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Glorious and blessed hope of our great God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. As we gather together in a camp setting, it's necessary to talk about a number of subjects. In fact, these subjects need to be so inclusive that the great doctrines of the Word of God are kept alive among us.

And I'd like to thank many, many friends this evening with whom we've had the joy of sharing in the past few days, keeping those moments in Christ Jesus alive. There's a blessed reunion that takes place as we meet friends that we haven't met for some time, and it's not all external show by any means. As we recall days when some of you first came to know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and some have grown beyond that relationship in which we've worked, and you're now ministering the Word of God elsewhere.

And it's also been a great joy to share in the Word of God and then to listen to testimonies and stories that are being told. There's the writing of a new episode in the history of Stainer Camp, and it happens at every camp meeting bar none. Last night I walked out of the doors at the side.

A very lovely young couple came to me and said that as a result of the blessings of the Lord's Day particularly, that one of this particular fellowship who had not known the Lord came to know the Lord Jesus Christ in a very real way through the personal witness in the trailer. Another brother came, and I'm not of course trying to expose these things to embarrass anyone, but another brother came and said when I walked into the tabernacle after a number of years of being in bondage to the habit of tobacco, I was immediately delivered. And someone else spoke in the same term about alcohol.

You see it's not necessary to go on preaching about it and judging people. What we need to do is put our arms of love around all who desire to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and carry them along in the flood tide of revival and the preaching of the Word of God, and let them know that regardless of the problems they have, that we love them in Christ, and that we are walking in each other's shoes and ask them to face these issues in the name of the Lord. I am also very grateful tonight to say that another dear brother experienced a great touch of the Lord in the healing of his body, and I'm just confident that the Lord is going to do these things among us.

And as the stories are retold, they shall all be to the praise of his name, and they'll be gone and forgotten by many of us, but then we'll spend the first few years in eternity just talking about the way in which he has led us, one by one, some through the fire, some through the flood, but thank God all through the blood. Let's notice Titus chapter 2 and verse 11, and this evening I'd like to share concerning the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, and there may be one or two that have heard these thoughts on many, many occasions, and so therefore the only way that the Word can be fresh to you tonight is if it is activated by the Holy Spirit, and once again God's prophetic Word will come to your heart in a new way. Titus chapter 2 and from verse 11, for the

grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Just a text in itself, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, but we are looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God that our Savior Jesus Christ who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works. These things speak and exhort and rebuke with all authority, let no man despise thee. And I'd like to assure you tonight that when you preach on that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, there is a sense in which the world can look on and think you're a fool and really despise this teaching.

But we're to exhort and rebuke with all authority and remember that it's not a man-made authority, it's a God-given authority. It is something that is imparted not because of who we are but because of who he is. So that when I see a man preaching the Word of God, I look to that individual as being the instrument of God for that moment and realize that no matter how human he is and how limited he may be in his knowledge or his ability, he has a word from the Lord for us and if we listen we will surely be better people.

I've been very embarrassed on occasion speaking about the second coming of Jesus Christ but no more embarrassed than a certain preacher in western Canada was just a very few years ago, in fact two years ago. Usually we have all of the ministers sitting up on the platform with us and that night for some reason all of the ministers except one decided to make an exodus, a departure. And I think that the dear friend who was left felt like saying as Paul did, when the time of my exodus comes.

And I think that he was very embarrassed by the whole situation because that night I was simply going through the Word of God giving the many references to the second coming and not giving much interpretation but just basic Bible teaching. And I saw that he had a Bible and he was flipping through it like this and the next morning I went downtown to the coffee shop and the reason that we go there is because in the smaller towns that's where you gather together, that's the bazaar. Sometimes bizarre but it was bizarre.

And as we shared together the minister was there and he looked over to me and he said it's very strange that I should have been left on the platform with you last night because possibly I am the only minister in this town that does not believe that Jesus Christ is coming back again. And he said as you gave the scripture you were entirely right that that's what the Bible says but I want you to know I don't believe it. And I have told my people that Jesus Christ was preached about to this extent that he would return two thousand years ago and a thousand and five hundred but he has not returned.

