

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
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1. Well, I hope I'm not proselysying, or the minister will say you had no business to run away. But then, I won't be here any longer. This is my last day. So you can run home, unless the Lord directs you to come to be fed. I'm out feeding the sheep. I'm not out to entertain people. I don't have musicians traveling with me, and don't have any spectacular miracles performed. I don't have a THING...well, I have the Lord, and I have this wonderful Word. And it seems people now are HUNGRY now for the Word. They don't want so much of the other things. And I'm glad when it's reached that point, when I say, "Well, do you REALLY want to sit down and listen to the Word? Or do you want to get BLESSED?" Well, I say, "Hurry up and get blessed GOOD AND HARD, and then sit down and LISTEN!" That's the way I feel, and some people don't understand me because I feel that way. But that's really the way I feel. I WANT you to be filled and blessed and healed and annointed and glorified and everything, then I want you to SIT STILL while I can FEED you, you know, and pour out the Word and help you. And you've been so gracious. You've come night after night, and I just appreciate your response. You haven't made it hard for me to minister, you've made it easy, and in many ways you kept DRAWING on me until I held you late. Not because I wanted to, but because you COMPELLED me to. The words of a WISE MAN are DRAWN out of his heart. That's what the Bible says. Well, the words are NOT my wisdom, but the words DWELL in me, and you DRAW them out. You just sit and draw and draw and draw, like that, and I feel you drawing the Word; drawing the Truth. I thank you for your love offering; that's the way I live, and God uses some of His children to take care of the other poor children. So we're one great family, and I don't have time to take a church and have money and incomes and things; I don't have any of that. I don't have time with it, and so the Lord says, "Now here's one of the 'problem children.' He's LOOSE over the world. Boost him along, take care of him." And so I appreciate your interest in my welfare. And He takes good care of me. Now, it's ten minutes of twelve. It's time to close the service--USUALLY. A morning service should last from eleven to twelve. The sermon should take at least fifteen to twenty minutes. But, that's POPULAR. And I don't LIVE in the popular realm. So, I know that some of you want to get home for your dinner, on Easter, and you have friends, maybe you have guests in, and then you just sit on "pins and needles" and say, "Well, when will he stop? I got that meat fixed, and I left it in the oven, and I got..." Now PLEASE, don't get the jitters! Just FORGET the meat, and FORGET those things for a few minutes, while I open the Word to you. I know that you want to go home. Some of you have company. I'm very human; I'm going to eat dinner too. Mrs. Wells fixes a grand dinner. Have your ever eaten there? I going to have chicken, and nobody in the world fries it like she does! So we're going. Are you going along? Allright. He goes along with us. So it isn't that I forget my body; I have a body. But sometimes when I get in the Word, it is so fascinating and rich and real, that I would just rather pour it out than to eat. It goes like THAT you see. I don't want to get started TOO TIGHT this morning, but I have a few thoughts that are on my heart relative to this Easter season.
2. Of course, our emphasis is usually laid upon the fact that He AROSE. That is, the FORTHCOMING of this GREAT CONQUERER from the realms of DEATH and territories of SIN and devastation. He's gone through and He's WON this great VICTORY. And the morning that we have today is the celebration of Him coming out of the tomb. Not MERELY the tomb hewn in the rock, but figureatively speaking, the whole creation and mankind and all, had been BURIED IN DEATH, in a tomb. And the forthcoming of the Christ out of that hewn rock is the symbol picture. He actually came FORTH, it's a HISTORICAL FACT, but it is a picture of a CONQUERER, having WON THE VICTORY in the many fields over which He had to move in order to win it. And now, He's COMING OUT from this territory, the REALMS OF DEATH, devastation, ruin! OUT from the land where they reign with the reigning of death and disease and sickness. OUT from ALL OF THAT He comes, triumphant and victorious!

