

Luke 10:1-20

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[0 : 0 0] All right, we'll be in the New Testament this morning in the Gospel of Luke chapter 10 This is not where I thought I would be Ponder and on for the past week or two I guess But I fear as long as we do what the good Lord has to do will be all right. That's right. So Luke chapter 10 What's led us up to this point?

Up to Luke chapter 10 The Gospel of County Luke is unique in and of itself because Luke is the only gentile author of the New Testament Everyone else that wrote in the New Testament John and Matthew and Mark and Paul and Peter all these men They were all Jews By the saint Luke was the only gentile author of the New Testament. We have the book the Gospel of Luke the hero We have the book of Acts the Acts of the Apostles That the physician Luke also wrote to that and of itself is unique Luke is part of the Synoptic Gospels being comprised of the Gospel of Matthew Mark and Luke John is not part of those Gospels John the Gospel is quite a bit different Than the synoptic Gospels or most of John's Gospel takes place in the last week of Jesus is dead Whereas Matthew Mark and Luke they kind of comprise at least the entire ministry of Jesus Christ

Matthew and Luke both include the birth of the Christmas account as we as we know it as but anyway Leading up to Luke chapter 10 here. We have the beginning of the ministry of Jesus has of course already begun We've already had Luke's Christmas account Jesus has been born He's been born of a virgin and by the way if you don't believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ You don't worship the same Jesus that I do Jesus Christ was absolutely born of a virgin had he not been then he would have he would have been in his sin Just as you and I were in sin and you and I will be here without any hope Yeah, whatsoever, but he was conceived by the Holy Spirit of God and the womb of a virgin girl named Mary And there's people out there. There's professors There's so-called preachers and teachers that will try and teach you otherwise Yeah, and preach to you otherwise But my Bible says that this young girl named Mary was a virgin not only does the does the New Testament Say this but it was prophesied in the Old Testament that a virgin would conceive and give birth and this prophecy was fulfilled

In the gospel of Matthew and in the gospel of Luke both with the birth of Jesus Christ But anyway, we have the birth of Jesus we have his childhood We have his adolescence up to about the age of 12 and then we don't see a whole lot It's about Jesus Christ until the Bible says in Luke chapter 3 He began to be about 30 years of age and this is when his ministry really began This would have been about the time that we read and the gospel of John chapter 2 Where the water was turned into wine We're all familiar with that miracle that Jesus Christ worked there There in Cana of Galilee, but we're well into the ministry of Jesus Christ And Luke chapter 10 we've already seen blind people healed. We've already seen we've already seen lepers healed We've already seen the dead that have been raised Jeres's daughter had already been raised from the dead now this point There's many miracles that Jesus Christ had wrought up to this point in the scriptures and we'll begin reading here in

Verse number one, we're going to have quite a bit of reading this morning See y'all be patient with me as far as that goes But Luke and chapter 10 began at verse 1 says after these things the Lord appointed other 70 also and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place whether he himself Would come therefore said he unto them the harvest truly is great But the laborers are few pray therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth their Laborers into his harvest go your ways Behold I send you forth as lambs among wolves carrying either purse nor script nor shoes and salute No man by the way and into whatsoever house she in her first say peace be to this house And if the son of peace be there your peace shall rest upon it if not It shall turn to you again and in the same house remain eating and drinking such things as they give for the labor

[4 : 51] Is worthy of his hire do not from house to house and then to whatsoever city you enter and they receive you Eat such things as are sick before you and heal the sick that are that are there in and say unto them The kingdom of God is come now unto you But under whatsoever city you enter and they receive you not go your ways out into the streets of the same and say Even the very dust of your city which cleave the cleaveth on us We do wipe off against you not withstanding be sure of this that the kingdom of God is come now Under you but I say unto you that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom Than for that city woe unto thee chorus aim Woe unto thee Bethsaida for if the mighty works have been done in Tyree and Sidon which have been done in you They had while ago repentant they had a great while ago repented sitting in sackholt and ashes But it shall be more tolerable for Tyree and Sidon at the judgment than for you and

Thalcopernium which art exalted to heaven shall be thrust down to hell He that heareth you heareth me and he that despise of you Despiseeth me and he that despiseeth me despiseeth him that sent me and will end our reading right there We may continue on and just a little little while tell give me just a little bit of your time Here this morning that a back to verse number one In Luke chapter 10 after these things the Lord appointed other seventy also after what things well Really you could go back to chapter 9 and read about the things that are gone on there about Jesus He'll another boy that was possessed and Jesus teaching things Jesus teaching the disciples about Least to the greatest and and the Samaritan rejection of Jesus Christ when when the people went there and Offered Jesus Christ and offered the gospel and the gospel was rejected there all these things took place in

Chapter 9 so after these things and after after the things that I listed before we really even got started this morning After the healings after the miracles have been worked in front of many of these people after all these things Jesus chose 70 other disciples now notice it says that the Lord appointed other 70 also the original 12 wouldn't have been part of this number This was another 70 disciples Yeah, but Jesus Christ had sent out to do miracles and to do healings and to preach the kingdom of God as Indeed come not under the people of these lands and but he says that he sent these people out And they went to and to for every city in place whether he himself would come Therefore he said and then the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few pray Therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. He's warning these disciples here He's telling them you need to pray to the Lord of the heart

