

CONFORMED TO HIS IMAGE I
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1. Our hearts were made for Thee, they are not restful in anything here. But they rest in that might urge of God and the pull of the Spirit, that brings us back to Thee. And in this interim in our going home, dear Lord, our hearts get weary, they get beaten about, they get bruised, they get tired, they get disturbed. Let the love of God soothe everyone this morning. Let the love of God come and quiet us and soothe our Spirits. Some hearts today are questioning and questioning. Lord, let us have that set aside. Let us move with Thee, in Thy thought, in Thy purpose, in Thy scheme. As we have this little time to study and look into the Word, to be instructed and helped, we ask that the Holy Spirit, who has written the Word and brought it to us, this same blessed Spirit who is indwelling our hearts; He may take of the things of the Christ and show them to us. Let there be a real work of the holy Spirit in our hearts even this morning while we sit, to be fed. May the Holy Spirit find access and get there and get in, and begin to work in us, to feed us, to nourish, to strengthen us, to bring us more and more into the thought that Thou hast for us. Therefore, we commit ourselves to Thee; hide us away. Let the lovely Word move out until our hearts shall find another rest, a fresh resting place in Thee. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

2. I hate to have 3 messages going on at the same time. I would like to finish yesterday's and start one today which probably will drag over till tomorrow. But you are really patient people, and so you listen that way. They've ask me to speak of this book again. This is a book I have written, "Broken Bread," some have only come in last nite...and so you'll let me be happy and free, won't you? Sure. Good. I think you know how I mean. Now in the lesson yesterday, I was trying to help you...so in the movings of God, as God moves with you, and is trying to bring you back to His heart, NOT bringing you to heaven; I'm dealing with people who are going back to the heart of God. Now don't make heaven your OBJECTIVE, it is your DESTINY. A DESTINY is a point which is designed for all of us. We can't do anything with it by ACCEPT it. We may prepare for it, we may know HOW TO MEET it, but the fact OF the destiny as a point alone--that stands out there, and all of us meet certain destined points. We gave you an illustration of TROUBLE. Man is BORN to trouble, as the sparks fly upward. We are BORN to it; there is no EVADING it, there is no getting around it. The only thing to do is to ACCEPT it, INTERPRET it, and GATHER OUT OF IT the thing that GOD WANTS, and let it "slide." But people don't, they let that trouble do all kinds of DAMAGING to them, scarring them, crushing them, defeating them, taking their faith away. It does all kinds of wicked things because God is not the real author of it. Trouble and confusion is the result, is the result, of this great HANGOVER of disappointment in the heart of God. Trouble. Death. That's a DESTINED point, and we all have to meet it. We may be PREPARED for it; I'm not dealing in THAT field, we're dealing with the FACT merely, that it is a point that we meet. Death. We ALL have to meet it. That is a DESTINY; I can't control it, I can't obliterate it, I can't do a thing with it, I just have to meet it! Now, another one we found was JUDGMENT. Every spirit, everyone has to sometime stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Now, we don't have to take the place of sinners before the Great White Throne. But we do, as Christians, have to come to what we call the BEEMA, where God deals with us AS Christians, for all that has come to pass in our little experience in life down here, good or bad. It is a judgment for our REWARD, NOT to find out whether we are SAVED. No sinners ever appear at that judgment at all. Christians appear there, to give an account of the things which have come to pass in our LIFE EXPERIENCE HERE. HOW have we handled LIFE, WHAT did we do with it? LIFE is your "talent." What did you do with your TALENT OF LIFE? As a Christian, what did you do with your TALENT of this great, lovely Truth of LIGHT AND REVELATION which has come to you? YOU are RESPONSIBLE, because it was to DO something. What have you DONE with your talent? Now, don't get your TALENTS mixed up! God never calls singing, and playing, and these things TALENTS. THOSE are REFLECTIONS. Those are OUTWARD MANIFESTATIONS of what certain individuals may DO WITH THEIR TALENT. The TALENT was always the SAME. Everyone of those servants received exactly TALENTS! Only in DIFFERENT DEGREES! Do you get it? He didn't give one of this, and this, and this, He gave EVERYONE OF THEM...had exactly the same THING to start with. We will stand before the judgment of Christ to

give an account of "what have you done, what have YOU ALLOWED GOD TO DO IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU with this privilege? This privilege. Well, we could go on, but we had so much of that yesterday, I don't want to review it. But I'm giving that as a suggestion for the newcomers, not to make a confusion in making your OBJECTIVE the same thing as a DESTINY. I put this up here as the DESTINY. Then I had this to represent God, and our moving in the Spirit is a continual ASCENT. Sometimes in teaching, I call it, "the ascent of Spirit." We are on our way back to God. We ARE going to heaven, please, now PLEASE, don't get all that mixed up in there! I'm not talking about getting into heaven. We're GOING to heaven. Heaven is my DESTINY as a redeemed child of God. Heaven is included in the redemptive processes of God. Jesus died to give me heaven just as much as the forgiveness of my sins. I can't EARN heaven. I can't "be good" and go to heaven. I can't do ANYTHING with heaven, excepting GO TO IT, because God said, "THIS is your destiny." Do you get this now? Do you see how I mean? You can't EARN your salvation. Neither can you find, by any effort on your part, this "abode of the soul," for that's what He's gone to make. "I have gone to prepare a place for you. And I will come again and receive you, and we will go. So don't worry about this." If you are walking with Him, in obedience, pleasing Him as far as you know, and the Blood of Jesus is spelling redemption over you, how many of you know, you'll GO to heaven? You'll GO whether you "want to" or not, because that's your destiny!! That's kind of "tough" but it's true! Now, I'm not talking about "eternal security," and "once in Jesus, always in Jesus!" I'm not talking about all those heavy doctrinal things. I said yesterday, that's for people who have BRAINS to work on them. I couldn't. I fussed around with them in college years ago; I thought they were rather interesting then, but they become such a "by-product," that you know, some people go to "feed" on, and they never get anywhere in GOD. They are always twiddling around this and that, I call them "Twiddle-dee and Twiddle-dumm." I think both are "dumm."

3. Well, come back here. We are going home to the heart of God. This is heaven, which is the destiny for my soul. I can't EARN it. Why? Because I received heaven when I received Jesus Christ as my Savior. Did you? If you're still working for heaven, and holding on tight to make the "grade," PLEASE RELAX! Please relax! Now, I'm not saying BECOME CARELESS! I mean, on that issue, please RELAX and use some of your tension and burden, and desire in another field. Don't waste it on THAT! You'll find you'll say, "My, my. I've been fooling around for years trying to hold on to get to heaven!" Well, He says, "You're going anyway, come on." "Lord! Don't forget me!" "You're COMING! Come on. You're going, come on...come on." So we found out that heaven is our DESTINY, but it is not our OBJECTIVE. Now in the field of thinking along these lines, your OBJECTIVE is that which is held before you as a GOAL. It's like a "prize." It is placed before you as something which will draw FROM YOU, it has to be GIVEN BY YOU, it will DRAW FROM YOU, ALL that you have to MAKE THAT THING A REALITY. To really fulfill the MEANING OF THE GOAL, it will call out from YOU and me ALL that we have. Now there's where the EFFORT comes on your part and my part. It takes all there is of us to come up to the fulfillment of that goal. We found yesterday, and I'll read it again this morning as fast as I can...I'll read you the verses that we read yesterday, to show you the difference between what many people make as their GOAL; there's a group of people who make heaven as their GOAL toward which they are aiming EVERYTHING, "if they can possibly make heaven their home." YOU'RE MAKING heaven your home!! STOP that! Heaven IS your home. If you're walking with the Lord, under the precious Blood, obedience as far as you know, NOT MATURED completely, of course, NONE of us are! But in your heart, living in it....how many know THAT'S where you are going? Yes. Sure. Sure. Now keep that in mind, and don't be tripped up on it! The other group of people are those who make their WORK in which they are involved, the work which calls for the EXPRESSION of God through them, the expression of God IN and THROUGH you. The work, the work of the ministry, the work, any work, any form of it that He calls you to; people become involved IN THAT, and they make THAT an objective, and they FOCUS all their thinking and ALL of their praying and ALL of their love, and everything they have is focused on THAT. They become so ATTACHED to it, that it's almost...well, it's really a miracle if God can ever DETACH the person from it. Those are all the MECHANICS, that is the MECHANISM, the MACHINERY, BY WHICH God is causing you to come through TO the objective

which He has placed before you. Now, your work is NEVER your objective. It is the MEANS by which God is EXERCISING you and me in FAITH, to DEVELOPE us. Your WORK, all the things you, "do for Jesus,"...He says, "YOU go and do this; I CALL you to do that. I put a CALL on you for that." That's splendid; that's the way it should be, and that's the way it IS. But NEVER BECOME INVOLVED in that till you have LOST your perspective and sight; your vision. Don't do that! Be absorbed enough with it to say, "Thank you. This is the MECHANICS. ALL of this will eventually PASS AWAY." Do you think you are going to go through the eternal ages, thinking about something down here, all the business you're going through? I want to FORGET it. I don't want to think a thing of it. People...I hear them every once in a while say, "If I could only once go over and live my life over again!" I've NEVER SEEN a day I want to live over in this life! I really haven't. "Why? Do you have such a hell?" I have plenty "hell," thank you! I have to go through plenty...plenty. That wasn't the GENERAL character of it, but I don't wish ONE day back. Not a bit. Not a day. No. Because there's something over HERE that has caught my vision and it has fairly "charmed" me. I've got "bewitched" by it. None of THIS thing down here has any meaning to me anymore.

