground now just as we gave you verses having to do with awakening so i'm asking you to do your homework and to gather for yourself

verses that you find congenial to your mind and your spirit that you're going to use with people that have been awakened but are not yet under conviction and one of the good places to start is with the ten commandments how many of you learned them when you were children in school sunday school well how many of you remember them all you can pass the test on them how are you i'd go back and do a little refreshing on that because you'd be astonished the way the spirit of god is pleased to use the revelation of the holiness of father son and holy spirit as it's given there in the ten commandments that's the law but the law is not restricted to it of course everything that indicates the holiness of god is in effect that teaching that torah that unveiling of the heart to the individual now some

of the effects of the law applied to the conscience are are unrest the distress uh concern just unhappiness something's a matter i'm not getting any pleasure out of this anymore unrest will give way to a bird this sort of is something we call it psychologists call it depression but it's a burden on the mind and on the spirit and a lot of people that are depressed try to escape from it uh thinking that it's something they shouldn't have when it's the spirit of god dealing with them about their sin in psalm 51 3 david talked about misery his sin was ever before him and it caused misery in his heart and actually told that they had the sting of conscience their heart their minds were stung by what they heard from peter in acts 24 35 25 we are told that uh terror struck their hearts all of

these things accompanied by conviction probably one of the best illustrations of a convicted person is that publican that went down to the temple and stood there in front of the veil of the temple and uh and beat his

breast with downcast eyes the pharisees on one side and the other saying thank god we're not like this and the publican is crying out god be merciful to me a sinner inside the other side of that veil is the mercy seat where the blood is taken once a year by the high priest and he's in the right place and he's in the right attitude he's taken sides with god against himself he's under conviction of sin now that's going to happen that has to happen with sinners and you should when you find an awakened sinner not lead him to a premature uh assumption that because he has an

intellectual agreement with the plan of salvation that he can therefore just automatically uh assume that that he's a christian conviction is real now there's a good reason for it god has a reason why he said that the holy spirit would convict of sin because his purpose you know wasn't to just give us a hell insurance policy his purpose was to save us from our sins and until we can discover what they are we're really not candidates to be saved from them i asked a group of people one time years ago about 94 present how many of you have been say are safe and every hand went up we had an evangelistic meeting 94 people weren't able to get one unsaved person into the meeting they'd want to have an evangelistic meeting but they weren't able to get one person now i said how many of you have ever

been lost and four hands went up and it amazed me it's the first time i don't think i'd ever asked that sequence of questions before but i went ahead and said how in the world is it that you can be saved when you've never been lost because the only kind of people that he saves are lost people he came to seek him to say that which was lost and only four of you ever remember being lost and all 94 of you claim that you're saved now either the word is wrong or your memories aren't correct or you're wrong something isn't coming out the way it ought to be because if you're truly born of god it shouldn't be too difficult for you to remember when you were lost certainly wasn't hard for me i went down to old red rock holiness camp meeting in south saint paul minnesota because my mother was teacher

of a girls class in heron church and one of the girls was going to go down there and i wanted to be where she was in two weeks which seemed pretty good but i had to go to services three times a day now i mean they didn't kid around you went morning and afternoon and evening and i had to change to go i mean i had to wear a suit now i was about 12 years old 13 maybe and i had a suit a chevyette suit you know what chevyette is well they learned how to make chevyette from the iron maiden it had spikes in it i think it's half horse hair and half barbed wire at any rate i had a chevyette suit and i would go and sit there and i'd say i never went to sleep i never even sat down i was about a half inch off the seat and these preachers by the way there were giants in the land those days there was

paul s reese and and dr john l brasher and joseph owens oh great holiness preachers well i was a church member and i was all right except wrong about friday or saturday of the first week i reached the conclusion that there were two kinds of christians and the kind i was and the kind they were talking about and about sunday night i realized that i i wasn't saved but i could never tell anybody because my mother thought i was and she'd be so disappointed if she found i wasn't and about wednesday night now i hadn't slept i'd gone home i knew i was lost i knew that if god didn't have a hell and i died he'd have to make one because if i went to heaven the way i was i'd ruin the place sermon preached by paul s reese paul reese preached and now what a glorious exaltation of christ and then he

stopped we're singing just as i am he said for the last three nights i haven't been able to sleep i've been waking up in the middle of the night because praying for somebody that came on the grounds thinking they were saved and they found out they're lost i don't know who it is but as i prayed it seems to me i've seen in my mind a boy maybe 12 or 13 something like that thought he was here maybe somebody else but

that's what i think now friends you're standing there you look down your aisle if you see somebody holding on to the bench in front of him probably that's who it is boy i dropped that branch like as hot as i looked i was the only one that i could see anywhere holding on to the bench in front of me well they sang the next verse and i headed for that altar and it's strong and i