Which would be Almighty God you need to pray to the Lord of the heart So he would send laborers out into the fields that he would send laborers out into these fields Which are white with harvest which are ready for the reaping they are ready to be gathered together Come up into the barn house of Almighty God, but you being the disciples of me Jesus Christ you need to pray under the Lord of the harvest folks This tells me that if we begin anything in our lives if we begin anything in our ministry If we begin anything whatsoever it needs to begin with prayer I'm not a guy these people had been hand-picked by Jesus Christ And he was still encouraging them you need to pray Under the Lord of the harvest and what they didn't realize is when they uttered that prayer under God What they were actually praying for was like God would send them themselves

Out into the fields these were the laborers that were going out into the fields These are the ones that would go out for the harvest These are the ones that Almighty God had chosen himself to go forth and preach the gospel of the kingdom That it arrived on planet earth Hallelujah to the Lamb of God Yeah man, yeah Praise God Come on People get surprised because they usually sit through services real silent Come on, Brad They get real surprised when they when I preach and that's fine That's fine Hey, it ain't how I love you Shelf It ain't how much you spit in your slobber That's not what you're preaching about That's it It's a hoon you're preaching about There's men that can preach circles around me and never raise their voice One bit but that's okay that I'm here for a show I'm here to tell you about a man named Jesus Yeah Pray you therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest Notice it's his harvest It ain't ours

[10:06] It's not ours for the keeping it is God's harvest God sends forth his laborers He sends forth ministers He sends forth lay members of the church Women that include you Every born again Christian That everybody that has ever been indwelt by the Holy Ghost of Almighty God We have all got a charge from Almighty God to go into the world To go into all four corners of the world and to preach the gospel Under every living creature we've all got a charge to go forth and tell people about this man named Jesus Christ We've all got a charge from Almighty God to live our lives in front of these people To live a life that is holy Live a life that is true Live a life that is honoring unto Almighty God Live a life as the pages of the scripture tells us to And if we're living a life outside of what the pages of scripture tell us to Chances are it's because we don't have the one who wrote the scriptures Who read the scriptures and inspired the scriptures Dwelling on the inside of us in form of the Holy Ghost

I pray you that for the Lord sends forth laborers In the his harvest I hope you all pray that you be prepared You be prepared I heard Brother Gary hard to say one time Sometimes you need to put shoes on your prayers Sometimes you need It's not that God needs your help at all God don't need me to do anything God needs nothing God needs nothing God tries nothing God does what God wants to do For he is God He spoke the entire universe into existence He commanded the waters to make the fish and the whales and the fowl of the air He created all the critters that we know that crawl around on the ground He formed Adam out of the dust of the ground And he breathed the very breath of life into Adam And he reached inside of Adam after he caused the sweep to fall in And he got one of his ribs and he created woman out of the rim of man And this is the God that you think needs help

He needs help with nothing that he expects his people to do What he tells them to do Amen Amen This God not only spoke the universe into existence He hung each and every one of the stars Singularity And knows them by name He knows where each one is He knows how long each one will last He knows when new ones are coming up He knows when the old ones are dying out He put the sun where it is He put the earth where it is He put Mercury, Venus, and Mars and Jupiter and all the other planets Where they are He put the moon where it is And he told the ocean he said This is as far as you can come You can know no further Unless I, your maker Says that you can This God does not need our help That's right But he expects us to do some things He expects us to do some things Go your ways Behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves As lambs among wolves Christ giving these disciples

These new converts, new followers of His He's given them warning here I send you as lambs among wolves And folks, this call is no different right here in 2023 Than it was about 2,000 years ago When Jesus Christ first spoke to these people Every time we go out into the world Every time we go into our place of work Every time we go to the schoolhouse Every time we walk down a sidewalk Or go to the local 7-Eleven Or into Walmart We are going into the world And Jesus Christ has sent us into that world As lambs among wolves He knew the dangers that would be there He knew the persecution that could take place He knew all of these things He told His disciples in the Gospels He said that He should be headed He should be headed of all men For my name's sake You remember now It's not because of who you are It's not because of what you have done But it's because of whom you are associated with It is because of what He has done

On the cross at Calvary This is the reason that the world will hate you These are the reasons that the world will despise you Paul wrote to Timothy that all they that live Godly and cross Jesus shall super persecute you Why does this surprise us when it happens then?

[14 : 30] Why does this surprise us when it happens? When God tells us over and over His word That we are like lambs among wolves The praise God Lambs are defenseless Except for one thing The shepherd The shepherd is what defends the lambs Lambs are defenseless other than that Lambs can't really even back to defend themselves They can roll over on their side and kick just a little bit If they are lucky Other than that they had no defense But praise God that shepherd when he is close by He's got that rod He's got that staff and he can keep the wolf at bay He can keep the serpents at bay He can keep the lions at bay He can keep those who will persecute his children In his precious land That bay praise God We have no defense in all of ourselves But our defense comes from upon high The Bible says in the book of Psalms I will look under the hills from which comes my help The Lord is my helper He is my help

He is the one that protects me The maker of heaven and earth The one that watches over me Hallelujah No reason to fear No reason to fear What else did Jesus tell the saying of the gospel?