4. Don't make your work that you are involved in...God can get along without ANY of us!! The world won't come to an end when anyone of us should drop dead! Six months from now, they say, "He or she were pleasant people...pass the butter!" And go on. Well, that's the way people are made. You know it yourself. So don't let that clutter up your pattern of living. Only become involved in it enough to GET OUT OF IT WHAT GOD WANTS. I said yesterday, in a schoolroom, you have books to study; you got to study! You have books and charts and blackboards and notebooks and lectures, and typewriters and ink bottles and globes and mathematics, and oh...you have just a lot of "collateral" all around you, going through school. Going thru school. And when you have finished your school, you pick all that collateral up and say, "Oh Lord, isn't it wonderful?" You do NOT! The Lord isn't even INTERESTED in it! Why? Because He has GAINED WHAT HE WANTED. When I was in school, and when you went thru school, you didn't drag any of the paraphernalia of your schooling with you, did you? You didn't take even a lead pencil; I didn't want even a scrap of paper. Do you know what I DID take? How many know what I took out? I took out an EDUCATION. How many know you can't buy it by the yard? How did I GET an education? How did you GET your education? By BECOMING A REACTING AGENT, and ALLOWING all of those features, ALL that was NEEDED TO PLAY UPON YOU, AND PLAY UPON YOU, AND PLAY UPON YOU, AND PLAY UPON YOU! You ACCEPTED them; you didn't LIKE some of them! I hated examinations and I hated mathematics, but I had to have them! Well, what was it doing? That was giving me an education which you CANNOT SEE! You cannot "handle" it! You can't lift it up and say, "HERE it is!" But I forgot all about my school. All the APPARATUS. All the examinations. All of that. That was NECESSARY TO the education, but that was NOT my education!! It was NOT! That all was NEEDED to bring that into my whole being. Now, that's like your WORKS. He's going to let you have them. He's going to put people in the work, "to the work, to the work!" And you'll build churches and win souls and go as missionaries, and I'm in it too. I have plenty of things to do But it is the LEAST, after all. It is the LEAST. Well, why? Because THROUGH THIS, God is doing something IN ME. He'll never ask, "How much work have you done?" He WILL ask you this: "What has that WORK done TO YOU?" Now get that straight! He'll never say, "How much work did you do FOR Me?" Well, God's got a million angels to do work if that's all He wants! Jesus said so, He said, "I could call ten thousand myriads of angels!" But God isn't always using His angels to do things. He will never say, ""How much did you DO? So many souls are worth 7 mansions, and if you build 3 churches, then you get a cupilla on one of the mansions." Well, that's the way people do; they put it in their singing books. Now, I'm probably upsetting somebody's theology, but I don't care! I HAVE to upset it. Get it upset NOW, while we're "happy," rather than someday stand before the Lord and say, "My dear Lord God! I never knew it was like THAT!" Well, He says, "You SHOULD have." He'll never ask you that, He'll ask you, "What did ALL OF THAT do to YOU?" And the whole thing will be REGISTERED upon our immortal spirits. ALL of that will DO something TO these strange people that we are, That we will not be the same thing that we were when He saved us, a little crying babe in Christ. But through the years we have come to what we call, "babes,...children,...

...little children,...sons,...grown up sons,...fathers and mothers in Israel. How many see a great array in the family of God? Certainly. Certainly! A difference; a progression. A development; a growth. We say, "I'm SAVED!" He says, "I KNOW, dear, you are wonderfully saved! But how far have you come in this process of BECOMING? The thing that I wanted? I have permitted ALL OF THIS because you are a REACTING AGENT." That's the way we are MADE. We are REACTING AGENTS; we REACT to stimuli about us. It would be "nice" if we didn't, but that's the way that we are. We REACT all the time to all the stimuli about us. We'll take that up in a minute there. So, we found yesterday that heaven is not my OBJECTIVE, it is my DESTINY.

5. All the works that I might do, THAT is not my objective. I'm not FOCUSING on some works. Because that's the MECHANISM that God is using to do things IN ME. Well then, what in the world could I have held up to me as an objective toward which I could FOCUS my living? I call it the "focusing point." The focusing toward which my whole life begins to move, and all these features about me begin to gather in, until the life takes one, direct point, like an arrow that is shot from the bow. That's the way I think it is. Well, what is it? I'll read you these verses and then you're to draw your conclusion. "Whatever therefore that ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do ALL...that ye may enter the pearly gates!" No! How many see that that is completely OFF? "Whatever therefore that ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do,...see to it that ye bring the kingdom of God to pass in this world!" It isn't THAT. God never made them that way. He DOES say this: "Whatsoever therefore that ye eat or drink...." I'd like to open that to you, but I can't just now; it isn't just eating FOOD..."or whatsoever you DO..." that's the MANIFESTATION, "...do ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD." "And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God. If any man minister, let him do it with the ability as God has given, that God IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED through Jesus Christ to Whom be praise and dominion forever and ever." And it WILL be forever and ever. What did you get? Well, He says, "If you want an objective toward which to FOCUS YOUR LIVING, get it from the Word of God, that it will be in ALIGNMENT with what I AM DOING. I have placed before you the GLORY OF GOD as the REAL OBJECTIVE that would call forth from me (us) all that I (you) have." It takes ALL THAT WE HAVE, if we are to glorify God fully. And if you glorify God FULLY, how many know that is all He's asking? He's asking us to GLORIFY Him, because THAT was the FIRST VOCATION that was laid upon man when God created him. He never made Adam and place him in the garden so that he could "help poor God out!" Well, I get really tried...I try to be "happy" about it, but I get dreadfully tried by the certain "slant" that so many people have concerning the work that they have to do, as if God had gotten stuck in the mud somewhere down here, and all of us together, if we pull "real hard," we might get Him released and going! So we claim ALL the promises we can, we tell Him how TERRIBLE things are, and say, "Lord wake up! We're all goint to HELL!!!" He says, "Yes, dear. I've been waiting quite a long time." Well, people have that attitude. He's not asking you to drag everything out of hell or anything about that! He's asking you to GLORIFY HIM! "Don't you have any love for SOULS?" Uh huh, I do sometimes; I have a very BIG burden for them. That isn't YET the point! That's not yet the point at all! THAT comes in HERE. In the PROCESS. You have to use the burden for souls as a PART OF THE PROCESS. That's NOT my objective. We can do ten thousand things in HERE. Right in HERE. No. He says, "Glorify God."

6. While I'm thinking about it, I want to help you with something. He made man...now think of it, now, here He is, He makes man in creation. MANKIND, we'll call it. And He tosses him out into what we will call a "profession;" time, space, on a place called EARTH. Why? TO GLORIFY HIM. NOT to help Him DO things. We BECOME in the NEW CREATION, CO-WORKERS WITH HIM, only as AN INSTRUMENT through which the Holy Spirit, which is working in Him and will also work IN and THROUGH us, that we work WITH Him...NEVER WORK FOR THE LORD!!! Work WITH Him! All the difference in the world! Work WITH Him! Not, FOR Him! He has people today working till their tongues hang out and I...it's horrible to say...do you know something? GOD DOESN'T EVEN THANK THEM!! He does NOT!! He can't! Because that is energy expended, not in the power of the Spirit for HIS GLORY, but it