3. Now I want to read a little scripture lesson to you. And perhaps at the first reading of it, you may not see that it is relevant to the Easter, but after I get in it, perhaps you will see how it is. It relates absolutely to the VICTORIOUS CHRIST. He is TRIUMPHANT. Now if I have time, I want to speak about THREE different fields in which He is TRIUMPHANT, in which He is a KING, coming forth now from His realms of conquest. It's the portion of Peter's sermon, over in the second of Acts. "Ye men of Israel, hear these words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you, by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know, Him, being delivered by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain. Whom GOD HAS RAISED UP, having LOOSED the pains of death, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE THAT HE SHOULD BEHOLDEN OF IT. For David speaketh concerning Him, 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face. For He is on my right hand that I should not be moved. Therefore did my heart rejoice and my tongue was glad. Moreover also, my flesh shall rest in hope, because Thou wilt not LEAVE MY SOUL IN HELL, neither will Thou suffer Thy HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life. Thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.'" Now he's quoting, of course, from the Psalms. And I'm glad he does, for in that, he gives recognition to the fact that the inspiration of the OT is authentic, or as Peter is quoting, he wouldn't give it. And also, it is a "Messianic prophecy" concerning the Christ. This could not have been fulfilled LITERALLY in the heart and the life of the writer. But he PREFIGURES, that is, he speaks more than that which is perfectly LOCAL in his own experience and life. He speaks more than that, for he often speaks relative to mysteries, movings of God, movings of the Christ in His manifestation. So this morning, we are going to look at this Psalm, at this portion of the scripture, and we're also going to look at the Psalm.
4. He says here, that He is a TRIUMPHANT KING who has found A WAY OF LIFE BACK AGAIN TO GOD. And He is TRIUMPHANT because, in these three departments, He has MADE MANIFEST His CONQUEST. Three Departments. Now usually, we have at least one of them emphasized, but there is another one that is NOT too popular. I want to read again, a portion of this, so that when I come to it, it will be familiar. He says, "David speaketh concerning Him." David is speaking concerning Christ. "I foresaw the Lord ALWAYS BEFORE MY FACE. For He is at my right hand that I should not be moved. Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad. Moreover also concerning his flesh, shall rest in hope." The FIRST thing that he says is that he BEHELD THE LORD EVER BEFORE HIM. That's WHY He makes conquest in the FIRST realm, because of HIS POSITION. Now, when we deal with the REDEMPTION OF CHRIST as wrought on Calvary, too many times we think of it in it's relation to us PERSONALLY. In a personal reception of the salvation which He has made, and we say, "Jesus died for me," which is TRUE. And, "Jesus set me free." That is true. Jesus has won a victory for us in humanity. But you see, if you LEAVE IT THERE, you have LIMITED it. Because, as we've given you lecture after talk and talk after lecture here on the platform, how many of you have seen through those evenings that there was a BREADTH IN THE REDEMPTION? How many of you get that? Do you see that? There was a BREADTH, an OVERALL in the redemption scheme of Christ, and there was an overall in the manifestation as to HIS IDENTITY. Now, if there is a redemption which God is going to RECOGNIZE, if there is to be a redemption which He can recognize by bringing His Son forth from the DEAD, then that redemption must cover a VAST TERRITORY. It must meet ALL OF THE DEMANDS! It must meet EVERY DEFICIT which has been made through sin! Not "just man sinning." But you see, THERE IS SIN IN THE WORLD BEFORE MAN IS CREATED! Yes, there is. Why? Why, the heavens, the throne of God has been INSULTED by the Devil! All of that is even BEFORE man is created. So there has to be some RECONCILIATION, there has to be some CORRECTION, there has to be SOMETHING PAID AS A FORFEIT, to correct THAT THING which has already been MADE before man is created. How many see that?
5. All right, now, if you are going to make even the simplest analysis of the ground that is covered by this redemption scheme, you have to go back to it's very beginning. Way

