

Having No Part Dark

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Knowing God as our Father and understanding the seriousness of sin are key to a fulfilling Christian life.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of knowing God as our Father, a revelation brought by Jesus. It highlights how unsatisfied Christian lives may stem from not truly knowing God as a Father. The comparison is drawn between human relationships and God's relationship with us, particularly as a compassionate and loving Father. The need to have a deep understanding of God's goodness, faithfulness, and eagerness to bless us is emphasized, along with the significance of seeking God's kingdom above all else and avoiding self-seeking motives.

Transcript

So yesterday we were thinking of God as our Father. And I was saying how important it is for us to know Him that way because this is, I believe, one of the main things that Jesus came to reveal. For most Christians, the main thing is that Jesus came to die for our sins.

But I believe the reason why so many Christians have a very unsatisfied Christian life is because they haven't really known God as their Father the way Jesus wanted them to know Him. So many times Jesus would say to His disciples, you folks know how to give good gifts to your children. How much more should your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit? For those who ask Him.

God is always comparing human relationships with His relationship with us. He says, Dios sanas, O bread, He will not give much stone. And another time in the Old Testament, He compares Himself to a mother.

It says in Isaiah 49, I hope you all know this verse. Isaiah 49, verse 14, the Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me. You know there are Christians who sometimes feel God has forgotten about them.

He hasn't really answered my prayer or He hasn't solved my problem. There's something He hasn't done for me. It's there in the Old Testament too.

Isaiah 49, verse 14, the Lord has forsaken me. Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? He may at least forget, but I will not forget you. There He compares Himself to a mother.

The mother's love for a child is even greater than a father's love. Because a mother sacrifices much more for a child than a father does. There's a greater attachment of the mother to the child.

Because the mother carries the child in her womb for so long. And she cannot forget, even if the father forgets. And the Lord says, even such a woman may forget, but I will not forget you.

It's very important for us to be absolutely established in this truth. That God is a good God. God is good all the time.

He's never anything other than good. And He's always on my side against the devil. Even when I have failed Him.

Even if I have let Him down, disappointed Him. He's still on my side against the devil. He's not happy with my sin.

He cannot be. Which mother would be happy with sickness in her child? No mother. I mean, if you're happy with sickness in your child, you're not a good mother.

You've got to hate sickness in your child. As much as you love that child, you would hate every sickness in it. Even the smallest little cough or cold or fever, you'd hate it.

You want the child to be free from it. And we have to see the reason why the scriptures speak so much about that we should be free from sin. It's exactly like a mother wants her child to be free from sickness.

When a day comes in our life, I hope it will come soon, I don't know whether it has come yet for you. When you hate sin more than you hate sickness in your life. Has it come yet? When you see clearly that the smallest sin is worse than the greatest sickness.

That if you got AIDS, which is one of the most terrible, impure sickness in the world today, that would not be as bad as committing the smallest sin. To have a bitter thought against someone, to have an unforgiving spirit, to be proud. That's a million times worse than getting AIDS.

The day you discover that, you'll get victory over sin. It'll come very quickly. But that's what the devil keeps us blinded to.

He always fools us. That sin is not so serious. If you speak a few rude words to your husband or wife, it's not so serious.

Really. It's like getting AIDS and leprosy and saying it's not serious. The devil has fooled Christians left, right and center.

We so glibly say that Jesus died for my sins. But we don't see how serious it was. There's a hymn of a song that I have sung to myself.

That's a verse of a hymn, rather. That I sing to myself many, many times. It goes like this, Lord, ever when I'm tempted, make me see.

My God alone, outstretched and bruised, and bleeding on the earth that He made. And make me feel it was my sin. As though no other sins were there.

And that was for Him who bears the world. A load that He could scarcely bear. That it was my sin that put Him on the cross.

The little, little things that I take so lightly in my life, the words I speak or the thoughts I think, which I say, oh, the blood of Jesus will cleanse me. You treat the blood of Jesus like some tap water that I can always go and wash my hands clean. I know the days when I took sin like that.

I know that day too. It never came. I would hear other people talk about it, but it never came in my life.

I had to see the seriousness of sin which placed my Savior on the cross, took my sin. Make me see that it was my sin as though no other sins were there. That was to Him who bears the world, a load that He could scarcely bear.

I want to ask you, my brothers and sisters, to ask God to show you, the Holy Spirit to show you how serious sin is. Jesus said, when the Holy Spirit has come, you convict the world of sin. And that's so important.

