

# Gods Ultimate Satisfaction

by Phil Beach Jr.

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*God's ultimate satisfaction is for His children to get from Him so He may receive from us, and this is the hidden purpose behind His responses to our requests.*

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## Description

Phil Beach Jr. emphasizes that God's ultimate satisfaction comes from His children glorifying Him through their lives. He discusses the various trials and distractions that can lead believers away from recognizing God's work and the importance of remaining vigilant against the enemy's tactics. The sermon encourages believers to shift their perspective from self-centered desires to understanding how their requests can bring glory to God. Ultimately, Beach calls for a transformation in prayer and desire, urging the congregation to seek what pleases God rather than merely what benefits themselves.

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## Transcript

We have a number of things on the board here. And I would assume that each one of us can think of several more things. Now, how many know what human failure is? You have personally failed God, and has somebody ever failed you? Disappointed you? Possibly taken advantage of you? Uh-huh.

How about circumstances? You have experienced all diverse kinds of circumstances, haven't you? What about troubles? Heartaches? What about unfulfilled dreams and aspirations? Well, beloved, these are just some of the very, very many things that the enemy seeks to use as a deterrent to turn us from the character and person of Jesus Christ. Now, how many has experienced in the past, or possibly even tonight, right here, one of these or something else that has been magnified in your heart and mind that seemingly has caused the bigness of God to grow dim? As I mentioned earlier, the Lord has been very faithfully warning us that because of the great work that he is doing in our hearts, and how many can attest to the great work the Lord is doing in our midst? Friends, this is not a work of a man. This is not a work of Phil Beach or anyone else here.

This has nothing to do with a man. This is something that God Himself is doing in our midst through the precious power of the Holy Spirit. And this is truly of God, truly of His Holy Spirit.

And because of this, the enemy is very, very angry. He's very upset. And consequently, and I'm going to share with you what the Lord gave me in prayer, and also, the Lord has given several dreams to certain folk who had come and had shared it with us, and remarkably, these dreams are all very, very similar.

Very, very similar. And they all have a message. The same message the Lord is warning many of us, that the enemy, and of course the Scripture says in 1 Peter, I'm reminded of this, in 1 Peter, we know the Scripture, don't we? 1 Peter chapter 5. Let's just work on this for a little second here, as the Holy Spirit knows best, and then if God is willing, we'll give opportunity possibly for some of you to share what's upon your heart.

But beloved, I'm very encouraged tonight, and I indeed am not saying these things in order to sow fear or discouragement in your heart, neither is it the Lord's will for you to be intimidated by what we're going to say tonight. Beloved, we ought to be greatly encouraged in the Lord our God, because He has spoken, and He is performing. He is transforming lives.

He is changing people. He is presently and is about to pour out His glory in a most wonderful way. And this is the only reason why things are happening like this.

The Bible says, Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which shall try you, as though some strange thing has happened. But rejoice, knowing that the trying of your faith, being much more precious than gold, when it is tried shall be found to be praise and glory at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. So see, God knows what's going on.

And I'm very excited because the enemy cannot stop what God is doing. He might get some folks to turn aside for a season, and He might get us sometimes to look somewhere for a short season, but God is faithful. He'll restore us.

He'll bring us back. This is where God is going to make us strong. And when God makes you strong, it's for two purposes.

And we're going to maybe get into this. It's so that He can receive from your life more praise and more glory and more honor, and then He makes you strong so you can find a weak brother and hold him up and strengthen him and show him the way of strength in God. Now, how many want to be a vessel where you not only are bringing glory and honor to God, but you are finding the little lambs that need a little extra encouragement, and you're almost like the mother hen? You're putting your wings over them through prayer and through love, and you're asking the Lord to strengthen them.

Isn't that what Jesus wants? So in 1 Peter 5, the Bible says in verse 6, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you. Be sober." Now, the word sober there implies a mind that is ready, a mind that is ready, first of all, to recognize. We must have a mind that's ready to recognize when the enemy is seeking to sow his seeds into it.

Now, we preached many months ago a series on the mind as the place of spiritual warfare. Paul was concerned that the Corinthian church, just as Eve, would be deceived in their mind. You see? The enemy gets a foothold in the mind, and that's where it begins.