He said fear not man that can destroy your body Fear God which can cast both soul and body into hell We have no reason to fear man I don't understand why so many people fear The number 666 You see this number pop up And Christians I'm talking about born again Christians They'll cower in their boots They'll melt down and say Oh that's the devil Folks the Bible plainly tells us That's the number of a man And God himself has told us That we are not the fear man Why do we fear a silly little number That represents a man When God told us not to do so Oh look I'll go with what God says Amen Y'all do what you want to Carry neither purse nor script Nor shoes and salute no man by the way And into whatsoever house you enter First say peace be to this house And if the son of peace be there Your peace shall rest upon it If not it shall turn to you again He's telling them don't you take purse

Don't you take script Don't you take nothing with you You depend on God to supply you with what you need Amen You trust in God to supply you with what you need Folks I'm trusting in God To supply every need that I have And there's been times in my life As I'm sure there's been times in your life Even as a born again believer And Almighty God There's been times that I've wondered God Where are you now?

Amen God I need this or God I need this And you know my need you know my circumstance Where are you now but God will show up In God's own time It's not up to me When God shows up high I'm not the boss of God He is the boss of me I don't need to worry about the purse I don't need to worry about the script I don't need to worry about carrying any food Or any water and a satchel Along with me on the way My God will supply my every need Just as Abram took Isaac up on the mountain And Isaac said where is the sacrifice And Abram said God will provide himself A sacrifice Hallelujah God Provides himself everything that he needs Because he stands in need of nothing That's right brother This is the God that I serve That's right This is the God that saved my soul This is the God that I trust And there is no other to trust in Praise God What did he tell the Israelites over and over And particularly in the book of Isaiah

[18:14] He said I am the Lord your God And beside me there is no other There are no other gods There are no other makers There are no other masters I am the one that delivered you from Egypt I am the one that brought your fathers Up out of bondage I am the one That parted the Red Sea So that your forefathers could cross through I understand that Moses stood on the edge of the Red Sea And he raised his staff And as he did the waters parted But Moses did not have that power In and of himself In fact Moses Was the only one of those Israelites According to Hebrews chapter 11 That had faith enough in God That God would act on his behalf In and of himself And God in the world He said by faith Moses parted the waters By faith of the Israelites they were widening The whole town they were coming out That's why I think Moses At the end of Deuteronomy Moses goes up on the mountain On Mount Lebo

He is looking out over the promised land Just as God promised him that he would allow him to And Moses said Praise God I am about through with this Praise God And this is why a bunch of church folk Through the wilderness and the where I've spent 40 years listening to this I've spent 40 years pastoring these people I've spent 40 years intercessing to God On behalf of these people And hallelujah praise God And amen my time on this earth It's just about through I think it tickled Moses plumpeek that it's time to die And finally come Hallelujah I've had that feeling I don't know about the rest of you In the whatsoever house Verse 6 I'm sorry If the son of peace be there Your peace shall rest upon What is this son of peace A lot of people think that Jesus Christ Is speaking up but it's not Otherwise that essence son would be capitalized The son of peace What is done by a lot of people Even in the Bible

You've got Jesus as scary as you're referring to As the son of perdition You've got to be in chapter 2 Those that are still out in the world They're referred to as the children of wrath What a person purveys to the world What they convey to the world They are a son or a daughter of that particular thing And that is what Jesus is getting at here When he refers to the son of peace He says that the son of peace Be there your peace shall rest upon it If there's one there that wishes to do As Paul said to live peaceably With all men Paul said if at all possible With peaceably with all men And Jesus Christ here is saying That there's one there that is desiring peace Then your peace shall rest upon that house You should dwell there and you take whatever it is That they've got to offer you It don't matter if it's a pack of lance crackers And a bottle of water or a T-bone steak And soda it doesn't matter Hey God provided that through another brother Through a believer in Christ

You take it with a glad heart And say God that you've got it And the same house remains Sitting or eating and drinking Stuff things as they give for the laborer's worthy of his heart Do not from house to house in other words When you find a good spot stay there Don't go wandering from house to house Now was he saying don't evangelize anymore No that's not what Jesus was saying That's what he sent him out to do to begin with Was go tell people about the kingdom Go tell people about Jesus Christ Tell them that the kingdom of God is nigh Under them but he's saying once you find a place Where the son of peace is you dwell with the son of peace You dwell in that peaceful house And then you can continue on in the mission That I've sent you out to do Don't jump from house to house Why would we do that?

