

I. Review

If you have your Bibles this morning, let's turn over to Psalms 33. The last time we were together, we were in Psalms 32, and I showed you and defined for you the four aspects of us when we break our fellowship with God. We defined four areas:

- **1.) Transgressions:**
Getting out of bounds of the rules that God has set.
- **2.) Sin:**
The Bible defines sin as any kind of unrighteousness. A life without faith is sin before God.
- **3.) Iniquity:**
This is the root of our sin found in our heart. We talked about Jeremiah 17:9
- **4.) Guile:**
Our mindset to get around God.

The greatest example I gave you on that was Jacob. Jacob means "supplanter," a man who, all of his life, until God got a hold of him, tried to circumvent what God wanted him to do, to do what he wanted to do. Those were four great keys.

Then I showed you that the **key to our walk with God and staying with God in fellowship is to stay clean with God**, to confess these areas when they come into our lives. It talked about Christ being our hiding place, and it talked about us singing the songs of our deliverance. Like we did in our song service and with the boys here today. Then it talked about **when we stay clean before God and we put these things in our lives, then God is going to do three things in our lives.**

1. **He will instruct us.** That's the Bible itself, the mind of Christ, which He instructs us.
2. **He will teach us.** That will be not only the examples that you find in the Bible, but the examples in life that you see. Once you base them up against the Word of God, you can see the goodness of them or the fallacy of them, and He teaches you.
3. **He will guide us.** I talked about how the Holy Spirit will guide you once you get saved. He will guide you through the Word of God; He will guide you to the right church.

But after you get saved, then you get into a Bible-believing church that follows the Word of God and God will put people in your life. Almost everybody in this room this morning came in at some point, on some spiritual level and somebody helped you. Somebody worked with you, somebody disciplined you, somebody invested their life in your life. Through that, God gave you guidance through them. That is what the church is all about: helping people get to where God wants them to be.

II. Introduction to Psalms 33:1-9

Today, as you know, we are going through Psalms chapter by chapter, verse by verse. We are in Psalms 33. This Psalm is also a Psalm of David, but it is going to be a millennial Psalm. It is going to be dealing with the millennium. I told you that when you look at the book of Psalms, and every book of the Bible is going to have three distinct applications that you'll want to look at.

➤ **# 1. Historical aspect:**

This really happened with David, who was a real man going through his struggles.

➤ **# 2. Doctrinal or prophetic:**

It shows you what is going to happen to Israel in the future. You are going to find that Psalms will be tribulation Psalms, second coming Psalms, or millennial Psalms.

➤ **# 3. Inspirational (Personal):**

This is what you and I can learn from it. How this helps me tomorrow, how this shows me when I go through my time of trouble, like David, like Israel, how God will always be the answer.

We will see with this Psalm that it is going to be a millennial Psalm. You are going to see here, when you come through your Bible, all the key verses and the words that you want to look for that will show you the context that this is the Second Coming of Christ going into the millennium.

Now, we're going to break this chapter down into two sections so we can get all of the material in an understandable format. We don't want to rush through it. So our first section is going to be Psalms 33:1-9. Let's read that together.

- 1. Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.*
- 2. Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.*
- 3. Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.*
- 4. For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.*
- 5. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.*
- 6. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.*
- 7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.*
- 8. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.*
- 9. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*

III. Rejoice in the Lord & Praise to the Upright (Verse 1 & 2)

1. Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. 2. Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Verse 1 and 2 clearly show us that we are in the millennium. These are things that you will want to look for, especially in the book of Psalms. When it talks about the whole world rejoicing in the Lord, when it talks about praise for the upright, when it talks about praising Him with musical instruments and musical singing, that shows you that this is the millennial reign of Christ because this is what is going to take place.

Inspirationally for you and for me, for us today, it tells us to rejoice in the Lord. We don't live in the millennium yet, and we don't have all of that as it applies to Israel. But I want to tell you, there are some great lessons here for us inspirationally today to rejoice in the Lord. We rejoice in the Lord, but we don't rejoice in our flesh. We rejoice in the Lord, but we don't rejoice in science. We rejoice in the Lord, but we don't rejoice in education. We rejoice in the Lord, but we don't rejoice in our income. We rejoice in the Lord, but not in sports. We rejoice in the Lord, but not in all the world has to offer. There is nothing wrong with any of those things. They're part of our daily lives, and there are good times and bad times with them. But what he is saying here, when you rejoice in the Lord, and this is what he's saying to us, **the Lord should always be the number one object of our rejoicing**. You can rejoice in all the things in this earth: a beautiful sunrise, a beautiful sunset, your favorite sports team won. Don't never let that rejoicing supersede what should be the object of your rejoicing: the Lord Jesus Christ. It's an incredible concept.

❖ Four Things for the Upright

Now, I want to note the four things here in verses 1 through 4 for the upright, that should be you and me.

