

Proverbs 15:24-29

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SEC: The Value of Giveaways

One of my fondest memories as a kid growing up was going to the Stark County Fair. I guess every city has a county fair. I know we have a state fair; I have never been to the state fair. I think I was there one of the years ago, but we never missed going to the Stark County Fair.

As a kid growing up, I have pictures of all the farm tractors there and the military stuff there. I have pictures of me as a little kid behind a .50-caliber machine gun on a tank. It was a fun time. The best part of going to the fair was going through these long buildings where all the people who wanted to sell you something were lined up. Everybody went through there because they always had giveaways. They gave you rulers, bags, little trinket things that you could use. Pens were really popular. My mom and dad used to love going down through there. We would come out with big bags of stuff that were giveaways.

I grew up, like most people, really enjoying freebies and giveaways. One of the beauties of being 65 is the fact that I can go through the McDonald's drive-through, order a small coffee for a senior citizen, and get it for 64 cents instead of 92 cents. That may not mean much to you, but it means a lot to me. I like giveaways.

I say all that because today in our service there are going to be a lot of giveaways. So get your pencil, get your notebook ready. There are going to be a lot of things that you probably will not have time to put in now, but when you get into a passage like this in Proverbs, things start coming. In fact, we have to take quite a lengthy passage here, and we want to look at it. There are going to be a lot of freebies today, a lot of things that I am going to throw out to you that you will want to go back in time and put in your Bible so you have it.

SEC: Review of Last Week's Principles

First, let us talk about last week and kind of put it all together. Last week in the book of Proverbs, we saw a number of really good principles. We looked at the concept of New Jerusalem and how the New Jerusalem as a city, the bride, represents and means to us. The Bible talked about somebody despising their mother. We went through and put that into a biblical context for you.

We saw the great concept of the idea that people get through the devil by being deceived, that our folly, the sin in our life, we actually think that it becomes our joy in life. We talked about the short-term and the long-term effects of that. I showed you in relation to all of that the seven things in the Bible that they rejoice over and make merry over in heaven. I was talking about the fact that you and I, as God's people, many times rejoice in things that they care nothing about in heaven, and we, as God's people who should know the Bible, never really rejoice in the things that they rejoice over in heaven. So I gave you those seven things.

Then, I think you got a lot of freebies last week now that I think about it. Then I gave you 12 new things in the Bible that are above the sun. I showed you the book of Ecclesiastes, how

everything in that book is under the sun on planet Earth. I showed you how it is all vanity. I said that there is nothing new here. If you really want something new and exciting, you have to get above the sun. So I took you through the 12 things in the Bible that are new and above.

I talked about the Bible, talked about being safe in a multitude of counselors. I showed you how that was not your friends. There are a lot of people who call me after they call 28 people to find out what they should do, and then they call me. I always tell them just to do what the other 28 people told them to do. They are not looking for an answer; they are looking for something that they can justify what they want to do. The greatest counselors you will ever have, a multitude of counselors, are the 66 books of your Bible, written by 38 or 39 different men who give you all the counsel that you need.

We talked about that. We talked about the time in your life where you become established in the Word of God. Its value to God, your establishment in the Word of God, knowing what you know, knowing why you believe what you believe, how valuable that is to God, but not only to God, but also to me in our church here, to our church and to you, being established in the things of God.

We talked about God using you at a point in your life, and the Bible talks about God's decision. I showed you the book of Nehemiah, how Nehemiah was used of God and how God created the circumstances in that book of Nehemiah, the only book in the Bible where God is not mentioned. It shows God behind the scenes, and it shows what your life and my life should be, because Nehemiah is a picture of the Laodicean church period in a doctrinal aspect. It shows you that you and I should be God's man, to be the right person at the right place at the right time that God can use us the way He wants.

Then we talked about how when the truth of the Word of God or none of these things are in your life, the Bible says that a man, a woman, is destitute. Absolutely no value in their life or anything, and their life is a mess, and they are miserable.

SEC: Proverbs 15:24-29 - A Living Book

Now today we want to look at our next set of verses and principles, adding right to what we looked at last week. As I said, there are going to be a lot of free things here today that you want to pick up and get. Let me begin to read in Proverbs 15:24-29.

Proverbs 15:24-29

The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.

He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

Now you would look at a passage like this, and I know I did for years and years and years, and all you would see was the passage. To many people when I read it, I am sure some people scratched their head and said, "Well, what are we going to get out of this today?" It looks like it is just a running account of some things that are obviously true in life, but where do we go beyond what we see here?

I want us to take and look and understand how the Bible is a living book. The Bible is a book that stays current with any time period in history. The Bible is alive, and these verses are alive, and as you take it to the Holy Spirit of God and allow Him to illuminate, you are going to see some things. It is in these today that, as always, I want you to really get some things out of this, but I want you to get all those freebies that you can just put in there that will help you down the line someplace.

SEC: The Way of Life Above (Proverbs 15:24)

Now let us look at Proverbs 15:24. We know the doctrine of the book of Proverbs will be about the nation of Israel. We know that historically Israel was a nation of God that had some issues, and the Bible says in Exodus 4 that Israel was God's son in a corporate sense as a nation. So we find that much of this is written to Israel as God's son. They need to get their act together.

But we also understand that doctrinally it is an application to something in the future. Israel is going to go through the Great Tribulation period, the greatest time on Earth yet that no man has seen the likes of, but Israel is going to have to go through that period, and going through that, they are going to be brought back to God. So we know that that is true. We also know that inspirationally all this applies somehow to you and me, because you and I are God's son also. So we want to keep that in mind. With Israel as God's son, it will put the context of many of these verses in the Tribulation period. I want to show you back and forth today. I want you to be able to glean from this, and passages like this are invaluable when you can get the information and get it in such a way that you can get a large portion of it.

Proverbs 15:24 says, "The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath." Now Proverbs 15:24 is saying that there is a wise man here, and he departs from hell beneath and gets to a life somewhere that is above. I must confess to you that if you just read that, most people will be scratching their head, but it is very clear once you understand the whole realm of the Word of God.