is a MISDIRECTED energy, in the realm of RELIGIOUSITY! And God isn't interested in it. So we have to LEARN that. All right. Man is flung out there to GLORIFY GOD. Now, He gives him things to DO. Possess, have dominion, have authority. He made us extra-verts, that He should have an instrument; through him He would be glorified. Well, people say, when they pray, "Forgive us our sins." We can pray that EVERYDAY and pray it properly. We can pray every day, "Forgive me my sins." "I know I had my sins forgiven years ago!" That's the past, which is under the Blood, thank the Lord. What do you mean by SIN? Stealing pigs? Lying? Outbreaking, manifest, VULGAR things? No. God calls that sin too. Are people SINNERS because they commit sins? No! What? THEY COMMIT SIN BECAUSE THEY ARE SINNERS!!! Now, think that through. Is the committing of the sin; does THAT make the man a SINNER? No! He is a SINNER to BEGIN WITH, and THAT'S why he is committing the sin! WE ARE BORN SINNERS!!! You don't have to commit a sin to become a sinner! You're BORN, and I'm BORN sinners! I was not a sinner just because I DID sins. I DID sins and you DID sins because you WERE a sinner!! How many can see that? I want you to get that straight! People think so "funny." I don't know, people think so "funny." Please think along with me. What is this? Now "sin" comes from a little Greek work which means to "miss the mark." It is as though there were like a bullseye or something to be aimed at, and it's thrown out toward that, and when it misses it, THAT is called "sin." The failure to do the thing FOR WHICH IT WAS MADE. The arrow was made, and pointed, and they drew it back like this, and released it. It was made to SHOOT the bullseye!! But in some wrong doing, it had missed it. Now that's where we get the word, "sin." SIN means to MISS THE MARK! It has missed the objective for WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED OR PROJECTED. That's "sin." SIN means to MISS THE MARK. Now, hook it up with a little verse that we say so many times. "For ALL have sinned, and committed adultery," "All have sinned...and told lies." "ALL MANKIND HAVE SINNED..." ..how? "AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD!!!" How many get it now? See? WHY are we SINNERS? Because we have come short of the glory of God, THE THING FOR WHICH WE WERE MADE! Do any of us fully glorify God to all the fullness, everyday of our lives? I'm SURE we don't. You don't know the delicacies of the things of the Spirit, where there is missing the mark of God. You don't have to lie and steal! No, no, no! Wherever God doesn't get the GLORY that should be coming Him, how many know, THAT is missing the mark? It's come short and failed. That's SIN!! That's SIN!! Telling lies; that's sin too. Why? Because that's a completely VISIBLE, tangible aspect of sin that we look at. Sins of the flesh, sins of the Spirit. Doesn't it say so? Certainly. Sins of the Spirit. When you think of sins in any manifest form at all, anything that comes short of the glory of God; He calls THAT "sin." SIN means to "miss the mark." What was man made for? A "mark" called the GLORY OF GOD. And He "shoots" out man, and he fails!! What is that? "We have ALL sinned." How? "And come short of the GLORY OF GOD," which is the thing that He wanted. Does that clear up some verses to you? I hope so. Now when I say that, please understand me, when I say, "Do you see it, do you have it?," I don't mean you are alot of ignorant people. I want to know as I teach, that I have a response in your hearts, that's all. People don't understand that. I don't say that because I think people are dumb. But you know, there are alot of things that I say, that some people DON'T understand? Plenty. So I say, "Do you get that?" Sometimes I think I'll never say it and just stand and be polite and "nice," and "pretty." I can't do it that way. The Spirit doesn't lead me that way. If I say, "Do you see that?," I don't mean you're so dumb you can't. But how many know there's a RELEASING in that very thing? Psychologically there is. There is a releasing in that. And so I have to do that.

7. Just that little question, "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God," HOW? Because the GLORY OF GOD was the MARK toward which He FOCUSED man, "threw him out here" to GLORIFY Him. How did it...what happened? What WAS the sin? The sin was, the failure to COME THROUGH TO THE THOUGHT and the PURPOSE OF GOD, for HIS glory. "All have sinned and told lies!" NO. All have sinned, mankind, the whole race has sinned because it is veared OFF and NOT accomplishing the thing that GOD wanted. God wanted to be glorified through this human being. Well, now we'll come back to this point. We make the GLORY OF GOD the object. Now these are all sinners, they are not straightened out yet; I'll put 3 or 4 more sinners in here. (on the blackboard) These are all of

of us when we were "crooked," you see, and needed ironing out. And so we come to the CROSS. Here's the corss, and we get saved, and filled iwth the Spirit, and we are ambitious to please God; we want to move with the Lord. That is, I hope so. I'm trying to build this man up real good! You know he has a real desire, you know how it is, a desire to do the will of God; you know we all have that. Do you remember back when you used to want to do the will of God? Yes. How many can see now HOW LITTLE we knew WHAT IT WAS? Well, God took us AT OUR WORD. He said, "Dear child, you don't know what you are praying about, but I see your heart is good, so come along." He said, "If I should actually show you what the will of God IS for you, you would probably drop dead, and I don't want you dead, I want you alive." But He's very PATIENT with us. So here we are, and we say, "Oh, I want to GLORIFY GOD! I see now I was made for the glory of God!"

8. Now the question that we left off on yesterday was this: HOW may I glorify God? Well, it's revealed in the Word. How? If you are WILLING to ABANDON YOURSELF with what I call the FUNDAMENT...this is the FUNDAMENT OF BEING. Isn't it a funny looking thing? That I call the FUNDAMENT OF YOUR BEING. I mean all aspects of your trinity as a being, and your trinity as a personality. WE are TRINITY...BOTH ways...if you are WILLING that God should take THAT into HIS POSSESSION and CLEANSE it, and bring what I call AN ORIENTATION AROUND THE CHRIST, instead of the EGO...this EGO, this "I;" life is CENTERED about that because we are BORN that way. From babies up. Did you ever watch a little baby? How many know he's the most EGOCENTRIC thing in the world? Because his horizon hasn't pushed out very far and so all life with him relates to, "Whaaaa!..I'm hungry!" "Whaaaa!...I WANT!" That's the way he IS. He's BOUND in it. He's BOUND in that. We are BORN that way. We are born EGOCENTRIC. All the life that we have a consciousness of, is a sub-normal being, CENTERED. Now He has to bring a fresh ORIENTATION HERE. He begins to DEAL with him. And what is He after? He is after a SURRENDER of this. The next time I come I'll give you some lectures on those two terms, they are really good, really good in there. You ought to have them. It will help you to know what God is doing with you. Lots of times, God is trying to work with a soul, and he says, "Oh, come and pray for me! The Devil's after me!" I say, "No. God's got ahold of you." But you see, He didn't come as an "angel," you know, fluttering and singing, "O sweet Jesus, sweet, sweet, sweet!" He didn't come that way. He came in some OTHER FORM. Sometimes He's DISGUISED...Oh, I want to give you something now really bad!! Oh, I just like it in there! How many of you remember where it says, "And their eyes...their vision was withheld so that they could not see Him."? There are 3 times. Mary couldn't see Him. The men on the way to Emmaus couldn't see Him. There are 3 times in which Jesus, in person, is there talking, in their PRESENCE, and they don't see Him. That's really GOOD in there! Oh, how good it is! WHY couldn't Mary see Him? WHY couldn't those two disciples discern Him? And their eyes...the vision was WITHHELD! Because of certain things which come out when I lecture in the millenium!! Now, come along. I see them. I know them. I know them. Talking to Him and NEVER SEE HIM. Hear His words! FEEL the gentleness of His Spirit, and their eyes were withholden. The vision was withholden. Now somebody says, "Oh, you get us started off on something and leave us hanging in the air!" Well, just drop, dear, into the hands of the living God, and you'll know it. But that's good.

9. Now, this is the FUNDAMENT OF YOUR BEING, these trinities. These are trinities. Now you put those together, and begin a fresh orientation around Christ, and this EGO, he is pushed over here. He's still...God WANTS him; He WANTS you! He doesn't want to perish you, annialate you. He wants you to come in HERE, where He can, in a sense, RESTORE to the original pattern and design. That's what He wants. But that's another lesson. All right. Now, He says, "Bring this all to ME. I want a fresh orientation, I want a fresh POSSESSION. I've REDEEMED you. You are all filled with the Spirit and got everything nice...beautiful. But you haven't GOT anywhere yet." "No..?" Why, no! When God created Adam, when God created Adam, when was it that He put the benediction of His approval upon him and said, "I am well pleased."? When was that? AFTER the act of creation. Why? Because He is well pleased with this arrangement which He has made with humanity. He is PLEASED to have him as he is, LIMITED AND DEPENDENT and all.

