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To open Sunday school this morning. Yesterday, I was asked. I started thinking about a little experience I used to have when I was a child. I often Sunday morning heard somebody singing a song that's stuck in my Memory. It's not on the hymn sheet. But I'm going to suggest which thing, I'm going to start singing it, and some of you will recognize it and we'll sing it through twice. Heavenly Sunshine. Filling my soul. Heavenly sunshine, Heavenly sunshine. Hallelujah. She loves his mind again. Heavenly sunshine, heavenly thorns shine. Healing my soul, healing my soul. When glory upon heavenly sunshine. Heavenly sunshine. Hallelujah. Jesus is mine now. You know, I used to hear that on the radio on Sunday morning. I imagine there's others here that did too. And I feel sorry for some boys and girls that never learned that song. I think it's a wonderful song to start the Lord's Day with. Because you know what, this morning we got up and it's a beautiful day. But even if it had been cloudy, it's still a beautiful day because today is the Lord's day and God loves us. And that's that's what really counts. You know, there there's a big word in that song, Hallelujah. We pronounce it in English with an H. Now that H is actually should be silent and some people make an issue about that. God doesn't. What does Hallelujah mean? Who knows what Hallelujah means? That's right. Praise the Lord, or praise ye the Lord. It's an old Hebrew expression, this thing people have been saying Hallelujah for 4000 years. Praise the Lord, Hallelujah. All right, now we'll concentrate on the hymns. On the back of the sheet. You can pick a hymn from anywhere in. What's called A8 page hymn sheet. But we'll concentrate on the Backpage who has a choice. All right. #41 #41 all around the throne of God in heaven will many children sing, children sing are all were given will have the hands of dream singing glory. Glory. Glory to God. And I. Take. Glory. Glory. Glory to God. One bringing land to that world. So dry and day we're all in peace. And your hand long now came to children. Everything in glory. Glory, glory, glory to God. We are the Savior. Shame is life in the purge of a very sin. Glory, glory, glory. Glory. Know the word in the second verse it says in shining robes of spotless white. Each one will be arrayed. What is a raid mean? Array dressed up. That's right. Not just dressed, but dressed up. Now, some here are really dressed up, more dressed up than I am, but someday all of us who are in glory were going to be equally well dressed. This says in robes, in shining robes of spotless white. Each one will be arrayed, because that's what suits heaven. I'm going there, are you?

You're going to be dressed up like that someday. You'll be dressed up in the shining robes of spotless white. All right, how about another choice? All right. 47. When he comes, when he comes. On. Forward to start the morning. It is bright, there shall shine. Kingdom. There, you'll try again. You'll be frightened. There's your. I suspect this hymn was written in England because we don't talk much about crowns and jewels. At least not as much in this country as they do over there. We have a president. And I don't know if he wears any jewels or not, he may have one or two rather discreet ones. But when I was over in England about. 13 years ago. I had a little bit of time to go to the Tower of London and in the Tower of London, which is actually the name of a fortress or a prison. On the banks of the Thames they had a section, the place, building room, whatever I call it, reserved for displaying the crown jewels. Over the centuries the kings and Queens of England had collected these jewels and they were gorgeous, this room, and you went into it and that was always on display, was these crowns and scepters and. Various pieces of jewelry with large gems in them, and that was one of the. Of glories of the British Empire to have a collection of jewelry like that because most people can't afford that kind of thing and. And it was just so much there was overwhelming. I have no idea what the value was in that room, but they had lots of guards around and I know it's worth a lot and. There were a lot of people there really admiring those things. And I'm not really, I mean, I, I don't generally stop to look at the state jewelry stores and I didn't spend a lot of time with the power of London either. I'm not. I wasn't so much impressed with the jewels as just the fact that they had them and a number of guards. They were around there and I thought was more interesting is all these people gaping at them because you know. We get to heaven, we're going to see it a lot better things there and just think that we and this is this is what the Bible says. No, let's let's just read it. Malachi. Malachi Chapter 4. Analogize the last book in the Old Testament.