That's why God's love for us is like that of a mother for a child who hates the sickness of the child. He wants us to be completely free of every little thing that spoils our relationship with Him. In Luke chapter 11, there's a beautiful expression which I often thought in relation to what we're thinking of, being the light of the world today.

It speaks about lighting a lamp so that other people can see the light. We know how important light is. Nowadays we switch on a light, electricity, switch on a bulb in the room.

As soon as we enter a dark room, what every one of us does is put on a light. We don't like to walk into a dark room. We can stumble, we can fall, we can trip over something, we can hurt ourselves.

So the first thing you do when you enter into a dark room is turn on the light. And you don't want any part of that room dark. In those days, it was a lamp.

And the lamp was lit by oil. Throughout the Bible, the oil is a picture of the Holy Spirit that makes the lamp burn. That's why I say electricity today is a picture of the Holy Spirit.

And it's by electricity that we burn our lights and run our gadgets. You can have all the gadgets in the world, but if you don't have the electricity to run it, it's a waste of time. And the gadgets are like the different doctrines we have.

I think a Christian can boast about, we've got a better doctrine in that church. Better than the Roman Catholics, or better than the Presbyterians, or better than Joe's Witnesses. That's like saying you've got more gadgets than these other people.

But if you don't have electricity, whether you have a hundred gadgets or you've only got one, there's absolutely no difference. And that's what I find. I've been to different churches and I say, yeah, they've got a lot more scriptural doctrines here than that other church.

But the Holy Spirit is just as missing here than in the other place. I sit in this meeting of a church which has got all the right doctrines and it's such a boring meeting. I say, Jesus is not here.

The Holy Spirit is not here. But they've got the right doctrines. They've got so many gadgets and they don't seem to be bothered that there's no electricity.

They're just polishing the gadgets every Sunday and glorying that they've got all these things better than the others. May God save us from that. Luke 11.33 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a cellar.

Puts it on a lamp stand so everybody can see the light. And here's a very helpful verse. The lamp of your body is your eye.

Jesus used illustrations. He always used word pictures. Salt, light, the eye, trees and fruit and a narrow gate.

And it's so helpful. The lamp of your body is your eye and the human eye is a picture of our conscience. When it's clear your whole body is full of light but when it's black it's full of darkness.

If there's a film over your eye the light doesn't go in properly into your body and it's dark. It's like that. When there's something, a film over your conscience your whole body is full of darkness.

Watch out that the light in you may not become darkness. And that's a warning I give to every believer because I've seen many believers who were more sensitive to sin the day they were converted than 10 years later. Just examine your own life and go back to the time when you were first converted.

How serious you were about putting away certain things in your life. Maybe you never watched some of those types of movies that you watch today. You were a little more serious in those days.

You were a little more careful about the type of things you read the type of things you spoke. Time has gone by and there's a proverb in English that says familiarity breeds contempt. Meaning when you're not so familiar with the person you speak respectfully but the more familiar you become with that person you tend to lose respect.

You see that very often in marriage. When a couple first meets they just start considering oh this is the person I want to marry. There's a lot of respect for one another.

You see them 10 years after they got married they become so familiar with each other that familiarity has produced contempt. That respect is gone. They speak to each other in such a way that they would never have spoken to each other in the days when they were considering marrying one another.

What happened? Familiarity. Familiarity has produced contempt. Even with Jesus.

We become so familiar with talking about the blood of Jesus cleanses me. The first time we heard it it was such an exciting thing. It's one of the prayers that I will pray for myself when I say Lord I pray that the truth that you shed your blood to forgive my sin that Christ died for my sins will never become that I lose the wonder of it or that I no longer feel like crying when I think of Jesus dying for my sins.

I never want to be like that. I want to be moved by the songs that sing about his blood shed for me just like I was moved way back in the beginning when I first heard it. This is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit keeps our Christian life fresh. And that's how we know that we are in the light and in the light everything is fresh. It says here that watch out that that light in you does not become dark.

That freshness that you had when you were first converted you are no longer so excited about Christianity and it's all a very familiar truth to you and you are bored listening to it and you are bored singing it. We sing songs sometimes without even thinking. I remember the days in a church where we used song books.

Of course we have it on the screen but in the days we used song books this has happened to me a number of times. And it's such a familiar song I've probably sung it hundreds of times and I would sing it without even thinking of the words because I know it all in my heart and I like the tune and I'm singing it and I go on and finish the whole song and I haven't really thought about the words that I sang. Because none of you ever do something like that, right? We've all done it.

