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We've come together tonight to the announcing of the glad tidings. And I'd like to turn first of all to First Timothy one. And 15. This is a faithful saying. Worthy of all acceptation. That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of whom? IMG. And so in the glad tidings, then we see the purpose of the announcing of these glad tidings. That Christ Jesus. Came into the world to save sinners. Now the Apostle Paul, when he was old, wrote these words. And he could add to it. Of whom I am chief. The sense of the love of Christ to his soul, as it grew day by day, gave him to realize what a Sinner he was. And there may be those here tonight who have never heard the gospel before, who have never been at a gospel meeting of this kind, and they may not think of themselves as sinners. And they may not realize the depth of the wickedness of the human heart. Desperately wicked, and only God himself could know those depths. But the Word of God tells us very plainly in Romans 3 that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. And it's the purpose of the Spirit of God in a day like this, when there's still liberty and when there's still hope that He might bring home to your heart and conscience a sense of your need before Him. Because unless you have a sense of your need, you'll never cry to the Savior for salvation. And so the Spirit of God takes scripture upon Scripture to bring home to our hearts. A sense of our need in His presence. And all, my friend, if you realized. What your destiny is without Christ, you would come to Him tonight. Yes, if the Princess of this world had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. We see that man is blind. He needs to have his eyes opened, and now we'll just turn to a few scriptures, starting with. Matthew. The. 9th chapter. The first verse of the 9th chapter of Matthew. And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed. And Jesus seeing their faith, said, under the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer thy sins be forgiven thee. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, this man blasphemous, and Jesus. Knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether it is easier to say thy sins be forgiven, they are to say, Arise and walk. But that you may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, then set the to the sick of the palsy, Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thine house. And he arose and departed to his house. But when the multitude saw it, they marveled and glorified God. Which had given such power? Unto men I suppose that the first healing that the Lord. Did in the Gospels. It was the healing of the leper. You know leprosy. Here we have the palsied man. But leprosy makes us think of defilement. And in order for God to bless us, He first has to cleanse us. Because there's only one way that he can bless the Sinner, and that's with himself. And God is holy. And so we see that poor leper coming to Jesus in the Gospels. If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean, and Jesus said I will be thou clean. Precious Savior, Oh my friend, have you been cleansed as we were singing tonight? From the defilement of sin. But here we have in this passage we've just read.

Not a leper in his sins, but just another picture of man and his knee. And that's what we would like to bring before you. First tonight, my friend, is the need. Man's need. He's defiled. It's true. He's unfit for the presence of God, but he's also helpless. We have a man here that's lying out of bed. In another gospel, we learned that there were four who carried him and let him down through the roof to Jesus. And the Lord Jesus. Tells the man. Thy sins are forgiven. They. Now that isn't why the man came to Jesus, you see, He didn't know his need. He didn't know his need, but there were those who brought him to Jesus. And how good it is when there are those who gather together to bring a man. Or a woman to Jesus. That they might have their sins forgiven. And this man had a little realized his need until he got into the presence of Jesus. And all that the Spirit of God would bring you into the presence of the Lord Jesus tonight, that you might realize your need. You're a Sinner and you're on your way to hell, friend, without God and without Christ. Unless you receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. And so those about, they thought what a thing this is. That he speaks of forgiving sins, but little did they know the person was who was forgiving sins. And this poor world tonight doesn't know the Lord Jesus nor his power. Oh, how different this world would be if it were so. And why? Is it because the enemy of our souls would hinder us from coming to that precious savior? And so we find this man now in the presence of Jesus, and the question in his presence is sin. Sins, the positive guilt that attaches to every human soul. Oh my friend, God puts the question to you. What shall a man give in exchange for his soul? And yet there are those who are selling their souls tonight for little or nothing. What a solemn thing it is as we see men. Bartering away their souls, trading them for this world's merchandise. Isn't it so? Yes, you know, the pleasures of sin are only for a season. And God tells us that whatsoever a man sows, that will he also reap. He tells us that we're going to have to do with Him about our sins. And so this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Sinners. And so, my friend, there's only one kind of people that the Lord Jesus can save. That's sinners. And He wants you and me to realize what we are in His presence tonight, sinners, except for that grace that has saved some here. Now he says in the fifth verse, whether it's easier to say thy sins be forgiven thee. Or just saying arise and walk. All we see here the power of the Creator himself. The Lord Jesus could say, if I had not done among you the works that none other man did, she had not had sin. And to turn aside from a testimony like this only shows man's will at work because there was the positive proof of his person who he was the creator. Who could cure leprosy? Who could raise a man up from the bed of palsy? The same one that can forgive sins. Oh my friend. Little by little, little do these sins entwine us. And as the Scripture says, bound in the cords of their sins. And so it is with men. Entwined by sin until they come to the point where. It's too late. Yes, my friend, while there's still the day of mercy, you dear young people, confess the Lord Jesus while you're young before.