- 1.) Verse 1 says that he is to rejoice in the Lord. That means the object in the millennial reign of Christ will be Jesus Christ on the throne. I don't know what you know about the millennium. I don't know what you know about that future event that will take place. It lasts for a thousand years; hence it's called the millennium. But Jesus Christ now has come back at the Second Coming. He's gone into Jerusalem, and He is sitting down on the throne in Jerusalem. The Antichrist has been put in the bottomless pit. All the world now recognizes the capital of planet Earth will be Jerusalem, and the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords sitting on that throne will be Jesus Christ. The whole world now rejoices in the Lord. He becomes the object of their rejoicing.
- 2.) In verse 2 it says that He is to be praised with musical instruments. He talks about the harp. He talks about the psaltery. He talks about the string instruments. Again, this will be the millennium, but it also fits into us. This is why, from time and eternity, churches have had a piano and an organ because of what the Bible says, praising Him on those instruments.

- 3.) It says in verse 4, "loudly." Last week, we saw Psalms 32:7 where we talked about the songs of our deliverance.

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. Psalms 32:7

- 4.) In verse 3, the fourth thing is, he says, he is to sing unto the Lord. This will be Colossians chapter 3, verse 16, where it talks about, we sing unto the Lord in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16

But it says "**loudly**," and you'll find loud singing and shouting for joy is God's way of rejoicing in the Lord for God's people. You can always tell where people are at with the Lord by how they sing. I don't mean good. Some of the godliest men and women who love the Lord only knew two songs: one of them was "In the Sweet By and By," and the other one wasn't. They are terrible singers. I've stood next to them, you know, and left with a headache, but they love the Lord. It seems like the worse they sing, the louder they sing. I think that is good because the Bible says, and this is what it fits into, "make a joyful noise." That's what it is.

But you know, it is a thing where if you are really saved and you really have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in your heart, you can't keep it in there. I like sitting up here watching you guys during the song service. You can tell by your face where you are at with the Lord. I mean, some of you are smiling. We could turn the lights out in the room, and it would be lit up with the glow out of your face. Some of you are just smiling and singing and rocking back and forth. Others are just holding their hymn book up there, singing. Then you got some, you know, that are just... I'm not sure what you're doing. You've got something on your phone. You're probably playing your video game. I don't know. But I'm telling you this: we sing unto the Lord and rejoice in all that God has given us. It is the songs of our deliverance.

➤ Rejoicing in the Right Things Praise the Lord!

Now, in life, you find a lot of strange things. The unsaved world, they will go to a church where they sing and praise the Lord loudly, and they will be in there, and they feel so out of place. They think these people are crazy Baptists, you know, they're nutcases. I see that, but at the same time, you go down on any given Sunday to "Chief's Cathedral." We took the guys there yesterday, and some of you went down through there. I think it was one of the most marvelous experiences I ever had. The tour guide was just great. He really was. I mean, it was incredible. He took us out on the field, and the Chief's stadium is rated in the NFL as the loudest stadium in the football league. I mean, there were decibels that beat everybody. He showed us that. He took us down on the field, and they're getting ready for the soccer thing, but it was empty, and he lined us up and

he showed us how that the playing field is down three stories below ground level. It's designed that way to make it louder. So we had, I don't know, 15 or 20 people in our group, and he counted to three, and everybody shouted "Chiefs!" That is just 20 people shouting "Chiefs!" It reverberated through that whole stadium that holds 77,000 people. It's incredible. You know, you go down there on a Sunday, you'll hear 77,000 people scream, yell, rejoice in the touchdowns and passes of Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce, all of those people, and they're all right with that, see? Now, I'm not mad about that. I get excited too. Here is what it comes down to: you rejoice in your church; we'll rejoice in ours. Fair enough, isn't it? But that is not how the world looks at it. The reality of life at the end of the day, 100 million years from today, nobody's going to care who won the Super Bowl because the Lord is going to be on that throne. We are going to be rejoicing in the right things. Praise the Lord, I praise the Lord.

IV. The Goodness of God & the Power of God's Word (Verse 5 & 6)

Now, look at verse 5, and this is really the key to this chapter being the millennial chapter.

*5. He loveth righteousness and judgment: **the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.***

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. That will always be your key that Christ is back, He is on the throne, and He is ruling the world on planet Earth. This will be the fulfillment of Ezekiel chapters 40 through 48. This is where the whole thing is laid out with Christ now on the throne and all the world coming into the capital city of planet Earth, which will be Jerusalem, to see the King in His beauty, high and lifted up on the throne. I showed you this a couple of weeks ago in Isaiah 6, verses 1 through 4, where Isaiah prophetically saw it.

Then we come to verse 6.

6. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

For me personally, this is one of the most powerful verses in all of my Bible, if you have a Bible. It shows the power of the Word of God. People look at the Bible, they see it's pages with print on it, with a cover. But I think most of the time they fail to understand the power that is contained in this book.