And then the song leader says I'm going to go to the next song and I suddenly realize that hey, I didn't even mean what I said. So I turn back to the old song in the book and while the others are singing the other song I'm going through this one which we sang previously and I say Lord, I'm sorry I want to say this meaningfully to you. It's so important to be sensitive and I say Lord, that's how I want to keep my relationship with you always fresh.

I don't want to become so familiar with you. It says in Revelation chapter 5 how in heaven the others fall down and it says in verse 9 they sing Revelation 5, 9 they sing a new song saying Thou was slain verse 9 in the middle and you purchased us for God with your blood from every tribe and tongue. How is that a new song? They say that's a song I haven't sung for 50 years.

It's not a new song. How is it they're singing it as a new song in heaven? Jesus died for my sins. Is that a new song for you? It says they sang a new song.

You purchased us for God with your blood. You know that's how it is in heaven. That's what I got from that verse.

But when I sing about Christ's death for me in heaven it's going to be as if I heard it for the very first time. Boy, I never knew He died for me. It's going to be so fresh in heaven every single time I sing it.

I sing Lord, Spirit of God You've come on earth to bring heaven down to my soul and to make the things of heaven real to me. And one of the areas where I want heaven to be more real to me is that the death of Jesus is never a familiar thing to me. He struck with the wonder of it every time I sing it.

That He loved a sinner like me. That it was amazing grace that saved a wretch like me. Yeah, and if you're really sincere about it you're seeking God earnestly with all your heart that the atmosphere of heaven should pervade your life even now on earth and that you begin your heaven now.

That's the real gospel One is right now and the other is the physical heaven which you go to later. But that we can have that spirit now and I can say honestly I've begun to taste a little bit of it and it's wonderful. It's the whole purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit is that the Spirit of God brings the atmosphere of heaven right down into your life.

And it's not that you never make mistakes. We are human and we have a flesh and we will not do everything perfectly. We will make mistakes to the end of our life on this earth.

But it won't be deliberate evil. That's the thing. We make mistakes because we are human.

That's not the same as doing something evil like deliberately not forgiving somebody or saying a hurting word to your husband or wife deliberately. You plan to poke him or her with a word. That's evil.

Accidentally we may say things and hurt people without even knowing it sometimes or they would not have heard of us. But the atmosphere of heaven is one where the reality of Christ's death is always fresh. It's a new song always.

He died for me. His blood cleansed me. And I am so thankful for it.

And I learned to hate sin. So that freshness and then coming back to Luke chapter 11 it says, If your whole body is full of light with no dark part in it it shall be illumined as when the lamp illumines you with its rays. You know like when a light is shining on a person's face something like that.

That's why I am speaking here about the lamp illumining you. This is a phrase that gripped me. With no dark part in it.

When you read that do you want that light? I want it with all my heart. With no dark part in it. It means I never want to be discouraged or gloomy any time of the day.

I never want to be in a bad mood at any time. If somebody wakes me up at 2.30 in the morning I want to be in a good mood. Never.

That happens sometimes. I get a phone call from some other country where they don't know the time difference between India and that country and it's 2.30 in the morning. They say, Oh, Brother Jain, good to talk to you.

You don't realize it's 2.30 in the morning and I just woke up from my sleep. I say, I don't want to be in a bad mood. And that guy is sincere.

He wants to greet me. Forget about the fact that he is not so scientifically minded to know that there is a time difference between India and that country. It's ok.

Little things, you know, if you look at your life you'll find there are little things that bother you. How can that guy be so inconsiderate? Is that what bothers you more than the fact that you can have a few minutes of fellowship with a brother? I tell you, when we think we are so spiritual because we have so much Bible knowledge we are just fooling ourselves. Spirituality is being considerate.

Jesus was considerate about everything, always. He wasn't centered in himself. There was no dark part in him.

You know what's the dark part in us? Self-centeredness. For I am the center of my life and everything is going to revolve around me. People are always going to be considerate towards me and they are going to treat me properly and with respect and etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

That's darkness. And Jesus came to deliver us from it and that's why he said, take up the cross every day. That means put that self which is at the center of the life of Adam to death.

You are not the most important person in the universe. You got to die. And you can really be happy.

It's the way to life. It's the way that Jesus came and taught. No dark part in it.

And you know, I connect that with, it's amazing, Luke 11, 36, no dark part in it. I want to encourage you brothers, if you've never thought of it before, please think of it today and say, Lord, I want such a life. I'll tell you something, you'll never get anything from God unless you desire it desperately.