back to it's very beginning, as our brother of it this morning. Before God, in the heavenlies, EVERYTHING is pure, perfect, harmonious, moving as God designed that is should. And here was a specially created creature; for the angels and all the hosts, they are created. He's called Lucifer. And it is his duty, as we said and found; he's called the "covering cherub." Because it is supposed that he led the heavenly WORSHIP. The WORSHIP before God; that was given to him. THAT was his precinct, that is, territory. We'll come to that in a few minutes in Jude. THAT was his principality. That was his principality, that he should lead in the WORSHIP WHICH WAS DUE TO GOD. Well now, what happened here? Let's remember there is NO DEVIL to TEMPT the Devil, is there? Did you ever stop to think, how did he get tempted? Yeah. Well, now think with me for a few minutes. I won't let your head ache too hard, but you've got to think with me. I want you to think. How many sense that there was NO Devil to tempt the Devil, then HOW did he get started? Well, let me help you with that. In the creation, even of the angelic beings, in the creation of mankind, there is a WILL, a POSSIBILITY OF CHOOSING. A possibility of ALLOWING THE DESIRE that may be in their hearts to MOVE IN ANOTHER FIELD FROM THAT FOR WHICH IT HAS BEEN ORDAINED. Now, there was no EXTERNAL, that is, there was NO OUTSIDE INFLUENCE to direct Lucifer. But what is it? Just as we have found it. James found it, and how did James say in his analysis of sin? Man is MOVED...by what? THE DESIRE IN HIS OWN HEART!! And when that desire is RELEASED, it bringeth forth SIN, and sin bringeth forth DEATH! And he doesn't say a WORD about the Devil, does he? No, he doesn't. Why? Because it is very possible, and all of us know, that it is within the human heart to SIN, and the Devil could be in China!! Don't think that just everytime there's sin, it's just because the Devil...not at all! It wasn't with the enemy himself! It was WITHIN him, in his created structural law, in his makeup, a QUALITY, that he could GIVE VENT to HIS DESIRE in other patterns and designs from which it was MADE. He was MADE to lead in the WORSHIP OF GOD. All right. Now, there's no one from the EXTERNAL to move him. But, that subtle thing WITHIN him; he CAN and he DID, CHOOSE TO DIVERT the worship from God to HIMSELF! That's the origin of sin. That's the beginning of it. Way back there, when the angelic creature, holy and wonderful and beautiful, could of himself DIVERT the worship which belonged to God to HIMSELF. That's why in the last temptation, in the three temptations of Jesus...what is the last one? He has sought to DIVERT Jesus Christ from following a designed pattern in God to win the thing that God wanted Him to have. And the last one, when he had found that he was defeated in the first two, at last he comes fiercely at Him and says, "Fall down and worship me, and I will give You these things." Well, why? Because that's the thing that he's ALWAYS WANTED!! From the very beginning!! He has wanted that WORSHIP and the attention which belonged to God, he sought to divert FROM God, and swing it into HIS OWN REALM and his own sphere. And, he STILL CARRIES THAT! He wants people to worship HIM, not by getting down on their knees, but by the DEVOTION OF ALL THAT IS IN THEIR HEART AND LIFE which should be FOCUSED IN GOD--DIVERT IT to SOMETHING LESS than God, and he doesn't care what FORM it takes!! As long as he gets that worship and attention, FOR WHO YOU SERVE, HE'S THE ONE YOU WORSHIP!!! AND WHO YOU WORSHIP, HE'S THE ONE YOU SERVE!!! You can't SEPARATE them, they belong TOGETHER! And Jesus knew it! That's why He defeated him! He says, "It is GOD who we should WORSHIP, and SERVE." The Devil never told Him THAT part. And so the Devil doesn't tell people that either. As long as there can be a DEFLECTION, a diversion, a stepping aside FROM RENDERING UNTO GOD from that which BECOMES Him, which BELONGS to Him, THAT FOR WHICH WE WERE MADE...no matter WHAT FORM it may take, it is LESS than the thing that God WANTS. And that's what he did. He diverted that attention in the worship.

6. And instantly, you see, that whole thing crashes. He drags a third of the heavenly host with him. He "falls." It's the DEVIL who "fell," but man DIED. We talk about "and man FELL," and "the FALL of man." No. There's nothing in the scripture talking about "in the FALL of man," "the FALL of man," that's a theological term. It is a term that theologians have used to, as a short-cut to say that man DIED in his separation

from God. God doesn't say, "man FELL." God says, "HE DIED." But the modern people don't like that. They like to feel that he could be RESUSSITATED; that he "fell over," and became kind of limp and helpless, and if we could get ahold of him and put a few shots and inject him with education, culture and refinement, and these "good" things, we might RESUSSITATE him. But there is NO resussitating him, HE'S DEAD!! He's dead in trespass and sin. But when it comes to Lucifer, HE FELL from his upper places before the throne of God, into another region, above us. One of the heavenly places, and that's his STRONGHOLD, that's his seat where he reigns and moves. He isn't in HELL. There's NOBODY in hell YET, don't get that all mixed up. That's a PREPARED place, WAITING. But he isn't in there, don't worry! No, he is INTRENCHED, entrenched in the heavenlies. In places of power and authority with his hosts of demons, and they have ACCESS to the earth, and they DO come and HE comes. But he has NOT YET been CAST DOWN from his place of authority, but some day HE WILL BE. But he is entrenched now; that is the SEAT OF HIS ACTIVITY. So now when we come to deal with this question of REDEMPTION, here was a being who had it in his power to CHOOSE AGAINST THE DIVINE PATTERN FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN MADE and ORDAINED. A power WITHIN him, over which he must CONTINUALLY HAVE HIS CONTROL because his WILL IS SURRENDERED TO GOD. He WILL is surrendered to God. His WILL is surrendered to God, and there must be NOTHING TO DISTURB IT. And so long as he keeps the NORM OF HIS BEING CENTERED IN GOD, and his life and his whole being FLOWING OUT in the worship where it belongs; that's all that's required.

