

The Captivity of the Righteous Part 4

by Phil Beach Jr.

The sermon emphasizes the importance of loving God wholly and the transformative power of truth amidst life's trials.

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Description

Phil Beach Jr. emphasizes the transformative power of God's grace in the lives of the righteous, urging believers to seek a deeper relationship with God and to love Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. He highlights the importance of truth in overcoming the enemy's lies and the need for believers to be liberated from worldly attachments that hinder their devotion to God. The sermon draws parallels with the story of Job, illustrating how God uses trials to refine and purify His people, ultimately leading them to true freedom and joy in Christ. Beach encourages the congregation to surrender their all to God, allowing Him to break the chains of bondage and to fill their lives with His glory.

Transcript

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It was by the purging of God's power and love. So they stand as trophies of grace, boasting in no one but Jesus. There's where the Lord's glory will be seen.

There's where the enemy's kingdom is destroyed. There's where true power is. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Thank you, Lord.

Bondage and strife that I may hear when you call. And give you my all, oh Lord, my all. I give you my all, oh Lord, my all.

I give you my all, oh Lord, my all. Break through the chains in my life. Tear down the strongholds and the walls.

Deliver me from all bondage and strife that I may hear when you call. And give you my all, oh Lord, my all. I give you my all, oh Lord, my all.

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Thank you, Lord Jesus. Thank you, Lord. Oh, brothers and sisters, I feel like jumping.

I feel like shouting. I feel like dancing. Not to put a show on before any man or any woman.

But I've seen true freedom and true joy. True freedom and true joy. Oh, my God.

It's so real. It's so real. How the Lord longs.

His passion. How He longs to bring this freedom and this joy into our hearts. Oh, my.

Oh, my. Oh, Lord. What can we say, Lord? We stand in awe as we see You.

We see Your Son. We see Your Son. The man.

The man after Your own heart. Who walked on this earth and had joy unspeakable and full of glory because nothing possessed Him. Nothing.

Nothing had Him, Jeremy. Nothing. Nothing.

He walked with a heart, a mind, a soul, a body, affections, wholly devoted to His Father. Nothing mattered to Him. When they sought to make Him a king, He hid from them, Mike.

He hid from them. He wasn't into an ego trip. When they sought to boast about Him and make braggadocious claims about Him, He just turned His ear.

I don't want to hear what you have to say. He said, I'm only interested in what Father has to say to me. Nothing had Him.

When the devil offered Him all the kingdoms of the world, when the devil said, listen, all these kingdoms have been given to me and I can give them to whomsoever I will. And I'll give them to you, all the kingdoms of the world, all the power and the glory and the authority, being seen of men. After all, you are

the Son of God.

After all, you are the lawful heir. Just, just, listen, oh God, just let me have a part of you. Just, just give me some honor.

Just bow down and worship me. I'll give you everything, but in some areas of your life, do what I want you to do, not what Father wants you to do. This is how Satan successfully seduces us.

Just, I'll give you, listen, I'll give you fame. I'll give you riches. I'll give you glory.

Just let me have a part of your heart, a part of your soul, a part of your mind, a part of your affections. Just in a little area of your life, lock the door to Jesus. You do that and I'll give you things that you can't imagine.

Young people, this is what the enemy is saying to this generation. This is what he's saying to this generation. Imagine what you could want.

Imagine. He'll give it to you. He'll give it to you on a golden platter.

Just worship me. Don't think for a minute that that means that you go to a Satanist church and that you engage in all of the rituals that they engage in. That's not it at all, though that is awful.

No, no. All the enemy's looking for is just a little bit of your soul, a little bit of your mind, a little bit of your body, a little bit of your heart. Just a little bit.

Just keep it devoted to yourself. But when we see our blessed Savior, we can't accept that, can we? We can't accept that, can we? Listen to God's Word this morning. Matthew, we're going to start there.

Matthew 22 Thank You, Lord, for Your faithfulness. Lord, thank You for Your presence. Thank You for the liberty and the joy that we are sensing this morning.