Malachi Chapter. I was chapter 3, I'm sorry, the end of chapter 3, Malachi chapter 3 and verse 16. And they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another, And the Lord hearkened and heard it. And a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels. And so God looks at us as jewels, precious possessions, you know, You know what jewels do. One thing I noticed in this place in London, they had lots of lights and then made the jewels sparkle. They reflected the light. And that is what God intends us to be, jewels, to reflect the light of his glory. All right, another song. #45 OK, I didn't see a hand, but that'll do #45 Now this is a song about everybody here, because everybody's got two eyes and two ears and two feet and two hands and one tongue, so let's everybody sing it. Too little lies. Have you ever said that to the Lord Jesus? Lord Jesus, here's my hands, Here's my eyes, my feet, my heart, my tongue. Lord Jesus, they're yours. Have you ever said that to the Lord Jesus? You should. You know when I be trusted the Lord Jesus as my Savior, I became His spirit soul. And body, our bodies belong to the Lord Jesus too, and He has a right to do with them what He wants to do with them. All right, we have time for one more. There's a hand, yes. What number? 50, I think that's a little bit high for this. What #44 OK, this is a true story, by the way. This is a true story about there was a man who this, I assume, was a man that actually don't know. Come think of it. It was a person who visited a place where Gypsies camp. And we don't know much about Gypsies these days. But over in England particularly and over in Europe, there were people called Gypsies and they came, basically they came from India many centuries ago. And they spread across Europe and they were a lot largely beggars and people that did odd jobs and they traveled around from place to place. They would live in tents and so on. And so this man about a century ago was visiting a tent, a gypsy at camp, and found a little boy who was dying and never heard about Jesus #44 into a tent where a gypsy boy. Nobody ever has told me before.

Yeah. To me. My hand will be hold no one ever nor you have to go. God. No, I ever can spoken before. What verse? If you were paying attention to these words in this song, you were given a clue as to what verse. This person who visited the tent gave this boy who knows what

verse it would have been, Yes. Yeah, that's right. John 316 notice in in verse two, need I not perish in John 316 says whosoever believeth in him should not perish and we have God sent his son whosoever so he's he's thinking about what he heard verse John 316 for God so. Love the world. Wonderful news to a boy who's dying. You know we're all dying. Yes, we are. Every one of us here is dying. We need to know the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior. We don't look like we're dying. I don't see anybody here looks like an imminent danger of death. But we don't know that every one of us is headed toward death. We're dying in that sense. All right, I think maybe we'll have some. Maybe we'll have time to sing one or two more later. But right now, let's ask God's help in the Sunday School. Our God and Father, we thank you so much this morning. For giving the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for loving us so much. That you would give anything. But you gave. Your only begotten Son. That whosoever. The leaves in him. Should not perish, but have everlasting life. Now, Father, we ask your help this morning that each of us here might understand these words. According to our capacity, we might open our hearts. To the Lord Jesus Christ. And we ask your blessing in Jesus name, Amen. Now we have a memory verse this morning from the same chapter as John 316. And how many here know it well, If your hand, if you think you know it very good well tell you what? Who wants? Who wants to start? Who would like to start? Hold up your hands. You want to start. All right, go right ahead. Very good. 36 good.

John. 'S. Very good. He that believeth. Have everlasting life. OK. OK, let's keep going around on the front row. You wanna try? OK, go ahead. Try it. OK, All right. And we want to do that mitochondrial mitochondria. 336. OK, we'll this front row. How about here? You want to try? OK, either believe us. On the sun hath everlasting life. And he that believeth not the son. So not see life. But the wrath of God abideth on him. John, 336. OK, that's good. I'm trying either believeth on the sun. Hath everlasting life. Everlasting life. And he that believeth not the son. Shall not see life. But the wrath of God. Wrath of God. John, 336. Good. Anybody else on the front row? OK. He that believeth. On the Sun. As everlasting life. And he that believeth not the son. Shall not see life. But the wrath of God. Wrath abideth on him. John, 336. All right. That's everlasting life. So that believe it's have ever liked my. Neither believe it. Not. But. Very good, now I hope I'm not make anybody happy by not moving past the 15th row. We have a certain little amount of time here and I remember though when I used to get. Used to learn the verse for Sunday school and I didn't get asked. I was disappointed. The other side of the coin was when I would come to a Bible conference I say I don't need to learn it. And it's good to get caught once in a while. All right, now I noticed there's some words in this verses we had some problems with and we want to talk about this memory verse because we the reason we memorize verses is to get them in our heart and then we want to understand them. We want to know why. God says what he says. It's wonderful to learn the word of God. And it's wonderful to understand this and know what God is saying. He that believes on the Son has ever lasting life. Now let's talk about what it means to believe on the Son. Who's the Son? That's easy. Who's the Son?

