Psalms - Commentaries by Albert Cecil Hayhoe

Conference: 1980, Gathered to the Lord

Article from https://bibletruthpublishers.com/bible-truth-study-bible/btsb

Address—A.C. Hayhoe

Every time we hear the word of God together, it also speaks to our heart, or to our conscience, or both. Because, you know, if we read and meditate upon the word of God and find something that simply ministers to our. Interest. Our curiosity, our intellect is really not-for-profit. In fact, it could be dangerous. And so I hope tonight again, as we open the word of God, we'll climb. They will speak by the power of the Spirit to our heart and to our conscience. We do need our hearts warmed up with the wonder of His love. And we need our conscience of reach too, that we might live day by day. To please the one who loved us and gave himself for us. In looking to the Lord about it, I felt it might be his mind that we tried to continue on with that which we were sharing together. Last evening we began, you remember with that call of did I say love in the heart of the Lord in the garden of Eden, long ago, when he said, Adam, where art thou? And it was remarked that. Undoubtedly. The Lord felt a break in that fellowship that he had enjoyed, because I'm sure you and I know that he created man and put him into this world in order that his own heart might find the light and satisfaction in the fellowship. Those whom he had put here, what do you stop them thinking? I want a delightful fellowship. And what a wonderful picture it must have been to the heart and eye of the Lord Jesus. It's a bit remarkable as it's not that when we see that which is created. Everything that's free was created, complete with its mate, its partner, everything right down the line. Everything was created male and female. Male dog created man. Now why did he create man all alone, no partner, no one to love, no one to break that awful loneliness? And God looked down upon that lonely man Adam. And it was God who said it is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him and help me for him and he says. In pictures, Adam is going to cost you something. That is laid into a deep sleep, and from his side there is brought forth that which is formed into a bride for that lonely man. He rises up from that sleep, and there before his eyes is the bride that God had prepared. He could look upon her and say, This is now bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh. His loneliness is ended. His love is satisfied. And at last the picture is complete. And she in turn could look upon him and say, And I owe all my joy and happiness to this man with the wounded side. Can't we see why God did it that way? God had a purpose, May I say it with all reverence. God was in a hurry to display that purpose. And there I see it in Adam with his wounded side and his bride to. Fill the yearning love of his heart. And what name did God give to that bride that he presented to heaven? Now usually the answer is, why Eve, of course. But you know, if we read the word of God carefully, we'll find the Scripture says in Genesis 5, God called their name Adam in the day that he created them. He called them both by the same name. Adam called his wife. He But God called her by the same name as her husband didn't that wonderfully. When you stop and picture it, there is Adam. There is his bride. Oh, how God must have delighted to see this beautiful picture of his beloved Son, the Lord Viva and his bride. Wilkins, Light and all and both sharing the same name. All instead of privilege to be known in this day of discord, but a precious, wonderful, worthy name of the Lord Jesus Christ in that the light and godly light in it too. And you know, when I think of that story, and then I think of God coming down to look upon that happiness and to share that fellowship.