Thank You for the freedom of Your presence, Lord. Thank You for enabling us to understand what You're saying. Lord, You love us.

You know, when Jesus spoke to the rich young ruler, what does the Scripture say? Right before He spoke to him and revealed to him His divided heart. And Jesus loving him. Isn't that right, Burl? And Jesus loving him.

Do you know what Jesus is doing right now to every one of us? He's loving us, isn't He, Gary? He's loving us. But see, when Jesus loves us, what does He do? He tells us the truth. Aren't you glad there's one reliable source in the world that will love you and tell you the truth? Now, that's in contrast to Delilah.

What did Delilah do? She appeared to love Samson, but she didn't tell him the truth. Matter of fact, the affair that Samson had with Delilah resulted in what? His spiritual decline and ruin. But when Jesus loves us, He tells us the truth.

Why does He tell us the truth? Because the Scripture says you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. Told you I'd chase you. The truth shall make you free.

Listen, are you a lover of truth this morning? You know the Scripture says in Proverbs, buy the truth and sell it not. Do you love truth? Do you love truth? Do you want to commune with truth? Do you want truth to have full course in your life? Are you seeking the truth about every area of your life? I just recently had a

talk with my oldest daughter and one of the things I said to her was, Christina, always remember, always remember that you must seek truth regarding every area of your life. Whatever you're going through, be in touch, write it down, and then take whatever you have come to see is going on inside and bring it next to truth and let truth interpret what's going on in your life.

I said, don't ever forsake truth, sweetheart. Bind it on your neck. Tie it upon your waist.

Meditate upon it day and night. Love truth. Embrace truth.

Court truth. Truth will preserve you. Truth will heal you.

Truth will lead you. Truth will keep you from wickedness and evil. Listen, young people.

Truth will keep you from evil. Truth will keep you from the perversions of this world. Truth, be a lover of truth.

Seek truth early in the morning. Go to bed at night meditating upon truth. Love truth.

Truth is more precious than silver and gold. And the yield of truth, the dividend of truth, far exceeds a good day on Wall Street. The yield.

What do you get from truth? You get a transformed life. You get a renewed mind. You get the gift of being able to walk in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation and be able to shine as lights.

What is the reward of truth? Blessed are the pure in heart, they shall see God. Matthew 22. Verse 34.

And when the Pharisees had heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together, and then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, saying, Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law? And Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with some of thy heart and with some of thy soul and with some of thy mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. Is that how your Bible reads? No.

Yeah. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all. That's inclusive.

All. Now, notice the categories here. Heart, soul, mind.

Now, in another place, where this particular teaching of Jesus is taught by another evangelist, in Mark and in Luke, He includes strength and body. So, let's look at the five categories. I don't have my blackboard.

I can't find it. So, just write this down if you want. The five categories of life.

Listen, the five categories of life. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, all thy strength, all thy mind, all thy soul, and all thy body. These words of Jesus are profound in that He covers every single area of our life.

Every single area of our life. And now we see in Jesus Christ the fulfillment of this marvelous commandment, don't we? We see Jesus walking in our midst. We see Jesus walking as a man.

And we see someone who loved God with all of His heart. Now, the heart has to do with our affections. It has to do with our passions.

It has to do with our desires. Listen, it has to do with the things that we are devoted to. And Jesus is saying that when Father comes and looks in the depths of our heart, it is love for Him that must be first and foremost.

It is love for Him in the depths of our affections. It doesn't mean that we cannot have other loves or other affections. That is, I can love my wife.

I'm commanded to love my wife. I'm commanded to be devoted to my children. I'm commanded to be devoted to my brothers and sisters.

However, I cannot let any of my heart's affections become bigger than or take preeminence over my love for God. And this is the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the earnest believer and the Word of God. God is constantly trying and testing our hearts so that nothing, not even one thing, gets too big in our life to the point where devotion to it is leading us into disobedience to God.