So go and build your farms, establish your companies, build the church, build your homes. This generation will pass away and Jesus Christ will not return. What can you say? How can you answer it when the word of God is being defied? Dr. I. H. Holdeman preached for 40 years in the city of New York and it is said that every Sunday night this preacher preached on the second

coming of Jesus Christ.

Usually most of us including myself exhaust our knowledge in one sermon let alone to give 40 or 40 years of sermons. And when asked Dr. Holdeman why do you preach every Sunday night now for 40 years he said because no one in New York City is preaching on the second coming of Jesus Christ. Now that may have been rather evangelistically speaking because I'm sure there must have been someone somewhere preaching.

But I get the feeling that very few are preaching on the second coming of Jesus Christ. We go through the hymn books and we notice that more of the hymns are being removed. Some of course are being removed because they're premillennial.

Some are being removed because they're amillennial. Some are being removed because they're panmillennial. They'll all pan out.

And some are being removed simply because there is little consciousness of the personal bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ. And I would like to go through tonight some basics concerning the imminency of the return of the Lord. The first thing I would like to do is to establish a clear biblical position.

You say now here we go. A clear biblical position. Alfrese do you have a clear biblical understanding of the return of Jesus Christ? And the answer is I do.

Almost to the point that all who believe and love the Lord Jesus Christ would underscore these things. I'm not going to come tonight in some dramatic way to give a particular scriptural interpretation because I have found out that these things come and they go. But particularly this evening for young believers, young Christians, and young people I would like to establish five things on the clear biblical position.

First of all his return is visible, personal, and bodily. You say well why would you claim that? Because eastern religions are beginning to pervade our thinking in North America. And in universalism, and particularly in Hinduism, they have a term that is called Maya, which means everything is visionary.

That it's simply a dream and it's all intangible. And the description goes so often in liberal theology that the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is actually the movement of a spirit. It is the climax of an event.

And Jesus Christ does not return visibly, personally, and bodily. But in a teaching that I've mentioned many times, and I hope that all of us will be able to answer others as you see it, please notice Acts chapter 1 and verse 11. Which also said ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

And you may say well what are the important words? The important words of the correlatives in

verse 11. So and as. It's usually in reverse.

As and so. In exactly the same manner as you have seen him go into heaven, so he is going to return in exactly that way. That's why Revelation chapter 1 and verse 7 says and every eye shall see him.

Some people believe this because of the advance of technology. For instance, if 600 million people could watch the marriage of the royal couple, or our dear lady die not so royal now, imagine springing that honor after the marriage. But if they could view 600 million, then they would say it's possible to say that every eye shall see him.

But my dear friends, before the hydrogen bomb was dropped and the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, I believed the word of Peter that the elements shall melt with the fervent heat. And some scientists said this is the first time that we have the cooperation that it's possible for the earth to burn. I take the word of God that it would happen.

Someone says that through mass communication, every eye shall see him. Do you know what I think the Lord is doing in heaven tonight? I think he's doing the same as he said in the book of Psalms, that as the heathen raged, he laughed in derision. And as we rave on about scientific development, I'm sure he's sitting up in heaven, looks down on this earth and says, oh fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have told you.

Do you think that I need television so that you will see me coming? I think it'd be a greater miracle to have 7.2 billion people in the world if it's in the year 2000, all sitting in front of a television at once, than it would be for Jesus Christ to figure out how it's going to happen. And then notice the second thing, and this is again very basic, that he will come when we least expect him. Matthew 24, 44, good scriptures to know.

In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh. And right now, today, I have not thought of the second personal visible bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ, and here I am fulfilling my own prophecy. No, I have thought about it because I've been thinking about the message.