The cries of Adam Where art thou? That was remarked last night as we traced it through the Scriptures. God found a way whereby they yearning and loving desire of his heart could be realized. We went on to Exodus, to seated desire expressed, Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. And we see God accompanying his people through their years of wandering in the wilderness. We see them established in the land in Solomon's glorious temple with the name of the Lord and the presence of the Lord there, and the glory of the Lord shining us from that place. But you and I know very well. That anything that would honor the Lord Jesus is going to be. The object of the enemy's attack, and you know that's true. The devil will get behind that, which would discredit the name of the Lord and cause it to prosper. But the devil will continually attack that which would honor the person and name of our Lord. And so, although we didn't go into it last night, I'm sure you remember and do not take time to turn to it tonight. But you remember that not long after Solomon. And back in the days of his own son, real born, there are roads that sad his score and terrible in anger turned his back and said in his heart this is something to remember. He didn't say one word of it out loud. He said in his heart. You like an open to Second Chronicles chapter, no? First Kings chapter 10 and read there what? Jeroboam said in his heart, what did he say? He said if his people go up to keep the Passover at the House of the Lord at Jerusalem, he knew where the House of the Lord was and knew that he was turning his back on it. But he did so just the same. And he set up two centers, you remember, one at Dan and one at Bethel. And what happened? Israel was divided. 10 tribes meet now at Dan and Bethel. Drive me back Jerusalem. Now, if you were an Israelite and wanted to please the Lord, what would you do? Would you say, Well, I guess I can suit myself. A good many of my special friends are Yonder as bad. They'll have quite a few over there at Dan. And so that Dan is back out number those here at Jerusalem 5 to 110 drive there, to drive here. So I think I'll make my own choice according to my own craft room. If you had been in Israel, right? What would you have done? I'm sure you would have realized that God chose the place of the book. His name, the House of the Lord is there at Jerusalem there. I wish to be found to keep that Passover to honor my Lord. If you know later on. Second Chronicles 30. King Hezekiah and I want to emphasize this, perhaps we should take a look at it. Second Chronicles Chapter 30. Because it seems to be introduced what I have in mind tonight from the new test. Second Chronicles chapter is 30. King Hezekiah is sitting on the throne in Jerusalem. The temple is there. The name of the Lord. The presence of the Lord are there and two tribes are there. The king Hezekiah say, oh this is wonderful. I'm at Jerusalem. Here's the House of the Lord. 2 tribes are here. Doesn't matter to me about those who are Yonder in Dan and Bethel. Oh, when I read this story, I pray, Lord, give me Lord, give me a Lord and loving and yearning heart for all the people of God, all of people of God. Every brother I meet and every sister I meet is a member of a body crisis, a living stone in the Church of God. And I often have a yearning feeling of love for every one of them. Hezekiah did. And as he sat there in Jerusalem, he thought of them and he yearned about them, and he wrote letters. This is what he says.

Group One and Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to eat Freeman Manasseh, that they should come to the House of the Lord at Jerusalem to keep the Passover under the Lord's audience. Real faithful words. Wednesday no mincing of matters. It was true you and I know it was true. That was the House of the Lord. That's where the Lord had invited all Israel to be gathered together to celebrate the Passover. And he really loved those fellow Israelites who were enjoying that. So he sends a letter of invitation. You know, we might think, well,

why didn't he go to Dan one Sabbath day to Bethel the next Sabbath day, back to Jerusalem the third Sabbath day. And surely this would encourage folks, here's a broad minded man. Let's come up to Jerusalem. No, beloved, he was faithful to that which the Lord God of Israel had established. And I believe it was pleasing to the Lord that he took the stand He did. In verse 10, what happened? Though the post passed from city to city through the country of East Freedom and Manasseh even underneath but they lost them to scorn and mock them. Now mark you, isn't this true? They didn't think when they read that letter and laughed at the letter and mocked the messengers. The dog was going to write it down and he would like to read about it in Spokane, WA in 1980. Let's remember this, that every decision used, I make it seem written down up there. And I have had people. So have you laughed when you present to them at all for the grace of God, they don't realize that it's being written down. And I believe more than likely you've had people laugh too when you speak to them, another wonderful and happy and precious privilege of being gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And they laugh and they mop. I'm sure as we read this account we say thank God, but the faithfulness and the large and loving heart of King Hezekiah, but therefore just for a little word of encouragement. Nevertheless divers of Asher in working Lavin and a mass out of Zebulun humble themselves and came to Jerusalem. Why do I read that? What do you remember? When the Lord Jesus was born, there was a dear old widow by the name of Anna. Of the tribe of action in Jerusalem to welcome the Lord and to rejoice over him. What was she doing in Jerusalem? The tribe of Asher had been carried away into captivity centuries before. There were only two tribes in Jerusalem when the Lord was born. During the advancement, the tribe of Asher was gone. How did she happen to be there? I believe this is the answer right here, long, long before someone of her forefathers and humble themselves come to Jerusalem to keep the Passover. That I quite expect. When they got there, they said this is where we belong, This is the temple of the Lord. This is where he put his name. This is where we are encouraged to keep the Passover. Let's say here, let's not go back to Dan or Bethel, from which we came. You know, when I read this account, I think it's strange to think that they would humble themselves to come to Jerusalem. Wouldn't you think that it's naturally would be that greatest delight and joy of any Israelite to leave his home and spark towards Jerusalem Solomon's glorious temple, the glorious God shining from that place, and to tell his neighbors I'm going to Jerusalem? To keep the Passover all wonderful privilege I wish I could go through. Is that what happened? No. They humble themselves. I believe that means when they started up in their home in Bethel to head toward Jerusalem, the neighbor said, where are you going? I'm going to Jerusalem. You mean you got that silly invitation from King Hezekiah? Yes, he did. But after all, this is where your father and this is where your grandfather met. And now you're walking out and going back to Jerusalem. That's where the Lord has asked us to be found, gathered together. They love it. I see this in the Old Testament. I see the pleasure of the Lord and those whose values that's which he had established, those who valued where he had placed his name. And last evening we traced his life through to the very minor prophet, where the Lord looks down on the little remnant company that is gathered there. And what does he say? All is quoted again. He says, I am with you, saith the Lord, according to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt.