The heavens here notice they are plural. This will be a reference to the second heaven and the third heaven. If you know anything about the Bible, they are laid out in Psalms 148; there are three heavens. So, we think of heaven in a stagnant way that is just where God is, which is true. That is the third heaven. But you will find that in the Bible, these heavens are defined as firmaments, spaces. So the first heaven, space, firmament, is our atmosphere. The second heaven, firmament, is outer space. Then of course, the third one is where Paul was caught up to over there in Corinthians, which is where God's throne is. This is all laid out in Psalms 148. I showed you when we came through Genesis how you broke those down between the first and the second heaven. This will be a reference to Genesis 1:1, God's original creation: "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*"

It says, "*by the breath of his mouth.*" Sometimes I like to imagine what it must have been like on creation morning. When God stepped off the banister of heaven and looked at the empty expanse of the second heaven and just spoke the word and everything came into existence. The breath of God Almighty giving life to everything in the second heaven. Job 33:4 is a great verse. It talks about that the breath of God will always give life.

*4. The Spirit of God hath made me, and **the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.** Job 33:4*

In Job 32:8, it talks about God's inspiration, and it likens God's inspiration to God's breath, God breathing on something.

*But there is a spirit in man: and **the inspiration of the Almighty** giveth them understanding. Job 32:8*

In Genesis 2:7, the Bible says:

*7. And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;** and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7*

Your first CPR; and Adam became a living soul. You are going to find over there in Ezekiel chapter 37, when Israel begins to be regathered and God is going to bring them back. Right now, they are a dead nation. In Ezekiel chapter 37, you have the great chapter on the dry bones. Israel's likened to a skeleton, scattered bones, all over a dry ground. God begins to bring those bones back together as He begins to put the nation of Israel back together. He puts bones together, He puts muscle to them, He puts flesh to them, but they are not alive until He breathes on them. You know what? God breathed on a Book. When He breathed on this Book, He gave you the most powerful Book the world has ever seen. It is an incredible concept that He breathed the heaven and earth into existence by the word of His mouth.

Verse 6 says, "*all the host of them.*" The host will be the angels, seraphim, cherubim, principalities and powers, as well as the physical things like the sun, the moon, the planets, galaxies, nebulas, and the stars. In Isaiah chapter 5, verse 24, God is called the Lord of hosts. He is over it all because He created it all. When God speaks, "*Let there be,*" it all comes into existence through the power, the power, **the power** of the Word of God.

V. The Tremendous Power of God's Word

Now, let me tell you something. This is where God's people get off the bus, bless their hearts. This tremendous power of God's Word that created the host of heavens, the same power that He spoke the world and creation into being. If you are saved, it is the same power that is inside you right now. When you get saved, you have the same power of God in you, the same exact power. We know from the Bible that there are stages of your spiritual growth. You come in as a new Christian; you are like a new baby. There are seven stages listed in the Bible that bring you through that spiritual growth. The last one is called the "aged," a man or a woman now who is completely indoctrinated with the Word of God, understands it, and God is using them in a mighty way. As you grow from a baby to the aged through those levels of spiritual growth, if you do your part and you grow the right way; you know what God does? He unleashes that power in

your life, the same power that He created it all with, as you go through those steps, that you too, can have the power of God in your life. The power of God will be the light of God that shines in a dark place. The Bible says in Matthew 5:14 that:

14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Matthew 5:14

You take a church, any church, that has God's people plugged in to God's power source, and it is a city on a hill with all the lights turned on in a dark night. Wherever travelers go in the darkness, they see that light of that city on a hill. When we get into the millennium, into eternity, you know the light of that city will be New Jerusalem. That is why the Bible says there is no need of the sun or the moon because it is going to be lit up because you know who lives in that? You do. We don't have that now. We've got this little church, this little church on the historic side of Blue Springs. The world all around us is in darkness. The only thing that is different from this church than any other church you are going to find is how many of you have your lights turned on. How many of God's people are plugged into the power source that this city, this church, made up of buildings of God, temples, making it a city with the lights turned on that a dark world can see it.

You know what our Easter activity is? I care nothing about Easter. I get it, Easter is pagan. Easter is the god of fertility, Ishtar. I get it, found in the book of Acts. I understand it. But if it is something that I can use in a dark world that they can come and see, who cares about the egg? But who cares about it? Who cares about the candy? The real thing that's going to shine that day is the lights that are on in your life that people are going to be able to see, that they can't see in the darkness. You get a church full of God's people, the buildings of God, the temples of God, plugged into the power of God through the Word of God. Now you have a city with all the lights on that all the world can see. Most of God's people, most churches, suffer from a terrible power outage. They've got nice buildings. They've got beautiful pews. They've got a beautiful music program. They've got everything out there, but nobody's got the lights turned on.

Let me show you how this works. One of the things I love about the Lord Jesus is that if He wanted to explain something that was complicated, He would pick the most basic, fundamental things that everybody could understand. I am in no way putting myself up against what He did, but He taught me how to do this. So let me show you how this thing works.