As you find it in Proverbs 15:24, this will be your reference, and here is your first freebie: this will be your reference to the Old Testament saints that would be found in Abraham's bosom in the Old Testament. They get set free at the crucifixion of Christ. So you want to get that and understand it. Primarily, this is what he is talking about in a historical application, and also a doctrinal application.

Most people make a terrible mistake when it comes to the Old Testament and the New Testament. Most Bible teachers today, most pastors, they know so little about the Bible that they

actually believe that the way of salvation in the Old Testament was exactly like it is in the New Testament. Of course, that is ludicrous, and nothing could be farther from the truth.

Now I understand that in any dispensation of the Bible where you have salvation, grace and faith are always the key. I am not telling you that there was not grace and faith in the operation of the Old Testament. Certainly there was. But the difference is the fact that in the Old Testament you are dealing with a literal nation of people. All the promises are literal. We know it as the kingdom of heaven. In the New Testament, we are dealing with the body of Christ in a spiritual realm called the spiritual kingdom of God. We know that the promises to Israel were literal, but the promises to you and me are spiritual.

One of the great illustrations of that is simply that in the Old Testament, they literally fought nations that were against God and against them and killed them and wiped them out. We do not do that today in Christianity because the Bible tells us, and here is a great point, that our battle is a spiritual warfare. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, the Bible says. They did in the Old Testament. So you begin to realize that when God was dealing with a nation of Israel in the Old Testament on their salvation, it is different than yours and mine. The reason why I know it is different than mine is because when they died, they did not go to the same place that we go when we die.

The book of Hebrews is a great book. Here again, most people completely misunderstand the book of Hebrews. They want to make it Hebrew Christians. There is no such animal as a Hebrew Christian. They want to say, "Well, that book was written to Christians that were Hebrews or Hebrews that were Christian." You even find groups today that call themselves Hebrew Christians, where they have a Jewish nature background. Maybe they are born Jew, but they are now a Christian. So they want to present both sides of the coin. So they call themselves Jewish Christians or Hebrew Christians.

The Bible says, and you know what, I keep hating to bring up the Bible. I just, it would be a lot easier if I just went along with everything. But the Bible says that in Christ Jesus, there is neither Jew nor Gentile. If you are saved this morning, I do not care if you are Jewish in your ancestry. I do not care what it is. The moment you become a new creature in Christ Jesus, you are now a Christian. Simple as that. But we see a lot of confusion on it today.

The book of Hebrews is a book that really compares the Old Testament from the New Testament and shows you that the New Testament is better. One of the things he does is he compares the priesthood. This gets a lot of people messed up. He shows that the Old Testament priesthood was a literal priesthood under Aaron, the Levites. But he shows you that the New Testament priesthood is one after the order of Melchizedek, which is Christ's priesthood, which is a spiritual eternal priesthood. He says and shows you that this one in the New Testament that you and I have is better than the one. I think you find the word "better" like 14, 15, 16 times in the book of Hebrews.

We talk about the angels and Christ. He compares the angels to Christ and he comes out showing you Christ is better than the angels. He goes through every aspect. He goes through the promises

and he says, "You know what? The promises in the Old Testament were good, but the promises in the New Testament are better." You know why? Because they are spiritual.

By the time he gets to Hebrews 8 and 9, he goes through and lays out and compares the sacrifices. He compares the sacrifices of the blood of bulls and goats versus the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. You know what he says? The sacrifice of Christ is better. You know why? Because the Bible says in the book of Hebrews that the blood of bulls and goats could never take away your sin because the salvation of the Old Testament is different than the salvation in the New Testament. They could not go to heaven. There are a lot of technical reasons for that. We will not get into that today, but suffice it to say that there is a difference between the two.

So in the Old Testament when they died, they could not go to heaven. Psalms 16:3, another freebie for you, talks about somebody who the saints that are in the earth. The greatest example of this would be Luke 16 when we talk about Abraham's bosom. You know the story. The Bible says there was a rich man who fared sumptuously every day, and there was the beggar Lazarus who laid at his gate full of sores. The rich man had everything, Lazarus had nothing. But in reality, the rich man had nothing and Lazarus had everything. There is a great little sermon right there.

The Bible says in time, they died. They both died. The Bible says that Lazarus was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. Then it says that the rich man also died and in hell lifted up his eyes. What takes place in the next verses of Luke 16 is a conversation between the rich man and Lazarus. They are in the same place. But the rich man is in hell in torment. Lazarus is comforted on the other side. It is the greatest story in the Bible that shows you that in the Old Testament, Abraham's bosom had two compartments to it.

This is a little freebie for you that throws many people off. The word "hell," when you find the word "hell" in the Bible, the word "hell," as we talk about it today, is used for both compartments. We think of it as just the side where it is in torment, and that may be true. But the correct biblical term, the word "hell," talks about both compartments: the one the rich man was in and the one Lazarus was in. So in the Old Testament, when a righteous saint died, he went to Abraham's bosom. When an unrighteous man died, he went to hell. Of course, they are in the same compartment. The Bible says they are in the center of the earth.

When Christ died on the cross, He gets the keys, the Bible says in Revelation 1:18. I talked about this Thursday night. He gets the keys to death and hell. Up to that point, the devil had the keys. That is the technical reason why nobody could go to heaven. The devil had the keys of death and hell. When you go over to Matthew 16, you find that hell has gates. So there has to be a key to open the gate. You find in the Old Testament, the Old Testament saints are locked up in the prison called captive, captive of death. The devil has the key to death so nobody could ever resurrect and go to heaven.

Now we know that all changed when Jesus Christ died on the cross. In Ephesians 4:8-10, He says:

Ephesians 4:8-10

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

You see, once He came out of that tomb, He goes down into Abraham's bosom and He preaches down there, the Bible says. Then He tells the Old Testament saints, I do not know what He tells them and the message is not given, but bottom line is, He leads them out. They once were captivity of death. Now He has the keys of death and hell. The devil is defeated and He leads them from the heart of the earth up to heaven. This is what Proverbs 15:24 is talking about. He delivers them that were subject to the bondage of death. He takes them out. When Christ takes death and captures death, Hebrews 2:14, He now has the keys. He opens up those gates and He leads them out. Another little freebie for you here, and I am not going to give them to you today, but in the Bible you will find there are seven keys. It is a tremendous little study. This is just one of them, the keys to death. There are seven keys in your Bible that are very important.