Then Luke chapter 19 and verse 13 says, and this again will come to us as a thorn in our side, He expects us to keep busy until He returns, that is, occupy until He comes, no matter how long it takes, because I believe that the fire test of the ministry is consistency and faithfulness, and every time you stand up to preach, the Word is always there. Now periodically I mention certain brethren, and it's not to show them favoritism, but if you remember the ministry of our dear brother Clarence Hunking, who looks like the youngest preacher that ever retired in his life from the ministry, you will find that he has kept up the faithfulness and the preaching of the Word of God. And from the day he entered the pulpit till the day he left the pulpit, he has this track record that he was occupying until the Lord comes, and his messages improved, and I'm sure he embellished some of the old messages and wrote many new ones, but he was aware of the fact that Jesus Christ is coming, and he occupied that pulpit until this very moment, and will

continue to do so.

Do you see how important it is? I meet many friends who say, oh, I'm looking forward to retirement, brother. I can just hardly wait until that day comes, and I'm looking forward to the time when I can sit down and relax. Well, maybe I'll feel more like it in just a few years' time, but let me assure you, friends, that we are living contrary to the Word of God when we give up our witness, when we completely set aside our work, and when we fail to remember that Jesus is coming, and I must be a consistent servant.

Now, the fourth thing. There are signs of his coming, and you'll find these in Matthew 24, verse 7, and you've heard them many times. Earthquakes, famine, pestilence, and all of these things, but I want to give them a new term tonight.

Instead of calling them the fulfillment signs, I'm going to call them the goad signs, and let me tell you why. Because I am confident that there are times in history when there has been more famine than even today, and there are times when there has been an increase in earthquakes and in pestilence. In fact, the believers in Ethiopia and the believers in China are absolutely confident that according to these signs, they have missed the second return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You say, why is that? Because many of our dear believers in Ethiopia have suffered in an unprecedented way on this matter of famine, and they said, where is the Lord? Where's his return? If this has happened, why hasn't he come back? Now, I want you to very carefully listen to this tonight, because sometimes I go rushing in where angels fear to tread, and I had the opportunity to talk with a gentleman by the name of Philip Kerr, who is studying with the Alliance Church and the preparation for the great Christian return to the country of China. I mentioned this the other night. He said that there are well over 20,000 house churches, and now some of the great leaders in China are up in their 80s, and they're saying, we are just waiting to be taken away by the Lord.

We're just waiting for death, because now our churches are opening, and we're able to preach, and we've gone through a terrible time. But many of the Christians in China believed in these signs and had been taught the pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ and the fact that the church would not go through the tribulation. And many of the Christians up in northern China said that they believed when Mao was at the height of his leadership, and when the Red Purge took place, that it would be totally impossible for any Christian to suffer more than they suffered, and they believed that because of the teaching they had been left behind, and that the church in the West had been raptured, and many of them defected from the faith, because they thought that they had not a relationship with the Lord whereby they would have been caught away.

And so I'm looking back at the scripture now and saying, Lord, what do all these things mean? What is the understanding that I have? I'm not going to switch off concerning my beliefs on the details of the return of the Lord, but I'm going to understand that they must be put into

perspective. And so what are these called? They're called goad signs, that every time there's an earthquake, every time there's a famine, every time there's a spirit of Antichrist, every time there is suffering, every time there's a warning, it is just a goad to bring us along to remind us Jesus is coming. The earth shakes, Jesus is coming.

There's a famine, Jesus is coming. The spirit of Antichrist, Jesus is coming. You look up because your redemption draws nigh, and then to give every person this great and glorious hope that having the assurance of being covered by the blood, we shall not be judged according to our works, but we will be judged according to what we have done with Christ Jesus on the cross, and covered by the blood, we are perfect in the sight of Jesus.