Sin takes over and then it's too late. That is, the time comes when it's too late. The time comes, it's not too late tonight. Now, as long as the gospel goes out and you're under the sound of it, it's not too late, my friend. And that's why the glad tidings are being preached. Now in the next few verses. We have another man and Jesus. As Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the receipt of custom. And he says unto him, Follow me. And he rose and followed him. Now we don't have any particular miracle connected with this that we observe. And yet it certainly was a miracle. Here's a man who's going on with his ordinary duties. It's a picture, I suppose, of most of us here. Not particularly afflicted with. Palsy or leprosy or some disease of that kind. But as the Lord Jesus observes this man, he's going on with his regular duties. But what does the Lord observe with this man just the same as he observed with the other one? Because the word of God tells us that all of sin. And perhaps this is a picture of you tonight, like Matthew sitting at the receipt of custom. But when he got into the

presence of Jesus. He must have seen something different, because the moment the Lord Jesus speaks to him, he rises and follows Jesus. What happened? Nothing is said, but all my friends, what must have gone on in the heart of that dear man as he turns to follow Jesus? He must have realized himself a Sinner because of what follows. Because now he fills his house with sinners. Notice. And can it pass? As Jesus sat at meet in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. What a picture this is. You know, sometimes people take trips and they take photos and then they come home and look them over and show their friends. But we have here a series of pictures of the Word of God that God wants to impress indelibly upon our hearts, and that for all eternity. All my friends, what a picture. This is Jesus, the Son of God, the Creator of all, sitting in the House of. This tax gather and as he's setting their income, the sinners have sit down beside him. Oh, my friends, what a picture. Have you ever taken the place of one of those sinners? To hear and see Jesus. Yes, what a day that was, and what a feast. Luke calls it a great feast. And what a great feast it was because this man, this dear man who had no outward visible need of healing, he had a need that was deeper and that couldn't be pictured as these others, but it was a real need. And Jesus met it. And now his desire was that his fellow tax gatherers. And his friends would come and hear and see Jesus, that they too might be saved. And so he fills his mouth with sinners. That they might too be saved. Now we have a little word in the 12th verse. That I'd like to call attention to, but when Jesus heard. That that is the Pharisees requesting these things. He said unto them, They that behold need not a physician. We have that little word need, and that's what the Spirit of God would bring before us, I believe tonight. A sense of need. Now they that behold need not a physician. But there were those here who needed the physician. And yet they weren't awkwardly afflicted. These were sitting at the table with Jesus. But they weren't whole that Oh my friend, you're not whole tonight unless you have a savior.

You recall the man that lived in the tombs. And after the Lord Jesus had cast out the demons, we see him sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed in his right mind. Now it was whole. He hadn't been before. And so these sitting with Jesus at the table were not whole. Until the great Physician came that they might be healed. Oh my friend, if you only knew and knew the need of your soul. You know man's need is great. It's never said that God needed anything. There's only one thing that the Lord Jesus ever said that I know of that He needed. One thing. And that's when he sent them to bring the colt. He said you tell him the master have need of him and *** is cold. My friend. It's a picture of man. Then there will be Wise though he would be born like a wild ass's coat. And that's man before God, and yet God the Lord Jesus. Said He hath need of him, O my friend, to think of this another picture before our souls. The Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, He hath need. And he's made it so. That you might be with Him in the glory. He wants you there and He's made provision. And so this is a faithful saying worthy of all acceptance. That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. That's the kind he has need of. You qualify for this friend. The 13th verse. But go you alone. With that meaneth I will have mercy. And not sacrifice, for I'm not come to call the righteous, but sinners. To repentance. And now we have more things introduced, we have his call. He's calling you tonight, friend. He's calling you Sinner. He's not calling the righteous. He's calling sinners to repentance. Yes, the blessed Savior himself said in the 13th chapter of Luke. Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise. Perish. That blessed Savior who from his lips became those gracious words. So that all men marveled. And yet in faithfulness to your soul and mine, he could say, Except you repent, he shall all likewise perish. Yes, friends, you are on the downward Rd. if you are without Christ. The plowing of the wicked is sin. Everything a man does is sin. If he's without Christ. Sin. If he has the knowledge of Christ and rejects him, he's living in sin his whole life is because it's only that new life that man has. As redeemed. That brings a difference because man is lost by nature. But he's only condemned because he rejects the truth of God. And the word of God is the means, my friend, by which you and I might be saved. He said his word and delivered them. It's the Word of God that is the means by which your soul and mind might be delivered from the coming wrath. Sinners. To repentance. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Now if you turn with me to. The 23rd chapter of Luke. I believe we have the means by which sinners are saved here. The 33rd verse. Of the 23rd of Luke, and when they were come to the place which is called Calvary. There they crucified him. And the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left, then said, Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment and cast lots. And the people stood beholding in the rulers also with them derided him, saying He saved others, let him save himself. He be Christ the chosen of God. Verse 46.