remember when i knelt there the whole place was full and they had three quartets from three holiness colleges john fletcher college asbury and taylor now john fletcher was the least of the colleges and the bass was the least of the four singers and so i got the least man from the least college everybody else was with somebody and i'm over there at this end of the altar all the way at the end and so i heard somebody said well won't somebody go over that boy over there and i said you you go over there would you and this fellow came over and he he said what'd you come for i said to be saved he said from what i said i didn't know i had a choice from saying yeah he says how do you know you need to be saved i said because i'm lost and he said ah that's good and i looked at him right square and

i said maybe you think so but i'm not finding it so good why do you say it's good he said because the only kind of people god saves are lost people and if you can't get them lost you can't get them saved so now what i want you to do is i'm going to keep people from bothering you and you just go down there and you go into your mind and memory and you ask god to recall to you every sin you've ever committed and you bring it out you pile it right here in front of you when there aren't any more you tell god if you'll tell you what the others are that you haven't remembered yet you'll put them on the pile too and he said when you finish then i want you to start thanking god that he sent his son to die for sinners as bad as you you got some idea how bad you were by that time and i did just what

he said and after a while thanking him that he died for sinners like me i found something that happened and you know what it was i was saying dear father thank you for saving me he bore witness with my spirit that i passed from death to life but i was lost and i don't believe people ever come to the assurance of forgiveness till they're lost now the next thing number three in our list is repentance i want you to see that i think perhaps we can get pretty well along with that this evening we're commanded to repent in ezekiel 18 31 we're commanded to repent in osea in joel john preached it in luke 13 3 and 5 the spirit of god moves again upon us as the lord jesus words are recorded except you repent you'll perish but i found an awful lot of nonsense about the subject of repentance in fact i

hear a lot of preachers talk about it or write about it and they make the way they handle it you'd think that repentance means uh being sorry for sin i haven't even heard him say sorry for sin sorry enough to quit well let's look at second corinthians chapter 7 shouldn't i get worthwhile just take a look at it and see what this thing sorrow does in reference to sin second corinthians 7 beginning with verse 8 through verse 11 paul said and bore though i made you sorry with a letter that's the first letter of the corinthian i do not repent though i did repent for i perceived that the same official has made you sorry though it was were but for a season now i rejoice not that you were made sorry but that you sorrowed to repentance for you were made sorry after a godly manner that you might

receive damage by us in nothing for godly sorrow workers repentance to salvation not to be repented out but the sorrow of the world work is death now we've had repentance used one way or another was it me well the greek word i'm told means to change one's mind to change one's mind from something to something now i remember we were talking a few moments ago about that what is sin and i said sin is a crime sin is the committal of the will to the principle and the practice of governing one's life to please themselves in other words when the scripture says all have sinned what it says is reaching the age of

accountability everyone everyone has chosen to govern and control their lives and please themselves now church got into an awful lot of trouble because some fellows way back when like

augustine tried to answer the question that the bible never answered the bible doesn't tell us why everybody sins it just tells us that everybody sins now the moment that you try to go beyond the scripture you're in metaphysics or you're in philosophy and it behooves us to stay in the scripture now the scripture does not tell us why everybody's sinning there's a lot of theories floating around but i'm going to stick with the word of god you asked me well why did everybody said i don't know and i don't think anybody else does because god never told us why he tells us that all have sinned and come short of the glory of god and just between you and me i got enough problem with the things he has told us that i can't spend a lot of time worrying about the things he hasn't told us and he never

told us why but he did tell us that reaching the age of accountability every one of us chose as the principle by which we would live i am going to do what i want to do now maybe some were far more refined and cultured than others and they didn't put their fist in the face of god family do what i want to do they may have just said well i'm going to do what i really want to do i mean i don't care whether they're up and out or down and out the fact is the scripture says they're out all of sin and come short of the glory of god and whether they did it with gritting teeth and set jaw and shaking fist or whether they just did it all nice and sweet and refined cultured they still did it and it's an equal treasonous crime well however whatever their attitude was but they did it so the mindset of

the sinner is i am going to do what i want to do i'm going to govern and control and rule my life now the lord jesus said in luke 13 3 and 5 except you repent you're going to perish now let me stop with it when i was here in bible school we were told that repentance had nothing to do with the age of grace i was taught dispensationalism now friends let me say this dispensationalism is like pregnancy there's no such thing as a little bit of it you just you get it you it's gonna grow it'll kill you and uh and it took hold on me and when my one of my colleagues said brother i think there is something to this thing about repentance to sinners i said now whatever you do don't try to get me mixed up in that repentance is jewish and that's nothing to do with the age of god i told him that after