He sows a doubt, he sows a feeling, he sows a thought, and unless we are sober-minded, then we can be turned aside temporarily because of the stronghold that gets in our mind. So this is why the Bible says to

be sober. Be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about seeking.

Now, beloved, you know that as a pastor, I have not preached a lot about the enemy. I've not taught a lot about Satan and demons and things, because it's not important to teach on these things as much as it is to let Jesus Christ minister in our midst. And as we get to know him, we become aware of the enemy.

But I sensed recently the Lord was asking me to just begin to share, as he leads, some things about the enemy. And one of the things that we need to be aware of is, first of all, the enemy walks about and he seeks. He walks about and he seeks.

Now, it's very important, according to Ephesians 6, that we understand that by virtue of our position in Christ, being seated with him in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, we have been placed in a spiritual warfare. You and I are in a spiritual warfare now, whether we are perceptive of it or not. And the enemy is an adversary, he is a devil, and as a roaring lion he walks about seeking, whom he may devour.

Now, the word devour there literally means to consume by swallowing. To consume by swallowing. Now, how many have found it to be true that when the enemy sows something in your mind, perhaps a doubt, a fear, a question, and it stays there and it festers, how many have experienced almost as if you're being swallowed up by it? That's what it is right there, that's how he devours.

He doesn't come and take a bite of your arm, as a lion literally would. But he devours through planting a seed and then festering in that seed. And that seed gets bigger and bigger and bigger, and it gets larger and larger and larger, and seemingly the Lord gets smaller and smaller and smaller, and before you know it, you are being consumed by this seed.

Now, this is his intent, this is his purpose, to try and devour. And this is the method that he uses. But Peter, who understood the ways of the enemy, encouraged the believers in verse number 9 of chapter 5, whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. So God is aware and God knows the affliction and the trial that is coming your way. And now we brought this out in order to apply it to our situation.

The enemy. The thing that the enemy despises the most, and the thing that he fights against the most, is the truth that he doesn't want to confess, he doesn't want to admit it, and he's going to be thrown into the lake of fire, still denying it probably. And here it is.

The glorious fact that Jesus Christ is the spotless Son of God. That Jesus Christ indeed did become man, and overcame sin in the flesh. And that he was indeed put to death, and on the third day he rose again.

These are things that bother Satan very much. But now listen. That's the objective fact.

That's untouchable. And that bothers Satan to no end. But what makes it worse, is when the reality of what Jesus Christ has done historically becomes actively alive, and living within the lives of his church.

This bothers him even more. And beloved, when God begins to stir his church, and God begins to breathe down from heaven, light and spirit, and begins to quicken the hearts of seeking people, something begins

to happen. That objective reality of what Christ did, suddenly becomes a living subjective experience within the hearts of God's people, and the victory that is Christ's suddenly becomes ours experientially and subjectively.

And suddenly, that glorious fact of what Christ did becomes working in our life now, and we are lifted into the very life, the very presence, the very power of the Son of God himself, and enter into his victory. Now what does that mean, when we enter into his victory? That means the enemy loses his foothold and strongholds in our lives, because we are sharing in Christ's victory. There's no stopping it.

And then consequently, God begins to get glory from the church, in the person of Jesus Christ, who is transforming and changing and expressing his very life through the church. This indeed is what is happening. God is stirring his people.

And it is because of this that the enemy is meticulously scrutinizing every assembly, every one, where the Spirit of God is once again taking the preeminence, and he's looking to devour. And this is the only way he can devour. Listen, the enemy can't stop the move of God, but he can prevent people from entering in if he can somehow, in his sly, slippery way, take our attention and our hearts' affections from the moving of God's Spirit and the centrality of the person of Jesus Christ, and place it on a human failure, either in your own life or someone else's, or place it on a circumstance, or a trouble, or an unfulfilled dream.

And then as you begin to get consumed with one of these, then your attention gets turned aside, and the enemy temporarily stops in your life the fullness of what could be occurring. This is how he gets divisions and strongholds within an assembly, because the enemy knows that as soon as the unity is broken, as soon as that unity of love and that unity of the Spirit is hindered, then it hinders the Spirit of God from moving freely. So as the church, God is warning us, and he's saying, Be strong in the power of God's might.

Be vigilant. Be unawares. Stay close to Jesus.