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice. He said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. And having said thus. He gave up the ghost. We have in this picture before us now, that loving Savior going to the cross of Calvary. Dying so that you and I might have eternal life. We will hear those blessed words, Father, Forgive them, for they know not what they do. Oh my friend, there's forgiveness tonight for the Sinner. This is the means by which God can be just in justifying the ungodly because man is ungodly. And he needs to be justified if he's going to be in the presence of God. And God has provided a means, although we must all means die. Whereby his baddest be not expelled from his sight, he's provided the means. And that's Jesus. And as we speak here of the cross tonight, my friend, we tell you that this is the only way. That you and I might find a savior. It's through the. Finished work on Calvary's cross in John's Gospel. We have added that. Picture of the soldier plunging the spear into his side in death. Because, my friend, it's the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, that cleanseth from all sin. The Lord, when he was here, he could say thy sins be forgiven, but it was in virtue of his death. God is holy and he must have payment of those sins. And the Lord Jesus has made full payment in his death, so that you and I might go free. Have you received the Lord Jesus as your Savior? This is a faithful saying. Worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He saved others. Himself, he cannot say it. Why? Because there was hanging. Taking the full penalty for the Sinner. Taking the judgment of God that was due you and me. Yes, he took it. And he bore those sins in his own body on the tree. If you believe, you can claim him as your savior. Turn to the 7th chapter. Of Matthew. Verse 13. Enter ye in at the Strait gate, For why is the gate broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which win thereafter, because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. That we have set before us the way here. It's Christ. It's the straight gate. There was a question asked the Lord. Once are there few be saved? And he said to them to enter in the straight gate. It wasn't a question of how many were to be saved, but it's a question, are you saved? Are you saved? Now remember a man for months and years telling me as I gave him the gospel? Well, what about the heathen? What about the heathen? And each time I try to present the truth to his own soul, that. He heard the gospel. God. Will take care of the heathen. But it was he who was to have to do with God about the truth that he had heard. That man rejected over and over again. And you know he that often being reproved hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed. One morning he went hunting, and as he got out of the car. The gun accidentally went off. And he shot himself accidentally, went into eternity, lost as far as we know, but having heard it over and over again. But all he could think about was what about the heathen? But my friend, what about you? Don't ask the question. Are there few be saved? What about you tonight? Have you settled this question? Have you entered into the straight gate?

Are you with the many on the road to destruction? All right with Are you with those who are saved, saved, saved through the blood of Jesus as we were singing Are you saved? Oh how much there is today about people talking about religion. Read the 21st verse with me. This is the class all about us who talk about religion. Not everyone that says them to be Lord Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven. But he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven, many will say to me in that day, Lord. Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? In thy name