But he is sinless; he is innocent; he is perfectly alright. But you see, he hasn't FUNCTIONED yet. He hasn't come out to DEMONSTRATE the thing that God wanted. He made him for HIS GLORY!! That was not shown in the ACT of creation; it was NOT! The instrument was there, but it had not yet FUNCTIONED. It had not yet moved out where it could glorify God. So He says, "I will now push you out. And I'll make an arrangement here. And I will introduce a new LAW in the realm of our SPIRITUAL living." What is it? "This LAW, that's the ONLY way to develop you, and bring you to a place where His glory may be released, and you may come into the thing I want, will be through a LAW called the LAW OF TESTING AND PROVING." Your NATURE is a GIFT. God gives you; we become partakers of the divine nature purely on the basis of a GIFT. He GIVES me salvation, but He CANNOT GIVE me a Christian CHARACTER! I have to BUILD that. I have to GROW. I have to LEARN. I have to be SUBJECTED, this EGO thing, it has to be subjected CONTINUALLY to all the arrangements that God can put into the pattern. To do what? To RELEASE me and SET ME FREE!! The REAL THING that God wants, till I "sluff off" of me the BONDAGES; they "sluff off;" they drop off of you. You push them off because of the power of a LIFE that is WITHIN YOU. IT IS A NEW CREATION PUSHING IT'S WAY OUT THROUGH, BECOMING DISENTANGLED FROM THE LAWS OF YOUR OLD SELF. We are NEW CREATURES in Christ Jesus. I am not, and you are not that creature that "got saved," back there, that sinner. You're not THAT! What there is of you and me this morning, and all that God accepts of you and me, and all that God can TAKE into the eternal, will be the amount of Spiritual life, and vision, and reception that I've had HERE. That's all He can take. That's a "terrible" thing, but's that's all. That's all He will take. That's all He CAN take.

10. So He says here, "Now you SURRENDER TO ME, and give Me a COMPLETE CONTROL of this creature that you ARE in both aspects, and I can come inside of you and work a MIRACLE. The ONLY HINDERANCE is, NOT now your SINS. I have FORGIVEN them. It's the RESISTANCE, conscious or unconscious! The RESISTANCE of that strange creature, warring against, warring against, the POWER OF LIFE that would PUSH THROUGH! And that "little seed" has to have an AWFUL time PUSHING it's way up through the ground. Well, we're "ground!" We're "dust!" Man is made of the DUST! Don't you know that little seed pushes through your "earth" and my "earth?" Not this FLESH, but the "earth" which represents what we ARE? That's the dust; that's HUMANITY. The little seed that's planted there--ROTS. Can you let this little, old, crazy EGO ROT? Yes, but a fresh, NEW LIFE will come forth. A lovely, NEW life. In God. The LIFE that He wants. The ONLY life that He SEES. That little seed...for awhile it is fed by it's OWN decay...the seed does, that's the way it grows. It has to live in that little seed, until sometime it can BREAK the husk! What a "terrible" time when God breaks the "tight" husk on some hearts! Some seed never get much of a breaking at all! Others do. And OUT of that breaking, and OUT of that death, the sprout comes up and it grows. But He says, "Listen. There's a DIVINE PROCESS in that. Not FRUIT here. First, a little shoot, the blade pushing it's way up, out of the crust of it's old, old, former SELF-HOOD in which it was BORN. That's LEFT in the GROUND. That's LEFT in my "earth." LEAVE it in your earth!! Leave that "husk" in the earth!!! It will do you TERRIBLE DAMAGE if you ALLOW IT to come up!! It will INTERFERE CONTINUALLY with this LIFE PRINCIPLE that's PUSHING THROUGH! Please LEAVE husks of the former creature in the GROUND! Why does He say that when the dynamics by which this is going to be wrought comes, that's the baptism in the Spirit; the baptism in the Spirit is not given for your SERVICE. That's INCLUDED, but that is NOT the objective. He says, "I will SUBMERGE you, BURY you, BURY you, BURY you, under the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. Now, when we come up OUT of that, we should be something DIFFERENT coming up. It comes up through the ground, the OLD husk REMAINS. But a NEW LIFE...a NEW LIFE...now that NEW LIFE, in order to DEVELOPE, to come through to it's MATURITY, first the blade, then, if possible, there will be an ear forming in there, and if possible, if you will, there can be FULL CORN on the ear in the covering. Do you get it? Now there's your PROGRESSION. First, the BLADE. Then, the EAR. Then, the FULL CORN in the ear. That doesn't come in a MINUTE. That is a PROCESS. That's why the BUILDING that He has in us is a PROCESS. A process.

11. I was born in the country, thank God, and I can remember our cornfield, and I loved it.

I love the smell of pollen. How many of you noticed in the last week or two the smell of pollen from the corn? Isn't it delightful? I love it! Well, there is a period when those stalks are beautiful, they are green, they are lush, they are beautiful. I like to hear the wind rustle. I like to hear it. Do you know there is a different sound when the leaves of the corn rustling, from an oak leaf rustling? All the difference in the world! Oh yes, I've told my students before that I think you could blindfold me and in the fall, in the late autumn, you take me out under a tree and I'll tell you the name of the tree. Well, how? Because I hear it sing. How? It's the way the wind blows in it's leaves. I can tell it. Why? Because they all have a different sound. Four, five, or six trees, blindfolded, but putting me there, and let the wind blow. I'll get it. I love to hear the wind in that corn field. I love it. But you know, my father; we weren't pleased just to HAVE a cornfield. No. Something terrific had to happen. There were these ears FORMING. And we would go and sometimes we'd pull the little ear, just a little piece to see if it had some kernals on it, then shut it up tight! Well, you're looking. That's good. You're looking. And finally, the day came, that in order to ripen that corn, God had to do a very "terrible" thing. Those green leaves that clash when the wind blew; I call that the beginning of the Christian experience, when we go with the "sword of the Spirit," and CLASH! And BREAK! How many know the "sword of the Spirit?" Don't you know the "sword of the Spirit?" Yeah, why we go out, you know, and we preach, and we slash, with the sword of the Spirit! And you don't care HOW you swing the sword of the Spirit! You may do more DAMAGE than you think! Well, by and by the Lord says, "You've clattered long enough." And he just lets the sun come on that cornfield. How many ever seen a cornfield late in August? Have you ever seen one? You see, when it was so IMMATURE, it was GREEN. That's suggestive isn't it? It was GREEN. It was GREEN. It was SUPPOSED to be GREEN. He WANTED it to be GREEN! But...He didn't want it to be green FOREVER! Because He didn't want those green leaves at all! Not at all. He fed them to the cows. But by and by, He went down thru those corns, the rows, and all...those ears...well, what was he after? He was after the GOLDEN CORN. NOT the ears, and not the blade; not that. He STRIPPED everything OFF. Now it is right and lawful and legitimate and proper and good to have all those phases manifested. There is a time when God will let you "swing the sword of the Spirit!" Well, "defending the Truth!! And defending the Lord!!! And defending the faith!!! With your sword of Truth, brother!!!" Well, I always think of the time when Jesus was going to His cross. Somebody got ambitious, and ambitious to defend Him, didn't they? How many remember that man? He was very ambitious to defend the faith! And defend the Truth!! And defend the Lord!! And he also had a sword, and he took it out and what did he do? He cut the man's EAR off. Not his NOSE, but his EAR! Well, what is it he cut his ear off? Why did he cut his ear off? I'll tell you in a minute why that's the way. Not across his head; he cut his EAR off. I ask the Lord, "His ear? Well, why didn't he cut across his face? Or cut his NOSE off, or JAB him? No, he cut off his ear with his sword. And the Lord said, "I'll put that on. Now, I've got to stop. I want to get to Calvary, and I've got to stop and mend this man's ear." And so, He stopped and put His ear back on again. Well, if He can't get anywhere with you...he says, "I'm defending the faith!"