➤ What is the Power Source You are Hooked Up to?

At some point, you're probably going to get married. Right now, you guys are living in little apartments or you have a little apartment. You get married and you buy your starter home. You live there for a while, you have a couple of kids, then you need another house. So what you do, some of you, is you are going to build a house. You don't want to take what somebody else left over. You have your own mind, you have your own design, you have what you want, you know what your needs are. So, you are going to build a house. So, what do you do when you build a house? You have to get a contractor. That contractor will build your house to your specifications. He will dig the foundation, he will frame it all in, he will put up the walls, he will put sheetrock on it, he will get a plumber to come in to put the sinks and the bathrooms and the showers all together. What he really does, if you want to put it into a frame of mindset, he gets the whole house ready for one guy. Because without this guy, your house is nothing. Do you know who this

guy is? He is the electrician. Oh yeah. This guy will come in and he will wire your house. He will start at the source of the power, which will be your panel, if you don't know what that is. It is that big gray box that is either in your basement or in your garage. He will wire your whole house back to that panel, and then he will connect it to the power that comes off the main source, which is if you look down the street, that power comes off of a cross, telephone pole, cross. He will wire your whole house back to the power company. I worked as an electrician, wasn't very good at it, but I helped a guy. I changed out a lot of panels. Some of the old houses had 60 amps, they had to go up to 100 amps. So we tore the panels out, put a 100 amp panel in, rewired it, put all the things in, put the fuses back in. I pulled the meter off the back, you know, and I could do all that.

When you are putting that panel together, now the panel is where the power comes in. Everything in your house is going to go back to that panel. So, the electrician knows he has got to put breakers in that panel. Breakers come in different amp sizes. You have 15 amp breakers, 20 amp breakers, 30 amp breakers, 60 amp breakers. What are they for? If you put a 15 amp breaker in and try to run your washer and dryer, you are going to blow the fuse. You've got to put the fuses in to match the load of electricity that whatever you're running will draw. You can put all of your light sockets in your house on a 20 amp, and you run just fine. If you suddenly get a 6,000 BTU air conditioner and you plug it in, you're going to blow that breaker. It's not set for that load. These breakers, fuses, will take the load, demand that comes onto your house because of your different appliances.

When he is finished, you'll have the power in your house to run everything in your house without any problem. Your whole... and you don't think about this until you, you know, it gets a storm some night and the power goes off. That is the most helpless feeling in the world. Here it is, nine o'clock, ten o'clock at night. You're watching your favorite television program, and all of a sudden, everything goes out. The first thing is, you realize you don't have any batteries for your flashlight because you're unprepared, and you are in darkness. If the power is off long enough, all your food in your refrigerator is going to spoil. Your air conditioner is off; it's going to get hot. If you are in the wintertime, it is going to get cold. There you are, powerless in darkness. KCP&L, or whoever your power company is, they are now scrambling out there to find the power and everything. We had a big power outage last year. One of the transformers, you know those big things on the pole? When one of those blows, it goes. It sounded like somebody blew up something.

So, you know, I want to know how long power is going to be off, so I walk up to the guys, you know, and ask them. I said, "Hey, how long do you think the power will be off?" Well, you know, and I didn't report this guy. I know he probably had a long day. He said, "It depends on how long you keep asking me questions." Okay, God bless you, thank you very much. One other time, a guy was nice, older guy. I said, "What happened?" He laughed, and he said, "Well, all we found was two squirrel's front paws." A squirrel had got in there and chewed into one of the wires, and that was all that was left. That little squirrel was gone, man. But it is loud, and it throws everything. The whole quality of our lives in your house goes back to when the lights are on, what is the power source? It is just that simple.

Let me give you an example. 1 Corinthians 6:19. 1 Corinthians chapter 3, 2 Corinthians chapter 5. Your God's temple, your body is God's building.

*What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19*

The real question today is what power source are you hooked up to? Or are the lights even on?

➤ The Job of a Pastor, to be a Spiritual Electrician

The job of a pastor is many. He has to do a lot of things. I think the main job of a pastor is he is to be a spiritual electrician. He takes and wires the house of God, your body, back to the main power source, the Holy Spirit of God, through the Word of God. If he knows what he is doing, in your power panel, he adds fuses. He will put in a 15-amp, 20-amp, 30-amp, 40-amp, and 60-amp. Do you know what that translates out spiritually? Those are biblical principles on different levels because there are going to come things in your life, in your house, that is going to test the power outage with the problems you face, and you better have the right amps, the right fuses, so you don't blow the fuse. That is how it works. So let me show you.



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So, I'm telling you, this is my job. **I'm a spiritual electrician.** Yes, a pastor takes you, he wires the house of God, your body, and as God develops you up through those spiritual levels, the lights of God come on. You now have the power to do God's work. The Bible principles are your fuses that when tough times come in, and you want to quit or you overload your circuit in your house, and you blow it and the lights go out. It is the circuits or the principles of the Word of God that carry that load for you. As God develops you, you will have the power to do whatever God has called you to do.