Now that is the doctrinal application, historical application. Now the inspirational application, it is for you and for me. When you and I got saved, we went from death to life. We went from hell beneath to heaven above. Most people do not understand this. Most unsaved people do not get it at all, but most of God's people do not get it.

Before you and I got saved, the Bible says that you and I were dead in trespasses of sin, Ephesians 2:1. The Bible says in John 3:36 that when we were unsaved, the wrath of God was already on us. In other words, what I am trying to tell you is that when you and I were in an unsaved state, as far as God is concerned, we were already in hell in His mind. Now I am saved this morning and I am already in God's mind seated in heavenly places. But when you were lost, when I was lost, in God's mind, the wrath of God's condemnation was already on us and in God's mind, you and I were in hell with a gate shut, key locked, key lost, and the gate rusted shut and was not going to get out until Jesus came down and opened that gate.

So you and I, in that sense, when I got saved, I departed in God's mind from hell beneath and now I have risen above and I am seated on the right hand with Christ. The Bible says in Ephesians 2:19, now that I am saved, my citizenship, this is why even though I may be an American by birth, the moment I got saved, or you may be Jewish by birth, or whatever you are by birth, the moment you got saved, God changed your citizenship and now you are in heaven, a citizen of heaven. When you understand that, you will realize that now, like I said last week, this is why our affection should be on things above, Colossians 3:2. Ephesians 2:6, as I said a moment ago, now you and I are seated in heavenly places. Our citizenship is up there.

SEC: The House of the Proud and the Widow (Proverbs 15:25)

Now look at Proverbs 15:25. "The LORD will destroy the house of the proud, but He will establish the border of the widow." Now this is another freebie for you here and you want to get

this down. Doctrinally, the house of the proud will be the destruction of the Antichrist at the second coming of Christ. That will always, when you find that in the Bible where it is talking about the house of the proud or the proud, always want to look at the context. 90% of the time it will be dealing with the destruction of the Antichrist as it is here.

Now the last part of that verse is dealing with the establishment of the borders, it says there, "but He will establish the border of the widow." That is very important. That will be a reference to the nation of Israel. Right now, Israel has just a fingernail hold on the land grant that was promised to her when God met with Abraham in Genesis 15. If you would have a map up here, you would see that the original land grant goes all the way from Egypt all the way over to Ur, which is modern day Baghdad, and then all the way up to the north to Mount Ararat. That is an interesting little thing. That is why God chose Mount Ararat to put Noah where the ark landed. It is right there in southern Turkey. When that ark rested on Mount Ararat, those boys came out of that, Noah came out of that. When they headed down, you know where they headed? Right down over that land grant that was given to Abraham. It is an incredible study when you go through the whole thing. We do not have time to do that this morning, but suffice it to say again that this is what we are dealing with here.

When you go into Ezekiel 40-48, those will be the eight greatest chapters anywhere in the Bible on the millennial reign of Christ. If you do not have Clarence Larkin's book on Dispensational Truth, sometimes pick it up. He better than anybody I have ever seen in my life goes through each chapter and details it out incredibly. I took basically everything out of his book and put it into my Bible. I have the charts. I have everything at my fingertips that I have everything that I need there.

My point in this and Ezekiel 48:1-35, he actually defines for you these borders. He actually uses the word "borders" and shows you the borders of each tribe. Now the idea of the concept of a widow here, the borders of the widow, the widow wherever you find it in the Bible. Again, you always want to be careful that are usually not maybe every time, but if not every time directly, probably every time indirectly as a type, it will be someone who is a picture of the nation of Israel, someone who was left alone like a widow would be, someone who could be taken advantage of like a widow could be, someone that could be taken and fooled by the devil.

The widow where you find it in most cases will be a reference to the destitute situation of the nation of Israel. Israel is illustrated in the Bible as a widow many times throughout the Word of God, destitute without any help, defenseless.

- You will find in Psalms 68:5 that the Bible says that God is the judge for widows.
- You are going to find that in Psalms 78:64 where it makes a reference to Israel in the Tribulation as a widow.
- You will find that in Isaiah 9:17 that God not having mercy on the fathers or the widows, a picture of the nation of Israel in the Tribulation period.
- Isaiah 10:2 is another one where it talks about that the widows are a prey for the Antichrist.

Israel is pictured as a widow because she is defenseless. She has no husband. Her husband is God. He has divorced her and she is pretty much on her own. In Jeremiah 18:24 we see talk

about the destruction in the Tribulation connected with being a widow. In Lamentations 5:3 it says that we are orphans and fatherless. Our mothers are as widows. Again it is a reference to the nation of Israel in the Tribulation period. You want to get these verses down. These are the freebies. These are things that probably took me 10 years to understand that you are getting in the course of an hour and 10, 15 minutes. These are things that are invaluable that you put them in there, you get them in there and they denote the context for you.

SEC: Thoughts of the Wicked and Words of the Pure (Proverbs 15:26)

Now look at Proverbs 15:26. "The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, but the words of the pure are pleasant words." Now the thoughts of the wicked, here again, doctrinally this will be the Antichrist or the devil, however you want to make it. Inspirationally we know that it is a reference to the devil and his children, John 8:44. "You are of your father the devil." Jesus was speaking to the scribes and the Pharisees, literal people.

You will see that the thoughts of the wicked that are an abomination to the Lord, they are actually laid out for you. They are found in Proverbs 6:16. The Bible says there are six things that God hates and the seventh makes it an abomination. So these are the thoughts of the wicked that are an abomination. I want you to notice that it is in Proverbs 6:16 and then the Bible says there are six things, clearly giving you 666.

Now we have been through it before. I will not spend a lot of time on it today, but you are going to find that these six things the Lord hates and the seventh making an abomination is the thoughts he is finding in Proverbs 15:26. Now when you go back to Proverbs 6:16-19 you find:

1. A proud look.
2. A lying tongue.
3. Hands that shed innocent blood.
4. A heart that devises wicked imaginations.
5. Feet swift to mischief.
6. A false witness.
7. Discord, sowing discord among the brethren.