And don't be surprised when something happens, and suddenly, right before your eyes, you see a potential trouble that if you yield to it, if you respond in a certain way, it could hurl you right out of what God is doing and make you shipwreck in your faith. You know what a shipwreck person is? It's not someone who's lost their faith in God. It's someone who has become inoperative in God.

Their faith has become shipwrecked. In other words, they were sailing on the sea, but something happened, and they got detained. That's what the enemy wants.

Do you remember Demas? He was a traveler of Paul. I've often thought about Demas, and several months ago, as I was praying about Demas, the Lord opened up an incredible understanding regarding Demas. The enemy had his eye on Demas, and here's why.

Demas was a disciple of Paul. Demas traveled with Paul. Demas was under an incredible apostolic ministry.

His life was no doubt being transformed. Paul acknowledged Demas as one of those brethren who saluted the church. He acknowledged Demas.

Now listen to this. The Bible says that Demas forsook Paul because he loved this present world. Now can you see it? Here Demas was being taught, was being nurtured by the Lord Jesus Himself, and somehow,

some way, the enemy got in and turned his attention from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Turned it from what God was doing in the churches, and he went to Thessalonica, the Bible says. That's a perfect example. So we have to draw our strength from the Lord and encourage one another, and let Him sustain us and keep us.

Don't be alarmed. Don't be troubled when things happen. Just keep trusting in Jesus, and He'll keep you.

Amen? He'll keep your soul. Anyone have something they want to share? Anybody at all? Something that may be upon your heart. And I am very thankful to Him.

Anybody else? That's how the Lord will always answer you regarding everything that's happening in your life. Sometimes the Lord will say no. This means that He has something different for you, something better.

Sometimes the Lord will say go, which means the time is right, the setting is right, and God will speedily move on your behalf. Other times the Lord says grow, which means it's possible that God is going to prolong your answer. But because of the prolonging of the answer, God causes you to grow, like He did Abraham.

You remember on Sunday night we ministered shortly on Abraham dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, while Lot pitched his tent towards Sodom. And it was during a long period of waiting that God told Abraham to grow. And many times God causes us to wait.

But you know, Pat, during the time when God spoke to Abraham and God fulfilled His word, Abraham went through very many different testings and trials, but during the seasons when he was waiting, God always came to him and encouraged him again, and encouraged him again, and continued to encourage him was going to fulfill His promise. And then sometimes the Lord comes and says slow, which means He slowly brings things about in our life. We begin to see it.

Sometimes when you're in the grow mode, nothing. You don't see a thing. But the slow mode, you see things, but they're not as fast as you'd like them to be.

But the Lord has a reason for causing things to go slow, and many are His reasons. So I thank the Lord for what He's doing in your life, Pat, too. I thank Him that He has His eyes on you.

And just as the potter never takes his eyes off the clay, likewise the great potter in the sky never takes his eyes off of us. Though at times it feels like we're spinning awful fast on the potter's wheel, and we're going round in circles, and by golly, we can't for the life of us figure out what's going on. Always remember His eyes.

If they're on the sparrow, how much more are they on you? Amen? Anybody else? God says no, go, grow, or slow. And everything that God does, everything that God does, ultimately is to accomplish one purpose, and that purpose we're going to see in a few minutes. But before we go on, we just want to wait for a couple more minutes to give anyone else an opportunity to testify.

Something from the Lord for us tonight. It will be very insightful, and I believe that if you take this to heart, and meditate on this divine concept that we're going to share tonight, you will indeed find a change occurring in your prayer life, and in your entire outlook on things. Would you like to have that happen

tonight? You would, wouldn't you? I'm going to ask the Lord to perform a miracle tonight, and I hope it's a lasting miracle.

I think it will be. Perhaps it'll be a roller coaster miracle for a while, you know, where we walk in it. You know, we oftentimes catch glimpses of things, but I'm asking the Lord to perform a miracle tonight, and lift us in the Holy Ghost, out of our human perspective, to lift us from human point of view for a short time, and cause us to sit where He's sitting, and see things the way He sees them.

It's very essential that we would be able, by God's grace, to be able to be lifted from human perspective, in order to be able to comprehend the way God sees things. Now, as I mentioned up here on the board, God says no, He says go, He says grow, and He says slow. The hidden wisdom, the hidden purpose, the hidden intent behind these different ways that God responds to our requests and our desires are all found in one statement, and I'm going to write that statement on the board.