have cast out devils, Thy name have done many wonderful works. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you depart from me, ye that work iniquity. How this verse shows clearly that there's no such thing as being saved and lost again. I believe those who stand at this in this picture before us tonight are those who have heard the gospel and have preached it perhaps, and they're able to say Lord, Lord. Now at that day, he will confess I never knew you. I never knew you. No, it's not a question of being saved and lost again. I never knew you. My friend, it isn't enough to have religion. There has to be. A personal contact with the Lord Jesus. Like these pictures we've had before us tonight? The leper, The palsy man. And in the same chapter we won't read it but. You have the blind, the two blind men, and you know man is blind to the things of God unless Jesus opens his eyes. Have you had your eyes open to see beauty in Jesus? Then we have the dumb man also in the 9th chapter. Have you ever confessed the name of Jesus on your lips? The war is naive, even in thy mouth. That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus. Believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead. Thou shalt be saved my friend. Are you dumb tonight? Are you blind? Have you confessed that precious name of Jesus? Have you seen that precious Savior as your own savior? Well, John 10 a verse. Ninth verse of John 10. I am the door. The children sing this in Sunday school and how simple the truth of it. How simple the truth of John, and yet how profound I am the door. By me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved. Do you believe that friend tonight? Oh, how simple. The gospel message, the wayfaring man, or a fool need not err therein. I am the door by me. If any man enter in, he shall be saved. He shall go in and out and find pasture, that precious Savior. Set himself before us tonight as the door. We were talking about. The straight gate. Yes, he is that. He's the way to John 14. The truth. And the light and no man comes to the Father, but through Jesus. Show Jesus. In the 24th verse of John. Five, it tells us. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent Me hath everlasting life shall not come into judgment, but is passed from death unto life.

Oh, how simple the gospel message. And yet how many stumble. It is the simplicity of simply taking Jesus at His word. As we did, we saw the leper taking him at his word. I will be thou clean. Dear young people, have you taken Jesus at His word? Have you had your eyes open? Have those lips of yours ever uttered the precious name of Jesus? Your savior. What a solemn thing it is to consider eternity. As God sets it before us in his words. What does Sodom say to have to stand before God and give an account? Of our sins in his presence. Because it surely will be the case for those who rejected the Savior. Depart from me. I never knew you. Only at a prayer meeting there will be possibly denied if we're shaken. I'm sure there are many who believe that here, if we're caught away, there will be a prayer meeting. In this world. And they'll be saying the words of these verses that we've just read. Lord, Lord. Open to us. Depart from me. I never knew you. What does solemn thing it is as we consider. The opposite side. The rejecting of Jesus as the Savior. To that, I'd like you to turn with me to a verse in Luke the 17th chapter. 28 First the. 28th verse of Luke 17. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot, they did eat. They drank, they bought. They sold. They planted. They build it. But the same day that lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed. All. Even that shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. We have the ordinary habits of man here, which in themselves are not evil. But we find it's a day when land is living without God, as we learned in the 16th chapter of Ezekiel of the sin of Sodom. Pride full of bread. And they didn't turn their hand to help the poor. Let God out of their lives. Pride full of the bread. We find ourselves in those very conditions tonight. All around us, the pride of man building up. Higher and higher. You're thinking is something, but my friend, God says all have sinned. And as the day coming, and God will judge this world in righteousness by that man. And he's given witness to our man that he's raised him from the dead. What a silent thing it is for an unsafe man to contemplate the fact that Jesus is raised from the dead. Because if that is impressed upon the soul, he knows that he's going to stand before him in judgment. John was made to the. 19th chapter of Genesis. We have some solemn questions in Genesis. Do you recall when Adam was? Had sinned. When the Lord came down, he said, Adam, where art thou? You recall the time when. Can you flew his brother Abel? God said. What hast thou done? Yes, man is at a distance from God, but he's also done something. He's turned away from God and he's rejected his son. Man has sinned. The wages of sin is death. And so now we have some more questions in this chapter. In this 19 chapter.