Inspirationally, John 8:44, these thoughts of the wicked will also be the thoughts of unsaved men and unsaved women. Unfortunately, sometimes they are also the thoughts of God's people, but that is another message. But the Bible says in John 8:44, that "you are of your father the devil" and then he says "the lusts of your father you shall do." Of course, these are the thoughts that make up the concept of the devil and which are an abomination, the wicked.

Now I want to show you something here. These seven thoughts, these seven attitudes of heart, they are the devil's mindset. You are going to find in the Bible that you find the mind of God. You find the mind of the Spirit of God. You find the mind of Christ. You also find the mind of the devil. I have given you before how Job 40 and 41 are the two greatest chapters in the Old Testament on the outline of the devil, laying him out. Revelation 12 and 13 would be in the New Testament. But along with that is you have Proverbs 6:16 and places like Proverbs 15:26 to kind of lead you where you need to go.

Now what I am going to show you, one of the most incredible things that God ever gave me, and gave me this many, many, many, many years ago, I want to show you the mindset that the devil has that finds and spans history. It is one of the most amazing things when you take these seven things and you can actually put them down in history.

- The first thing it says in Proverbs 6:17 is a proud look. You know that was the first sin in the Bible? You know that takes it right back to the beginning in Genesis 1:1 where Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14 tell us that Lucifer was risen up by pride. The first sin in the Bible you find is the first one listed here that starts the beginning of your Bible. That the devil had a proud, the Lucifer had a proud look and when he fell he became the devil.
- The second one in Proverbs 6:17 is a lying tongue. That will be Genesis 3. This is your first lie in the Bible. The first lie in the Bible was when the devil, the serpent, went to Eve and said, "Yea, hath God said," and then he changed what God said and he lied about it. John 8:44 says, "You are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father as you will do." What is the next part of the verse? "He was a liar from the beginning." There it is.
- Proverbs 6:17 number three, hands that shed innocent blood. That is Genesis 4, Cain and Abel. First murder in the Bible. John 8:44 says, "You are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father you do." "He was a murderer from the beginning." That is Genesis 4.
- Proverbs 6:18 says wicked imaginations, "a heart that devises wicked imaginations." In Genesis 6:5 at the time of Noah the Bible says "the thoughts of man's heart and his imagination was only evil continually." There it is. Walking right through the Bible with these six things. That will take us from Genesis 6:5 right up through Moses when they come out of Egypt.
- Proverbs 6:18 the fifth one is feet swift running to mischief. That will be Israel under the law, waiting no time for the opportunity once they come out of Egypt. How long was it before they raised up a golden calf? The study of the nation of Israel from Exodus 12 up through the captivity is nothing more than them taking every opportunity to run swiftly to do mischief against God. There it is and the devil is behind it.
- Proverbs 6:19 number six false witness. That will bring us up to the crucifixion where the scribes and the Pharisees and the Sadducees and all the religious leaders made false accusations against the Lord Jesus Christ and crucified him. All false witnesses.
- The seventh one Proverbs 6:19, "he that sows discord among the brethren." That puts us right up in the church age. That is God's people's number one sin today, not being able to keep your mouth shut instead of praying for somebody you talk about somebody. If there is one great sin that is the absolute paramount sin of the body of Christ today that is the abomination for God, it is sowing discord among the brethren.

Pastor said one time, "I would like to be able to stop all that in my church." I said, "Well, if you do, you would have to, you would not have a church." He said, "What do you mean?" I said, "You would have to kill everybody because that is the only way you are going to stop it." These things run through the span of history; they are recorded for you in Proverbs 6:16-19 and lo and behold you find them in Proverbs 15:26, "the thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord," laid out throughout the Bible, quite incredible. Potentially going to be some freebies today.

Now look at the last part of Proverbs 15:26. "But the words of the pure are pleasant words." That will be the Word of God, God's pure Word. One of the greatest passages in all of the Bible on the purity of the Word of God, and it is an incredible two verses, is Psalms 12:6-7. If you do not have them marked in your Bible, you certainly need to have them marked, and here are some more freebies for you to put along with that one.

Psalms 12:6-7

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

You know one of the things that I did years ago when I began to get into the Bible, and I knew it had to be done, is as I not only did I study church history but I began to study the history of everything because I realized that everything will go, I do not care what it is, everything will go back to the Bible. I do not care, I started studying architecture. You will go to Europe, you will find that the buildings in Europe will show you exactly whenever a year was built, will show you exactly where they are with the Word of God. It is true in our own country. You go to Washington D.C. Washington D.C. was built in a time where they still believed the King James Bible was the Word of God and they still loved and feared God. So you know how you know that? Because every government building there will have hundreds of Bible verses on it. Nobody believes them today.

It is interesting study, art is another one, music is another incredible one. I mean I do not care what it is, and certainly one of the things that I began to look at was the history of the King James Bible and the history of languages. You know the King James Bible, the book that you hold in your hand today, most of you, is written in the purest English of the time frame of the English language which spans between 1600 to 1700. You are going to find that all languages go through a process. They start out like English started out around 600-700 AD, very gibberish, and it moved through a process that it came to the apex around 1600 or 1700 when it was at its purest form and then it began to degenerate as man began to degenerate from the Bible and today the English language is a cesspool and it is a mess.

Dr. William Lloyd Phelps, who was professor in English literature at Yale University in 1900, he wrote a book called *Reading the Bible* published by Macmillan House in New York. On page 10, 11, 12, and 13 he makes some incredible statements and one of the things he says is that the King James 1611 was the most important and influential book in English literature. No English in the world is equal to the form of English found in an Authorized 1611. He says, "If the original text was inspired or not I do not know, but I have never had any doubt of the divine inspiration of the AV 1611." He was one of the greatest minds on the English language in his day.