God's ultimate satisfaction. Now, I want you to think with me for a while. Have you ever thought of God's ultimate satisfaction? Have you ever thought what brings ultimate pleasure to God's heart? Is it not true that so many times we are caught in the human perspective? And how things relate to us.

But have you ever considered how things relate to God? Now, it's quite human and normal for us to look at God, and by looking at God, we see what we can get from Him for ourself. And there's credibility to that, because we're in great need. And naturally, because we're in great need, we look to God, seeing what we can get from Him as it relates to ourself.

And everyone must experience that realm and that perspective, how God relates to them. Everyone must experience that. It's necessary.

But beloved, that is not the ultimate perspective. God is longing and desiring to bring us out of that perspective into the cognizance, or into the consciousness, of not how things affect us and relate to us, but how things affect God and relate to Him. What brings ultimate satisfaction to God's heart? Now, while praying, the Lord gave me this, and I want to read it, and we're going to go through it, and then we're going to go to the Bible, and we're going to show you in the Scriptures.

But before we do, it's 20 after 8, we won't be too long, before we do, I want to just offer up and breathe a word of prayer. And I want to ask the Holy Spirit to breathe on this little teaching, because I am persuaded that it has the potential to so affect us and really change us. So, Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves in Your presence tonight, because we thank Thee, Lord, that You are so great and good.

Now, Lord, I know this is hard for us to understand, because we are human, we live in a human world, and we are so used to looking at things and seeing them in the perspective of how they relate to us and how they benefit us. But, Lord, I'm asking by the grace of God, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that You would lift us out of that realm tonight, and that You would show us that Your supreme goal is not giving things to us and how they relate to us, but giving things to us in order that You may receive something back. Now, Lord, I pray that You'll help us to understand this, quicken it into our hearts.

For Jesus' honor, I pray. Amen. And amen.

Now, like I said, I want to ask the Lord to take us from this... We're almost trapped in this realm of everything that we do and everything that we say and everything that we pray to the Lord is related to how it's going to affect us. And this is why so many times we're disappointed. We're disappointed in God's

response to our request.

Because, see, God is not so interested in how it's going to relate to us as much as He is how is it going to relate to Him. And we're going to show you what I'm talking about. Now, the ultimate satisfaction, God's ultimate satisfaction, listen closely, is for His children to receive, or may I use the word get, just to bring it right down to where we're at, God's ultimate satisfaction is for His children to get from Him so He may receive from us.

I'll say that again. God's ultimate satisfaction is that we would get from Him in order that He may receive from us. Now may I suggest tonight that the hidden mystery, and beloved, it's a mystery, and you know it is, the hidden mystery behind the reason why God says no or go or grow or slow is because God's eyes are focused on the ultimate satisfaction of His heart, which is what He will receive from us.

Now listen, God is looking to receive something from us, but you're going to find out it's not your money, it's not your gift, it's not anything of yourself. Listen now, the only time that it pleases God to see in us the desire to get something from Him is if in view He sees receiving for Himself more glory and honor through us in granting to us what we're asking for. Now I'll read that again.

The only time it pleases God to see in us the desire to get something from Him is when in view He sees receiving for Himself more glory and honor through us in giving to us what we ask Him for. Listen, we must learn to be conscious of God's supreme goal. God's supreme goal, God's supreme satisfaction is to receive glory and honor and praise in the life of His dear children.

That's His ultimate joy. When His children glorify Him, when the world sees us and glorifies God, like Jesus said in John chapter 17, we must learn to be conscious of God's supreme goal. That is, to receive from us by Christ living His life through us.

God's ultimate satisfaction is to receive by us through Christ living His life through us glory, do His name, honor, do His name, praise and adoration, do His name. Therefore, in light of this divine truth, therefore, consequently, because of the above, because we understand that God's ultimate satisfaction is to receive glory and honor. You see, it's not so much related to how it's going to affect us as much as it is how much it's going to affect Him.

To us, receiving something might seem nice, but to God, He looks down and says, I won't receive the ultimate glory in that. I won't receive the ultimate praise in that. I may just withhold that from you, my child.

I know from your perspective it's good, but from my perspective, it doesn't. See, we're caught in our perspective and we see God sometimes as a mean, cruel Lord, but see, He is aiming on satisfying the desire of His heart. And you know what? He knows many times the desire of our heart is that, that He would receive glory and honor, but He knows in His wisdom, in His all-knowing knowledge, what will ultimately bring Him glory and honor and what won't.