7. Now that thing has to be TAKEN CARE OF so that God can be CLEARED in all of that whole arrangement. Did you notice, I was reading it this morning, in Philippians, where it speaks of Jesus Christ coming down in his HUMILIATION? His humiliation of what we call, "The Incarnation in the flesh." What is the first thing that it says? It says that HE WAS IN THE FORM of GOD. Now your word there is MORPHE. MORPHE means, "every ESSENTIAL of that form." "Every ESSENTIAL," not "LIKE," but the ESSENTIAL. He WAS God!! He ever WILL BE GOD!! He is God the Son, and has all the place of power and dignity and honor and glory that belongs there, because HE IS GOD THE SON! He is in the MORPHE, the very FORM OF GOD. All right. What does He say the very first phase of His incarnation? He takes the MORPHE, the MORPHE, of a SERVANT!! Not, "he ACTED like a servant." He BECAME a servant!! He BECAME that! How? He has the place of all sovereignty and all power. Now, He takes the place--LESS, called that of a SERVANT!! Now, how many of you see why He was DEPENDENT upon God CONTINUALLY? He says, "The FATHER can send ten thousand hundred million angels if He wants to." He doesn't say, "I can send angels!!" No, no. He is DEPENDENT CONTINUALLY upon the authority and power of God His Father, OVER HIM. He is DEPENDENT, because He has taken that LESSER place. Well, now when you think of Him taking the place of the SERVANT, that brings you back again to that place that the ENEMY had. Satan was a servant of God. He had to SERVE in all that lovely realm, because there was nothing about him that was "like" the Devil. He was beautiful. Beautiful, wonderful, charming, glorious. ALL that God wanted. He MADE him, creatd him, brought him forth for this glorious work of worship and bringing this whole universe to it's place before God...in praise, worship, glory that belonged to HIM. There's nothing about him that is LIKE the Devil. Not at all. BUT--there is LATENT IN HIM the POSSIBILITY that he can OVERTHROW this. So, when Jesus becomes the servant, it is in his power AS A SERVANT, to DISOBEY! Why does the Devil tempt Him if there's NO temptation to it? Why is He have to become the VICTOR in all these fields, if there isn't a power over which He has to GAIN THIS victory, and have the authority and position? So the very FIRST victory that Jesus gains, now BEFORE He gets to the cross; we're going to get there by and by, the FIRST victory that Jesus gains is the fact that HE HAS AUTHORITY, power, conquest, ABSOLUTE, over these POSSIBILITIES of that creature PROVOKING SIN IN ITSELF. Do you get me? How many see it? How many get that? He gets VICTORY over that, the POSSIBILITY, BEFORE there is any EXTERNAL approach at all as with the enemy. And Lucifer is brought

down. HERE is One who can take that place and DO IT PERFECTLY. What? WALK WITH THAT POWER WITHIN HIM, AND NOT INDULGE, in what? In the RELEASING OF IT FOR HIS OWN ADVANTAGEMENT OR HIS OWN PLEASURE OR ANYTHING CONCERNING HIMSELF! He NEVER did! He NEVER did! The most marvelous creature, man, that ever walked the earth! He NEVER did! BEFORE He comes to Calvary, BEFORE He touches humanity, there is WHAT? A PERFECT VICTORY, in the realm of the NATURE...He has PERFECT VICTORY there. That's His FIRST victory, that He has VICTORY, victory in the CONTROL, in the absolute cominon and authority concerning His will, which was eternally centered in God, until the will of God was His meat and drink. And there was NO desire, NO shifting. And so, we find Him moving there; that was His first field of VICTORY.