A study of the English language, the English language starts way back with the Anglo-Saxon, the word Anglo, we get the word England, English from that word. It is part of the western branch of the Germanic tribes and the Germanic languages back in that time period. English language will go when you study it through three basic periods of development. A development that leads to

English as its most perfect form as Dr. Phelps was talking about in 1900. Today English language is the universal language of the world. Most people do not know it, many people do not agree with it but it does not matter to me.

There has only been three universal languages down in history that the Bible was written in. In the Old Testament when God was dealing with the nation of Israel the universal language was Hebrew. Now from a scholarly standpoint in university they would disagree with that and they would be right. From a world standpoint the greatest universal language was never Hebrew, but you have to get out of the world standing and you have to get it looking from what God's standard was. God did not care about the Amalekites, He did not care about any other nation, the Egyptians, they are all dead languages. God looked at His little people down there and established the Word of God in Hebrew that in the Old Testament was the universal language. You say, "How do you know that?" Because there was no Old Testaments in any other language, that is how I know that.

When the world moved into a Greek speaking world God put the New Testament into Greek and Greek was the universal language of the world for many years and as the world moved and developed on, English became the universal language of the world and today God put His final Word in His final form in the English language but He waited till that language got to the perfect apex of its purest form because the Bible says that the Word of God, "the words of the pure are pleasant words" and He wanted to make sure that that pure perfect book was written in the purest language that it could have been written in and it is one of those things where it is just incredible.

The Bible says in Psalms 12:7, "The words of the LORD are pure words, as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." You go to your Bible, here is another freebie, 1 Kings 8:51 tells you that the furnace of earth is the world. So God took His book, put it into a form and then through the world system, through the persecution, through the hatred of it, through everything that man tried to do to destroy it. You know what He did? He does the same thing with the Word of God that He wants to do with you when you go through the tough times and persecution in your life. He purifies you but we do not get that. When it says purified seven times it just has a wild deal that there are seven periods in church history of the New Testament that that book got purified through. You are going to find when it says purified seven times your King James Bible went through seven editions. The last one being in 1769 but if you have one out of the Milford or an Oxford, you have a 1769 edition that was the last one but it went through 17 editions, not revisions, editions.

You will find that when you go back in history and English language develops, you will find that the early Bibles with Wycliffe and Tyndale of the English translations, you will find that there are seven English Bibles that come through history from Wycliffe and Tyndale all the way back in the 1300s and the eighth one that comes out, the new beginning, a new Bible, the last Bible for the Christians with the King James 1611 Authorized Version. A Textus Receptus, the text that it comes off of, found in seven major languages. That is some Bible you got. That Bible says, "but the words of the pure are pleasant words," the Word of God.

SEC: Greed and Gifts (Proverbs 15:27)

Now look at Proverbs 15:27. "He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live." Now here again doctrinally this will be a reference to the Jews in the Tribulation period and you know in the first half of the Tribulation the Antichrist comes out with a false peace. He gives favors and concessions and gifts to the Jew and then because the Jew is out of fellowship with God and greedy he falls for it. He takes them and it sets him up for the second half of the Tribulation period when the Antichrist tries to wipe him out. You find that in the Bible listed as a snare or a net wherever you find it in the Bible you want to watch those words. So doctrinally that is what you are dealing with.

But in a practical application it simply says that a man who is full of greed will pass that attitude of heart on to his children and in time his house will be troubled because they will become worse than he is. I want to give a note to your parents here and I do not have anybody in mind when I am saying this other than maybe myself, but whatever fundamental issue that you have in your life that you are not willing to fix, in time it will trouble your house because you will pass that right on to your children no matter what it may be. In this case it is greed. A great verse to illustrate this is found over here in Proverbs 17. We will look at it here in a moment.

Now the second part here says, "but he that hateth gifts shall live." Doctrinally again that is the Jew in the Tribulation refusing the offer of the Antichrist knowing that something is not right. Inspirationally as we find it today, welcome to 21st century politics. Or some officials receiving a gift, a bribe to do something, study a favor. Everybody understands and knows the corruption in Washington D.C. It is all about power and money. Whatever a politician says to get elected he will never do it after he gets elected. He is not interested in you.

I have said it many, many times and I am not sure how people can be so stupid. A guy runs for the U.S. Senate. The very salary of a U.S. senator is \$174,000 a year and he runs a four-year term but he will spend 200 million dollars in an election trying to win a job that only pays \$174,000 a year for four years. Something fundamentally wrong with that. You know why he is willing to spend 200 million dollars to get a job that only pays \$174,000 a year? Because he is going to make money off of bribes. They are called special interest groups in Washington. They are called the lobbyists. People who will pay you money to get you to put their ideas through Congress and get it passed.

A great verse on this is Proverbs 17:23 where it says, "A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment." That is exactly what goes on and that is exactly what the verses say and today all day long you can buy you a judge, you can buy you a government contract, you can buy you a senator, buy you a congressman. Why, you know some of the waste in Washington is unbelievable. It was a while back that the B-52 bombers, the navigator, had a little chair that he sat on that moved back and forth where he could navigate the plane and it came to light that they were paying for the little rubber caps that went on the end of those seats. They were paying a thousand dollars a piece for those. You go to Walmart and get them for 28 cents a piece. How does that happen? Somebody is making some money off of it. That is how it happens and today all day long you can buy a congressman, you can buy a senator. We talk about the Clintons and all of those things and how she used the Secretary of Defense and I do not care one way or the other and she made friends with these and they were paying her millions of

dollars to speak. That is how it works today and this is why today that most people in Washington have no credibility with anybody.

SEC: The Heart of the Righteous (Proverbs 15:28)

Now look at Proverbs 15:28. "The heart of the righteous studieth the answer, but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things." Now this is a good one. This is a great verse and I guess if there would be any one verse that would sum up what the Christian life is all about after we get saved, one verse is probably this one. When you think about it, you know the Bible is the greatest answer book in life. Do you know that?

You know when it comes to the Bible there are no experts, only in their own minds. Everybody likes to portray it as the idea of being a Bible scholar. A Bible scholar, somebody you think she knows a lot about the Bible. The more I have studied the Bible, the more I have learned how little I know about the Bible. That is a Bible student. We are all students on different levels when it comes to understanding the Bible and on whatever level will be the questions that we have.