I will tell you right now, look at this little church. See the world map up there? All those red pins, this little church. Who knows where 1600 South Smith is other than you guys? We are nobody, absolutely nobody. Yet God has taken this church all over this world. We have 17 or 18 missionaries right now on a foreign field that we are either supporting financially or giving them all the material that they need to train and teach the people of their indigenous nations where they are working. That's not counting here in the states.

I'm going to tell you right now; I told you this would happen out of our missions conference. God has really turned the mission lights on in some of your lives. Some of you are really getting the burden. I just stand back and watch what God does in your life. You're going here, you're

going there. You two guys that went to Scotland and Poland. You are like Paul and Barnabas. That is what's happening here. We have got three or four people going to Africa with Kevin. That will be a life-changing trip. The lights for the missions of the world started here with us. Now, through that conference, God is taking and doing what He is doing. God is turning so many lights on. I don't have a date yet, but it looks like it is a sure deal that our kids from the Dominican are going to come up, 30 of them, and stay with us for a week. That would be like our whole church going on a mission trip. All because you have come up through those spiritual levels and you allow God to hook you up to the power source. God's plan is to plug you into the same power source that He used in Genesis 1:1 and Psalms 33:6, the power of His Word to bring the heavenly host into existence. The devil's plan will be to short-circuit that plan. To blow a fuse, to cut the power off at the source, to leave your spiritual house in a dark world without power and without light.

➤ God – the Positive Source The Devil – the Negative Source

You want to remember this. Romans 1:20 tells us that everything that God made is a picture of something that God does. We know that.

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Romans 1:20

When you think about electricity, the power of God in your life, you will have a positive line, which will be the power, and you will have a negative line, which is called the neutral. You can hook up as long as you don't touch the negative to the positive. Your lights can be on, and you go over to your light switch and undo the cover and pull it out and take the black wire and the white wire. Black would be the power and the white would be the negative, and the lights are on. You touch those two wires, everything goes. This is the problem. If you allow a positive in your life to touch the negative, you are going to blow your circuits. The power is going to go out. The positive is going to be God. The negative is going to be the devil. A pastor should hardwire his people to the greatest power source the world has ever seen.

6. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. Psalms 33:6

He will wire their temples one at a time. He will take each house and individually wire it, building a God-based power grid in their lives.

➤ Missionaries that had the Power of the Almighty God

I know a lot of you personally and in your Lifeline groups out of the Bible conference and the Missions Conference, started reading the books about the great missionaries out of the Philadelphian Church Age. Guys like Sheldon Jackson who preached to probably a million people in 50 years. Henry Martyn who went to Persia. Robert Moffat who went to South Africa. David Livingstone who went to Africa. John Paton who went to the New Hebrides Islands. These were men and women who, if you would look at their lives and read their books, it's unbelievable

what they did. Some of these guys, when you read their biography, it looked like a Tarzan thriller. Unbelievable what God could do.

One man went into a village that was full of cannibals. He went into that village, and when he went into that village, there wasn't one saved person. 50 years later when he died, everybody in that village was won to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Now how does that happen? I've had missionaries that brought their wives and their children to the mission field. Their wives died, their children died. One guy comes to mind that he was in a land where they actually ate human beings, and when his wife died, they buried her, and he had to sit on her grave for 30 days so they wouldn't dig her up and eat her. But he won that tribe to Christ. Whole nations, whole continents.

David Livingstone went into Africa for 51 years and he disappeared. They wondered where he went, so they sent a New York Times reporter, Henry Stanley, to go find Dr. Livingstone. So, he is traipsing through the dark forests of Africa, looking for this guy Livingstone, and he comes around a bend into a camp way in the interior, and there is Dr. Livingstone teaching them the Word of God. You young kids don't use this phrase anymore, but us older people, we know the phrase. When we would see somebody, and we wanted to be a little joke, we'd say, "Oh, Dr. Livingstone, I presume," based on the actual event. You kids miss it. Get off those phones, throw them away, and get into some history books. 50-some years!

You know, 100 years from now, if Jesus doesn't come, and they want to write more books about the missionaries of our time, there won't be anybody to write about. God is not doing that much. You have got some guys doing some great things, but not like those guys. Those guys won continents. They won tribes. They didn't go back home every three years to get refreshed. When Dr. Livingstone died, he is buried in Westminster Abbey today, but when he died in Africa, the Africans that he had won to Christ, before they sent him back to England, cut out his heart and buried it in Africa. If we died tonight, I wonder where they would bury our hearts.