1. How many of you know, they swing the SWORD like anything? And they "go on for the everlasting Truth!" And I've seen them in churches, and to "defend" Pentecost, and our lovely FAITH!! And they SWING THE SWORD! Well, do you know what they're doing? They CUT THE EARS OFF of a lot of people! Now, don't laugh...now do you know what that is? God said, "The ear is the HEARING ABILITY. The HEARING ability. In you ZEAL, you have cut OFF their hearing ability, and it won't come back again, because their ears..." I've been in places where I've "seen" ears lying all over on the ground. I really have. I really have. I see things in the SPIRIT, "funny" things; I really see them! I've been in places where I've said, "Oh my dear Lord, EARS are lying around here!" Do you know what it was? Ambitious, fiery, sword-swinger, who has come in to DEFEND THE FAITH! And he chops the ear right off of somebody. And now, he can't really HEAR anymore. And he goes home; he's left his ear on the floor. And you can't REACH him...you can't reach him. Why? "Oh, I've HEARD that before!!" How many see something hanging around in there somewhere? I didn't know I was going to talk about that. He makes me talk about different things. Now, some of you are laughing. Now, did you know that that isn't a thing to laugh at at all? That's a thing to WEEP over. To weep over.
2. Clashing. Well, that was that corn when it had long, green sabres. They're about this wide, you know, long and pointed, and they just swing them around. That's the SWORD. But by and by they all DRIED up. Isn't it nice? All dried up, and God says, "I want to see something." And He goes and "tears" into it and says, "Oh, you're getting..." "Oh Lord!!" "What's IN there? Is there any GOLDEN CORN?" "Well, where's my SWORD? Lord, I can show You what I can do with a sword!" He says, "No, I'm not talking about a sword. That's all dried up. Withered. I didn't start this to make swords. I made the leaves. Leaves are NECESSARY, but I want something MORE." You say, "Don't you know ANYTHING ELSE, Follette?" No, I just know the TRUTH, and I see it about me all the time. I feel it. I want it for people. I want to help them. I want to feed them. Did you get a little something out of this man with the sword or didn't you? Well, let's not cut off their ears in our zeal. No, you have stopped the RECEP'TIVITY. That's right. The ear was made for RECEPTION. You have HINDERED it; you have cut it off. It's lying on the floor. They haven't anything to hear with now. Leave the ears ON. He never ask me to "defend the faith!!" And keep the Glory of God, "showing up bright!" "Now Lord, if You don't keep that glory all shown up bright like this, people won't believe in You!" Wouldn't that be bad? DON'T keep the Lord's glory shown up. "Lord, if You don't do this, and Your glory's manifested...Suzie's cousin's aunt probably will backslide!! Keep the glory!!" Do you know how people pray? I hear them pray. And I don't understand it exactly, because I think their kind of "off the beam." But the Lord deals with them. "Now Lord, here's this great NEED..." The things we PLAN for God Almighty...they are amazing! "Now Lord, save Tom! Bring him in under the conviction, and SAVE him!! And if you do that, Lord...there is his WIFE!! And You know, she has a has a cousin who's a Catholic! And Lord...see what You can do with this!! Get HER saved, and she will vibrate over here and get THAT one saved, and then THAT one...make a divine healing in her family! Come on, Lord!! Really EXPLODE the power!!" Have you ever heard anything like that? I stand back and say, "Dear,...they're so far ADVANCED! I can't pray...Oh, they've gone MILES ahead of me. I'm still "poking" along with, 'Is this YOUR WILL, Lord? Is THIS Your will, Lord? Is THIS Your will?'" That's a nice, little prayer to pray, because it's really the most POWERFUL after all.
3. This is now revealed, it is all that we have to the Lord. And we say, "How can we glorify Him? I you will DO the WILL OF GOD, automatically He IS glorified! For God is GLORIFIED wherever HIS WILL becomes EXPRESSED. From the inanimate creation up. In the inanimate creation that "flings" about, that's an act of creation. And wherever God acts in a CREATIVE mood, it is to His glory. He makes the heavens, and the heavens DECLARE...scientifically, how many millions? They can't! Isn't it amazing what we can get out of that business? I stand back and smile and say, "Lord, isn't it really "funny," the heavens declare the GLORY OF GOD?!!" The GLORY OF GOD. Why? Because even in it's inanimate state, IT FUNCTIONS. And God has made everything to GLORIFY HIM. Ever notice how the trees are this way? How many notice they always come up with this?

(Raised branches toward God) This is WORSHIP. This is adoration. Yes, it always comes up. I wish I could do as well as a tree. I had a poem in one of my books, "The Contented Tree." "I wish that I might be, contented as a goodly tree. A tree standing so straight and tall...." It goes on. The CONTENTMENT is the thought. It's pleased to be where ever it grows. Suppose it was a scrawny looking oak, up on the side of a mountain? It says, "Oh, I was never made a palm tree!" He doesn't do that at all. "WHY couldn't I be like sister so-and-so, and like brother so-and-so?" Because He wants you like YOU ARE, so-and-so! And so the tree stood still. Contented. I'll bring my book sometime and read it to you. I like it because there's a lot of things in them. Contented. Don't FIGHT with you life! Don't quarrel with it. ACCEPT it. NOBODY is PLEASED with it. Were you pleased with your life when God let you see some of what you WERE? And you just got up and said, "Hallelujah!! What a MESS!!" It was a WRECK, but how many knew you had to ACCEPT it anyway, and let GOD take care of it? And work from THAT. You didn't say, "Oh you poor, miserable thing!! One, two, three, PRESTO!! Now I'm like THAT!! Here I AM!!" No, no, no. How many are still...kind of...have a "time" with it? How many still have a time with LIFE? You ALWAYS will have. Learn to ACCEPT life and how to INTERPRET it. Get out of it...God will give you the FRUITAGE.

4. He says, "Now the way to GLORIFY Me is to DO MY WILL." And the WILL OF GOD for everyone of these people; we've got them straight now, here they are, straight...the will of God for them is that they may GLORIFY God. That is all He is asking of them. This one, what is Your objective in him. To GLORIFY God. Every last one; He had a billion of them here. He never had a DIFFERENT objective for each soul. We ALL have exactly the SAME objective. We are ALL made for the GLORY OF GOD. Not JUST preachers!! ALL, the humblest child, the weakest one, the most limited one; he is brought forth for the glory of God. All right, we will accept that. The GLORY OF GOD. Then we'll come back to this: When will that happen? HOW can we do it? By ACCEPTING the WILL OF GOD in you LIFE PATTERN. For this life, down here, becomes a PATTERN or a design for your living. And God, knowing WHO we are, and WHAT we are, is able to place in that pattern, ALL THE MATERIAL NECESSARY, since we are REACTING agents, ALL that is necessary to re-shape, and recast, and make over, and DO the thing that He wants IN us! Now, don't QUARREL with what you find in your pattern! That's GOD'S business! Why? I HAVE CHOSEN HIS WILL! Then, if I have chosen the WILL OF GOD, as the MEANS I'm doing to glorify Him, He will have to place in that pattern, ALL the different things which He sees necessary for the "type" of this FUNDAMENT OF BEING. He can't place in YOUR pattern of life what He places in MINE, or what He has in mine, YOURS! We are all "types." We are all DIFFERENT. Every last individual is a SPECIAL EDITION of the creature that he IS. And, there is NO other edition. Just ONE. So He takes that, and knowing us as He does, He is able to place here, in this little pattern of our living, as we go along now; we've EMBRACED HIS WILL, and as we do that, He places, in our little pattern, ALL of these things for our EDIFICATION, and our CORRECTION, and our GROWTH. I'll read you this text again. This is a text. Don't bother to look at it now. If you want to take a note, that's good. It is in Ephesians 2:10, but I want to read Moffatt's translation because it's nearer you Greek. This is the nearest I've looked up in the Greek Testament. This is the nearest to an exact translation that I can find. And several of the new translations give it almost the same, but this is what He says, "God has made us what we are....," these NEW creatures. He has made us. Has brought us, "creating us in Christ Jesus..." These NEW creatures, creating us IN Christ. Why? To get us to heaven? Now, don't you get that "heaven" dragged in. We're GOING to heaven. This is all happening BEFORE we reach the "pearly gates." "Creating us in Christ Jesus for the GOOD DEEDS which are PREPARED BEFOREHAND BY GOD AS OUR SPHERE OF ACTION." How many like that? That's good! That's good gospel! That's good gospel! What does that say? God says that before you were born, "I knew you. I knew how you were made. And if you would accept MY WILL for you, which is made according to what you "demand," whatever you ARE, you "demand" of God...the working of God FOR YOU, because of WHAT YOU ARE! He can't make the same will and plan for THIS life for THAT one! He couldn't do it! Because we are all DIFFERENT, and He WANTS us different! So He says, "I have made in My thought and plan, beforehand, all these DEEDS AS THE SCENE, the theater, the scene, of your activity while you are HERE! Now, you're saved, born again, filled with the Spirit,

and we say, "going to heaven;" that's good! But He says, "I want to stop you just a minute. You aren't born JUST to get to heaven." There will be an awfully lot of people in heaven that don't know much about the things of God! I'm sorry. You know it too. That's not my criticism, but that's just merely a fact. Look at the BABES IN CHRIST. Thousands of lovely babes in Christ that have no sense of GROWTH and MATURITY, and they don't even know what it's all about. And I tell you...now I'll help you. They're ALL GOING TO HEAVEN! And they'll have a lovely time. BUT HEAVEN IS A CONDITION BEFORE IT IS A LOCATION. That's right. You carry, right NOW, ALL THE POTENTIAL for your heaven experience. You're carrying it right in your little heart! It isn't something that God's going to "stick ONTO you." You HAVE the POTENTIAL for all of that vast unfolding in your heart RIGHT NOW! I wish I could say that with a thousand voices. Why? Because the NEW CREATION, the NEW CREATURE that we are, HOLDS THAT. That's what we HOLD. That's what the new creation IS. We are NEW CREATURES, NEW CREATION, holding POTENTIALLY... not yet EXPRESSIVE...POTENTIALLY, all the things that God wants. All right. Just as much as he can bring forth HERE, He will pick it up like that and take it along with Him. But if He hasn't anything to take...yes, SAVED!! I'm talking about coming into what God says, for a PURPOSE. One of the lovely meanings of the outpourings of the Spirit these past 50 years; God had much of THAT in mind. He actually did. He had much of THAT in mind. But you see, the whole Pentecostal thing has swung off the beam, until it is impossible...I have NO hope in the world of ever seeing THAT restored, that it should obtain it's objective. Pentecostal has NEVER, never, NEVER, never realized the objective for which it was poured out!! It has NOT! I can PROVE it to you from the Word of God. It's MOVING, but it has NOT come into the FULLNESS of the "WHY did He pour it out?" Why does He pour out the "latter rain?" Why does He bring us IN? "Oh, to BLESS us! Hallelujah!!" Everybody "happy." Yeah. No. Let's not drag THAT in here this morning. Please.