Spirit remaineth among you very not. And then he pointed on ahead to remember, and he said, ah, there's a glory that lies ahead that's far greater than any glorious any of you have ever seen. 4/30 magnets greater than the splendor of Solomon's Temple of years ago yet. And isn't it wonderfully true that on a brothers and sisters in Christ that this wonderful precious book, the Word of God has given to us today in 1980, the crashes privilege of being gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ Honor and honoring and exalting his name and looking, looking what direction, looking back to something that is perhaps much more glowing. Than what we see today. No, no looking ahead to that wonderful day when all the redeemed, all this is a joy to my soul from every kindred and tongue and people and nation will be gathered whole in the presence of the Lord His name in every forehead of this. Now we can turn with me, please to Matthew Matthew chapter 16. All three old sessions. His off repeated desire was by lots of company of my people, but that company was according to. Faithful interruption of the word of God. And if they were disobedient to that instruction, they missed the joy of His company. But more serious skills, He missed the joy of their company. I think we forget that, Godfather. He wants your company. Isn't that a wonderful thing to say? Or have we heard it so often that we have failed? Perhaps to see the wonder of it? He wants your help. And as we said perhaps two or three times last evening, each of us has as much of Christ in our life as we want. And our lives show how much we want it. There are those who have much of the company of the Lord Jesus, and you can just see it when you're with them. You can enjoy it when you visit them. They just close forth from them. We've got some dear old folks back home where I live, and I mean old folks. I was visiting with one of them just before I left. He'll be 103 on her next birthday, just rejoicing in the Lord. Nothing she wants more when you go into season of the read the scriptures to her, saying his praises and all her dear old faces lights up with joy. She's got all her faculty, the sharpest convenience, so happy in the Lord. I'm Fred visited her. I went to visit her younger sister. He's only 93, and she was just the same stuff overflowing with the joy of the Lord. I want to tell you it's a digression, but something that happened to that family long ago. There were eight in that family and I knew every one of them. Not as old as they are, but I knew them well and their dear father and mother took them all to the meeting when they were children. But when they were young people, one day you'll understand it. The dear father came home from meeting quite upset. They said we're not going back to meeting ever again. There is nothing there in that meeting that has so upset me that we are not going back. And this one of the daughters. Her name was Phoebe. He's with the Lord now, he said, you know Albert Next Lord says dad and mother didn't go to meetings, so of course we didn't go either. Next Lord say they didn't go, Next Lord say they didn't go. But she said after three Lords, they staying home. Dad was out in the field plowing one day and we saw him stop, take off his hat, bow his head. And slowly turn around and come back in the house. He said. We're going back to leave. He said. The Lord gave me a verse while I was plowing in the field, and the verse was. This man hath done nothing amidst it's for him we're gathered. He's the one whom we meet and we're going back against. And they did. There were eight I say in the family. And every one of them was gathered to the Lords name. There are only those two left now. The rest of them all is to be a tremendous age and now they're too less. Lizzie and Pecky 103 to 9th Street. But you know, I couldn't help but think as I heard that story.