8. Now your next, you will see, is when He takes this form of a SERVANT, and is in the GUISE, that is, your word there is SCHEMA. It means the "fashion of a man." The SCHEMA, the fashion in which a man lives. He assumed that also. Now, when He does that, there is a POSSIBILITY of an attack from the OUTSIDE, because the enemy has been dethroned and thrown down and has reached his, now, habitate, principality, in the heavenlies, and now he has access to the earth, and he can approach and attack anyone of US. He can attack ADAM. Adam didn't sin from something INSIDE. Adam sinned because there is sin already in the world in the Devil, and he sins because of an attack from the OUTSIDE! How many see that, or don't you? It's the EXTERNAL APPROACH to him, NOT an INTERNAL thing over which he has to get his victory. No. Adam didn't arrange, originate sin. There was sin BEFORE Adam was created. THAT'S the thing God sees has to be dealt with. And so these people, who have a "funny, little Christ," who "just died" for them on Calvary, I say, "Mercy...let Him...MOVE HIM OUT!!!" Until you can see Him in CONQUEST over EVERY DEPARTMENT OF EVIL!! Over ALL THINGS that are in rebellion to God! Over the Devil! Over his field! Over ALL THAT!! Let us see Him in conquest as a VICTOR, a victor this morning, over that whole VAST FIELD! ALL the powers of darkness. He has TRIUMPHED...He has GONE THROUGH the heavenlies with His Precious Blood before the throne of God. THROUGH those REGIONS...they HAD to be DISSPELLED! Why? Because He is the VICTOR! HE HAS WON. He is the CONQUERING ONE! He is the KING! He is the KING! And now He has gained that victory!
9. Well, now He has to gain a victory in the FORM OF HUMANITY. So He takes upon Himself the FORM OF HUMANITY! That's the INCARNATION! What did we find, the other night, I think it was a week ago tonite, I spoke on the temptation, Jesus in the hour of temptation? Well, what was it? It was His HUMANITY that was assaulted! You can't tempt DIVINITY. He can't tempt God, and God doesn't tempt you or me! God can PROVE us, but He never tempts us! Get that straight! A TEMPTATION is always unto distress, destruction, death! A PROVING is always unto what? A RELEASING and a GROWING. He PROVES us as Christians, that we can GROW UNDER the proving. The Devil uses the SAME thing as a TEMPTATION to DESTROY us. Never say, "And God tempted me!" He NEVER did!! God can PROVE you, and PROVE me, and He DOES. We are His workmanship, and He has a right to PROVE us. That's PROVING. The Devil TEMPTS. The Devil doesn't want us to grow. He wants to DESTROY us. So he sets up the same arrangement, and he uses that as the means to DESTROY. So when Jesus moves forth incarnate, in flesh; we had the lesson the other nite, He is the SECOND ADAM!! He's the SON OF GOD, but He has assumed the role of the SECOND ADAM and limited Himself to the SECOND ADAM! Why? So that the enemy can HAVE ACCESS AT HIM, that Christ can gain the VICTORY that the FIRST Adam LOST!! And Christ, in the form of the LAST ADAM gains the VICTORY! Becomes VICTORIOUS all the way through in every department where the FIRST one failed! How does He do it? He now has a VICTORY, not only the victory in His OWN HEART and LIFE, continually moving in God, but He has a victory over the powers of the enemy from the EXTERNAL!! How many of you get me now? How many see your TWO REGIONS? It's a DOUBLE conquest! It's TRIPLE! I'll show you in a minute how He has THREE.
10. Now, I want to take this Word to help you. How is it that Jesus Christ could, in that FIRST field gain His victory? It's given in this Psalm. It's given in the Psalm.

David spoke this concerning HIM. What did he say? "I foresaw the Lord ALWAYS BEFORE MY FACE." Now the victory of Christ in that first region, it was made possible because of the FOCUSING OF HIS BEING, under the typical picture of a FACE--"I beheld ALWAYS before Me, THE LORD GOD." Now that's SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT. That is the correct FOCUSING OF THE SPIRIT. The correct FOCUSING of all this INTERIOR in which we live. THAT has to find it's ADJUSTMENT and FOCUSING in God. "I beheld Him eternal. I beheld Him eternal." And Jesus Christ, in that first moving and through the WHOLE PERIOD OF HIS LIFE, was in conquest ETERNALLY...VICTORY!! Why? BECAUSE HE KEPT THAT ADJUSTMENT! He KEPT before Him the FACE OF GOD! HE walked with the ETERNAL present. He was NEVER LOCALIZED. He walked through things, but He never settles an issue, He never makes a decision, He never does a thing, ONLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE ETERNAL! In the light of the Eternal. If we could do that, how much TROUBLE it would save us! But we LOSE SIGHT of the Eternal, and we become ABSORBED WITH THE LOCAL. With the PRESENT, the thing that touches our FLESH. The things which relates to the HERE AND NOW, and we frustrate the thing. Don't live like that...the things that are seen are PERISHING, but the things NOT seen, ETERNAL. They are FOREVER. They abide, and when our vision is FILLED with that, you don't have to be too concerned with the HERE AND NOW. If your vision is still THERE, I'll tell you something, you will become a CONQUERER in that field. You really will. Jesus was a conquerer there because He KEPT HIS FACE ETERNALLY GODWARD.