5. So He says, "I will throw into your pattern HERE, all the things that I see NECESSARY, individually, for each life." This life...now what do you have in HERE? You have BOTH of your POSITIVE and NEGATIVE forces working continually. You will have the things which are AGREEABLE and the things which are DISAGREEABLE. You'll have the times of "peace on earth, good will toward men," and you'll have WAR. You'll have angelic movings, and you'll have demons and the Devil! They're ALL in here, you know, they're all performing right in here. They're all performing in this pattern. He doesn't EXEMPT anybody. We ALL have to learn how to ACCEPT these things. Now for instance, you say, "The enemy?" Well, yes. To get JOB through, He had to use the Devil, didn't He? He didn't say, "Oh Mr. Job! I want to help you. And if you will be very quiet, I will come down and hallucenate this whole condition." He did NOT!! He let the Devil loose at him! Well...that's what God HAD to do!! "Peter. You don't know much about WHO YOU ARE. Now come. I will lay hands on you and pray, and you shall be changed, yeah, verily!!" No! "Peter, the ONLY way I can get YOU is to have the enemy have you in a SIEVE.....where he, along with all the rest of you are SIFTED, and SIFTED, and SIFTED, and SIFTED! Now, don't CRY and CRY OUT for DELIVERANCE... 'Oh God, SAVE me out of this! Oh God!!!' Now don't do that. I'm not going to take you out, I just GOT YOU IN!!" Well, that's "hard." That's "hard." He never said, "Pray for EXEMPTION from this, though it is the Devil that's SHAKING YOU COMPLETELY TO PIECES!!!" It is for your GOOD! Afterwards, when you are brought around to see the "philosophy" of this thing, strengthen all your brethren. Sure. What did He say? "The enemy has OBTAINED PERMISSION from God TO DO IT! So don't INTERFERE with God's PLAN! It is God's PLAN to have you IN this SIEVE! And he's going to SIFT you until you feel you're going to PERISH in it!! STAY IN IT!! I'll tell you what I WILL do. I'll pray for you. I'll pray." "Oh good! Now you'll pray that I'll get OUT...Oh, sweet Lord!! I'll do ANYTHING!! Get me OUT of this!!! I'll be good forevermore, world without end!!" "No. You don't play that way with Me." He says, "This is for your WELFARE. But your are so circumscribed in your vision that you can't see ANYTHING but the SIEVE! You're clammering up on the edge of the sieve to get OUT! You're NOT going to GET out!! God has given PERMISSION to SIFT you. But this is what I WILL do. Where you don't SEE Me or HEAR Me, I'll pray that your FAITH FAIL NOT!" Wasn't that sweet? It will be "naked faith" that will carry

you through. Not "great" prayers, that you "wrestled with God," night and day, and you wrestled with God till you got God GOING!! To you got God to do what you thought He ought to do!! DON'T wrestle with God. He's your heavenly Father. WRESTLE against the powers of evil, in the Spirit. Wrestle in a terrific warfare against demonic powers. There's where we wrestle with the weapons God has made. It's a terrific warfare, but never wrestle with your HEAVENLY FATHER. Get ahold of God? I say, "What would you DO if you got ahold of Him now. Get ahold of Him? Well, what are you going to do with it?" Well, STOP that foolishness!! "Well, I read that in a tract!" Well, alot of tracts ought to be burned up, and alot of singing books torn apart too! Because they spread a TRADITION, but not TRUTH.

6. Now He says, "I'm going to let the enemy loose in here." He DID with Paul. Imagine that demon that had access to him to torment him, a thorn in the flesh! Imagine that! Where did it come from? He says, "It was GIVEN to me." Imagine a GIFT like that! How many would like a GIFT from the Lord? Well, suppose you got a gift like that? He says, "It was a GIFT." Says, "It was GIVEN to me. God GAVE it to me." Well, dear Lord, I'm careful when I ask for a gift. "It was GIVEN to me." Why? He tells us afterwards, "Lest...lest lurking, LATENT, down in my makeup and being; I couldn't see it or know anything about it, there was a tendency for puffed-upness and PRIDE. I didn't know it was THERE. But God DID, and LEST," Pauls says it twice, "LEST I be elevated, puffed up, with the power...of my great call..." he says, "was GIVEN to me...it was a GIFT of God... ..a messenger of Satan, a demon to BUFFET me, buffet me." It's a pugilistic term, that "buffet" means...it's the same word that's used in prizefighting, where you "knock him out." You see, it's a pugilistic term. "LEST..," lest what? "Oh, I would spoil the whole, lovely thing that God has." Lose his soul? No! He'd go to heaven. But all that REWARD, for the glory of God, all that reward that would come to the glory of God, that would be all DISSAPATED AND LOST. So Paul says, "I'm going to pray this thing through. I know the power of the enemy's attacking. I've cast them out of people, devils and all. Why, GOD IS ABLE! LOOK at the call God has put on me! Why should I be disturbed with THIS?" He says, "I prayed THREE times." God wasn't going to listen to THAT. Finally, He comes to Paul and says, "Now LISTEN, Paul. ALL the promises that you claim; get all the promise boxes out! ALL the 'precious' promises, and all those promises that 'God is ABLE..,' and 'Jesus is the VICTOR!,' and ALL those TREMENDOUS... 'oooooh!!! Weren't they BEAUTIFUL!!!' Now get them ALL out! I'm NOT LISTENING to ONE of them!!" "Well, why?" "Because I CAN'T! I can't! I WILL answer your cry. And I will give you an answer. I well even give you a PROMISE." "Well, what happened to all these PRECIOUS PROMISES about the almighty POWER OF GOD!? And VICTORY in Christ!" He says, "That's all TRUE, but now listen...." "Well that's the way I was TAUGHT!!" Well, a lot of people have been TAUGHT and don't KNOW much. He says, "Now let Me help you. Let Me help you. Don't pray all those extravagant, strange prayers that you've heard. Don't claim any of these promises because they WON'T WORK!!" The promises ARE true! The Bible IS true! But we can't go here and there and grab promises out of the Bible and take them to God to get Him "going" on one of them!! People DO that! I've seen them in meetings. "You get a promise, I get a promise, we ALL get a promise, promise, promise, and we'll all get AHOLD of God and BRING these promises and say, 'HERE!! YOU CAN'T LIE TO ME!!! HERE'S your promise! You said You'd never leave us! Do you see what You said, God?! HERE'S your Word! Now EAT it!!'" People DO that in a meeting, only they say, "Hallelujah!!" in the middle of it. They actually do. How many have seen meetings just like that? Yes, just like that! Getting God, "in a corner" by shaking HIS Word in front of Him to make Him come out and do the thing YOU wanted Him to do because, "it's IN the Word! And THERE'S the promise!" He won't do it. He can't do it. He says, "I HAVE got a promise, but none of THOSE promises will work. I'm WITH you Paul. I've given you this. I've permitted it, because you REQUIRED it. I don't love you less. I love you MORE, for I'm going to get out of this, a most magnificent display of grace that I'd NEVER get in the world otherwise." He says, "I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll give you a promise. Here it is: MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU." Isn't that a good promise? How many see none of those OTHER promises will work? "Jesus Christ was manifest to take AWAY the sins...He was also manifest to DESTROY the work of the Devil...and... THAT'S the work of the DEVIL!!! And here's Your promise that You'll DESTROY him!!!

"Now SIT DOWN. I'm not going to destroy anything. I've just brought him OUT. But I'll tell you what I WILL do. I will give you my GRACE. And through the display of My grace through you, not only will we CORRECT this basic ERROR, this damnable thing, this thing that would WRECK you; we will WRECK that absolutely!! But through you, there will be a magnificent display of the grace and the power of God!" Get that? A wonderful display of the grace and the power of God that you could NOT get any OTHER way. "Will you become the OCCASSION for My grace to be manifest?" "Oh...I want a..." "WILL you become the OCCASSION? ALL I want is the occassion. Then I can give you MY grace."