Any Christian who forsakes the modern religion of Christianity and begins to hear the cry of the Spirit of God to follow Jesus, not Christianity, will be subject to Father's discipline so that all your affections, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, the very essential being of who you are, where springs out all your desires and devotions. Listen, the Lord wants to see there the image of His Son. See, I can't see your affections.

I can't see your heart right now. Now, I can get a good idea of what's going on by what you do. Let me just say something real quick in passing.

We hear a lot today about, well, the Lord knows their heart, don't we? Well, you know in the book of Revelation, when Jesus spoke to the seven churches, He never once said that. What He did say is, I know thy works. He never said, I know your heart.

And the reason He didn't is because the heart becomes evident by what we do. And this, well, the Lord knows their heart is true because we know God knows everyone's heart. But beware when you lay hold of that truth as a means to justify what is not right.

That's not the work of the Holy Spirit. And so, God's intention for the believer and for the church at large is to transform us into the image of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. And so what He does is He begins to search the depths of our heart.

Now, this coincides, this is the same truth that is taught in the book of Job. The captivity of the righteous. I believe this is part four or five.

The captivity of the righteous. It all comes together so wonderfully. What is God after in the book of Job? It seems so cruel and so unjust of God to let such calamity come upon the servant that He loves so much.

And if you look at it through the natural eyes with worldly wisdom, then indeed it would seem reasonable to conclude that God is being cruel. And that's the problem with worldly wisdom. Worldly wisdom is at enmity to God's wisdom.

God's wisdom is, I will send My spotless Son to bear the sins of the world, and He will be punished for the transgressions of many. Worldly wisdom says, that is nothing but a cruel and unjust act from a belligerent, tyrant God. See? So God's wisdom, identified in the book of Job, reveals to us His passion to produce in

the depths of our being the image and likeness of the Son of His love that He loved for all eternity.

The Son of His love that He loved for all eternity. He longed to see a whole family like Him who would derive, who would draw their very character from His person. And that's what we see in Job.

Of course, the man that God is well-pleased with is Christ. But in Job we see God's dealings so that He can transform us into the image of His Son. And so, God is after the heart.

God is after the heart. He is after your heart. He's after your affections.

He's after the things that you are devoted to. He may not want to take everything away outwardly, but He does want to take everything away inwardly. He might not take all your children from you like He did Job, but He does want to free your heart from affection for them that exceeds your affection for God.

He wants a heart wrought by grace that is able to say, I love the Lord with all my heart, all my soul, the mind, the will, the emotions. Once God begins to deal with the depths of our being and the depths of our devotion and the depths of the things that we love and like, He then begins to deal on another level. It's all within our immaterial being.

It's all within the part of us that can't be seen by men, but can be seen by God. It's the place where He wants to set up His sanctuary. Then He begins to talk about the soul, which is the mind and the will and the emotions.

And He begins to shine the searchlight of His Word and the searchlight of His presence into the depths of your mind and begins to discover your emotions. And He says, I want you to love Me in all of your emotions and all of your will. To love God with all of our will is to be released by the power of God from a drive, from a will, from a desire for anything other than Him and His will.

True joy comes when the will is unshackled from the I want, I want, I want this, I want that to a place where the will, by the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, has become broken and pliable and tender, where it says, I will to do Thy will, O God. The mind, your thoughts, your meditations, the things you think about. God says, I want you to love Me with all your mind.

I want you to be devoted to Me with all your thoughts, with all your dreams, with all your contemplation, with all your reasoning. I want you to love Me. I want you to put Me first.

All thy strength, all the energy, all of the motivation that we have. God says, I want you to devote your energy and your strength to Me. I want you to love Me in your strength.

I don't want you to use your strength. I don't want you to use your energy. If the byproduct, if the result of what you are doing with your strength and with your energy is not bringing glory to Me and all your body, devoting our body to Him.

Father, this is Your body. I want to love You with my body. I want to honor You with my body.

Joy comes. Joy comes when the Holy Spirit of God and the Word of God is able to emancipate us and free us so that in all of these categories of our life, as we see in the book of Job, we have become free. We have become emancipated.

And our total being is by God, for God, and unto God. Now listen carefully. As we turn to the book of Job, you've been looking at it.