Here in 2023 why might we do that? Come on brother Well they didn't have nothing to sell things off from me Maybe so and so next door's got a peanut butter and maloney sandwich Come on brother Or peanut butter and jellies How I've peanut butter and maloney by the way But that's just me Maybe so and so has got chicken tenders Maybe I'll just go down a few houses and see what we have No once you find where God has put you You stay there Once you find that place where peace dwells You stay there And don't go running out to the other places In search of something else God Will provide for you Just as he provided for Elijah Over there at the Brook Charith Hey that Brook was running There was a famine all throughout the land There was a famine The craters were dying all around But God sent ravens and unclean birds To feed his man there by the Brook Charith And then when the Brook Charith got up He said hey I've got a little woman down there You need to go see her And she will take care of you

[23 : 10] God will supply your needs Whether where you are, what you're going through Or who you're going through it will God will supply your needs Yes he will He tells them verse 9 Heal the sick They're there and saying to them The kingdom of God has come nigh unto you Heal the sick and tell them The kingdom of God has come nigh unto you In other words you might be healed of your sickness But you're still not in the kingdom Tell them the kingdom of God has come nigh unto them How many of y'all got lost folks That have been deathly sick that you prayed for I was deathly sick when I was lost And I had people praying for me I know that I did And God healed me on behalf of the prayers Of His saints On behalf of the prayers of those people That knew Him that had been born again He tells these people He tells these disciples you go And you heal the sick And you tell them that the kingdom of God Is nigh unto them In other words don't take the credit

Upon yourself I have bestowed this power Upon you to heal I have given you this This means that you can go around You can lay your hands on the people You can pray over the people You can do it however you need to You heal them but you tell them It's because of the kingdom of God Is nigh unto them For no other reason I've seen too many preachers take credit Give themselves credit For something that God has done for them I've seen too many preachers Standing arrogance and cockiness And loftiness in the pulpits Taking credit for something that already God Has allowed them to do Hope it's a humbling thing to stand before you And present the word of God I will be accountable for everything that I teach you Out of this book just as Brother James will Just as any Sunday school teacher will Just as any preacher will Just as anyone in a position such as that in an office Such as that they will be responsible for that They will be responsible for what they teach you

Out of the Bible Amen I will make sure it's right Yes I will make sure it's true Why do you think James said in chapter 3 of his book Being not many masters Knowing this that we shall receive the greater condemnation Being not many masters That's the teachers Knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation That was the problem in James' time The problem was, hey, Jesus had done He had done come, he had done ministry He had done been killed on the cross He had been buried resurrected And had already ascended to the Father At the time that James wrote that letter He was saying being not many masters There were people coming into the churches And they were teaching wrongly There were the duty-advers coming in There were the law-keepers coming into the church And they were saying, Jesus Christ is all great And fine and well I love this man, Jesus Christ And I love salvation by Jesus Christ But you still need to be circumcised You still need to keep the law You still need to do the things In the books of Moses Folks, if we had to do anything for salvation

It is no longer of grace Amen Praise God I would say by grace I didn't do anything to get salvation It was all of Almighty God It was all of Almighty God Brother James, just a little while ago Made reference to what would Jesus do Bracelets that were popular 10, 15, 20 years ago I heard a man last night Give him a message He said, you know, I understand that And I was all great And fine and well Those bracelets and t-shirts and bumper stickers He said, but the real question is What did Jesus do?

Hey, come on What did Jesus do? What did he do? Jesus died for you Jesus died for me And now he is sending you the Father To forever make intercession For those that repent of their ways And believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ This is the thing that Jesus did And that is the only way Under salvation There's too many people out there And hey, I blame a lot of it On different churches And on different pastors And on different grandmothers and grandpas That have taught their children And they have taught their grandchildren To do this and you need to do that You need to quit sinning Hey, we're all sinners by nature I just quoted it from Ephesians 2 A little while ago That we were all the children of wrath By our very nature We are born into sin We are shaping in iniquity It is impossible for us to quit sinning All together But hallelujah Come on Hallelujah There's one that can't Never come into sin Hallelujah The Bible says there was no God

[27 : 54] Ever found in his mouth He lived the perfect and sinless life Before God in obedience to the Father And it is his righteousness That was infuted to me At the point of my conversion When I was saved and born again The righteousness of Jesus Christ Was infuted to me What did Paul write to the Corinthian church?

He said he that knew no sin Became sin for us that we might be made The righteousness of God He had been him I had been made The righteousness of God through Jesus Christ And that is the only way that I can never be The righteousness of God is through the righteousness Of his only begotten Son Hallelujah Amen If you think it's by any other way You're not worshiping the same God that I am If you think it's in some other way besides grace And by the blood And by repentance and belief in the gospel If you believe in any other way outside of that Most it's not the God of this Bible That the new covenant That he has put in place for us You read all about the new covenant Throughout the book of Hebrews You want to get a doctorate in the book Read through Hebrews sometimes But it talks about the new covenant It says that the old covenant had to be done away with So that there would be room for the new covenant To come in and Jesus Christ is the mediator Of the new covenant He is the very one that put the new covenant In place with the death of himself On the cross on the hill