7. Now we well have these, now take for instance..."Now Brother Follette, where's the promise where it says, 'Resist the Devil?'" Yes, but did you ever get the other one that BALANCES it? "Resist NOT evil." How many know they BOTH work? Come on, let's all be honest this morning! Let's not play "pussyfoot." Lets' come around. There is a time to RESIST, and there's a time NOT to resist. Why? Because you're going to learn the INTERPLAY. You learn this, not in a year; you learn it. That in this pattern, there is a place where the enemy is to be MET. And a place in which we RESIST him..."resist Satan," sure. "But other times when I sent evil, you're not to get up and RESIST, but you are to ACCEPT THE CONDITION while I work IN you and THROUGH you THROUGH THIS CONDITION, even though it be the Devil." God worked IN Paul and THROUGH Paul through the AGENCY of the messenger of Satan. Sure! He had to USE that. But, He was AFTER PAUL! Paul got the FRUITAGE. Did you get anything on THAT this morning? Did you get a little bit anything on that? I didn't mean to talk about that, but that got in by "mistake." I don't know how it did get going. Where did that come...oh yeah...I got it in here, didn't I? Well anyway, we will learn here how to act, I call it, the positive and negative reaction in my spirit as I PUSH THROUGH in the, I call it, the ASCENT OF MY BEING, my spirit; I'm GOING HOME, BACK TO GOD. I'll have to have that. Now I'll read you just a portion of the scripture that will help you. I hope it will. It helped me, because it's a portion which God gives especially for people who are in this TRANSITIONAL period of coming from THERE to HERE. He gives us a scripture to encourage our hearts. Paul saw all of this. Wouldn't it be wonderful to sit down with Paul? Wouldn't it be wonderful? Oh, I get so...I feel so awful alone sometimes, I feel like saying, "Paul, can't you come here just a minute?" But you know, you can't commune with the saints in spiritualism. I don't believe in it. But how many know it would be wonderful to sit by him once? I would like to fell the strength of him near me. I would. Well, now here we have all of this business going on. And to encourage us, He gives us this lovely word. Now, we were talking at the breakfast table, the Word of God, isn't all the NT for Christians? Yes. All the NT, all the Bible is for Christians. But there are portions in this Word of God that apply to the church in it's construction. It's all divided up. Now, any bit of scripture that kind of gets ahold of you, Oh we say, "That's for the Jew!" Well, the Jew has got so much on his plate now, I wonder how he'll ever get by! All the hard things you have to take in life, you know that you, well, "THAT could never mean the Christian! THAT could never mean the Body of Christ!" Oh, couldn't it? Couldn't it? "Oh no! THAT must mean the SINNER!" You've got him so loaded that he's half way to hell already. Don't put anymore on him! You put the scriptures on him that belong to YOU. To ME. But they don't know HOW to read. Now here's a portion which belongs to people who are in this little period GOING BACK TO THE GLORY OF GOD. I'll read it to you and see how very exact it is. I love this text, I just love it because it encourages me. I won't tell you where it is now, because you'll be fooling around in your Bible. Will you please listen? "For we are saved by HOPE. But hope that IS seen is NOT hope, for what a man see, why doth he yet hope?" Now just a minute on this. The misinterpretation of WORDS, that is, the meaning of the word, now, in our day, in 1959, now, where we are living, when we use the word, "hope," it always carries the sense of UNCERTAINTY. And we say, "I HOPE it won't rain. I HOPE they will come. I'm not sure, but I HOPE. I HOPE." Do you get that? Yes, it always carries with it a sense of uncertainty. I HOPE. Now, in the Word, wherever you find the word, "hope," it NEVER has that meaning at all. The word for HOPE in the NT is, "a fact, a truth, a promise, a word which has NOT YET FULLY come to pass, but is just as REAL as anything that we have here." HOPE...it says we are saved by HOPE. What does that mean? The WHOLE redemptive plan of Christ is our ETERNAL

HOPE. Why? Because it is CERTAIN. It is FIXED. It is ESTABLISHED! It CANNOT be moved! Not that I "hope" I'll get saved. No. That whole salvation thing, is THAT HOPE which is held out to us as a sense of SECURITY. That's my HOPE. The Lord's coming is what? The BLESSED HOPE. Not, "Oh, I don't know if He'll come or not...I HOPE so." NO! He IS coming, and the fact that He IS coming has become a HOPE to which I fasten my faith and I go along. Always remember, that the word, "HOPE" in the NT NEVER means what WE call hope, UNCERTAINTY. But a sense of SECURITY, a fact, a truth which has not YET FULLY been realized, but it's THERE. You'll find it in several places. And so He says here that if you already realize the thing, why do you HOPE for it? I give you a lesson on faith there. "But if we HOPE for that..."

8. The next verse, "Likewise,...likewise, the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities." And, oh how conscious we are of our infirmities in this PROCESS. The REVEALING of our infirmities. He doesn't mean that we all get drunk, and sin. He's not talking about that. This poor creature, the frailty. The Holy Spirit KNOWS our frailty. He LIVES in you. He LIVES in me. You couldn't TELL Him anything. You couldn't interest so He'd say, "Why, I never heard of such a thing!" You couldn't surprise Him. WE get surprised at OURSELVES a lot of time, but you NEVER SURPRISE GOD! You couldn't surprise the Spirit. For He lives IN us. He KNOWS our infirmities. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought..." Now this is the negative. "We know not what we should pray for as we ought." Well, why not? Because we can't see the WHOLE PROJECTION of that thing down through life! We don't know. Think of the issues in which God will bring us, that we don't know HOW to pray ANYTHING! Have you ever got in a MESS like that that you didn't know HOW to pray, just say, "Oh God, help! God, help! God...I don't know which way to pray, but...God COME! Help! Help!" Sure. Why? Because He leaves us so that we should know our UTTER DEPENDENCE upon Him. We know not HOW we ought to pray, for we haven't the blueprint in our hand. HE has the blueprint. We are only conscious of the MOVING. He has the blueprint and all that it covers. So He says here, "We know not how to pray as we ought, but...now don't be discouraged... don't be discouraged...the Spirit Himself..." Where's HE? In YOU. In ME. He is IN you. He is IN me. The Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the breath of God. "The Spirit Himself maketh intercession for all the sinners of the world..." He does NOT. He makes intercession for US. This is the "US" down here. How many are one of the "US'S?" Are you? Good! I am too! Come along with me. Come along with me. The Holy Spirit in you and in me maketh intercession for US!! And if it were not for that, how many know we would have been SWAMPED many times? Many times. But He is THERE, He is making intercession for US with "groanings which cannot be uttered in." Have you ever felt the reflection of the Holy Spirit praying within you with that, that you also felt the repurcussions of it? Yes. Groanings...groanings...sometimes it gets beyond a GROAN. It's just...Uhhhh.... uhhhh....uhhhh! You feel like you're going to perish with the thing. You WON'T perish! PLEASE become the instrument. The Holy Spirit wants to PRAY. He's making intercession. He's working IN you. He says He will work, pray for US, with groanings which cannot be uttered. "And He that searches the hearts,..." This lovely Spirit, knowing our hearts and searching them out, He KNOWS what the MIND of the Spirit is. God searches, and God knows what the mind of that Spirit is, because...why? "Because He makes intercession for the saints according to their claiming of the PRECIOUS PROMISES!!!" You say, "Don't you believe in promises?" I sure DO. But I don't use them as a "weegie board." No, I don't. He says He will make this intercession for the saints ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD!! Do you get the WILL OF GOD in here now? When the Holy Spirit prays, He can't pray and answer things that YOU and I want! NO! He will SEARCH THE THING OUT, and when the Holy Spirit makes His intercessions to God the Father, interceding for the saints, He interceeds ACCORDING TO THE DESIGN HERE, WHICH IS THE WILL OF GOD! That's the DESIGN. And that's HOW He prays. This all governs the prayer. He prays and interceeds ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD! The best prayers that you can make are to LINE UP with that. I you don't, you're going to meet frustration and disappointment and heartbreak. You just will! That's down the road waiting. But, if you'll DO this, you'll cooperate with God, that even through the hardest thing, they'll be a CONSCIOUSNESS, an INNER consciousness that THIS IS IN THE WILL OF GOD! "I relate this to the purpose of God. The Holy Spirit is praying. This will come through. This will come through!" As I want? Prob-

ably NOT! NO! It will come through according to the WILL OF GOD, and the Holy Spirit prays and groans within us, making intercession, NOT for the world, but for the SAINTS, for the BODY. The Holy Spirit has made intercession today for everyone of us. Why? Because we are members of that Body. Jesus Christ has prayed this morning before any of you were up, for "He ever liveth to make intercession." Please REST in it, won't you? Well you please rest in that?