We want to point out again the phrase and put meaning to it. I pray that you will circle this in your Bible. If you don't write it in your Bible, write it down.

Make a journal. Make a journal and make a note. And say, God will do this in my life.

Job 1. Verse 6, Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? And then Satan answered the Lord and said, From going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it. 1 Peter 5. Verse 8 Peter said that Satan as a roaring lion goes about to and fro seeking whom he may devour.

There's a good chance that he coined that phrase from his knowledge of the book of Job. Because here it says that Satan answered God by saying, I'm going about to and fro. I'm looking as a roaring lion.

I'm the destroyer. I want to destroy lives. This is what he wants to do.

Destroy lives. But he can't destroy the life of the Son of God. This is the beautiful thing.

He can't destroy the life that is of God. He can't destroy the soul that is devoted to God. He can't destroy the mind that is devoted to God.

He can work havoc. Like Jesus said to those in one of the churches, Satan shall cast you in prison for ten days and shall kill some of you. But be faithful unto death and you shall receive the crown of life.

Satan couldn't destroy them. Jesus said fear not him that can destroy the body but not the soul. See, the only power that the enemy has is the power that's rooted in the selfishness within the heart of man.

That's his power to destroy. That's his power to bring ruin. But the soul that's liberated, the soul that's freed, the soul that has been sanctified and cleansed by God's purging grace cannot be destroyed.

The Bible says in 1 John that the one that is born of God is kept and the wicked one toucheth him not. That doesn't mean that Satan can't attack us. That doesn't mean that Satan can't bring havoc upon us.

But what it means is that it can't destroy us. It can't affect us. It can't harm us.

It can't hurt us. There were Christians that were thrown into the Roman arena, and they were cut in half and there was corn put inside of them. And the hungry lions were set loose and they ate the corn and the entrails of the Christians.

Where was the promise of God? Where was the promise of God? I will never leave you nor forsake you. Where was the promise of God? I have given you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and nothing by any means shall harm you, not even a hair from your head. What, Jesus? What are you talking about? I just lost my husband and my wife and my children to hungry lions.

Is God untrue? Is His Word a lie? Absolutely not. It's just that you can't go to God's Word with worldly wisdom and try and interpret it. Every word that God said is true.

Can we see that freedom from all the power of the enemy is not found in being sheltered, having a hedge around us where we have a good life and we prosper and everything is wonderful and happy and, oh my, I'm just so blessed of God. Therefore, I am free from the enemy. Not so.

Not so. Freedom from the powers of darkness. Freedom from harm that Jesus was talking about.

Freedom from the wiles of the devil is found not in a circumstance outwardly or a condition outwardly, but it's found in an inward posture of devotion to God because of the power and transforming life of Jesus Christ reigning in us. That is what it means to be free from the power of the enemy. That's what it means to be a blessed man and a blessed woman.

Sure, God gives you things, but things don't make up whether I'm blessed or not because what happens when I lose my things? Then I am to conclude that I'm no longer blessed. Foolishness. Total foolishness.

Total foolishness. Paul said, I've got nothing, but yet I have all things. There's the testimony.

There's what the book of Job is all about. So, hast thou considered my servant Job? There is none like him in the earth, perfect and upright man, one that fears God and runs from evil. Then Satan said to the Lord, Does Job fear God for nothing? You want to know how to be free from Satan's power? It's not living a sheltered life somewhere where you experience no pain or sorrow.

Being free from Satan's power, being free from his malicious... What's the word? Malevolent. Malignant. That's a good word.

Being free from his power, beloved, is being rescued on the inside from the law of sin and living by the law of life in Christ Jesus. That's being free from his power. Does Job fear you for nothing? There was a man who lived and who feared God.

And it had nothing to do with what happened in his life. His name was Jesus. There was a man who feared God.

And he was heard in that he feared God. And now God is seeking to secure a family through which that man can once again relive his utter devotion and display it before a world that's gone sin crazy. And before the powers and principalities in the heavenly places that are playing havoc with the temple of God, there is a man.