i'd come back from africa as a missionary because i'd been really well i i was when i finished with me i was like lazarus when he came out of the tomb he was alive a man was he ever wrapped up was he bound and so was i and i when i found out someone dared to believe that repentance was for today you know who set me straight another dispensationalist that's right by the name of harry a ironside then pastor of moody church in chicago the american tract society had a contest in a thousand dollar reward or prize for the book that was chosen for that year and you know harry i wrote a book and submitted it and it was chosen and the title was except ye repent it's out of print and it ought to be reprinted and ought to be distributed and made cheap enough that you could get it everywhere because

he said i take umbrage with my dispensational friends that try to tell me and tell others that repentance is not for today because the scripture makes it clear that paul said he was in when he was in ephesus night and day among the jews and the gentiles preaching repentance toward god and faith toward our lord jesus christ now i believe that when the dispensationalists took out the law of god away from preparing hearts for grace bringing conviction and repentance they did a committed a greater crime against the glorious son of god than all of the modernist enemies put together have ever done against the lord jesus christ because they disarmed the holy ghost with the only instruments with which he'd ever provided himself to prepare men for grace men have to be convicted of sin and they

must repent because christ said except you repent you'll perish now what does it mean to repent a change of mind what's the mindset of the sinner i'm going to do what i want to do what's a change of mind a change from what it's been to what it should have been 180 degree change well i'm going to do what i want to do to lord i'm going to please you and serve you as long as i live that's repentance a change of mind a change of intention a change of purpose and a change of practice that has no merit with it doesn't earn anything you're not doing any works all you're doing is just bringing sinners to realize the enormity of their crime that they have lived to please themselves and gratify their appetites and now they're going to change they're not striking a deal with god they're not trying

to make any kind of a bargain they're simply saying from today on the purpose of my life is to please god charles adams spurgeon when he was pastor at the great metropolitan tabernacle preached a sermon on repentance a great sermon from the psalms and he said repentance to be real has to be hearty and not reluctant it's done because one's discovered that god deserves to be obeyed and served it has to be voluntary and not induced or coerced it has to be something the person does because he wants to do it because god deserves it god deserves to have him obey him and serve him and then the third thing spurgeon said of a total of six was this it has to be complete and not partial he said if a person had a thousand sins and he repented of 999 of them there was no real repentance all it was was

trying to strike a bargain with god has to be complete and not partial what's it mean a committal of the will to the principle and the practice of pleasing god in everything from that time on and it's a prerequisite to forgiveness it's a prerequisite to pardon and it's what we've got to tell every sinner to whom we speak that's a candidate for grace that's discovered their lostness now this is what the scripture says you gotta repent and that means that from today on he's going to be king and boss and sovereign you're going to do what he tells you to do just because he deserves to be obeyed and to be served well i think that we need to understand that and we need to proclaim it i never thought i'd live long enough to see a famine for the hearing of the word of god you know you can preach

from the bible all your life and never preach it and i believe that the loss one of the lost notes in modern preaching is at first the law is a conviction the law used to bring conviction and leading to repentance it's so important it's absolutely imperative that we should understand this we should realize this now tonight i come the conclusion in the close of the message and i want to ask you a question have you ever been lost you ever discover your lostness the enormity of your crime against god have you repented have you changed your mind about who's to be boss have you purposed in your heart to please god in everything that's the nature of repentance a change of mind change of intention and change of purpose now maybe you said well i did but there's some things that have come along

you know if i were you i wouldn't go out that way i'd come this way i need god and bring everything up to date if anything spirit of god spoken to you about the course of wisdom is to deal at the time god shows you we always have an invitation whenever i've been here bethany it's always been this if you're willing to confess every sin and believe that what you confess he forgives and if you're willing to surrender absolutely everything to his will and believe that what you surrender he receives then we invite you to come we talked with and prayed with now as i said this morning i don't give long invitations because i believe that anyone who's discovered they have a need they've got sense enough wisdom enough to deal with it that's the time they find it out and so we're going to bow in

prayer and if god's speaking your heart then we're going to ask you to when when the singing or music plays or whatever or right now how far does that go we're going to ask you to just come my god let's bow

in prayer father in heaven we're so concerned about the world around us oh we're so concerned about the people that are being misled on the most important subject in all the world they're never dying souls and we're asking that somehow thou by thy sweet marvelous grace will breathe upon us show us the importance of these phases of thine operation on sinner folk awakening them and convicting them bringing them to repentance not to be hard on them but that they might they might come to life they might come to life in christ and should there be some here today father in this meeting

surely in a company this large are those that do have need and others father who discovered that that purpose to please thee and everything has been forgotten in some instances and so father of jesus just now with our heads bowed and our eyes closed we're asking that thou will breathe upon us oh breathe upon us breath of god and let decisions be made tonight that will be to the eternal glory of jesus christ we ask father in the purest matchless name of thy lovely son our lord jesus amen

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