God got the in your place And for mine Hey, I believe in the substitutionary sacrifice That Jesus Christ made for me It should have been me on that cross It should have been me suffering I should have had the Kramathorns on my head I should have had the nails driven through my hands and my feet But he did it all for me Now look at him, he done it all for you Bible says We all know it We all so love the world That he gave his own begotten Son Who is the earthly, who should not bear sin Everlasting life Forgotts the love of the world, I appreciate that verse I appreciate it very deeply But don't you forget this, Christian Don't you forget this God didn't save you because he loved you You read it in Ephesians chapter 4 for yourself Forgiving one another, even as God For Christ's sake had forgiven you God forgave you of your sins For Christ's sake Because Christ gave himself

He didn't save you because he loved you Yes, God loved you God loved the whole world Don't ever convince me otherwise The Bible tells me so But he didn't save you for that reason He saved you for the sake of his darling Son He saved you for the sake of the crown jewel of heaven He saved you for the sake of his only begotten He saved you for the sake of Jesus Christ If it were not so, the Bible wouldn't tell us that That was free I don't even know how I got off on all that I praise God for Even the very I've never read that verse 11 Even the very dust of your city Which cleaveeth on us We do wipe off against you Notwithstanding, be sure of this That the kingdom of God has come nigh to you Both parties are being told the same thing The people that had accepted it The people that were healed Jesus told these disciples To tell them the same thing The kingdom of God has come nigh unto you

And those that have rejected it The kingdom of God has come nigh unto you Folks, it is locked up now Just like it was 2,000 years ago It was locked up in the old testament days When the prophets would come and preach And you read through the book of Amos sometime You read just the first couple of chapters Of the book of Amos And you'll see Amos preaching against All these surrounding lands You'll see him preaching against the Hithos And against the Moabahs And against the Ammonats And all these other people And I can just hear those Jews That he was around cheering them on And amenning them right along And saying hallelujah and praise God But then he gets to the final one And he says for three transgressions of Israel And for the Lord The Lord will not hear your prayer The Lord is coming in judgment against you And I dare say that when that statement was made You could have heard a pin drop in that place Because he was preaching against his own people As per the Word of God Hey folks, you listen to me It does you no good to go to the lost world

[32 : 19] If you got lost sons and daughters and grandchildren It does you no good to go to them With the Ten Commandments And say you've broken this one and that one And this one, you have offended God Yes, they need to know they've offended God But folks, just because they quit lying Just because they quit stealing Does not put them in right relationship with God Hey man, that's right You keep in mind when Moses was up on Mount Sinai And God was up there etching those commandments With his own finger the first time around When he was up there giving those commandments And Moses came down the second time around When he didn't break the tablets Who were the commandments given to?

He didn't go to Moab He didn't go to Ammon He didn't go to any of these surrounding countries The commandments were given to the children of God You know why?

Because the parasites and the Hittites and the Ammonites And all these other acts that we read about in Scripture They were pagans and they were heathens And they could have cared less about the laws of God They could have cared less about the God of Moses They could have cared less about the God of Abraham As a conjecture They didn't care about these things And folks, it is the same now Even here in 2023 Hey, the world is nothing but a bunch of heathens And a bunch of pagans And they will do nothing but what heathens and pagans know How to do And that is how to be a heathen and a pagan That's why I shouldn't surprise us When we pick up the paper and we read about the rapes We read about the murders We read about the child abuse And the drug abuse And the alcohol abuse It's because they are heathens and pagans And that's all they know how to do Yeah, my man, yeah Praise God, there's one that can come There's one that has come And he can come to them personally I don't know how it was for you But for me, he came to me personally He came to me in my sin

He came to me in the darkest point of my life Praise God He came to me when I was completely hopeless He came to me when I was contemplating killing myself He came to me when everything around me was dark and black And dreary This is when Christ came to me And he showed me what I was He showed me what a filthy wretch that I was He showed me that I was a sinner And that I deserved hell But he didn't just leave it at that praise God He showed me, hey, you are a sinner But I am a mighty and a powerful savior And I can bring you about of the mire I can set your feet upon the solid ground And I can establish your doing And that's exactly what he did for me Hallelujah Amen If you ever got saved, that's pretty much what he done for you That's right, brother Anybody comes to an altar with a smile on their face Wanting to get saved, I don't think they're being convicted No Come on, brother I don't think they're being convicted at all Come on It was God who showed you what you are

Yes Even as a born-again child of God God will remind us what we were That's right You remember those children The children of Israel After God had done deliverance Through the Red Sea They were on their way to Canaan To the promised land That land that was promised to Abraham That we were talking about in Sunday school This morning The hey, that was more prophecy was fulfilled God told Abraham himself Your seed is going to go into bondage They will work as slaves And they'll do it for about 400 years God told Abraham And that's exactly what happened with the Israelites The praise God They're at the beginning of the book of Exodus That says of the cries of the children of Jacob Coming to God And he heard their cries And God said, I will go down And I will fix this mess I will fix what's wrong here I will release my people God said that he would do that himself It was a personal matter of business Between the world and the children of God Yes, man God showed up He delivered his people ready

[36 : 22] He used the man named Moses to do it It ain't no different New Testament salvation God delivers his people They used the man named Jesus The second person of the God He did to do it He used Jesus Christ To deliver people into his family We might be grafted in We might be adopted Sons and daughters of the most high God Praise God That I've been adopted into a royal family Praise God He looked down on me in my disgust In my sin and my filth And he said, praise the Lord I can do something with that That's redemption folks Thank you Lord That's redemption If God never showed you how worthless you was Chances are you never got saved Come on We're all worthless Hey, ain't none of us good?