Of Genesis. And there came two angels to Sodom, and even and lots out in the gate of Sodom, and not seeing him, rose up to meet them. And he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. And he said, Behold, now, my Lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house you carry all night, and wash your feet. You shall rise up early and go on your ways. And they said, Nay, but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly, and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house, and he made them a feast. And did bake unleavened bread. And they did eat. Now here we have a particular picture in the House of lot. You know, Lot once was with Abraham up on the plains. But he pips his tent towards Sodom. And now we see as a house in Sodom, and this chapter teaches us that he also sat in the gate as one of the rulers of Sodom. And we find that he doesn't have the mind of God like Abraham. Because of what he says. He says turn in tomorrow, you go on your way. No, he doesn't have the insight Abraham had. If you read the previous chapter, you'll see that Abraham was on his face before God, praying for Lot. Because Abraham had been informed by God of what was going to take place. And those tonight in this room, we know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior have been informed of what's going to take place in this world. These angels had to lose that Lot knew nothing about. He could say turn in and the morning can rise and go on your way. Little did he know what would happen in the morning. And so the world goes merrily on its way. Without the counsel that comes from the word of God, because they don't know God. But my friend, the solemn warning of God to the Sinner is that God is going to judge this world in righteousness. And he's going to judge by that man Christ Jesus. I remember years ago, I don't know if it's still printed, we used to give out a track. Your savior or your judge? Oh, how precious tonight, my friend, that he's the savior. Even tonight for you. That the day is coming. What he's going to have to judge for God's glory. He is going to have to separate the good and evil. He is going to have to put down all wickedness and set up a Kingdom and righteousness in this world. It's coming. Judgment's coming. We have been speaking to you, my friends, about Christ. Jesus came into the world to save sinners. But God tells us he's going to come as judge, too. And so this count is. In Genesis that Luke 17 refers to. As it was in the days of Lot. Little did these people in Sodom know what was going to happen on the next morning. Little did not know though, he was a righteous man. Not going on well though, but little did he know what was going to happen in the morning. But all my friends. What a wonderful thing it is to be ready. When the judgment comes. But it isn't just the plea from judgment. As we've been speaking to that love of God to send his Son, that you might have eternal life, but he's warning of judgment. He's warning of those who reject such a Savior. And now turn to the 12th verse. We will see questions brought to lot. And the man said unto Lot, Hast thou hear any besides? Study around thy sons, thy daughters, whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place, for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxing great before the face of the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy us. Now we find that. The angels are saying.

God is going to destroy this city that lot was trying to build up. While I was sitting in the gate. And the question gelat is now that reaches this conscience, I'm sure. Hast thou hear any besides? God would impress my friends upon your hearts and minds tonight as we are nearing the very moment of the Lord's coming. Hast thou hear any besides? You may be saved, my friend, but how about that son and that daughter? How about that son-in-law and that daughter-in-law? How about the father and the mother, the brother and the sister? But, my friend, hast

thou willily besides? Bring him out of this place, but we will destroy it. You remember how Rahab gathered her loved ones into that upper chamber. When the judgment fell upon that city, they were safe because they were under the scarlet line. You will have saved my friend, nor your loved ones, unless they are sheltered under the precious blood of Christ. Yes, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses from all sins. What does someone say it is to contemplate the judgment of God in leaving those loved ones behind. Now we don't know whether Lot had any sons or not, but the angels inferred it in the statement. It could have been that he had sons in that city. It could have been that they were so far away, couldn't find them. Yes, I was in a home, a Christian home, a lovely Christian home, dear Christian parents, and as my wife and I were visiting. There a dear sister broke down and she told us. That run of her loved ones. Had left and she doesn't know where she is. She doesn't know where she is. Nor will she tell her parents where she is. All my friends tonight, there's something wrong. Are you and I could have said about our loved ones, are we putting business or pleasure or anything before this All important question. I sometimes wonder if it isn't often the parents. Who are hindering? The blessing of their children. Here we have it with Lot. Lord was out of communion. Did little did he realize because he was taking, How much better for him to remain on the mountaintop with Abraham? So he might have the mind of God. Have failure any besides. Do you remember the words of Judah when Benjamin? Was in prison. And he had made a vow to his father that he would bring him back. Joseph put him in prison, put Benjamin in prison. He said how can I go to my father in the lab? Be not with me? Oh, father, Mother. How can you go to your father in the lab? Be not with you? Are you and I concerned tonight about our loved ones? We cry to God for them. That was lots case. And all that lot has to look back upon the life of failure and ruin. Because he left the place of God's appointment, he left everything behind. As we read in Luke, the judgment came and took all, all. That's the history of life. Daughters that shamed him, that's all he took out of the city. May God exercise our hearts then. As to this. For we will destroy this place. Oh Sinner, what will you do? When judgment falls. Will you cry like those in Jeremiah? The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved. Saved. You can be denied by confessing that precious name of Jesus. Well, join the Lord Jesus Christ tonight as your Savior. This is a faithful saying.