9. Some of you tired ones. I know some of you are tired. You've tried so HARD to get through. You've tried so HARD to move with the Lord. The reaction of some of you...how many of you have ever had a "tiredness of spirit?" When your body was all right? Yes... don't you know? Yes, the awful tiredness of your spirit, when your body is perfectly grand. But you see, you are NOT your body. You are a spirit, living in a body. They react back and forth. Any tired heart that feels, "I've prayed EVERYTHING I know, Lord, TO pray..." Remember something. The HOLY SPIRIT is making intercession for the saints. Jesus Christ ever lives to make intercession for His Body. Now, take the comfort of that. Will you take the comfort of it? Will you let the peace of that get into your heart? That may help you over some HARD PLACE. I remember a very hard place I had years ago. A difficult place. And I had prayer every prayer I knew. I was going to say from, "Hail Mary," up, but I never could pray "Hail Mary." I always got mixed up in it. But you know, you can pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep..." and the Lord's prayer...I prayed everything...I prayed everything...I was days under the thing...I got...God let me get exhausted until I was lying down on the floor like that, and I said, "Lord, I can't pray anymore..." Do you know you can get "prayed out?" You can get "prayed out." And it was over a difficulty which NO ONE else could help me. Because that's the way He likes to do. He likes to get you in a CORNER...because you know, we would run this way to get a little help. Oh, I know how we all move, "If I could only...." NO. "But..." No, no. "But... ..if I..." No, no. "But if I...." No, no, no. Now don't cry. Don't cry now, don't be disturbed. I said, "Lord, I've prayed...I've searched my heart until I guess the skin is all off of it, and I've done everything I know to do and I can't get through this thing!!" Do you know what He did? After He got me thoroughly exhausted, He CAME to me. And He said, "Do you believe in Me as your Savior and Redeemer?" I said, "Why, yes Lord, You'll ALL I have!" "Do you believe in the King, that I shall come again and reign..." "Oh, I believe that Lord! I'd DIE if I didn't have any hope of You coming to get this mess out of this cleared up!" He said, "Do you believe in Me as your High Priest?" "Why," I said, "Yes!" Oh, He was getting right AT me. Now, He says, "Do you know something" You'll have to learn to KNOW ME in ALL of my character. ALL my capacities, ALL my comings, ALL the names that I bear. I want you to KNOW ME in ALL of these. I am NOW a High Priest before the throne of God, and I make intercession for you. Can you trust this with ME?" "Oh..," I said, "Lord, TAKE it!" And I put it into His hands, and I was as sure as this desk that the Lord Jesus took that. He says, "I can pray it through. I can intercede. You don't need...you just SIDE WITH ME, and I will intercede." Well, it was like a thousand pounds taken off of my spirit. I said, "My Lord! I never knew it was like that!" Well He says, "I'm your HIGH PRIEST. I'm your HIGH PRIEST. Not "only" a Savior, but I am the Priest who will take this and pray it through to it's VICTORY." And He DID. I felt so light. I used to play a guitar years ago, supposedly when I didn't know any better. But I played one. And I used to sing, but not this "funny" stuff. I kept my guitar in my room because it was my "solace." And I picked up my guitar and God sang through me that hymn. It has been published and it's been used. Some of you have heard it perhaps. "My High Priest is interceding, my Jesus is praying for me..." Well, GOD gave me that, the words and the music, and the whole thing, just like that and there I sat! A minute ago I was therein total DESPAIR! In a few minutes I was up here singing unto the Lord!...about this wonderful High Priest. It was put into I don't take care of my stuff anymore. I don't know where it is, even the plates of it. I'm not fussing around with THAT. I have my guitar to the salvation army. But He has use it many times in the Spirit for song. So He says, "This Spirit is making intercession for YOU according to the WILL OF GOD." And here's something we DO know,...up here it says, "we know NOT." We know NOT how to pray, we know NOT, that's NEGATIVE, that's something we don't know. But here's something He says we MAY KNOW: "And we KNOW, that all these things, hell, damnation, demons, glory, angels, the Bible, consecration, salvation, baptism..." How many know, "all these thing that touch you, all these things

in the economy of God, in the power of the Spirit, God can make them to WORK!! He causes the WRATH OF THE ENEMY to PRAISE HIM! He will! He can do it! He can do it! He will take the most disturbing thing that you think you'll go to hell with; He can make it to PRAISE GOD, and to become the MEANS of glory! So He says here, "We KNOW now...KNOW it, KNOW it!" He says, "I want you to KNOW that all these things WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD." This isn't for SINNERS! I heard one person upset the milk on the table, "Oh!" she said. "Praise the Lord! All things work together for good!" Well, can you imagine anything so foreign as that? I felt like fading away! All things work together for GOOD...the poor little thing hadn't any more idea of God than a cat. But you have to say, "Yes, dear... indeed..." Oh, take me home Lord! He says, "Why listen. All these things work together for GOOD..." To whom? To them that LOVE GOD. This is the AGAPE. "For them that are CALLED..." To what? "Unto His PURPOSE." Have you had the CALL OF GOD? I don't mean for SERVICE! But the DEEP CALL of God that's upon every heart...should be...have you responded? "To those that are called ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE." What is it? "For whom He did forknow..." when He knew us before we were born, "He also did predestinate that they... all GO TO HEAVEN!!" Now, LET HEAVEN ALONE! Predestinated, foreknow..."to be CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, that He might be the FIRST BORN among MANY brethren." How many of you see how that goes together?

10. Are you SORRY for yourself because you got in this thing? No. Rejoice in it! "Life is TERRIBLE to me!!" It is to me, too. I get terrified and upset and cry and everything. I'm not putting you on! Or, are you one of those, "joy bell Christians?" "Joy bells ring in my heart!...Joy bells ring in my heart!" Well, people like that, I just get out of the road...I say, "Let's sing 'Yankee Doodle.' I think that's better!" Joy bells... NO. I told you yesterday that the Lord pulls the clapper out of some of those bells and then they go, "Cluk..cluk! Cluk! Cluk!" And there's NO joy at all. Instead of that, you're crying and moaning before the Lord! Well, sometimes it's better to moan and cry before the Lord, then to keep those "bells" everlastingly "jingling." He knows HOW to do that. So now, I sense this. That all these things are working together for the ONE thing, for the CONFORMING of this creature to the IMAGE AND LIFENESS OF HIS SON. Do you get that right in that verse? "For ALL these things work together for good..." in order to get to heaven? NO! I'm GOING to heaven. They are all working together for good to CONFORM THIS THING, that we will bear in some semblence the IMAGE AND LIKENESS of our lovely Lord. Isn't that lovely? Now get this, "What is MY OBJECTIVE?" My objective is to move along here to the GLORY OF GOD! Has GOD an objective? Yes. He says, "I'm coming toward you too, so I'm moving from the heavenlies down here to greet you." Why? "Because I'm ONLY accepting you in MY BELOVED SON. And I see you all the time in HIM. I only see you in My lovely Son. I see you because you have loved HIM." Don't you love Him? It's RIGHT to love Him. It's GOOD to love Him..."I accept you in My Son, and as I see My Son, I see YOU." And so all of THIS, your works, your ministry, your hard places, your poor places; through ALL OF THIS INTENSITY OF LIFE, to which I subject you, through THIS, I am CONFORMING YOU TO HIS IMAGE. And I see Him, and I look at you, and I see HIM. Oh, this ought to be traced on you!" And He begins tracing, tracing, tracing upon our immortal spirits the LIKENESS OF HIS SON. Do you get it? Do you see how it goes? He accepts me in His Son. Now He says, "You are following your objective to GLORIFY ME. You glorify me by EMBRACING MY WILL and moving WITH Me. I am approaching you too. For I want you. I am approaching you all the time. I only accept you in this lovely Son. And what I see of Him, I put it in the heart of you, that you should be CONFORMED TO HIS IMAGE." And someday...He will take us. He'll take us. Why? Well, not only to go to heaven, but to be ETERNALLY ASSOCIATED with that Son. ASSOCIATED with that Son. When we see THAT, we are able to accept so much easily, so much better, the discipline, the testing, the trial, the proving. We can accept it IN HIM, because we see that this is in the WILL OF GOD. For I am a DEDICATED spirit, and the Devil can't touch me! Only as GOD permits! HELL cannot overwhelm me, only as GOD SEES GOOD! Are you safe in the HANDS OF GOD? SAFE in the eternal EMBRACE OF GOD.