The Bible says, "the heart of the righteous studieth the answer." If you do not ask why, you will never learn anything. I have done a Thursday night Bible study for over 40 years that is based on you getting to ask any question you want to ask about the Bible. I will get 20-30 calls a week with people asking questions about the Bible. I have the advantage of opening up to you to meet one-on-one and usually my week is filled with people coming over and they ask questions about the Bible. I will get a phone call from somebody saying, "Hey, I am studying this and I am stuck here. What does this do? What does this mean?"

I mean stop and think about it. Our whole Christian life is about us asking questions from God about life and the things that we have to deal with. People ask me, "Why did you teach that that way? Can you explain this to me? Hey, I see this but how does this work? I saw this but I am not sure where to put it where it fits in my Bible." People ask the question all the time, "What is God's plan for me?" You probably have heard somebody preach on the will of God or preach on the plan of God or heard somebody talk about doing something for God and you probably in your own heart thought to yourself, "What is God's plan for me?"

People ask me all the time, "Who should I marry? When should I marry? When should I date?" I have people ask me all the time, "Hey, you know, I just, I am in discipleship, you know, and I really want to stay focused on what I am doing but, but you know what, I want to have a boyfriend or a girlfriend too. When should I date?" I actually have people call me on, I mean this is kind of ludicrous, but I actually have saved people call me on the phone and ask the question, I mean this is Bible 101, "Is it okay to date an unsaved person?" I always say back, "Is it, are, if you were at a dance and the devil came up with big horns and a pitchfork and a tail and a red Union suit and said, 'Would you like to dance?' would you dance with him?" "Well, absolutely not." "Then don't mess with an unsaved person, you are dancing with the devil." I kind of come, see you knocking this through my neck out again.

"When should I get married?" I have had people ask me all the time, "Hey, you know, we are going to have a, should we have a long engagement or a short one?" I always say a long

engagement, about 40 years. People ask me, "Should I take this job? I got an opportunity, should I take this job?" People say, "Well, how do you find a husband or a wife that is really good? They are all such idiots out there." Easy now. "How do I deal with this issue? How do I deal with my children? How do I deal with my husband? How do I deal with my wife? How do I deal with my family? I got some real family issues. Why did this happen to me? Why did this happen to so-and-so? Why can't I ever get the victory over this?" You see our whole life is simply asking questions but the Bible has the answers to it.

"The heart of the righteous studieth the answer" to those questions and some of you, bless your hearts, you study to give other people answers. Like 1 Peter 3:15 says that "be ready for every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." You study to give the right answers and when somebody asks you, you know what to say. But all our lives we simply study the Bible. Oh, I know we want to learn about God and learn about the history. I get it. But fundamentally right down to the bedrock when you go out tomorrow and you have to face the world of flesh and the devil, you know what we are asking questions about our own survival on planet Earth about the Word of God. Why are things the way they are?

When we started the Bible we learned about God and when we learn about God we learn about ourselves. Most people do not get this, that is the greatest thing that you could ever do because one of the great ways to study in the Bible is contrast. Here again I get three or four every time I deal with somebody on something, sometimes two or three times a week. People always want to compare their problems with somebody else's problems. They get something that is not right in their life and they will say, "Well, so and so did it." I have had them say, "Well, you know, I have tried to deal with them on something and they will say, 'Well, you know what, so and so had the same deal.'" Let me tell you something, rule number one of Christianity: Never compare yourself with anybody. You know why? Because you are not them.

Let me take it a little down to the basement and help get a little bit more here. Bottom line is God is dealing something in their life that He is probably not doing in yours. Their walk with God is probably different than yours. Therefore their circumstances are probably different than yours. I never compare myself to anybody. You should never compare yourself to anybody. You know how you, if you really want to do it, don't do it by comparison. Do it by contrast. Don't compare yourself with somebody else. Contrast who you are with what God said you should be. Don't say, "Well, I am going to compare myself with so and so or I am going to compare myself with this guy or this gal. You know they did it this way and I do not know why." You do not do it that way.

Here is what you do. You have an issue in life, something you do not know what the answer is to. Here is what you do. Simply ask yourself this: If Jesus was in the exact same situation that I am in, what would He do? Don't compare yourself to anybody. Contrast yourself to the Son of God. It is not comparison. It is contrast. Hey, I can always find somebody worse off than me. When I want to justify something I want to do, I always got, "Well, I can always find somebody in worse shape than me. I can always find somebody more despicable than me. I can always find somebody whose situation mirrors mine and I want to compare to that so I can really do what I want to do." But I want to tell you something. When you dump the comparison and you go with the contrast and you contrast what you are to what He is and just simply ask yourself, "Okay, I

got a decision to make. If Jesus was in the same boat, what would He do?" And then you know what, it gets simple. That is what you do. Whoever said that Christian life was hard? It is only hard when you are crooked. Contrast versus comparison.

You get to know and learn about God, you learn about ourselves. Our weaknesses. Our issues. Our strengths. And then you want to know more. I love questions about the Bible. You know I always tell you that there is no shortcut to learning the Bible and that is fundamentally true. But the reason why I like questions about the Bible is because asking questions about the Bible is probably the only legitimate shortcut to learning the Bible there is. Gleaning from somebody who took 20 years to learn something and you can learn it in a question. I wish I would have had that when I was growing up. I had to dig it out of the rock myself.

Parents always want to make life easier for their kids. I like that and I appreciate that. Sometimes they can go too far and spoil them to death and then they get a spoiled brat in the world and I understand that. But parents always want to make life easier for their kids. I understand that I am a spiritual father to many of you and I must tell you I like to make your life and getting the Bible easier than it was for me. I like when you ask questions. I think it is the only legitimate way in the whole world where you can get a shortcut to learning the Bible. Ask me something that I can answer and explain to you in five minutes. It probably took me three or four years to grasp. That is an accelerated spiritual growth and some people would think that there is something wrong with that. There is nothing wrong with that. That is exactly what God intended to do. He will always put somebody out there who labored harder than you, worked harder than you, dug in deeper than you so it will save you some time so you can get to where He wants you to be faster and there is nothing wrong with that. The job is not how much pain did you go through to learn it. The job is what did you do with it once you got it and the quicker I can get it to you around here the quicker we will get some more things done for the Lord.