Now, of course, that doesn't mean to say, friends, that with all of our shenanigans, that we're not going to appear before the bema, before the judgment seat of Christ, and we're going to give an account for the works done in the flesh. But it may be that we should be saying to the people of Canada tonight, hold on, no matter what comes, these are goad signs, and don't let anything throw you. Keep your eye on the prize and the fact that your Savior is coming back again.

Now, you may say, do you expect that anything will definitely happen that will show the real signs of the last time? And my answer is that I do believe that there is a period of time where we can look at this, and I'd like you to see Revelation chapter 13 just for a moment, and I'd like you to notice verse 4, verse 8, and verse 7. And you'll notice that often we change the verses around in order to show a certain amount of progress. It is understood that before our Lord Jesus Christ actually comes back in his final climactic return, that there will be the ascendancy of one world religion, Revelation 13, 4. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast, and who is able to make war with him? They worshipped him, and the term is that there is a universal worship. And notice, particularly in this verse 8, and all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him.

All, every person that dwells on the earth in this context shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of the life of the Lamb. That's the qualification. You may ask, is there a possibility of one world religion? I have never seen a time when that possibility is closer than it is today.

The teaching of universalism, which simply means all will be saved, the teaching of pluralism, which means that there are many, many ways of going to God other than by Jesus Christ, and the message of syncretism, which means a messing together of all religions or one world religion. And where you go today, you hear the rumblings in the evangelical church, just signs. And you hear a brother say, Do you really think that the heathen are lost? Do you really believe that there will be a separation of the sheep and the goats? Do you believe there will be a separation of the wheat and the chaff? Read Matthew chapter three and verse 12, and you'll see it in that context.

Do you actually believe that a loving eternal God would ever judge men and women this way?

And so with the increase of Roshicrucianism, Theosophy, Jehovah Witness, and many other isms, you will see that the thoughts are beginning to break through. And then to remember the teaching of Hare Krishna, and the teaching of what is known as philosophical Hinduism, that is actually blanketing the minds, and then supported by thousands of blood-bought Christians who practice transcendental meditation and yoga. And I only say that because sometimes it comes to us as an information.

Remember there are five steps in yoga, and yoga means the yoking of your mind with God. And the purpose in yoga is to banish all human desire. And when you get to that point of the banishment of all human desire, you will have messed your mind with God, and you will have attained what is known as Nirvana, which is salvation.

And I bring out these things, friends, as a prophetic warning tonight. Don't meddle with Universalism and Eastern Mysticism, because remember these are the signs that all who dwell on the earth shall worship Him, and it is a mind process that will take place, that will bow our knee to someone other than the Lord Jesus Christ. Then notice the second thing, Revelation chapter 13 and verse 7. It tells us that there will really be one world government, and it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them.

And power was given to him over all kindreds, tongues, and nations. Is there a need for one world government? Yes, there is. When President Reagan came in, and he said that the hope for the third world is to give the opportunity to the North American industrialists to make his overtures, and the Prime Minister of our country said, the answer for the world in the third world is to bring all money into the coffers of the federal government, and we will dole it out.

I'm sure he'd be standing up and saying, bring me all your tithes into the storehouse. I'll bring it into my storehouse. And this is a meaning that someday we will look forward to civil headship or one world government, because any leader today, and Pierre Burton mentioned this recently on the radio, and Gordon Sinclair has mentioned it several times, we're looking for a leader, and if this leader would be provided, we will follow him.

It certainly is not going to be the Ayatollah Khomeini. It's not going to be Bani Sadar. I don't think it's a man who exists today, but somewhere a charismatic, qualified man will stand up in that term of a budding personality, and will have the insight and the power, better than a Begin and better than others, to say, I can lead the nations.

And that means Revelation 13, 17, which is just one more thing, and it tells us that there is going to be a world monetary system, and that no man might buy or sell, save he that hath the mark of the name of the beast and the number of the name. And of course, we can see this happening in a very practical way today. Every time I go to Loblaws, and I see the girls so quickly putting everything through by that sensitized computer number, and I see the prices coming up, and I realize again that it's not going to be long until when they ask for my card in order to validate my payment, they will be able to use a little laser beam of some kind, and read off the number on my forehead, or the back of my hand, and they'll be able to say, yes, you

have a valid account, and immediately that'll be checked back to the bank to see if the money is in there, and you may not be able to buy or sell until you have that mark.