Oh, how thankful we should be that we are directed to have our eyes upon the One who has done nothing of it. Do we say and do things that sometimes trouble and offend our brethren? I know we do. I know I do. And perhaps if I wanted to take offense, if I could think of things that people have said and done to me. But what has the Lord ever done to disappoint me or to offend me? He's done nothing of it. And when I open this precious book and see the desire of his heart. And what a costly desire it was for the company of his people. Who am I to say I can't grant that desire to him because of something that was said or done? Matthew Chapter 16. Verse 13 When Jesus came into the coast of Cicero Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I, the Son of man AM? And they said, Some say that thou art on the Baptist, some elieth, and others Jeremiah for one of the prophets. He's passed on to them. But who say he that I am? And finally Peter answered And saith thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God? And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bargona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee. But my Father, which is in heaven, I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Oh, I'm sure that thrilled your heart to read such words of thee here is. A promise? A desire expressed in the form of a promise I will build. My church isn't that wonderful. I was visiting some time back with a dear minister in the town where we live. I delighted to call him Brother Ward, for he indeed is my brother in Christ. The titled pastor of one of the large

churches in town. I went into his office to visit with him one day and he always told me brother with an eager love and we were sitting there one day and he said to me it was a little hard for him to get it out. But he said brother April. Uh, what hurt is that that you belong to over there on George St. And I said, Brother Ward, I belong to the same church you do. He looked quite taken aback. I said, Do you know what I mean? Oh, I think I do. I said, What do I mean? He said. You mean that church that is spoken of in the Bible? I said, yes, that's true. Is there any other? You know, when you and I stop and think of it. If we did not add one verse, one chapter, one page to the word of God, where would we who know the Lord be directed? Ah, we would find in this precious book a wonderful verse like this, the promise of the Lord Jesus. I will build my church. And I tell you, if you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you're a living soul in that truth. You didn't join it. You became part of it, so maybe you didn't know. I know I didn't know it. The day I accepted the Lord Jesus as my savior, well over 50 years ago in Ottawa, all I knew was, oh, my sins are gone. The blood of Christ has cleansed them all away. I'm not going to heaven with to hell, which I dreaded and feared. I'm going to be with my Savior in heaven. But I have discovered, and so have you as I read this precious book, that the very day I accepted the Lord Jesus, I became a living stone in the church for which He gave himself that which He speaks out here with an eager delight. I will build my church. You know, I I can't help but feel that it's rather a serious thing for me to look at this wonderful book. And to read such a wonderful book about the first of others later on and say, you know, I see that I understand it, but. Folks don't understand it, so I have to belong to something else too and be able to identify by name so that people will understand me. I say what a joy. What did he like to say? I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ can gather to his precious name alone.