You know what the difference is? Power of God. You know what the difference is? They had the power of Almighty God. They were plugged into the source. They were getting the power right off the pole, right off the cross. That power lit up everything in their life, and the same power where God says, "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth*" and He spoke them into existence, is the same power that God, through them subdued nations and brought men and women to Christ. It could happen today. It could happen right here. **Every one of you, if you are saved, you have that same power in your life.** It is just, how much are you going to allow God to tap into it? Where is your comfort level? Where is your burden level? That is what it comes down to. You too can reach the world.

The breath of God's inspiration, not only in the Bible, but in your life. What God wants to say today is what He said back in Genesis, "*Let there be light,*" but He wants you and me to be that light. That's what it comes down to. But the devil's plan is always at work, isn't it? God will be the power, positive power source. The devil will be the negative. As long as you keep them separate, you are good. You let the devil into your house, and you are going to be in darkness. You take that power, and you take that negative, and you put them together, it's gone.

VI. God's Storehouses & Judgment (Verse 7)

Then look at verse 7.

*7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: **he layeth up the depth in storehouses.***

Now this will be the great deep that's found in Genesis 1:2. It's laid out in Psalms 148:4, Isaiah 27:1, Psalms 104:25-26. It's that great body and expanse of water between the third heaven and the second heaven.

*Praise him, **ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.** Psalms 148:4*

That will be the great expanse that the Bible calls a firmament in Genesis 1:8.

*And **God called the firmament Heaven.** And the evening and the morning were the second day. Genesis 1:8*

When we think about the flood in Genesis, this is where He gathers the waters together in Genesis chapter 1. Now they're up there. When Noah's flood comes, the Bible says that there are windows up there in Amos 9:6, Ezekiel 41:16. He opened those windows and that water comes down, flooded out planet Earth, flooded it out in Genesis 1:1-2. You see, if you look at verse 7, they're called storehouses. The heavens, they are called storehouses. They store something up. These are called stories in the Bible. The three heavens are three stories. The Ark is a picture of those three heavens. It had three levels to it with a window and a door. The door is John chapter 10. The window over there is in Genesis chapter 8. We looked at it, Noah, the raven, and the dove.

*And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that **Noah opened the window** of the ark which he had made: Genesis 8:6*

Now what is stored up in those heavens is God's judgment, water. In Genesis 1: 1-2, this water in the storehouses of God came down and flooded out the second heaven. In Noah's time, it was the flood that came down on the Earth that wiped the Earth away. Storehouses, what God has in store for man who turns from God. Malachi 3:10, talks about the tithes that God's people give going into a storehouse.

***Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,** that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10*

If you want to investigate that, it'll be Job chapter 26, the questions that God's going to ask us at the judgment seat of Christ. Whatever you give to God, yeah, we use it to pay the bills, to do the missions work and all that stuff, but in God's checking account, it goes into your individual storehouse. When there was a famine in Egypt in Joseph's time, was when there was no corn in the storehouse. You want to know when the famine is going to be in God's people's lives? At the judgment seat of Christ, and there's nothing in your storehouse.

VII. Fear of the Lord & Power of Almighty God (Verse 8 & 9)

Look at verse 8 and 9.

8. *Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.*
9. *For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*

If you want just one place that really lays it out good, this will be Zechariah chapter 14. In the millennium, as when Christ comes back, this will be the case worldwide. Christ is now on the throne in Jerusalem. The whole world saw Him come back at the Second Coming, "*every eye shall see him.*" They saw the majesty and the power of God at the Second Coming. They know now what He can do to those who oppose Him. As He sits on that throne, the earth fears the Lord, all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe. He is on that throne as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, and the Bible says the kingdoms of this earth now become the kingdoms of His Christ.

Today, there is no fear of God on planet Earth today. So the power of God's judgment will fall on planet Earth again, as it did in Genesis chapter 6 and 7. The devil has completely deceived man today. The devil's got man rejoicing at all the wrong things. He rejoices in everything except going to church, a good Bible-teaching church. He rejoices in everything except the Lord. He rejoices in everything except all that God wants him to do. The reason for that is he is not a bad person. The devil's blinded them. The devil's deceived them. The devil's got them to believe that the Word of God is not important. Church on Sunday morning is not important. Getting taught the Word of God and letting God have your life and getting plugged into the power of God is not important. So God's judgment is going to fall on planet Earth again.

Verse 9 again shows us the unbelievable power of Almighty God. You know, there are **three key aspects to God** that you need to know and get into your Bible. I've got mine over there, Revelation chapter 19. **There are three terms that really represent the three major aspects of God.**

- 1.) Omnipresent: God is everywhere at once.
- 2.) Omniscient: God is all-knowing.
- 3.) Omnipotent: God is all-powerful.

The power of God and an all-knowing God with His power, giving that same power to every one of you who is sitting here this morning, saved and on your way to heaven. The power of an all-knowing and all-powerful God. I always looked at it. Hebrews 1:2 talks about how He created the worlds, more than one of them.