Do you know what some of us are doing tonight? They're saying, Alfrese, you're wrong. You're absolutely wrong, because the church will be caught away before that time. But I believe, my friends, that if Jesus Christ is going to tell a body of people anywhere what to look for and how to understand it, we shall see the signs, and we will know that our redemption draws nigh, and we will understand the imminency of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But there's a fifth thing which is far more important. I mentioned the fourth, the goad signs, which these all are. He is preparing for himself a bride and not a kingdom.

Now, I would say this very kindly tonight, because I thank God for every great gospel preacher, and I praise God for what is happening. But I sense the fragrance and the aroma of kingdom building that is going on in political circles in North America today. And I'm going to say this very carefully, particularly when we think about movements that are happening in Canada and the USA, which have as the prime importance the building of a better country.

Now, I know these things are necessary for the protection of our children, but let's be careful, because we must remember that he's preparing a bride, not a kingdom. You see, in Jesus' time, there were three stages of the matrimonial procedure. The first was the engagement, and that was a formal settlement, not between the bride and the bridegroom to be, but a formal settlement between the parents of the bride and the parents of the bridegroom.

And when that was settled, then the engagement procedure started. And this is still carried on in India today and in other countries in the giving and the receiving of a dowry. The second thing that happens is that there is a betrothal, and this takes place in the home of the bride's parents.

And the betrothal, through a certain ceremony, which is legal for the particular practices of the nation or the community and the particular culture in which they live, they agree with each other that they will be married. And then there comes a third stage, but it only takes place after a separation of one complete year. And the bridegroom and the friends then go to the father of the bride's house to get the bride.

And she is at home, dressed and waiting and ready with her attendants for the time that the bridegroom appears. And he comes down the street in all of the regalia and finally enters the house, takes his bride, and the actual marriage takes place. This is possibly the meaning of the five wise and the five foolish virgins in Matthew 25.

Behold, the bridegroom cometh. But he is coming to take away his bride and the hour of his return must be ever in our thoughts. And we must be alert because we are engaged to the Lord and we are betrothed to the Lord.

And we are now waiting for the marriage supper of the Lamb to take place. He is coming to

wed his bride. But I want you to know this tonight, that he is not coming to wed his bride as individuals.

He is coming, according to Ephesians chapter 5 and verse 25 and 27, to wed his bride, which will be the total church of Jesus Christ blood washed. And so if tonight you are depending on church membership, if tonight you are exceedingly boastful about your membership, I have news for you. There will be a receptacle for tags and they will be cut off and left behind and you will belong to the body of Christ.

And you do belong to the body of Christ and you will be married to the Lord Jesus Christ. Now by that I mean it's just the final stage. And there is another stage.

And the purpose of it is, Jude verses 24 and 25, that he wants to present you faultless before his glory. And the purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ is to take his bride to the Father and to the gazing hosts and say, here is my bride which I purchased with my precious blood. And it is the happiest hour in the universe when I present a bride without spot and without wrinkle before him in love.

We got a camp meeting? Is it to save a soul from hell? No, my friend, that's not the purpose of soul winning. I used to say that I wanted to be known as a pastor of a soul winning church and I think that's good and I'm very much committed to it. But friends, I am want to finish that statement these days and say I want to be the pastor of a soul winning church that will bring people who are converted to spiritual maturity that they finally will be ready for the presentation to the Father when he says this is my bride.