You'll get filled with the spirit when you desperately desire it more than anything else in the world. And, when you believe that God is more eager to give that to you than you are to receive it. That's the definition of faith that I came to from Jesus' statement that if you being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, Luke 11, 13, how much more will the Holy, God give, the Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.

That how much more that expression showed me what faith was. Faith was to believe that my Father in Heaven is more eager to fill me with the Holy Spirit than I'm eager to be filled. The trouble with a lot of Christians is they think, I'm so eager.

God doesn't seem to be so eager to fill me with the Spirit. That is the definition of unbelief. If you want a definition of unbelief by which you get nothing from the Lord, here it is.

For you to be so conceited, yes it is conceited, to think, I'm more eager to get God's blessing than God is to bless me. Really? You'll never get anything from the Lord. That's unbelief.

Jesus could not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief. But faith is, God is more eager to bless me than I am to be blessed. My desire to be blessed is so small compared to God's desire to bless me.

And the proof of that is Calvary. He was more eager to deliver me from my sin than I was. Think of the number of years we wandered around in sin without any desire to be free from it.

How is it that one day God laid hold of us? Because He was desperate. He went after you when you had no interest in Him. Do you believe at least from there that He's more eager to get you than you are to get Him? I often think of my marriage that being converted is like getting married to Jesus Christ.

I gave my life to Christ when I was 19 and a half. And the way I picture it is a wedding and the bride is late. That's me.

And the bridegroom Jesus is waiting. Do you know how long He waited at the wedding altar? 19 and a half years. Which bridegroom will keep waiting like that for a bride to come? That's how long He waited.

And I am so stupid to think that I am more eager to be united with Him than He is to be united with me. I thought I'd be crazy. And I was crazy for so long.

And those are the years I never got God's best. I thought I was very eager to get victory over sin and He was not. That is unbelief.

Maybe you discovered today why you never got so many things from God. Because of pride. A pride that makes you feel you are so eager to get something from God but God is not so eager to give it to you.

You live like that like in prophesying your entire life you will never experience God's blessing. You can pray and pray for 50 years you won't get it. Because it's not by how much you pray or how much you

desire it's by how much you believe.

So please get this one little definition of faith right. How much more your Heavenly Father will do for you than you do for your children. In other words your father is more eager.

You tell me you mothers especially are you more eager to feed your little two year old who is not interested in food or is your two year old very eager to come and eat the food. Anyone who's got a two year old knows two year olds are just not interested in food. They are playing the whole day.

It's the mother who is going to chase after them and feed them. I know how many hours my wife used to take to feed the children just one meal. They were not interested.

And that's how I must see God is interested in doing good to me. That's faith. How much more your Heavenly Father how much more God will do than your father and mother.

So there I got my definition of faith. That God is more eager to fulfill all the promises of Scripture in my life than I am eager to receive it. Every single promise whether it's being filled with the Spirit whether it's having victory over sin.

Name it. To make me triumphant in all situations. God is more eager than I am.

And when I began to believe that I began to experience it. Having no thought dark. Unbelief is the darkest sin of all.

I don't know whether you realize it. Let me show you two verses. First of all John 16.

In John 16 it says when the Holy Spirit is come He is going to convict the world of sin. If I were to ask you to make a list of the three most terrible sins that you could commit. Make a list in your mind right now of the three most terrible sins that you could commit.

If I were to ask an unbeliever to make a list of the three most terrible sins that you could commit. I am pretty certain that your list will be the same as his. Most Christians will have the same list.

What are the three most terrible sins that you can commit? Murder, adultery, stealing. But when the Bible speaks about sin, it speaks about unbelief. Hardly any Christian puts that as number one.

You've got to have revelation from God to put that as number one. So the Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin. It says that in John 16 verse 8. When he comes he will convict the world concerning sin.

And that sin is, verse 9, they don't believe in me. You see that as the greatest sin? Unbelief. Turn with me to Hebrews in chapter 3. Hebrews 3 and verse 12.

Take care of brethren who are these brethren. Verse 1. Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, whose high priest is Jesus. Brethren, verse 12, please take care that in your heart you might have an evil heart of unbelief.

An evil heart of unbelief and that that can lead you to fall away from the living God. It's a lack of faith that makes us fall away from the living God. We miss God's blessings because we think we are here but God is not.

We love God. But when it comes to unbelief, they're all full of unbelief. They're all anxious, they're all worried, they all love money, whatever doctrine they believe.