Jesus, yes. Jesus is the Son. Wonderful to know who the Son is. He that believes on the Son has ever lasting life. Now you know when I was a little boy. I didn't have much idea what this word everlasting life meant. And you know, this word, everlasting life or eternal life, as it is in some scriptures and some translations, is something special. It's not just ordinary life. And we know that. We know that when God gives something, it's extraordinary. We have natural life. And you know, everyone here has natural life. But not everybody in the world has everlasting life. That's something special that God gives to those who believe. We'll talk about what that is in a minute. I want to talk about believing on the sun. Believing on the sun. I have several stories I. Thought I might tell about that. I think we're running short of time. I'm just going to tell one. You know, there's lots of different languages in this world. I'm going to say a word. You tell me what it means. Back around Grongo. What's that mean? Nobody knows. Where? You think it's Russian? It's not, and I can't tell you what language it is. It's a language of one of the South Sea islands. And I'll tell you how the story behind that word, just to help you fixing your mind, let's say that word together, Factor on grongo, factor on grango. All right, And now. There was a missionary over in the South Seas, his name was John Patton, I believe over 100 years ago, well about 100 years ago, and he was trying to translate the word of God into the language of the natives that he was seeking to bring to God. And they did not have a word and language for trust or belief. They had a culture where the height of culture was to be seen and to lie and steal. So nobody trusted anybody. If you left something out and he via Violet, I mean, I walked in this room this morning, I saw Bibles and hymn books left on seats and they were still here. We left them here last night and they were still here this morning. But if that would not happen where John Patton was, you left anything out of somebody else, stole it. And they would come and tell you big stories. And if they could fool you into believing their stories, they thought that was the height of culture. They thought it was really great till 12 big lies and fool people into believing them and somebody would come up and be things like this. The fellow come and tell a friend, you know, tell somebody, oh, I think you're so wonderful. Then hit him over the head with a stick, you know, to get somebody off the guard. They they they were not trustworthy. You couldn't believe them And so they didn't you didn't even have a language didn't have a word in their language for trusting or believing and. And John Patton was so concerned. How am I going to make these people understand that you can trust God, You can believe what God says? One day he was. Sitting in this. Is a Hut with some natives and are sitting somewhere with his knees anyway and he had a chair. And a chair here. And he put this chair out. In front of the natives. Any. Sat down on the chair this and he said to one of these, now what am I doing? And the natives said you're sitting, missing, you're sitting. And then he pulled his feet up. Chair so his full weight was resting on the chair and he says now what are what am I doing and they said **** out on grango Missy. What that means is you're putting your full weight on the chair, trusting yourself entirely to the chair, and the missionary said that's it. That's the word. For belief in this language, to trust your weight entirely to Jesus. And you know that's not a bad translation. A Scotch Bible uses the word lipid, which means the exact same thing to trust yourself, trust your weight entirely to commit yourself to somebody or something. Now how many of us here have totally.