And I stood on the platform tonight and some of you may think I look a little distracted while I'm here and I do get a little distracted once in a while even though I'm listening intently to all that's happening. And I said, Lord, I'm not even worthy to preach the Word of God tonight. Why should I be called before a host of friends whom we know and love in Christ Jesus to take this the half hour or three quarters of an hour of their time to present the unsearchable riches of Christ when there are able ministers of the Word to do that? And then I thought, Lord, if I feel this way, I wonder how I should feel tonight concerning the motive of my service, the method of my service, my relationship, my time, my involvement, and all of these things when I know that I'm being prepared as the bride of Christ to someday have you present me to the Father.

How would you feel tonight if right where you are you had to pass the sentence on yourself and looking back over your life and your walk with the Lord and to say, oh, if anything should happen that he would present me as his bride tonight? Some of us are soiled, some of us are tattered and torn, some of us, my friends, have a bitterness in our life and in our relationship that I'm sure is not to the glory of God. And as I come to that word this evening, what I'm going to do is I'm going to leave the other half of the message until tomorrow night, because I feel that I wouldn't want to rush through the things that are left on the laborers of the kingdom and the spiritual and religious assaults and the pressure to live like others and many other things. But I hope that we'll come and listen and share tomorrow night.

Oh, tonight as the Spirit of God broods over this auditorium and we are here together, how much we need him, how much we need him. Let's bow our heads together in prayer, shall we? Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole. I want you forever to live in my soul.

Break down every idol, cast out every foe. Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Father, this is my great desire tonight, and I ask, Lord, that you will speak to all of us in a very special way, and that, Father, we might know you tonight in all that you have for us.

Lord, we desire to walk with you. We desire to know you. We desire to be with you.

Father, someday these journeys will be over, and our labors and trials will be finished and we'll be safe on the shore of the Lord, and that's going to be glory for us. But meantime, Father, we're in a time of preparation here. As we wait this evening, and our sister just plays in the piano just for a few moments, rather than rush into a hymn this evening, I'm going to wait just for a moment, and I'm going to ask that we meet together at the throne of grace.

Oh, that the Lord might speak to us. Friends, tonight we are called by the Spirit, we are bought by the blood, and what we are, we are only by the grace of God. And I wonder as we wait just for a moment, and we don't have a just a formal gathering tonight, I wonder if the Holy Spirit could minister to a number of lives in the auditorium, just like in Jesus' name tonight, to minister to your desire in the Lord and your needs in the Lord.

I believe that when we agree together, God does a beautiful thing. Last night we gathered at the front, had a grand and a glorious time, but I wonder how many in the auditorium tonight say, Alpha Psi, as I listen to the Word of God, I realize that I have business to do in my life in relationship to Jesus Christ, and if the second coming means that he presents his bride, I'd like to assure you that I have needs this night that need to be met at the cross and at the blood of the cross. And friends, I wonder if you'd have the courage and the grace and the strength tonight, just to stand up where you are, just take hold of the back of the pew, and say as I stand here this evening, and every eye is closed, every head's bowed, I want the Lord to minister to me and to my needs tonight.

God knows what they are, and I need to grow in grace and in the knowledge of my Savior, and I have obstacles that need to be removed, and I have barriers that need to be let down. Thank God Jesus is coming back, but I want to be prepared in a glorious way for his coming, and I have a needs tonight that need to be ministered to. And Alpha, would you please pray for me, because I really believe in intercessory prayer.

Would you like to stand where you are now? God bless you as you stand. Right where you are, just stand up. Thank you.

Others, please just stand up where you are. Let's minister to you in the Lord. Thank you.

Thank you. God bless you. Are there still others? Thank you, my dear friend.

And at the back, God bless you. I do this periodically, because there's a time when quietness, quiet business needs to be done with God. Sometimes a husband and a wife want to stand together, sometimes friends stand together, sometimes we stand alone, and we think, well, what does all of this mean? Friends, it means that the God of heaven comes near to us through all the ministry of the Word, as the Word has spoken so very clearly in a special way, and says, I see you, and I know you, and I'll help you, and you tell me what your need is, and I'll come with my cleansing, with my power.