Therefore, in light of this divine truth, all our desires to receive something from God and get something from God must be purified, cleansed, and purged from all self-interest or self-gain or self-promotion, so that ultimately, all we desire will only produce in us, upon receiving them, more glory and praise back to God. Back to God. Our desires and the things that we want to get from God, God is in the process of purging and cleansing and purifying them, so that the thing we desire to get from God will, upon receiving it, give back to God more praise and more glory in our life.

And that, indeed, is what the entire mystery of God's will is held in. This is almost too hard to utter that God would give us a little insight into the mystery of His will. We find this in Ephesians chapter 1. The mystery of God's will.

The mystery of God's will from the beginning in creating Adam and Eve was to receive glory, was to receive honor and praise. Listen, the mystery of God's will has never been changed. He has always intended and has ultimately fulfilled His purpose in the person of Jesus Christ to receive eternal glory, eternal praise, and eternal honor forever and ever, because He is blessed forever, the only potentate God.

To Him be glory forever. He alone is God. He alone is worthy of praise.

And God has designed that through the person of Jesus Christ He would receive glory and honor in the church. Through Jesus living in the church, God would receive glory. So what God wants to do is He wants to revolutionize our desires.

He wants to revolutionize our wants. He wants to revolutionize the things that we want to get from Him in order to change our perspective so that we no longer are praying, asking God for something, thinking about how it's going to relate to us. But why not ask God for something and say, Lord, how is this going to relate to you? How is this going to bring the desire of your heart about, which is to get more glory out of my life, and more praise out of my life, and more adoration out of my life? Beloved, when God quickens this into your spirit, you will find yourself upon the altar of prayer begging God to do whatever He sees necessary to receive from you the praise worthy of His name, the glory worthy of His name.

And you will quickly forget about the self-oriented prayer of, Lord, I want to get this because I am cognizant of how it's going to affect me. Rather, it will be, Lord, I want you to do whatever you have to in order to affect you, in order to give you praise, in order to fulfill your satisfaction, which is to receive glory and honor through the individual child of God, and then corporately in the church. God wants to be honored and glorified in your life and my life.

Now, at times, God will give you a revelation on something that He wants to give you that will increase His honor and glory in your life. And that's when you know you can pray and believe God. That's when God reveals to you His will.

But see, the churches, we're so immature yet. We're still caught in the self-related world, how things relate to me. And that perspective in itself is distorted because God isn't planning His purposes around how things relate to you.

He's planning them around how they relate to Him. You get it? Because He's God. And ultimately, God said He's going to receive glory and honor and power and praise.

So naturally, or I should say supernaturally, God is ultimately working in our life in a practical way. This is what He's doing. He's giving to us what will ultimately enable Him to receive from us more glory and honor and praise.

That's why He doesn't always give us what we want. Because He foresees that it won't satisfy the desire of His heart. Therefore, shall I, in getting what I so desire from God, enable Him to receive from me the ultimate glory and praise that He so longs for? Now here's what Christian maturity is, beloved.

Christian maturity consists in one sentence. When from our hearts we can say, as Paul, all things are as done in light of the surpassing greatness of God receiving from my life glory and honor and adoration and praise because He alone is worthy. What would God do if He began to look down upon the church and began to see a different smell? I say see.

What if God began to smell a different incense, Gary? You know what? I feel the Holy Ghost is speaking to my heart and He's saying, I want to change the incense. You know, incense represents the prayers of the saints. And I believe the Lord, because He loves us so much, He has smelt the incense of our prayers as they related to us.

And He's so good, and He's so loving, and He's so gentle. He understands that we're human and that we're locked into a self-perspective. But I believe the Holy Ghost wants to change the incense in our churches.

Can you imagine the altars full of people down upon the altar weeping before God saying, Oh God, Thou hast burned a desire within my heart that you may receive from my life perpetually glory and praise and honor. Therefore God, give to me only that which will ultimately bring back to you praise and glory and adoration into your life. Hallelujah.

I think heaven would have a revival. They don't need one, do they? I know they don't. Wouldn't that be exciting to see our churches begin to be filled with the heart's desire for saints to want to... Listen, for saints to begin to desire God to receive the ultimate satisfaction in His life? The ultimate satisfaction of receiving from us praise and glory and adoration and honor.