11. Now Satan, Satan, had his position with HIS face Godward. For the WORSHIP! That was his POSITION. Now in Jude, I think it was about the fifth or sixth verse; don't look it up now. It says, "The angels LOST their principalities." Remember? Their PLACE, and were CAST DOWN? The angels LOST...well now, what IS THAT? Your Greek word there is "a principality." And, Satan HAD a principality, that is, A PLACE IN WHICH HE COULD MOVE. A place in which he is to FUNCTION. And the Greek word means, "a principality, a habitation." A habitation. HOW can he MAINTAIN IT? He MAINTAINS it as long as HIS what? HIS FACE BEHOLDS GOD THE ETERNAL!! But when Satan has SOMETHING ELSE to occupy his attention, his back is turned on the Eternal, and there is NO SECURITY for him!!! He's LEFT the PLACE OF SECURITY. He's LOST the place of security! How? Because he has now become OCCUPIED, concerned with that which is LESS THAN THE GLORY OF GOD. The face of God. "I BEHELD HIS FACE ETERNALLY before me." So Jude says the angels LOST their principality, and lost their habitation. Well, the loss of their principality and their habitation WASN'T THEIR PUNISHMENT! That was the SIN which brings them TO the punishment which He speaks of later, BONDAGE with chains in the realms of darkness! THAT'S their punishment! To FALL from their habitation, to fall from their place of authority and principality, THAT was their SIN. That was their sin. They LEFT it. They LEFT their principality. They LEFT that place, they LEFT that, that habitation, the thing DESIGNED. And they became SUBJECT now to the realm of darkness, which is their DOOM. That's their DOOM; that's their punishment, the realms of darkness and chains and all that, that's their doom.
12. Now, let's look at the next verse, the first phrase is the secret of HOW He does this. "I foresaw, or I BEHELD..," the better word is "to behold." That's your real word. "For I BEHELD the Lord ALWAYS BEFORE MY FACE." THAT'S your first victory. Because your ADJUSTMENT is correct. That's right. Now, how does He get the victory? By the enemy from the EXTERNAL, making HIS attack. "For He is on my right hand, that I should not be MOVED!" How many get it? Now, in the realm of our flesh, in the natural, the Lord God is AT HIS SIDE ALWAYS. He as SAFE in that WILL OF GOD. He was SAFE on the consciousness that God is WITH HIM. God is FOR Him. God is for ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS. God is ETERNALLY FOR THE TRUTH. And NOW, He is able to overcome in THE REALM OF THE FLESH, where the enemy comes from the EXTERNAL, to make his attack. He is SAFE because He says, "Now I have found something else. He is at MY RIGHT SIDE, my right hand; He IS MY STRENGTH! He is the right hand. He is ALL THAT I NEED." And He makes a CONQUEST. So, you have a conquest in your SECOND department.

13. Now, there's going to be a THIRD. Now, what is that? Well, we'll read it fast, I'll try to read it as fast as I can, so we'll see. "Therefore did My heart rejoice, and My tongue was glad..." But why? BECAUSE OF THE TWO GREAT VICTORIES ALREADY GAINED!!! Now, he's gained that first victory in that field. He gains the second victory in the FLESH, that which Adam should have had. "Moreover also, My flesh shall rest now in HOPE." Why? Because of the authority of the TWO-FOLD VICTORY WHICH HE HAS GAINED!! He gained the victory in the FIRST field, he has gained the victory in the SECOND field, and He is PERFECTLY TRIUMPHANT. And now He says, "Now, since the PENALTY OF SIN IS DEATH, AND HELL, I'LL HAVE TO MEET THAT! HOW can I meet it? In the POWER and AUTHORITY of what I have GAINED in my CONQUEST!!" NOW His heart is filled with joy! With faith, with victory, knowing that, "even though they take Me to Calvary, and they SLAY Me, and I go down into the depths of HELL....GOD WILL NOT LEAVE ME!! He can't FORSAKE Me!!" Well why? "BECAUSE I'VE GAINED THE ETERNAL VICTORY!!! And God is JUST, and when He reviews My pattern of life, I go down into this grave in VICTORY!!" Didn't I tell you the other night at that Passover supper when they went out into the garden, and he knew the garden was there, and He knew Hell was waiting, He went out with a SONG in His heart? Yes, He did. For they stood and sang a hymn, that's a Psalm. They stood and sang a Psalm. HOW can He do that? BECAUSE HE HAS THE VICTORY ALREADY IN HIS HEART. He has that victory in His heart that He has depended on the Eternal God to carry Him through. And the Eternal has given witness all the way along. He gave WITNESS when the star of Bethlehem hung out. That was God's WITNESS. "This is the right way." He gave WITNESS through all that He DID. He opened heave twice, you'll remember, and said, "This is My Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased." With all that as a DOCUMENT, with all of that THROWN ABOUT HIM as a sense of SECURITY, Jesus Christ can stand and break bread, and say, "THIS is My BODY..," I don't know... it's only THE POWER OF GOD that can make Him do that!! How could He DARE to do it? He could take that bread and say, "This is My body broken for you. This is the cup; this is My Blood." HOW could He do that? He could only do it because I think it is the most SUBLIME MANIFESTATION OF FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD. You think He had faith when He raised the dead and grew arms on people? Yes...that was wonderful...but get ahold of the SPIRITUAL SIDE OF THE THING! Get the necessity of faith in the REALM OF THE SPIRIT!! NOT in flesh! But the REALM OF SPIRIT, where He has to have faith to dare to say, "This is My body." And he KNEW the grave was waiting for Him. He KNEW that. He KNEW that when He has hanging on Calvary, HE KNEW that that grave was there. But HOW can He go into a grave? He goes in majestic FAITH. Sublime FAITH. Faith KNOWING that God cannot LEAVE HIM HERE. Why? Why does His heart rejoice? WHY can He sing at that Passover feast? Why? BECAUSE HE KNOWS GOD IS JUST. And when God reviews the work, looks at the design and pattern of that man Christ Jesus, God will see that in His life and in His death, take them BOTH, in the victorious LIFE which leads up to the DEATH; the VICTORIOUS LIFE which presents Him as the LAMB WITHOUT SPOT AND BLEMISH; when you see Him on the transfiguration mount, He is the LAMB without spot or blemish. But it's the LAMB that has to be SLAIN. We aren't saved by His LIFE, we are saved by His DEATH. The life is EXEMPLERY; it's beautiful, it's wonderful. But He didn't come to "display" a great character, HE CAME TO DIE! To die...to die. And then on that mount, He stands as a LAMB without spot, without blemish. Perfected, waiting...waiting. Why? Waiting that it can be SLAIN in order to SPELL REDEMPTION FOR THIS UNIVERSE. And so He says here...oh, He goes throught that...beholding His face eternally...look what a VICTORY it got Him. "I was conscious of His arm by Me." But what a victory He obtained.