And he is our refuge. He is our hope. He is the way through our captivity.

He is the way out of our captivity. He is the one that rescues us from our captivity. Verse 10, Hast thou not put a hedge about him, about his house, about all that he has on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse thee to thy face. Given my own power, given my own strength, given my own willpower, I will curse you to your face. See, the Christians shouldn't look at this and say, well, I won't do that, but I bet Brother so-and-so would, because I've seen that they've got some weaknesses in their life.

God, help us get delivered from such lame, self-righteous Christianity. You will deny the Lord. You will curse Him when He begins to touch every area in your life.

You will be found untrue. But it was Job who said, there is a Redeemer that liveth. Do you see where this is leading us? It's leading us out of ourself into the One who indeed loves God unconditionally, who indeed is wholly devoted to God.

God's goal is to work in us the life, liberty, and reality of His own Son. So to free us from the dominion of the law of inbred sin so that we can be wholly devoted through the power of His grace, through the transforming power of His Word, wholly devoted to Him through His Son, living, infusing us unto Him. Listen, why does God touch all that we have? Because Jesus said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.

And so God has to touch all that we have to use us from loving it. The greatest gift that God could give to the church today is to touch everything she's got. The greatest gift that God can give you is to touch everything that you've got and make your soul free from all things so you can have true joy.

There's three areas of Job's life that God touched. His health, his wealth, and his family. We're going to begin just for a few more moments in these categories and we're going to continue.

First of all, I want to talk a little about the health. God touched Job's health so that Job's health did not mean more to him than God. We are living in a day, listen beloved, when the physical body has become way too important.

If you study the Greek culture, you will find that many of the cultural ideas about the body and health are very similar to those of the Greek culture back when Greece was a world power. The Grecian Empire. They worshipped the human body.

They loved it. They loved its pleasures. They loved the pleasures that it gave to them.

They loved the honor and pride that men gave to it when it looked good and it became a condition that the Scriptures speak of in Romans 1.21-25. Listen carefully. Why does God touch our bodies and touch our health? Do I believe that sickness is of the devil? Yes. The Scripture says He came to destroy the works of the devil.

He came to heal them that were bound inwardly and outwardly. But I believe that there's something far worse than sickness on the physical body that God is interested in, and that's sickness in the soul. And He wants to deal with both issues.

Today there is a great emphasis on the Lord is the healer. Rightly so. He is the healer.

And there's very little emphasis on the Lord is the healer of the soul to free it from worship. Worshipping the creature rather than the Creator. Verse 1, listen here closely, beloved.

This is the Word of the Lord. This is the Word of the Lord that God is speaking to His sanctuary the church in this late hour. Parents, we would do our children a great, great favor if we would help them to understand this and help them sort through all of the mixed messages that they're getting.

Verse 21, because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man and to birds and to forfeited beasts and creeping things. Wherefore, God gave them up to

uncleanness through the loss of their own hearts to dishonor their own bodies between themselves.

Listen here, verse number 25. Who changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator who is blessed forever and ever. 2 Timothy chapter 3, the Scripture says, 2 Timothy chapter 3, verse number 2, For men shall be lovers of their own selves, the captivity of the righteous.

God's need to purge us on the inside from the inordinate affection and devotion that we have to our physical well-being. I said inordinate. As we mentioned a few weeks ago, the Bible says the temple is the body.

We are to care for it. We are to be reasonable in our care. But we are not to step over the fine line between being reasonably concerned for our physical well-being into the realm where we are obsessed with it.

Because with that obsession comes the worship of the creature. With that obsession comes a failure to love God with all of our body. We're not loving God with our body.

We're loving our body to display before men and women. Every wife should dress for her husband, not for anyone else. Amen? I know, it's the culture.

We don't dress for our own family. We dress for everyone else. It's wrong.

It's wrong. We need to be brought to truth. Truth frees us.

Nothing but truth. Without the grace of God working in our life, this is what health turns into. Worship, idolatry, selfish display, boasting, selfish love, being more concerned about what people think, eye service, wanting the approval of men.