Friend, I wonder if there may be those tonight that are here, and you say, oh Alph, I've been in a bondage of disunity, and a bondage of bitterness, and I have been in a bondage of resentment, and I'd like to stand in the light of the fact of being the bride of Christ, and I would like the Lord to deal with me. Would you stand up with us, along with those who are standing? For those who go through a time of real spiritual bondage, would you stand with us? Let God deal with you tonight. In the fact that we've taken our eyes off Him, and we've looked to much selfishness, would you stand with us tonight? As I remember that I am in bondage, in certain circumstances of my family, and it's hard for us to serve the Lord, and I'm disappointed and lonely, and I cannot be at my best for Jesus Christ.

Would you stand tonight? Would you stand tonight? Would you let Him have His way with you? Yes, God bless each one of you as you do so. For the one this evening that's not sure that you're a Christian, that you're not sure that Christ lives in your life, that you are a born-again person, would you stand tonight, and let the Lord speak to you right where you are? It'll never be more straightforward, and never be easier. Jesus died on the cross for you, and Jesus loves you tonight.

Will you open your heart to Him just where you are, and stand? God bless you as you do. Any others that want to stand, do so, and we're going to pray now. Even if you're on the outside, would you like to slip on in? Just come into the doorway.

Others may not be aware that you're there. They may not be aware of your need. One has slipped in.

There may be others that would like to slip in, and feel free to do so. There's a boy or a girl tonight that doesn't know the love of Christ in your life, and His forgiveness. You stand up with us also.

God bless you. Father, for the several individuals standing tonight, we praise your name for their courage, and for their strength, and for their confession. And Lord, they are not necessarily confessing this through and into an entire body, but they are coming with the admission of a need to say, here I am Lord, and you know where I stand, and you know what is the depth of the need of my heart.

And I would pray this evening, Father, that where the heartstrings have been meddled with from the outside, and the offense has come, that you would bring a spiritual healing.

Remember the one tonight, Father, that is having difficulty with the matters of bitterness and resentment. May the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse to the depth.

Remember the one this evening, our Father, that has wandered away from you, and has compromised, and realizes that sin is a rebuke to their Christian life. I ask, Lord, that you will help that person tonight to know the glorious freedom in Christ. Thank you for the young people who are standing, and for the great desire they have to serve you.

And Father, for the problems they face, and I'm going to ask you that some will return to school this fall, much strengthened in the Lord, because of the series of meetings that we have had together. Lord, may the fullness of God's love be upon each one. And shall we stand together? And now I ask that the united blessing of God the Father, and God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit shall rest upon us, now and until Christ returns again in all of his glory and splendor.

Amen. Friend, if God is doing a real work in your life, and you recognize that these things are taking place, let's feel free to tell other believers and to share together, shall we? If there's a young man tonight, several young men or several young ladies, who are sensing the call of God to the ministry, whatever you do, talk to Mr. Schloss, or talk to myself, or talk to your pastor particularly, and let him know, because he'll be able to nurture you along and help you. You see, out of a camp meeting setting is where we get recruits for the ministry.

And we're on a recruiting program, just as the military goes on it. The only thing is that our dividends are high, and we believe that it will be a life that you'll look back on, where you'll have no reserves, and no retreats, and no regrets. And if you'd like to come to the glory of the ministry, I'd like to tell you that you'll have the biggest heartaches you've ever had in your life, but you wouldn't trade it for all the money in the world.

Not that one ministry is more important than another. Thank God for every lay ministry and every full-time lay ministry. We praise his name.

But I think we all realize that it takes a special calling for a man and a woman to set aside their life, to be willing to move anywhere, to go anywhere, to speak out against sin and Satan, to take what salary is offered, and then finally to look back over life and say, this has been my service in ministry. And I trust that God will call at least a half a dozen young people, and not only young people, but some young couples from their business and other places, to do this the work of the ministry. God bless you tonight.