No The psalmist said There's none that seeketh that for righteousness No, not one There's none that seeketh that for God And praise God Brother Paul quoted it To the Roman church in the book of Romans He quoted the very passage of scripture There are none good No, not one Praise God Amen I'll tell you one that is good Yeah Even Jesus Christ There was one time to him one time There in the gospels And he said, good master What must I do To inherit eternal life And Jesus said, why callest thou me good There's none good but God He was telling that man right then Hey, I'm the one you were talking about I am God He was talking about his own deity To this man when he said this But he said, why callest thou me good There is none good But God Praise God That's all that there is That's it Good in this world is God That's it People patted me on the bag They suspect I think you're a good man And I appreciate the compliments And I know where they're coming from And I know they have good intentions When they do that Brother James, I'd say that you are a good man As far as the humanistic way Of looking at things

But spiritually speaking None are good That's right And we all deserve hell I know I deserve hell Come on, Lord I know what I deserve But praise God, I know what I'm getting It calls a mercy It calls a mercy of God But I say unto you that it shall be more tolerable That day for Sodom than for that city Than what city?

The one that he mentions in verse 11 The one that is rejected That the kingdom of God has come nigh Under them has come near Under them that they rejected this These cities do He says they'll be more tolerable for Sodom And these people would have known What that meant Mostly Jewish audience That would have been spoken to At this point They would have known all about Sodom And they would have known all about Gomorrah And the other three cities of the plain There's three other cities there In the book of Genesis That are mentioned by name That were also pummeled to the ground By Almighty God Mother of two of them And God spared one of those cities And God done that for his own reasons And I have no right to question it But That would have been familiar with Sodom and Gomorrah Last of all, they would have known Exactly what went on there And exactly what they had done there Yeah And I'll tell you now While we're on that subject matter And I say this because I've heard it preached Disgustingly from pulpits I've heard it preached in queers

Got what they deserved I've heard that come from a pulpit people Not me No, it's not good Hope such contrary To the word of God Of how Christians should react We should mourn for those souls We can't pray for them now Their lives ended Their lives are already gone Pray But we are now Now, I wish I wish every homosexual in Johnson City Was here this morning Not so we could put them in as deacons Not so James could put them in as deacons Or song leaders Or Sunday school teachers But so they could hear the gospel preach So they could hear about the mercy Of Almighty God I don't want anybody to go to that awful place Called Hill I was on my way there at one time And what little bit I read about it From that sacred writ of scripture Laying on that pulpit right now I know I don't want to go there The Bible describes it as a place of weeping And wailing and gnashing of teeth It's a place of outer darkness It's a bottomless pit I don't want to go to that awful place And hallelujah because of the mercy

[40 : 31] Of Almighty God that He's imputed me Through the blood of Jesus Christ I'm not going I'm not going to that place It'll be more tolerable For Sodom than it will these people Why?

He goes on to say in the following verses That they had witnessed the miracles that you have If you had seen these things Coruscant and Bethsaida Were right outside of Capernaum A lot of people considered it one region That they were in and it was a region It was the Galilean region Jesus was thought of as the Galilean healer But Coruscant and Bethsaida were both right outside of there Bethsaida is where the 5,000 were fed There's miracles worked there You read on down just another verse or two And Jesus pronounces judgment against the city of Capernaum Most Capernaum was His headquarters While He was here on earth After He left Nazareth He set up shop In Capernaum that was His headquarters For most of His ministry That's where most of the miracles of Jesus Christ were worked That's where Peter's mother-in-law was healed That's where Jeres' daughter was raised from the dead That's where demons were cast out of people That's where blind eyes were opened

The people of Capernaum witnessed miracle After miracle, after miracle That the Old Testament prophesied That the Messiah that was promised in Genesis Chapter 3 that would come and bruise The head of the serpent that was prophesied In the Old Testament that He would work These specific miracles and they rejected the Messiah While John chapter 1 said He came into his own and his own received the knot He came to the Jews, the people that should have recognized Him Before anybody else did And they received the knot Why did they not receive Him? Because they believed the knot That's right Now a lot of that was because of persuasiveness By the elite Jewish religious crowd Known as the Pharisees and the scribes and the Sadducees And the High Priest All these people persuaded the people And you see that all throughout the Gospels And especially when it comes to the time of the crucifixion At the end of the Gospels Who were the ones that are leading the people on