Do you know the Bible says that wanting man's approval is a snare to your soul? That's why we don't hear the Lord very much. Because Jesus doesn't speak like this, putting His finger to the wind and wondering if it's going to be accepted. And this is the barometer almost that is inbred in our heart.

We don't hear the Lord much anymore because He's not taking a poll to see what's popular to whether or not He can say what He wants. See, He says what He wants, whether people like it or not. But we've been conditioned.

The church has been conditioned. She hires prophets who speak. She hires pastors who speak.

Not God's Word, but what is popular. What draws a crowd. What makes people happy.

But if we are to be brought back to God and forsake that apostate Christianity, we must be delivered from the passion to please people. Brothers, this is one of the great snares of young people today. They're so concerned about what people think.

And there is a partial normal condition there as kids go from young, adolescent, adult. They're confused, but oh, they need the Word of God. Every young person needs to be told daily, it is better to please God than man.

Young people, worry about pleasing God. If you try and worry about pleasing people, you will live your life in one big nightmare. And so this is why God has to touch this area of our life.

Because He's looking for what? His Son. He's looking for His Son's character in this area. Oh, we probably should stop.

God's Word is so precious. I told the Lord recently, I said, God, I want to live by every word that comes out of Your mouth. I love truth.

I said, Lord, thank You for giving me a heart that loves truth. I want truth. I want to live by truth.

I want to drink truth. I want to eat it. I love truth.

Truth purges. Truth cleanses. Truth comforts.

Truth points me to the man in glory. Truth transforms me. I love truth.

I pray every day, every day, that our children would become lovers of truth. Lovers of truth. Remember what Jesus called Satan? He was the father of what? Lies.

Everything in this world is a lie, young people. Everything. Except what is created by God, nature.

Everything else is one big fat lie. The world will tell you a bunch of lies. The world will tell you nothing but lies about you, about your body, about your family, about your career, about everything.

But God, He'll tell you the truth about all things. Thank you for your presence, Lord. Thank you for your presence, Lord.

Thank you for your spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the word of truth. Lord, our hearts are stirred.

We do have to stop, Lord. And Father, we thank you that we have found a man in glory who has found us. And in Him dwells all of the perfections of what we're talking about.

There's none of us that can stand in our midst and rise up and say, look at me, for I am the one who others can follow. Lord, there isn't one of us among us. We all must bow before the knee and see Jesus.

And now in these few closing moments, I want to ask the Holy Spirit to speak to us as the kids are coming in and sitting down. We are yet going to deal with wealth. That has to do with all that we have and all that we do.

All that we do. Our careers. And we see how God has to put His hand on it.

And then lastly, family. We're going to look at family and see how God has to purge the Christian family today. The Christian family.

But now, we just want to give the Holy Spirit a few moments to speak. You remember the end of Job, the result of God's dealing. He repented.

He said, I abhor myself. He said, I heard about God, but now I see Him. And lastly, he said, God, You can do all things.

Now this is what we're looking for this morning as we close. We're looking for God to give us the grace to say this. We're asking God to give us the power to begin to say what Job said.

Lord, You can do all things. Specifically, Lord, I give You permission to touch my body. Touch my health.

Touch me, Lord. You can do all things, Lord. I give You permission to deliver me from these things so that I am devoted wholly to You.

I give You permission to do all things. Lord, I want to be free like Your Son Jesus by His power. I want to love You, Lord, wholly devoted to You.

Purge me, Lord, so the image and beauty of Your Son can come forth. In Jesus' name, Amen. And Amen.

I'm just going to sing one song as we're getting ready to leave. I strongly encourage you to continue to seek the Lord, beloved. Gather together often one with another.

Let the word of truth be in your mouth. Encourage one another. Speak the truth one to another in love.

The end result is going to be a display of the Lord's glory in all those who through His grace and His power have tasted of His goodness. Lord, in these closing moments, we pray that You'll speak to us. Speak to us, Lord, in Jesus' name.

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