Word of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Are you a Sinner? You're a candidate, my friend, for blessing, for salvation if you're a Sinner. He came out to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Are you a Sinner? 15th verse. We find that Lord have no He had no results with his sudden loss. Would you expect him to? You know the word of God says, thou thy house. But it doesn't expect the father to sit in the gate of a wicked city. No, it's the faith. He says, I will restore to you the years, the locusts of Eden. But he doesn't expect the one to take that blessing to himself and to go out in the path of unrighteousness. No, indeed. He says it to faith. Yes, and faith has the privilege now of walking and the power to walk in that new path. But remember, the promise still remains, Thou in my house. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved in thy house. God promises it to faith only. I will restore to you the years the locusts of Eton to faith only. Faith only. So that we might be broken before God. About these dear ones. But Lord had no results. He sat on the gate of the city. And the morning comes. Yes, and it came to pass because, my friend, this was the last night of Sodom. Or what a solemn time it will be when this earth. Finds that the church is gone. Well, there will be never again the gospel of the grace of God to be sounded out in this world. Call my friend, perhaps that is. Tonight will be the last. 1 And then the pride goes out. Bring me at a vessel. And the answer is, there is not a vessel more. And then, my friend, the oil will stay. The blessing of the Spirit of God that goes out tonight. The gospel of His grace will be over and past forever. But a solemn thing this is to contemplate. What would you do, my friend? In the swelling of Jordan, as it says in Jeremiah, what will you do in the swelling of Jordans when the judgments of God are poured upon this scene? And you know, you could have confessed Jesus Christ. As your savior. That that gospel meeting. And had eternal life through believing in His name. The morning arose before lots were taken up with this city, and his wife's heart there took two angels to drag him out of the city. Arise, take thy wife and my two daughters which are here, lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. Now I think you'll notice in your margin the word found. Found thy two daughters which are found here. Now, we're not going to try to pass on these daughters, whether they're saved or lost, but we want to use the picture. In the Old Testament addition, the question of that is the question of God's ways. These were two were found. Oh, what a precious thing. What a precious thing to have those children found and to be taken with us as we go into the Father's house. Found. Lost. Yes. Found, so they say, thy two daughters, which are found, lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. Only those are found who will go taken out of the city. Only those that are found. The day of judgment falls only those who have put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Those were found.

Will be taken. 17 birds came to pass when they brought them forth abroad. That he said, Escape for thy life. Now notice the instructions. Look that behind thee neither stayed out. All the plains escaped to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. Now we find that. In the 26th verse. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. Now we'll find that the instructions were escape to thy life and look not behind thee. Escape for thy life. And he let him out and not add the glue into that city of refuge himself. God knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and He delivered lot out of the city. But Lot had to go into that city of refuge that God had provided. And you and my friend will have to go to that city where you'll be like lots white on the outside. You'll have to bring thy faith tonight and take Jesus Christ as your Savior. It is the mercy of God that led that family out of the city. But it was faith, and faith alone. Believing the word of God that enabled them. Any of them to enter into that city? Without faith, it's impossible to please God. Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word of God. And so the one who hears the word of God and believes his testimony. He testifies that God is true. He receives his Son as his Savior. He has a city of refuge. But here we see Lot's wife. She. She turned back. She looked back. She became a pillar of salt. Disobedience. To the word of God. She rejected the testimony of God. She refused to obey His testimony. Her heart was in the city. And so she looked back. Now she didn't die in the judgment of the city. No, I believe, my friends, we have a picture here of the special judgment, the weights, those who've had a testimony, those who've lived as it were in lots house, the righteous man's house, those who've had the testimony of the gospel, the same as those who read, who would say, Lord, Lord, have we not preached? In thy name. Lot's wife. The water had all the privileges. Of a home where at least God was acknowledged. It's a picture of Chris Adam, who's had a testimony. Will that be judged with this world number? Will have a separate judgment on its own. The Lord is coming out of heaven as a thief. The judge christened them. Those who have had the special privilege. Will have a special judgment. A lost wife stands as a solemn witness. There on the plains outside of Sodom. For those who after should live ungodly. In this world. And to live ungodly is simply to reject. To leave God out of your life. And that's what characterizes the masses today of those who outwardly profess. Outwardly profess the name of Christ. How is it with you, friend? You've heard the gospel over and over again. Have you confessed Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior? Are you washed in that precious blood of which we were singing? Will you be able to stand on the day of judgment because you're sheltered under that blood of the Lord Jesus Christ? This is a faithful saying.

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