Now look at the last part of that verse. "But the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things." Poureth like no control. Note the key word here: "the heart of the righteous studieth the answer." The key word here is heart, man, spirit. The heart of the righteous has the heart of God. The heart of the wicked has the heart of the world. In both cases, Bible says in Matthew 12:34, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." One pours out the things of God, the other pours out the wickedness of the world. It is just that simple. That is why the Bible is in Proverbs 4:23 that you are to "keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life," one way or the other.

SEC: God Hears the Righteous (Proverbs 15:29)

Now look at Proverbs 15:29. "The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous." Now again doctrinally another freebie for you, this is a Tribulation verse talking about the prayer of the Tribulation saints in their darkest hour. They are found all throughout the Bible. Most people just never get that far into the book to be able to see them over there in Revelation 7:14. In Revelation 6:9-10 it talks about the souls under the altar and those souls under the altar have been killed in the Tribulation and they are crying out to God and saying,

"How long, Lord, how long, how long, how long?" Those are the Tribulation prayers that he is talking about here.

You will find them throughout the Bible typified many times in Psalms by David and what he is going through in his struggles as David is a type of a nation of Israel going through the Tribulation period. So you will find that in Psalms 20, Psalms 22, Psalms 23, Psalms 25, Psalms 28, Psalms 29, Psalms 31, Psalms 35, Psalms 40, Psalms 59, on and on it goes and it will all be like this: "Hear my cry, O Lord," "I cried unto my God," "Hear me, O Lord." Wherever you find those or something like that, you have a Tribulation prayer that he is talking about here that "he heareth the prayer of the righteous."

Now it goes on and says here doctrinally, first part of that verse, "The LORD is far from the wicked." That will be the Antichrist and his crowd, that goes without saying. But in a practical sense, this is one of the great verses to show you that God does not recognize the prayers of an unsaved man or an unsaved woman. He hears the prayers but He does not recognize the prayers other than the prayer of salvation. Today and just about all the great religions of the world, the blessings, the prayers, and across this city and across this country and across the world, all the prayer is simply a waste of time because God does not hear anybody but His own children.

I say again, John 8:44, "You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." Two spiritual families in this world. John 9:31 says, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth."

Now I have had guys dispute this and they would say to me, "Well, you know what, I was an unsaved man, I was praying to God one time in a bad situation and God got me out of it." Like that proves that God heard his prayer when the truth of the matter is he probably had a great praying grandmother or a mama praying for him at that particular point in time or somebody else praying for him and God honored that prayer. The Bible is very clear on it, "You are of your father the devil."

Now if you stepped out your front yard and you saw the neighbor's kid across the street doing something over there, you would not walk over across the street and give him a whipping. I mean, if he is hurting somebody you might yell at him, but if you, you would not go over and discipline him. If he is out there and he is doing something that he just should not be doing, you would not walk over there and grab him and sit him down and start showing, talk to him about what the Bible says and, "Now son, I got to whip you now because you know you are not doing what is right." You get sued. You know why you would get sued? Because he is not your child. You are not going to go correct somebody that is not your child. Well, if you are an unsaved person, you are not God's child. The wrath of God already abides on you. You are of your father the devil, so He left the devil deal with you. Now that does not mean that He does not put people in your world, does not mean that He does not get people praying for it, does not mean He does not try to get you to salvation. Fundamentally, He looks at your heart and He deals with you on the basis of that heart. Well, you getting out there in a foxhole someplace saying, "Oh God, if

you get me out of this, I will serve you the rest of my life." God says, "Yeah, right. I have heard that about 943 times today."

Now in a practical sense again, the aspect of the last part, I want to look at that part again, "he heareth the prayer of the righteous." Now prayer for you and me is the number one aspect of our walk with God. Christians who do not pray will never be very strong. Communication in your Christian life will be about your communication in prayer life. It is so simple yet it is so vital.

You know when a marriage falls apart, bottom line, when you start digging down through all the layers and it may take be several years of layers, but when it all comes down to it, usually the problem is communication, a lack of it. When a husband or wife cannot talk about anything or anything, it is over. Just a matter of time, they wind up going through the motions.

Why wars are caused by a lack of communication. There is no talking. We had the Russian doing flybys on one of our ships this last week, put the world in the theater. You know Russia not talking to anybody, she denounces everything whatever the United States says and that is how wars start. I will guarantee you if a commander would not have been a cool head and that plane would have come in, they had him on radar long before he is on a, he is on an attack course on a ship, American ship, and in national waters. I will tell you what, if I had been a captain that had blown that guy out of the sky so fast he would not have, what hit him, and I would have said, "You know what, I am really sorry about that, we were testing our guns and that sucker just happened to fly through the bullets when it went off."

In war you win a war by disabling and disrupting communications. War is over. General Schwarzkopf was one of my favorite generals. He was a general in the first Gulf War in the 90s and Saddam Hussein had a formidable army and a Republican Guard. They were not going to be a piece of cake to knock over. They were very well trained, very well entrenched. But when the war started, General Schwarzkopf did an amazing thing. The first 15 minutes, really the war was over. The rest of them, the mop-up. In the 15 minutes he took out all the communication between the rear areas and the forward areas. They could not communicate enough. He did not worry about the troops, did not worry about the tanks, he did not worry about the Republican Guard. He targeted in the first 15 minutes every communication center that they had and they were blind as a bat and then he carpet bombed them for the next three weeks with no communication from the rear areas to tell them where their eyes were, to give them any intel, who was where or what was going on. They did not have anything and every day they got pounded. By the end of two or three weeks they were waving white flags and the Republican Guard was surrendering to CNN crews.

In our own warfare of the believer, our struggles with the world and the flesh of the devil, our first attack that we will face will be against our prayer life and when you surrender that, it is only a matter of time that the rest will go and when it goes the war is over. You have lost the battle and then the devil will carpet bomb you with problem after problem after problem after problem.