Committed ourselves to the Lord Jesus, if not believing in Him. But it's believing on him when I sat down in that chair. And I've been sitting on this chair for a day now. I've learned by experience when I first sat down in this chair. Yesterday morning or yesterday afternoon, I didn't ask anybody. Will this chair support me? I trusted this chair. I sat on it, then sitting on it, resting on it comfortably. For almost a day off and on and it will support my way. Let me ask you a question here. Do you trust this chair? I'll prove it. Come up here and prove it. Are you still got your feet on the ground? There we go. That's right. He trusted the chair. All right, Very good. Thank you. Now that the faith means there's a little little. As an anagram or something, I forget what this term is. FAITH forsaking all. I trust him and this fellow here sat on the chair and lift his feet off the ground. He was entirely trusting himself to this chair. Now do you trust the Lord Jesus that way? You know, there was a preacher visiting up in Scotland and he was trying to help some old woman understand about trusting the Lord Jesus and he kept talking about believing on him. And she says I don't understand what it means to believe on Jesus. And so this preacher, he was walking rather unhappily home and he came to a little bridge and, and it was an old rickety bridge. It didn't look very secure. And somebody was watching him and said, can you know, lifting the bridge? He thought I got the word and went back. He says, Maggie, can, you know, limp into Jesus? Can't you trust yourself entirely to him? But she says, oh, I can do that. He'll never let me down. Jesus will never let you down. Jesus told his disciples I am the way, the truth and the life. You believe that if you come to the Lord Jesus and trusted your entire future to Him. Now that's

what it means to believe on the Lord Jesus. Yeah, interesting. When the Lord Jesus was down here, he was telling people about himself, letting people know they can trust him. He says he that believes on the Son has everlasting life and he that does not believe the Son. Oh it's sad that there are people who refuse to believe in the Lord Jesus. Is anybody doing that this morning? Very serious thing. This is an issue, either believing or not believing. Does everyone here believe? We don't. We'd like to say yes, but we can't assume that God knows and more. Jesus was talking about two kinds of people that existed then and two kinds of people that exist now, those that believe and those that don't believe. Are you one of those that don't believe? Maybe you've never thought about that. Maybe you sort of believe, yeah, it's all true that Have you committed yourself? Have you rested yourself on the Lord Jesus Christ and trusted yourself to Him? It says, And he that believeth not, the Son shall not see me. That's kind of strange. But you know, you see what we have down here. We're all, we consider ourselves alive, but this is not really life. Not what? Not the life that God intends. This is just the beginning. God has something much better for us that He calls life, everlasting life. And it says here, he that believes not the Son shall not see life. If you have not believed in the Lord Jesus, you haven't seen what life can be. You're still in the dark. He that believes not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath. Of God divide us on and I noticed we had some problems with that word wrath. Who knows what the word wrath means?

Yes, well, that's a good good a good word. But you think there's any difference between wrath and anger? Ask a question Is it possible for somebody to be angry? And you can't tell it. What do you think? Yeah, you've been angry. Sometimes I've been angry, and I'm pretty sure nobody else knows about it except God. Of course, God always knows. But it's possible for some of us to be angry, possible for somebody to be angry and us not know it. Wrath is different, but you know what I could recommend? What do you do? I notice a lot of people have trouble with this word wrath, and I've noticed before that people have problems with the meaning of the word. What do you do when you don't know the meaning of a word? When you don't know for sure what a word means, what's a good idea? Yes, look it up in the dictionary. All right, well, happy to say we have a dictionary here this morning. Not a handy dandy pocket size, but. This is a good one. By the way, this dictionary was written by a Christian 175 years ago, put together by a brother in the Lord named Noah Webster, and it's the best dictionary. You want to study the Bible and study the English words in the Bible. This is the best dictionary. Because words change meanings. And a lot of the modern dictionaries by the way. They go with current meanings of words rather than what the words originally meant. So I looked up the word wrath in here and here's what it says. I'm not going to read all of it to you because I'm not going to get into the Anglo-Saxon stuff, but it says violent anger. Now, violence is something we hear a lot about these days. That's when people do things. That's violence. And that's what wrath is, violence, anger. It's anger that's visible, that you can feel. And not too many of us have experienced, at least I hope we haven't experienced violent anger too often, but we've seen it when it was visible. I How many years started school already? Yeah, OK, good. How? How many here have ever seen an angry teacher? How many have ever sat in a classroom and maybe there are two guys that were carrying on a little conversation or game between the two of them. Maybe they're cheating on a test and. Very quietly, the teacher walks up. These guys, they don't notice. All of a sudden, it's just too quiet in that room and they look up. And what do you think they see when they look up? Let me see what kind of a teacher? Happy one or a madman? Yeah, an angry teacher. You can tell by the way they look. Yeah. Well, that's what it means when the wrath of God abides on him. It's focused. You know, the teacher is not angry at the whole class. It's angry at those two people who are doing something wrong. And the teacher's anger is focused on them. That's what means the wrath of God abides on him. God's wrath is focused. People who don't believe. God's anger is focused on people who don't believe. And you say, well, you know, we don't realize these things sometimes. There's so many people in this world that don't believe and they don't, they're not conscious of God's wrath. Not conscious of God's anger against, not against them, but against their sins. By the way, I'm going to tell you something, but your teachers are angry. They're really not angry at you. They're angry at what you do. They're angry at you only in the secondary sense. Let's talk about this word wrath for a minute. Just see where it's used in Scripture. View Description A lot of places we're going to look at just a couple verses in Romans chapter one and chapter 2. Romans chapter one and. Verse. 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all in godness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth and unrighteousness, the wrath of God is revealed. Now we say, how is the wrath of God revealed? Well, revelation includes. God speaking and the Lord Jesus spoke of the wrath of God. The Lord Jesus spoke with the wrath of God and the love of God, the wrath of God and the grace of God. Those things, two things are opposites. And so that we have this contrast. He that believes has everlasting life, something, a new life, a wonderful life from God and he who does not believe the wrath of God is focused on him.