14. Now conscious of these, He says, "Now my heart rejoices." "My glory sings," is one of the translations. "My glory sings." Why? "Because I have NO FEAR to become RESPONSIBLE for the SINS OF THOSE FOR WHOM I DIE." What is His THIRD victory? The third victory is He has victory in ASSUMING THE SINS OF THE WORLD, and allows them to BE PLACED UPON HIM, AND HE BECOMES THAT DAMNABLE THING CALLED SIN WHICH IS CURSED!!!! He does it. Why? Because he has that ETERNAL FAITH in God the Father...in God...in God...in God. Where is He triumphant in the THIRD? He is triumphant NOW because He

has ASSUMED, He has taken over the BURDEN and RESPONSIBILITY of doomed man and a doomed world! A CRUSHED universe! Hallelujah! He was able to say, by the grace of God, "Here I am!" Isn't He wonderful?...He dares to take the responsibility of all THAT. He dares to take the burden, WHEREVER SIN HAS MOVED! He takes it! WHATEVER SIN HAS DONE!! He TAKES it. Whatever hell has been made through the power of the Devil! He says, "I will take it! That's WHY I've come. That's why I've come. That's why I've come." His victory is in the fact that He would dare to assume YOUR burden and MINE. He would dare to ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY that's laid upon humanity and upon the world because of SIN. He says, "THAT'S what I will take." Of course, our "little" sins, they were all dreadful. But can't you see Him taking something MORE than that? MORE than that. Let's have a gracious Christ. Let's have one that is broad and deep in His reaching, whose arms at the cross reach around the world and through the universe. He is able to take the burden and responsibility where ever sin has entered. He takes it. ALL that sin has DONE. THERE is your THIRD conquest. FIRST, in the fact that He has victory over that which is INSIDE. The victory that the Devil LOST. SECOND, He bears that of a MAN, and with God at His right side. He moves through that period of manifestation, carries it victoriously till God accepts it. THIRD, He says, "Now, I'll take the burden of the sin of the world. All of it's consequences, for the throne of God has been insulted." WHO is going to take care of THAT? Could you and I? Could an "moral" man down here who say, "I never did anything 'bad'?" Well, I want to say, "Dear...man. Aren't you CONSCIOUS of the fact of SIN AND HELL IN THE WORLD?!!! WHO WILL ANSWER IT!!!! WHO WILL ANSWER IT!!!! WHO WILL ANSWER IT!!!! Will your little PIETY answer THAT?!! NO!! There has to be something STRONG AND MIGHTY. Something that is to be terrible in it's strength and it's victory. THAT'S the thing that will have to move to the throne of God that's been insulted. The WILL OF GOD that has been IGNORED and BROKEN, and ABASED. SOMEBODY has to FIX that and MEND it to it's FULLNESS...to it's FULLNESS...to it's FULLNESS. That's why we need such a tremendous CHRIST. I wish I could make you see how wonderful He is...don't you think He's wonderful? He obsesses me...I...I don't know how to tell it...but I wish God would give you an inner vision, an inner vision of this marvelous man, Who we love and honor today because He come through in victory.