Now, perhaps this opens up some insight into the book of James. I would like for you to turn to the book of James real quickly and we're about to close. What did James mean in James chapter 4? James chapter 4. Now you're going to see a whole new light here.

You're going to see an entirely new light on this portion of scripture. You're going to understand what James saw but apparently he didn't have utterance. Apparently the people he was writing to were dull of hearing and he could only go so far but he had to stop.

The writer of Hebrews had that problem too. He wanted to expound on the Melchizedek ministry which was the power of an endless life but he couldn't. He said because ye need milk.

This is what he told the Hebrews. But now listen to what James says here. James chapter 4. From whence comes wars and fighting among you? Come they not hence even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust.

Now the word lust there means desire. Ye desire and have not. Ye kill and desire to have and cannot obtain.

Ye fight and war yet ye have not because ye ask not. Yet ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Whole new insight, huh? You see, they were asking.

Not with that in mind. But they were asking to fulfill their own desires. They were wanting to get from God to promote their own cause.

In other words, they wanted to use God to gain something other than more of God. They wanted to use God to get in order to consume their own lusts. In order to further their own advantages, their own purposes.

And James says that's why there's so much trouble. Because the church that James was writing to hadn't been awakened yet. It's an ironic thing.

They're alive but yet they're dead. They're in Christ but yet they're insensitive. The Holy Spirit is going to bring an awakening in this hour that we live in.

And the awakening will consist of people which will ultimately enable Him to receive back from them more glory and more honor and more praise and more adoration. And this is the divine scheme behind the Lord orchestrating these things in our life. So may I encourage you to take heart.

What's the practical thing to do in light of this wonderful teaching that's found in the Word of God? The practical thing is to come before the Lord God with a humble heart and say, Father, it's unbelievable how our perspective falls so short of Your perspective. Now, Lord, You know that I'm a human and You know the way my vision is so short-sighted. But, Lord, You are able.

Say, Lord, I'm willing to be made willing. Someone says, well, the problem is I'm not willing. Well, then ask God to make you willing.

Don't use that as an excuse. Say, Lord, I'm willing to be made willing to have You stretch my perspective so that I can begin to see things not as how they relate to me and my temporary desires, but how they can relate to Your desire, which is to receive glory and honor in my life. Father, I give You, I give You my short-sighted vision.

Now You give to me Your vision. As you do that, in a sincere way, you will discover that God will begin to do a mysterious work in your life. He will begin to show you the short-sightedness of your plans and the glory of His plans.

And more and more, your desires and the things that you want from God will change. I promise you they'll change. And you'll begin to desire only that which will ensure God being glorified more in your life.

And then, will the Father heart of God rejoice over His dear children. So take heart, beloved. The Father in heaven is wanting to perfect in you Here's Christ.

Here's our heart. God ultimately wants to give to us so that from our life He may receive. We get from Christ and God must receive the glory and the honor and the praise in our life.

God is not fully satisfied until all of our getting is then turning around and becoming that which He receives. The praise and the glory that He so alone deserves. Amen? Amen.

Amen. Well, praise the Lord. That's all the Lord put on my heart.

As God leads, we'll probably get into this a little more. But like I said, you get a hold of this and you let the Holy Ghost write it on your heart and you'll say, Wow! And you'll be changed. Now don't look to other Christians.

When you get in the harness of God, you don't follow the crowd anymore. You follow the one who died for you. And His nail print hands are in front of your eyes.

Christians who can't follow the Lord and always have to have an identity in the crowd, they always miss the deeper things of God. You won't pray like other Christians. You won't want the things other Christians want.

And when you see, you'll wonder, Why do they want that? God wants to bring glory to His name. But don't you be critical. Don't you be judgmental.

Because the Lord wasn't critical and judgmental against you when you were short-sighted. But He was patient and long-suffering, wasn't He? So when He wakes your soul and you begin to realize how immature your prayers were and how you missed and you didn't see what God was doing. When He awakens you and you begin to see His heart and His eternal goal, you don't get critical.

You get even more filled with love. You get more patient and more tolerant. And it so affects your life.

You'll just love Him more. Amen. What song are we going to sing? Anyone have a song? Okay, what's the song?

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