I recognize as my brother, my sister, everyone who knows the Lord Jesus as Saviors. I recognize as a living stone in the church, of which I also am a living stone, everyone redeemed but a precious but a precious lot of Christ. Let's turn over for a moment, shall we, to 1St Corinthians chapter 3. First Corinthians chapter 3. Bird and the pour into the grace of God, which is given to me Paul. For the wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. Or other foundation can no man lay, And that is laid, which is Jesus Christ, Always from that wonderful you and I know very well, and we pick up this book, that there is one Savior, there is one foundation, there is one church. Now you know, as we remarked a while ago, that the enemy has his eye upon everything that would honor and exalt the person and name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And he doesn't like to hear you say, I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He doesn't mind if you say I belong to and to use some of the other honored names in Christendom. He doesn't like to hear you said gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and I'm a living stone in the church for which he gave himself that's honoring to the Lord Jesus. But he doesn't mind at all if you say, well, I'm a member of this or that congregation that bears a name that's respected and honored in this land. Oh what a privilege here and now in the world that passed him out, that nailed his name above the cross, the only accusation they could find against him. Through that name is still despised. But I know this night that I look into the faces of those who consider it to be that joy, a privilege and honor to say I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. It's not a popular confession, and I've gathered to his alone precious name not a popular statement to make sense. I was asked some time ago. To go to the home of one of the highest church dignitaries in Ottawa. His wife was an invalid and she couldn't come to the office. He was having a problem with her eyes and when I please come do what I could Now he was a polished stem children, as you would expect from someone in such an office. At a very, very honored cycle, and I remember when I came to the home, he met me at the door and he was just so gracious and so cold. Because it was so kind of me to come. So when I have done what I could for his wife. And he seemed very pleased with that too. Oh, he was a so gracious and so polite and I thought, I really shouldn't believe this place. Let's say something for my Lord. I looked around for what might be just a little point of contact because I didn't want to offend in any way. So I fight a Bible and I pointed to it and I said serve. I love that book. Right away he looked at me with suspicion and he said, and what church do you belong to? How should I answer that? What would you recommend I give as an answer if I don't go beyond the pages of this phone? Well, I tell you what I said to him. I said, Sir, I don't suppose I belong to what you would call a church, but I do belong to the Lord Jesus, and I'm gathered to his precious name. You know what he said in their words? He just walked straight to the front door, nailed the door open like that. And I walked out, and that door was firmly closed behind me. I stood on the porch saying to myself, what did I do? What did I say to change that man from a polite and polished gentleman to one who would close the door on me like that? I have no regrets for what I said. I said, Sir, I belong to the Lord Jesus, and I'm gathered to his preciousness. You think the Lord would flee Christmas? I believe he was. It is a despised danger. Well, that I know that.

He wants your company. He wants mine, you know, Forgive me, but years ago there was a young lady lived in Des Moines and I wanted her company and I corresponded with her for almost 7 years. All I could afford was postage stamps in those days. But letters didn't satisfy me. So I took the long journey to Des Moines and asked her if she would be my wife, and she gladly said she would. And I brought her home with me. And you know what she did? She changed her name. I'm not a strange thing to do. No, I don't think it was. He changed her name. Now she wears a ring, and by that ring everybody knows that she's a married lady. But they don't know to whom she's married until they ask her what is your name. But she say well. He was such a funny name. I don't like that name. So I'm going to choose something that's just a little more calm now. That would make me feel rather sad. No, I really feel quite thankful that for 38 years and more she has happily said my name is Missus Albert Hazel. I'm glad, Steve together in recognition and expression of that wonderful and precious truth. Let's turn over to 1St Corinthians 10. 1St Corinthians 10 and verse 16. The cup of blessing which we bless it is not the communion of the blood of Christ. The bread which we break is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, being many, are one bread and one body we are we are all partakers of that one bread. Behold, Israel, after the flesh or not, they would eat of the sacrifices, partakers of the pulters. I believe there's a very wonderful lesson here. I believe what we have presented to listen, 1St Corinthians 10 is the Lords table. Now, it's a rather remarkable thing that there are three things that I believe are very precious to you. They mean a lot to you. The Lord's Day, the Lord's Table, and the Lord's Supper. How often are they mentioned in the word of God? Just what He wants and no more. The Sabbath day, How often was that mentioned? I've never counted, but many, many, many times because Israel was under the law and had to be reminded as a matter of obedience. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, But you know when you love someone. Every request has a power of a command. Isn't that true when you love someone every request? Has a power of a command. And so when I see the Lord say mentioned one, the Lord's table mentioned one, the Lord's Supper mentioned one. He's not saying it doesn't matter, you know He's saying, I know you love me so much that these things will have a real claim over your heart. What does he have to say about the Lord's table when it is introduced? I find the cup is mentioned first. That's not the way you celebrate the Lord's Supper. Why is the cup mentioned 1St? I believe it would tell us that our title to be there rest upon the value of the Precious Blood of Christ. When I was a young fellow in Ottawa, I used to go to the meeting and sit and watch those who partook of that loaf of that cup and I sat back and didn't partake. Because I felt, oh, I am so unworthy, I have no right to partake of those emblems. And so I sat Lord Day after Lord's day and watched those emblems go round and didn't partake. Then I suddenly began to think. Am I going to reach the point someday when I say now at last I feel worthy? Oh, I knew that that moment would never come. When I would say now I feel better, I feel more holy, I feel more worthy. I thought no. And furthermore, if I ask those people who are partaking, do you feel worthy? I suddenly realize that all of them would say the same thing. All the worthiness to be here rest upon the fact

that the Lord Jesus died for me and I am him. His blood was shed to cleanse me from my sins, and I am a member of His body.