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Hebrews 1:2

You only get the one in Genesis. There are other ones out there. Genesis 1:3 and Genesis 1:9. He said, "**Let there be**" by His own power of His words, and He breathed them all into existence. Yet, 2 Peter 3:10 says:

10. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 2 Peter 3:10

You see, in Genesis 1:3, He says, "Let there be," and it came into existence. But the day is coming, where He is going to say, "Let there not be anymore." It's going to be gone. There are a lot of promises in the Bible. Many of you have cataloged those promises, and they are promises for you in your everyday life. Praise the Lord. You have principles and you have promises. We have explained the difference. But there are **two key promises in the Bible for planet Earth**. The first promise is found in 2 Peter 3:10, where I just took you: the promise of a coming judgment. The second promise is found in 2 Peter 3:13: the promise of a new heavens and a new earth.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 2 Peter 3:10

*Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.** 2 Peter 3:13*

Two promises: a promise for the unsaved world who turned their back on God, a promise that His judgment is coming, and then a promise for all of you who have trusted the Lord as your own personal Savior, the promise of a new heavens and a new Earth. In these new heavens and a new Earth, the Bible says, "*wherein dwelleth righteousness.*"

VIII. The Earth is full of the Goodness of the LORD (Verse 5)

Now, just a second here, go back to Psalms 33:5. It says there:

5. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

This again, will be a key verse that shows you the context here in a doctrinal prophetic sense, will be the millennial reign of Christ for a thousand years. The devil has been put in a bottomless pit, Revelation chapter 20. He can't hide from man the glory and the power of God anymore. During this time, God's goodness, the goodness of God is seen by all inhabitants of planet Earth. This again will be Zechariah 14, Ezekiel 40-48. In the book of Hebrews, this is where He has

made the new covenant with the nation of Israel, and all of the world now sees and understands the goodness of God.

I say that because of this: right now, in the times that you and I live, you wouldn't think that verse would be true. You wouldn't think it would be true because of all that goes on around us in this world. The ungodliness that is taking over, the darkness that is sweeping in and taking every ounce of light. When you talk about the earth being full of the goodness of the Lord, it doesn't kind of compute when you look at the world today and see what is going on. But I'm here to tell you, it still is. It's just here now in a different way. You see, when the Lord comes back, He'll be on the throne in Jerusalem, and everybody will see it from that throne. Right now, He is not on the throne in Jerusalem. **But if you get plugged into the power source, He will be on the throne of your life, and the goodness of the Lord will be displayed to the world through you.**

IX. Six Ways God's Goodness is Displayed

1.) We are the Light in the Darkness, the Goodness of God flows Out Through Us

The goodness of the Lord is throughout the Earth because we have the opportunity to tell people how to be saved. You are the light in the darkness. As long as your power is not out. The goodness of God may not flow out to the earth like it will in the millennium. But it will flow out to where you work. It will flow out to the neighbors, the people you know, the people you meet, and you will have the opportunity to tell someone how they can trust the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior and be the light in a dark world to them.

2.) The Goodness of God is Revealed in the Revelation of God Himself.

The goodness of God is revealed in the revelation of God Himself. Everything that God created, everything that God made, He made after a pattern of Himself in creation.

20. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Romans 1:20

God revealed Himself. He didn't have to. God could have chosen to reveal Himself to man any way that He wanted. He created the birds. Birds are the greatest singers in the world. You can get up in the morning and walk out on your deck and hear those little guys singing back and forth, and it sets the tone of your day because of those little birds. You know what He could have done? He could have had those birds put out the gospel message. It is as easy as singing. He could have taught them to sing, "How Great Thou Art." He could have taught them to sing "Amazing Grace." He could have revealed Himself through His creation anyway, but He chose to reveal Himself by the fact that He made it after the pattern of Himself because **the real revelation of God to man has to come through you and me.** But we use all that He created. We use all that He did. So, the world has a chance because of the goodness of God in you through your power source, tell somebody how to be saved. So the revelation of God Himself, though He could have done it through the creation in a direct way, He did it in an indirect way because He figured that

you and I would talk about that goodness and reveal God to man. He didn't choose the little birds. He didn't choose the sun or the moon. He chose His Son coming down to all mankind and revealing to you and me there was a God. That's goodness. Nobody knows it today. Most of them don't want it today. It's here.

3.) The Goodness of God is a Provision of God in our Lives

I'll tell you the third thing that we see the goodness of God is a provision of God in our lives. Philippians 4:19.