Who were the ones that provoked the people into spring And crucify, crucify The religious leaders of the day And they, knowing the Old Testament Scriptures Better than anyone else And I would have recognized Him for who He was Sodom He'll be more tolerable for them As if He hadn't had the miracles wrong They just had a span to repent But folks, that is graceful That is graceful Ain't you glad The first sin you ever committed in your life Which is probably before your mind started storing memories Truth be known The first sin you ever committed Just struck you down right there Send your soul right on into hell The second sin, the fifth sin, the tenth sin The thousand sin, the million sin That we've ever committed College grace, praise God Is sufficient and His long suffering Is everlasting, hey These are attributes of Almighty God And God is eternal, therefore if God is eternal Each and every one of His attributes Are also eternal, His grace is eternal

His long suffering is eternal His patience is eternal But don't you let that get you in too much of a comfortable zone If you're here lost and without Jesus Christ Because His fury is also eternal And His wrath is also eternal David said, if I send none of the heavens Thou art there, if I make my bed in hell Thou art there, Almighty God Is in hell in the form of His wrath And His fury and His angerment And His judgment and His condemnation Against those that have rejected the truth In the gospel of Jesus Christ And have tripled underfoot the blood Of Jesus Christ God is eternal, and everything about Him Is eternal, but praise God one of these days When we go to the Book of Revelation He's coming today, when God will have no more use For His wrath, it'll still abide It'll still live on because it's eternal It's immortal, it'll live on in a place that I ain't going to That's right That is my job as a Christian to tell people

[44 : 51] About Jesus Christ And to pray for those people And to pray that God gets ahold of their heart And shows them their love condition And shows them their need for salvation That is my job as a Christian to pray And I said at the very beginning of this Within the first two verses of Luke chapter 10 here Anything that we do should begin with prayer We should begin with prayer unto God I'm down to verse 16 He that heareth you, heareth me And he that despises you, despises me And he that despises me, despises him That sent me So once again I've already said it once It's nothing to do with who I am It's nothing to do with anything that I've done It's nothing to do with any sermon that I've preached It's nothing to do with any lesson I've taught Or any song that I've sung It has nothing to do with me They hate God The world has always hated God Why do you think that the pagans over in the Old Testament time Were constantly going to the Jews

And they were wanting to marry into the Jews And drag them into their culture God had given them a perfect culture He had given them a perfect religion He had given them a sacrificial system To keep them in communion with Him God had done all these things for His people Satan would use the outside tribes He would use the outside lands and the outside people To send people in and to lower them away from the things of God Hey, the world now wants to lower the children of God Out into their ways and out in their actions And their religion, hey, their religion Ain't worth a dime as compared to the religion of the Bible They can take their doctrine and throw it as far as the east Is from the west like my sins are Because if it ain't biblical doctrine It ain't worth having That's it Every bit of doctrine you pay attention to Every bit of doctrine you take hold of It needs to come from this book right here Amen And I hope y'all have a bunch of them people who say I don't need doctrine and I don't need theology Folks, you listen to me

Your theology and your doctrine determines what Jesus you worship Don't tell me it's not important Don't tell me theology is not important Let me tell you something, the world is full of different Jesuses They've taken something they've concocted in their own mind Something that has no wrath Something that has no fury Something that will let them live any life that they want to And they can still make it to heaven That is not the God of the Bible That is not the God of Scripture It is a false crust You read how many times when Paul wrote to Timothy You do a word search sometime You read how many times the word doctrine was used When he was talking to Timothy It's because doctrine matters And doctrine is important in theology It's important those two things will determine what Jesus you worship It will determine what kind of salvation you have It will determine that your salvation is work-based Which isn't salvation at all Or if it's grace-based Which is the only salvation that will get us under God And get us under heaven one day after a while

Don't tell me it ain't important It is I don't need doctrine in theology I just need the Bible Where do you think doctrine in theology comes from? It comes from the Bible Anyway, I ain't gonna get in on all that Four more verses, y'all got time for me?

Amen Praise the Lord Verse 17 In the 70 returned again with joy Saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name And he said unto them, I behold Satan as lightning fall from heaven Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions And over all the power of the enemy And nothing shall be by any means hurt you Not withstanding, and this rejoice not That the spirits are subject unto you But rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven So these disciples, this 70 Outside of the original 12 This other 70 that Christ had sent out The Bible doesn't tell us how long they were out It could have been days, it could have been weeks It could have been months, we have no clue And I'm not even gonna try to venture As to say how long they were out But when they returned, it says they were rejoicing But why were they rejoicing?

[49 : 11] Because the devils were subject unto them And this was a power that all, this was a power and a gift That Jesus Christ himself had imparted unto them And says that the devils are subject unto us And they even realized through thy name, through your name Jesus Christ Yes, are these devils subject unto us And what was Christ's response to them?