15. And so, when He goes down into that grave, He goes down in PERFECT VICTORY. Rejoice in this fact! What does it say? "Because Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell. Neither wilt Thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption." No. "Thou hast made known to Me the ways of LIFE." Why? How?...THE WAY OF LIFE IS THROUGH A REGION OF DEATH! And He ENTERS into that region of DEATH!!! And OUT of this region of death, is the WAY OF LIFE. He says, "Thou hast shown it to Me. Thou hast shown Me the way of LIFE." Where did it lead You? "Ohh, it led Me to Calvary, and into a TOMB. Into HADES... ..it LED ME!! But it was a way of LIFE. And I have followed it...I have followed it...I have followed it...and it has brought ME OUT of the tomb, into a glorious place." Where else will it take You? IT WILL TAKE YOU BACK AGAIN TO THE THRONE OF GOD. It will take you back again to the place that You left, years before, into the place of pleasures forever more. How does He have that? That is made because LIFE has to come through a PROCESS OF DEATH. That's HARD teaching, but that's the philosophy of the cross. And it's the philosophy of our Christian faith. There is NO Easter morning, dear, unless you have a tragedy of Calvary, and a TOMB into which He has entered in sublime faith. Then, when God looks at the work that that Son has accomplished, because God is JUST, because He is JUST, because He is JUST; God looks at the satisfying ministry of the Son, in His Holy LIFE, His victorious DEATH, in His CONQUEST; God SEES THAT. And God, being JUST, says, "It is SUFFICIENT. It has answered EVERY QUESTION concerning DEATH, hell, sickness, disease, ALL OF THAT HAS BEEN ANSWERED in this glorious SON!" What will He do? Well, God puts a SEAL upon that great, wonderful work. This THREE-fold victory; God puts a SEAL upon it. How? When Jesus went down into that grave, HE WAS DEAD! Now, don't think that there was some power IN HIM that He could get up and tear the bars apart! There's no such thing as

that! That's in some kind of hymn or something. That spoils the whole teaching of the resurrection. He went down as a DEAD MAN, in faith, believing that He would come forth by the expressed power of God, Who would give it as a TESTIMONY. And when God SAW that work, in all of it's fullness and perfection, God gives a TESTIMONY to ALL THREE REALMS. He gives a testimony to heaven, a testimony to the earth, and a testimony to hell, and all powers of darkness of the Devil. God gives a testimony by RAISING the Son by THE POWER OF THE ETERNAL SPIRIT, and Jesus RESPONDS to the TOUCH of that Spirit, and He comes FORTH! Not because HE had some power, but because His LIFE, His DEATH, has been perfectly SATISFYING and SATISFACTORY to answer every DEMAND that the powers of darkness, or ehll, or the Devil could ever lay! HALLELUJAH!!! He has a LIFE and a VICTORY IN CHRIST!! He sees it; it's IN HIM! A VICTORY IN CHRIST, that answers it, and God says, "IT IS ENOUGH!" And God, the Father, through the Eternal Spirit, RAISES Him from the DEAD! It was such a sublime and marvelous and wonderful thing that God veiled even the universe from seeing it. There are some Christian folks who would have liked to have SEEN it. I don't WANT to see it. I don't think I could stand it anyway! There's somethings that to me are HOLY and wonderful, and I'm sensitive in my spirit, and I can't take them as people. There are some who want to run up to Jesus and say, "Oh, Hello Jesus!!" Oh, those are HORRIBLE!! That's like FLESH!! It's VULGAR!! I hope I'm not too strange...but I can't do things like that. When I approach anything that is near the Spirit, everything in me IS GONE. It just GOES. I don't have anything to holler, "Hello Jesus!," with. I just don't. I don't have that...I have a terrible sense of the AWE and the WONDER and the AMAZEMENT of it, that even if my life could be POURED OUT, just melted and poured out. Not...this running and shaking hands with Him. He IS human. He has a PERFECTED HUMAN CONCEPT OF LIVING. But, it isn't THAT. It's the fact that the SPIRIT...the SPIRIT...has been brought into touch with the SPIRIT OF GOD...which is HOLY and beautiful. And He has CLEANSED the Spirit; He has WASHED it. He has made us like unto HIMSELF, at least in some fashion. How? Through the VICTORY of this morning. Through that VICTORY.