*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19*

You've got people out there whose lives are destitute. You've got people out there whose lives are absolutely miserable. They have got so many problems, so many bills, so far behind on everything in life. Then they see somebody that loves God, God loves them, that are plugged in. They see God meeting every one of their needs. They are going to come to you and they are going to say, "How do you do that?" You know what you get to do at that point? You get to tell them about the goodness of Almighty God. It is here. It ain't here like it is in the millennium, but I is here. You know where it's at now? It's in you. You see, in the millennium, it will come out of the temple in Ezekiel 40 through 48 in Jerusalem. The water comes out of that temple, comes down, and all the desert will bloom like a rose. All the Dead Sea becomes alive. It all starts in the temple with the water coming out of that temple, coming down to a dark, dusty world. **You know where it starts? In your temple, with the water of the Word of God coming out of that temple and going into the ends of the earth with the power of God.**

4.) The Goodness of God is revealed through Love of Family & Friends in Our Lives

They see the love of family and friends in your lives. Families are a disaster today in our world. The devil's first line of attack was to destroy the family. We saw that in Genesis chapter 3 and 4. That was the first attack. The first attack of the devil in the Bible was on a husband and wife, and it went downhill from there. I am telling you, believe me, families out there are in trouble. They are destitute. They just are in so many problems. For them to see a family that loves God, that the kids serve God, obey mom and dad, love mom and dad, mom and dad love them. The love that is displayed because of a family knit around that Word of God will make the difference. God's goodness is here, but it is not going to be found in the millennial temple. It will be found in your temple if the power is on.

5.) The Goodness of God Revealed Through His Church

The church that God has given you through His goodness. I stopped at QuickTrip the other day to get a cup of coffee, and I walked in there. I never saw this before, but there was a sign over there that said, "Notice to all children, this is a safe place for children," meaning that if you're out someplace and some stranger tries to abduct you or whatever, you run into QuickTrip, and that is your safe place. They will protect you, call the police. I thought to myself, "Wow, that's really

good. We need more of that." But then I thought about this. You know what? For God's people that is exactly what the church is. It's your safe place. The devil's going to come after you. He's going to try to cut the power lines. He is going to destroy your marriage. He is going to destroy your family. He is going to try to do all those things. Your safe place is the institution that God has set up for you where you can see and understand the goodness of God. I appreciate what you guys said this morning, and I love the bond between our church, but your churches and our church have one thing going for them, and that is the goodness of God is displayed. Because of what God's goodness has been to us, we give it to others. That's all it is. People, families out there, I don't know how many times we have had a family come into this church because they saw the difference in somebody's family in this church. They want what you have because the world is no friend to any family, any marriage.

6.) The Goodness of God is Revealed through the Word of God

The Word of God, the power in your life to keep the lights on. The power in your life. You know, in most of your homes, they sell these a lot. I've actually installed a bunch of them over the years; the company is Generac. They make generators, and you buy a generator, six, seven, eight thousand dollars, and they put it next to your house, or some place. It's for the fact that when a power outage comes, then this Generac generator kicks in, and your lights stay on and the power stays on. I think that's a good thing. As a child of God, in your house, with the power of God, you don't need a Generac generator. The power should never go out. You keep plugged in. You let the circuit breakers keep from tripping. When the things come into your life, let it happen. **The power of the Word of God in your life to keep the lights on, gives you everything that you need.**

X. Summary

When we enter into the springtime here in Kansas City, and with that comes the spring rainstorms. But we have already had some thunder and some lightning, and tornado watches. This is the time of year. When the storms come, and some can be very severe, sometimes the wind gets up to 60, 70 miles an hour, hail and all that stuff. Every time there is one like that, you are going to have in Kansas City, 100, 200,000 people without power. Our dear crews at Power & Light, those brave men and women, will work around the clock to get that power restored.

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But in a spiritual sense, it's the same thing. You are going to have some storms come into your life. Sometimes the wind is going to be ferocious. Sometimes the lightning and the clap of the thunder is going to be frightening. The storms of this life will and can knock out your power grid. You are now living in a house, your body, the temple, without any power, your lights go out. Now for you, the power company that can restore power will be the Word of God and the Church of Jesus Christ. Your safe place, the place that you come Sunday morning, Thursday night, and you make sure that the power stays on in your life. You keep those four things that we talked about, the transgressions, sin, the iniquity and those things. You keep those things under the blood, and then God can restore that power and get the lights back on.

I told you a moment ago how helpless you feel when you're sitting there and the power goes out. Your TV, air conditioner, the lights, refrigerator, washer, dryer, you are in a complete breakdown of darkness. Yet that is the way a lot of people live their lives. God's people! Because this power has never been turned on, or the devil shorted it out, took the power out of their life. The job of a church, the job of a pastor, would be a spiritual electrician. To take you one at a time and wire your temples back to that power source, putting in the right fuses, the principles, and giving you everything that no matter what storms come in your life, the power stays on. When that happens, God will take you.... Yeah, you, you sir, ma'am, you. Sweetheart, you, my friend, you. Like Adoniram Judson, Hudson Taylor, David Livingstone, and all the rest of those boys, you will reach the world by one little life with the power of God. It's just that simple. God has a plan for you. **There's a reason that He saved you.** But you will never realize that plan without the power of God in your life. That power of God comes from the Word of God, the very word that He spoke the world into existence. The breath of life that inspired that creation, inspired the nation of Israel, inspired the Word of God. It is the same breath of life that will inspire every one of your lives to be everything God wants you to be.