Those things don't seem to change. It's like there was a French atheist in the 18th century called Voltaire. And those are the days when the Protestant Reformation had come up and there were many, many churches other than the Roman Catholic Church.

There were the Lutherans and the Anglicans and the Anabaptists and different different churches. There were many different And Voltaire was an actual atheist. And he examined all these churches closely and all the people in all these churches.

And he said, they've all got different doctrines, but when it comes to money, they've got the same religion. They all love it. This is the testimony of the Anglicans who didn't have a prejudice.

He just looked at everybody impartially and he said, when it comes to money, they've all got the same religion. They just talk about this baptism and that baptism and this thing and that thing and this and the other. And the real important thing is they really seek their own.

They seek their own. An evil heart of unbelief. No part dark.

There's no unbelief. That's my goal. I don't want to have any area in my life dark.

I don't want to read any promise in scripture in the New Testament and think that it won't work in my life. Every promise in the New Testament, I want to believe that it will work in my life. I want to believe that God is more eager in fulfilling that in my life than I am eager.

Jesus said, I'm going to build a church against which the gates of hell will never prevail. I said, Lord, I want to cooperate with you. In any locality where you and I build a church, I'm going to make sure the devil will never overcome that church.

Impossible. I tell you, God requires only one man. In your town, he requires one man.

He can't do without at least one. He found one man. And if it were not for that one man, the whole world would have been wiped out and none of us would be sitting here.

Do you know that? Do you know that we are all children of Noah? Not just children of Adam. It's one of the people, when I go to heaven, I want to go and shake hands with Noah and say, my brother, thank you for being faithful. It's because of you I'm in heaven today.

Otherwise I wouldn't even have been born. But you, one man, you are faithful to God. Therefore, God didn't wipe out the whole human race.

He kept one family alive. And I see that throughout scripture. One man.

Think if you removed Paul out of Christianity, how much of the New Testament would be now left? It's one man that God very openly has a hold on, who's radical, whole-hearted and determined to believe that God, when God says something, it's true. I want to say to you, my brother, sister, you can be that one woman, one man. I think of how, you know, when God looked around for a mother, for Jesus, He couldn't just pick on any Jewish girl.

It had to be a really godly girl. And even though God sovereignly determined the time when Jesus was to be born on the earth, I feel there was a human factor in it also. It's never entirely God.

Everything is God plus man. And I think the timing was dependent on God finding a girl who would be whole-hearted and holy. And when He looked into time all through Jewish history, and He finally found a girl, His birthday.

That's the time I'm going to send my son. Because it had to be a girl who, and remember, Mary was probably about 19 years old when Jesus was born. She wasn't an old 60-year-old saint.

She was around 19 years old. Can a 19-year-old girl be godly enough to be the mother of the Son of God? Imagine. Don't let the devil fool you that you've got to be 50 years old before you become spiritual, or that you've got to be a man.

You can be a woman. You can be a young girl, 19 years old. Ask yourself, you sisters, if you were living in Nazareth, in Israel, in the first century, would God have chosen you? Would He have chosen you when you were 19 years old to be the mother of Jesus? He didn't just pick on anybody.

It had to be a girl who when they finally arrive in Bethlehem, and there's no place for them to stay, and they end up in a cow shed, does not yell at her husband, say, I told you you should have started it two days earlier because you didn't start when I told you to start and you landed up here and you had all these relatives here. Couldn't you have asked one of them to rent a room for me here to give birth in a cow shed? Can you imagine the son of God being born to a complaining woman like that? No. Most girls would have been like that.

God said, I can't choose a girl like that. I can't choose a girl who's always complaining at her husband for something as if she's so perfect and he's the one who's imperfect and everything. No, you have to choose someone who will say that's fine, who will give thanks and say, okay, if I have to deliver in a cow shed, I'll deliver in a cow shed.

And if we are so poor that we've got to just keep our little baby in the truck where the animals eat, okay, I'll keep my little That's the type of girl God was looking for. And it took him many hundreds of years before he found her. And I believe that's one reason why Jesus took so long to come.

It's my theory anyway. But I believe it's true. And when it comes to building the church, it says in the book of Samuel, 1 Samuel chapter 3, that in those days, 1 Samuel 3, verse 1, word from the Lord was very rare.

Why was that? Is it because God did not want to speak to men? God's always wanted to speak to men. Right from the beginning. First chapter of the Bible says what? every day.

That's the first chapter of the Bible by the way, for all the people who think that God doesn't speak. He speaks every day. You may not hear it, but that's another thing.