So, so the wrath of God has revealed through the lips of the Lord Jesus. Who knows of one other place where we learn a little bit about the wrath of God. I mean, I should tell you in Lamentations it says. I'm the man. Then I better read it. Lamentations chapter. 3 Lamentations, chapter 3, verse one. I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. Who's that about? I'm the man that has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath, who said those words. Yes, Jesus. Jesus is the only person who has experienced the full wrath of God. Said anything about it now there are people who are going to experience the wrath of God and when they go into the lake of fire to experience. The full wrath of God. They're never going to come out and tell us about it, but Jesus experienced it, it says in Psalm 88. Let's look at that just for a minute, just for the sake of the older folks. I think we're getting a little above Sunday school stuff here, but Psalm 88. Verse seven. It says, Thy wrath lieth hard upon me. Thou hast afflicted me with all thy ways. Another translation says Your wrath weighs heavily. Upon me You have overwhelmed me with all your ways. The wrath of God is a terrible thing. And so we go back to Romans chapter 2 and verse. Five, it says, After thy hardness and impenitent heart, treasure us up unto thyself wrath. What an awful collection, that's what, Talking about people, you know, people down this world and this world collect all kinds of things. This terrible thing to collect to treasure up wrath. The treasure up says you treasure up to yourself wrath for the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God. You know it's possible to be in danger and not realize it. There are many people that are in danger of the wrath of God and they don't realize it, just like these boys we were talking about a minute ago. Having fun in school and not at all aware of how their teacher was reacting, responding, what they were doing. You know how God? Sees what you do. God is interested in everything we do. And he has judgments about it, too. Well, our time is about up. Let's remember these words. He that believes on the Son has everlasting life. And the other side he who does not believe on the sun. Shall not say like just never know how good God is, but the wrath of God abides on him. Anybody here? Anybody here under the focus in the focus, under the eye of God? Because with his wrath focused on you, it's a terrible thing to think of. What a wonderful thing it is to believe in the Lord Jesus. Well, you know, that's why I like to sing that song, Heavenly Sunshine. Let's sing that one more time before we close with prayer. Heavenly sunshine. Heavenly sunshine. Light shine, heavens, heavenly God shine. Our God and Father, we thank you this morning for your goodness to us. We thank you for sending the Lord Jesus Christ down here to die for us. We thank you that He lives for us.

We thank you. He's coming for us. We pray for anyone here who's left on the outside. Because they don't believe. Anyone here who is facing the wrath, the violent anger of God? We just pray. That they may be convicted, their eyes might be opened, we ask in Jesus name. Amen. Now there are Sunday school papers back on the ledge there at the back of the room. You follow my finger over there to the corner there

there's Sundays and papers for any who want them. And inside is a memory verse and you can learn that for next Lords day if the Lord leaves us here.

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