Bible says in Ephesians 6 it talks about putting on the whole armor of God and he gives you seven pieces of armor and the last piece that he says and gives you, pulls it all together is in Ephesians 6:18 where he says, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and

watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Then he says over in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Paul says, "Pray without ceasing."

Now the verse in Proverbs is so important because there will be times in our lives when we think God does not hear us. There will be times in your life and my life when you have a need and it is probably a legitimate and you will pray to God and the heavens are brass. We do not get the answer we need or maybe we want or maybe we do not get an answer at all. You know as far as I am concerned people judge real Christians by the wrong standard. The real test for what a child of God is really made of will be the determination when they do not get what they pray for and so many times they start to blame God. They get mad at God and they never fully understand anything about prayer.

For me the real test is not when everything is going good in your life, "Well, who could not hallelujah God then?" The real test is when your cat dies, your dog gets run over, your car gets in a head-on collision, your house burns down and you got everything going wrong in your life. Can you say, "Praise the Lord" then? It is times like these for me, I cannot speak for you, but it is times like these for me that verses like this one in Proverbs is a gold mine. They become my rock and they become my anchor for it says to me and it guarantees me no matter what happens and what I am going through and what I want to feel and what I want to deal with, it simply says God hears me. The fact that I am not getting my answer only reinforces the fact, it does not take away from me and God, it only reinforces the fact that He has something else for me to learn through this and I am willing to go through it to learn it but never and I mean never do I ever feel He is not hearing me. I get it. I am established. I cannot speak for you. I know that God turned His back on His own Son on that cross. Do you know why He turned His back on His Son? So He would never have to turn His back on you and me and the quicker you learn that the better off you are going to be and it establishes you like we talked about last week.

SEC: The Record of God

Now my Bible says in 1 John 5:10-13:

1 John 5:10-13

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:14

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

Hey, do you have confidence in Him this morning? That is the question. We say, "Well, I am safe." I did not ask you that. "Well, I got a King James Bible." Congratulations. Do you this morning as a child of God going through the issues and the struggles of life, do you have the confidence in Him? I have the confidence that if I ask anything according to His will, He hears me. It does not say that He does it, but I have a record and this is the record, the Word of God. The Word of God He wrote to me as a record. My confidence is in the record that God gave me about all things.

I have a record of my eternal life. You cannot talk me out of my salvation. I got a record of it. I got a record of my eternal security. I have a record of my prayer life. He hears me even when I do not think that He does. I know He does. I have a record of every question in life that I have to face. I have the record book that I can go to and He wants to establish us in the way of God and our lives are confidence through the record that God has given us.

I would say probably the number one issue that defines God's people today is simply a lack of confidence in the things of God, a lack of confidence in the ability of God to give you through the book all the answers of life. You get that confidence through a witness of God to you through the record that God has given you, through your prayer life, through your time you spend talking with Him, that His witness with you through that book shows you that no matter what you go through you have a record.

It has always been amazing to me in life, everything we do we get a record of it. I got four dogs. I got to have four dog licenses. I got to have a record of their shots so I cannot take them and drop them off anywhere. You bought a house, you got a record, it is called a deed. You buy a car, you get a record, it is called registration. You go to Walmart and buy some goofy little stuff, they give you a receipt called a record. You are all sitting here this morning and you are all alive but if you want to go to college some place and went into the administration and said, "I want to go to school here," they say, "You got to have a birth certificate." Why? Prove you were born. Hello, that is not good enough. You cannot do anything meaningful in life without a birth certificate. Do you hear me?

I am telling you spiritually, you will never do anything meaningful for God in your life until you have a record of your spiritual new birth certificate. You know who you are. You know what you believe. You know what you stand on and no one will take that from you. Without that, you will never do anything in life. Some of God's people, some of you here right now, if you had to have your birth certificate this afternoon, you would be in a panic. You do not know where it is at. You think your mother has got it. You think, "I put it here. I think I put it there." And you have to have it this afternoon by two o'clock and you are running all over the place. And yet some of you as God's people are the same way with your spiritual birth certificate. You do not have it. You do not know where it is at. You lost it. You put it away someplace and the world just kicks you six ways from Sunday. Everything comes down on you. Every problem you have you got to run to somebody else. You do not have the ability to go into the Word of God and fix your problem from what Jesus said. You always got to be looking for somebody else. You know why? You have lost your birth certificate. I did not say you lost your salvation, but you have misplaced the record.

The reason why God's people have no power in their life to do anything for Him, they have lost the record of their salvation. That is why some of you can get talked out of your salvation or if somebody asked you to win them to Christ, you could not even do it. You have lost the record and everything in your life and my life will go back to the record that God gave us. That is the witness that builds the confidence that establishes us that we know that He hears us and no matter where He puts us and what we do. I have been in some of the most god-awful worst situations in my life that I could ever hope and never not hope to be in, but there was never a time in my life when I did not know that God was right there with me even when I could not see it because I have a confidence and I have a record.

You got a lot of free stuff today. What you do with it from this point on is up to you. But as long as I am here and God gives me breath, I will keep kicking out and spitting out the things because I love you. You are my kids no matter how old you are and the job of a spiritual father, a pastor, is to make your path to learning the Bible easier than mine was. You may not do anything with it. You may just go your own way. That is between you and the Lord. My job is to make sure that you get it better, quicker, cleaner than I got it because we got some things to do for the Lord and you do not have the 20, 30 years it took me to get it so we will get it to you quicker but you better do something with it.

Let us pray. Father, we thank You and praise You for the Lord Jesus and we do love You. We pray now Father Your blessings upon today and all that we endeavor to do for You and Lord these are good people, proud of them. Lord, I love them so much. Lord, I know that they want to do what is right. They want to be everything that You want them to be. Help us Lord, help us to be bound faithful in all that we do and we will be careful to give You all the honor and the glory and the praise in Jesus' name for His sake we ask it. Amen.

I will give you about 10 minutes and I will call you back and we will get set up for to remember the 18th and Cherry group, you are moving over so when you come down here today we will see how many we got and we will move you over there. You are dismissed.