And here it says, word from the Lord was very rare. Visions were infrequent because God couldn't find a man who would be, have the patience to listen to him. God couldn't find a man who was free from seeking the honor of men.

God couldn't find a man who would be interested only to please him. Then he found Samuel. And when he found Samuel, how delighted God was, God could speak so many things to him, which he couldn't speak

to the old priests and all in those days.

He found a little boy who was willing to listen to him and he made him a prophet. And so one man who restored Israel and prepared the way for David to establish his kingdom, one man, Samuel. It's been like that throughout history.

God's always looking for one man. And I want to say to you, my dear brothers and sisters, in your town, God's looking for one person who will be totally committed, who does not care for the honor of men, who's not seeking a single thing for himself. No dark heart.

Zero. I'm not seeking my own in anything. I want only Jesus Christ to be glorified.

I want his purpose to be fulfilled on earth, and I'm willing to pay any price for it. Any price. Like Tozer said, Lord, send me the bill.

I'll pay it, whatever it is. I want to be the man you want me to be. I compare that phrase, no dark heart in it, with 1 John in chapter 1. Listen to this phrase.

And compare it with the phrase I just quoted. A lamp having no dark heart in it. It says in 1 John in chapter 1 and verse 5. This is the message we have heard from God.

And we announced to you that God is light. And let me read it like this. God, there is no self-seeking in God.

Darkness is to seek your own. Light is to seek the glory of God, not your own. And there is no darkness in Him at all.

There were a few people like that in the early days. Not many. I'll show you one more verse before we close.

Philippians 2. Philippians 2. Paul says, I want to send somebody to you in Philippi. He says in Philippians 2.19. I hope to send Timothy to you. Why did he select Timothy from all his co-workers? Why did he select Timothy? Because he says, I don't have anybody else like him who will genuinely be concerned about your welfare.

I've got a lot of good co-workers. Their doctrines are all right and they're great preachers. But with all their right doctrines and their great preaching abilities, they seek their own.

Verse 21. They all seek after their own. Imagine among Paul's co-workers, they were seeking their own.

Do we think we are very spiritual? A man who seeks his own and not the things of Christ has got some dark part in him and that's what hinders God from fulfilling His purpose. You have to pay a price if you want God to fulfill His purpose through you. You have to be willing to die for everything that's seeking your own.

And the devil says to them, who will look after you? God said, you seek my kingdom and I will take care of you, all your earthly needs. David said in Psalm 37, verse 25, I'm an old man now, but I've never seen a righteous man forsaken. And I've never seen his children or his grandchildren without a job, begging for bread.

Isn't that amazing? You want to make sure your children will be employed and your grandchildren will never be hunting for a job? Be righteous. Psalm 37, verse 25, lovely verse, I was young now I'm old. I've never seen a righteous man forsaken.

I've never seen his children or his grandchildren or his great-grandchildren begging for bread. In other words, they all get jobs. Yeah? And you seek God's kingdom first, many other things fall into place.

But Christendom, like in Paul's day, full of people who have got religion, right doctrines, underneath they are honest, they are to admit that in many of their decisions they are seeking their own. How will this benefit me? How will this benefit my family? Not, how will this benefit God? In God's how can God find one man, one woman who says, Lord, I'll never think of how it will benefit me or my family. But how will this glorify God? How can this benefit God's kingdom? It's amazing what God can do to such a person.

He can do more to one person like that than to a million Christians of other idolatry. I will speak in tongues. This is the part that brings darkness.

Having no thought of dark means I'm not seeking my own in anything. And I believe when we come to the end of our life we must have this testimony that from the time I got light I stopped seeking my own. And I started seeking the glory of God and his kingdom in everything.

And if you wonder in my life, it's because God wants me to be a testimony to the world, that if you seek God's kingdom first everything will fall into the right place in your life. Your children will grow up to be godly, wholehearted for him. I don't want to make anyone feel condemned, but I cannot believe that God will forsake the children of the righteous.

And the righteous man is not just a man who pays his taxes and lives right, he's a man who does not seek his own in anything. He's determined to glorify God whatever the cost. He hates his father, mother, brother, sister, wife, children, community.

He's determined to live for God. Dear brothers and sisters, be like that. It says Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

The last days are like the days of Noah with sex and violence and all the Noah. May God help be like Noah. God help us to be like Noah.

May God help us to be like May God help us to be like Noah. May God help be like Noah. I ask God to let your Father Amen, Amen.

Thank you.

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