And I'll be held to Satan, follow his light Yeah, what kind of response is that? He was warning these disciples And this warning goes right on out to me And it goes right on out to you I don't know what gift God has bestowed upon you And you don't know all the gifts that Almighty God has bestowed Upon me, but you remember, dear Christian That they are bestowed by God Because they belong to God He has given them to us for his use And for his glory And for his honor And for the honor of the kingdom that he has promised to come It has nothing to do with you Or you're deserving it or anything else It is because God saved your soul And expects you to do something for him now Yeah, they were just tickled to death They come running, Jesus Jesus Jesus The devils are subject unto us through thy name And you say, I'll be held to Satan, follow his light Giving them warning Why? Because they're pried

Did it go into their heads? Did it go into their heads? Brother James was talking this morning About how he had to call a brother one time And apologize for something Well, pride's got an awful aftertaste on it Come on, brother Pride gives you heartburn, no But I promise you, it's better to swallow that pride And do what God's word says to you In fact, in the Sermon on the Mount Right there in Matthew chapter 5 It says, if you come to the altar with your gift And you have ought with your brother Don't even bother giving God the gift You go out and you solve the ought that you have With your brother You go out and you reconcile with your brother Then you can come to God and to his altar And offer a gift unto him But while we have ought with a brother or a sister And Christ, it'll do us no good To try and gift anything unto our father We've got to do it God's way, folks We're just ain't going to get that I'll be held to Satan for his lot There's people that will say And you may have heard it taught this way That what he was saying was

While these disciples were out, while these 70 were out As they were preaching, as they were telling people The kingdom of God is nigh unto you That he was seeing Satan's kingdom crumble That Jesus could see this in his mind Folks, that ain't what Jesus was saying He was saying, I, me, God Manifest in the flesh, I was in heaven And I beheld Satan fall his lightning And why did Satan fall his lightning?

Why did Lucifer fall because of his pride? And because he desired the worship That God was getting It was because of his pride that he felt like he deserved That worship The Bible describes Lucifer as one of the most beautiful things That you've ever seen You can read about in the book of Isaiah You can read about in the book of Ezekiel You can read about this angel, this fallen angel Name Lucifer But Jesus here says, I beheld Satan fall his lightning From the heavens, he's given them warning Hey, don't put yourself up on a pedestal Don't you take credit for anything that you've done Don't you let this go to your head It's because of me that you were able to do anything I'll be held Satan fall his lightning From the heavens and I will be held you From your pedestal if you're not careful Yeah That's the exact warning that Jesus was given Behold, I give unto you power Under you power to tread on serpents and scorpions Over all the power of the enemy And nothing shall by any means harm a virtue Folks, I don't read anywhere here

[53 : 04] That that power was ever taken back Now, that Jesus Now listen, I understand there at the end of the gospel of Matthew Jesus says all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth And praise God it is That's my Jesus that saved my soul That's got all the power in heaven and in earth I understand that But I don't read where he took me into this power Back with him or let the rest of us have it Now, was he speaking literally to tread on serpents And to tread on scorpions Quite possibly I tend to think that he was Just like he was at the end of the gospel of Mark When he told, when he was talking about how Jesus had given them power to take up serpents If they drink any unhealthy thing it wouldn't hurt them I think that was literal things Do I encourage you to go out and find a six foot timber right where it's stiff on it just to see No, I don't Use some common sense Do I encourage you to go out And find yourself a three foot copperhead And pick it up and see if it'll kiss you on the nose

No, I don't encourage you to do that Come on, Brad Now listen, out in the yard I'll play with garter snakes I'll play with black snakes I'll play with reen necks I'll play with corn snakes I'll play with any of these critters that aren't poisonous Well, I know even if they do bite me It ain't gonna kill me That's right But you don't see me up in the woods Cutting out a timber out there You don't see me looking for a copperhead You don't see me going over in Africa And other places looking for cobras Why? Because they'll kill me I've played with little snakes since I was a kid They don't scare me So now I'm gonna pick up Or tread upon a poisonous snake So even though God gave this power To these disciples here That doesn't mean you need to go out and test it For the Bible says that God You don't need to be testing God That's right God says, the Bible says in the book of James That God is not tempted man to work And working God be tempted by man At best that we don't tempt Almighty God

That's right And then people do that And it didn't turn out too well for him Notwithstanding, and this rejoiced not He imparted this power unto them But he says, even though I've given you this power I've given you these gifts I've allowed you to do these things by my power I've imparted unto you And this is not what you need to rejoice in You need to rejoice that your names Are written in heaven Hey folks, just tell them That you need to rejoice that you've been redeemed That you've been saved Hey folks, I know people, as I've already said That can preach circles around me I know people that I can listen to Teach the Bible for hours upon hours And never get bored with what they were saying I know people that I can listen to preach And sing and everything else And never get bored, never make a yawn Never make a peep of complaint Because they are doing what they're doing With the gift that Almighty God has given them to do it with And I enjoy it when they're doing it But they don't need to rejoice In those things that God has allowed them to do They need to rejoice that Almighty God

Sent his son to be the propitiation For their sin, to be the sacrifice For them to shed his blood For the remission of many sins And for the ransom of many And hallelujah, I was one of those many Me too Hallelujah, I am one of those many This is what we need to rejoice in If you've got gifts of the Holy Spirit God bless you, use them for the glory of God Amen, brother But don't rejoice in those You rejoice that God saved you That's right, that's the moment Just like I need to rejoice That God saved my soul Amen Both that's the message God bless you, I appreciate your attention this morning Yes, yes Amen