A living stone in the church for which he gave himself. And the 11 See that from that day onward I have shared in a wonderful the precious privilege of expressing the very truth that we have been Speaking of. For by this beloved you and I express this truth. No. Somewhere in our home we have a marriage certificate. I'm sure my wife, knowing her as I do, knows right where it is. She could go and pick it up and say there it is, but don't ask me where it is. I just remember that I signed it one day, a long, long time ago, and there are several signatures on that marriage certificate. But here it is in our home. What would I think of my wife if she said, well, I know, I know we signed it, but you know, it's only a document. It's only a theory. It's. Needn't have any effect upon our life. I would be heartbroken and aren't. Aren't there many who read this book and recognize, yes, they do. They recognize that there is in this book that statement that we have read. I will build my church. Christ also loves the church and gave himself for it. But you know, it's only a theory. It's only a theory. Every believer is a member of that mystical church that's spoken on in Scripture but says, you know. Being only a theory where quite entitled to make whatever arrangements we choose so that we might serve or worship the Lord as we think that. Oh no, beloved, I'm sure you don't see it that way. I assure you. And I know that this book, written so long ago, contains all the light and wisdom that we need. Grant the desire of the heart of the Lord Jesus for the fellowship, the company of his people. And here you and I find the privilege of being gathered through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper rests upon what? The value of the blood of Christ. Are you cleansed by the blood of Christ? Yes. You say I am then, and you do this long ago. You're a member of the body of Christ. Do you express that or you say? What do you mean express that? That's what it says right here. We, being many, are one bread, one look. And on the table, as we gather around the person of the Lord Jesus to remember him, there is one loaf. And you and I know very well that that one loaf represents not the company that might meet together in that particular place, but every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. That's a joy. Every believer in the Lord Jesus seen in that glow. That the thrills of my soul I have been on occasions where there are only. Three or four. But there is a loaf on the table, thus it represents a three or four. No it doesn't. With the eye of faith we see every believer. But to know, to be there, to share in that wonderful privilege, is an expression according to the word of God, that I recognize the honor, the joy, the privilege of being a member of the body of Christ. If my wife were to say I don't want to wear that ring, and I don't want to be known as Mrs. Hagel, I would be very, very sad if he said I'm still your wife. And I still love you, but I don't want to wear the ring, and I don't want to bear your name. I would say well in two ways in which she expresses that relationship before others. He doesn't want, and it would be a very sad thing to my heart. I stay again from the very beginning and has been the desire of the heart of God for the company, the fellowship of his people. And he came into this world in a person of his beloved Son, that he might enjoy their company, but they spit in his face. They said away with this man, they cast him up, they crucified him. And what has he done? He has said, well, if they don't want me here. About take them up there, because I'm going to have the joy of their company and you know he can. The whole reading family will be there. But as with Israel in the wilderness, I believe he looks down today and says I want the joy of your company while you're still here in the wilderness. And so this is the provision that he has made, he says. I quote from Matthew 18 and 20, and you know it well. Square two or three are gathered together in my name. There am I in the midst of them all, how he delights to enjoy the company of his people.

You have to be very careful though, don't we, That we bow to the word of God and that we don't just make our own arrangements and our own choices. Will you let me use the British illustration? Suppose that in Canada, where I live, we decide to have a special celebration in honor of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, her birthday if you wish. And so we notify Her Majesty the Queen that we intend to have this very special celebration in honor of Her Majesty in Ottawa Capital. And we go ahead frantically and we make all kinds of arrangements. We appoint to so and so to be our. Chairman and all the. Are very, very exciting to think of, and Her Majesty notifies us that she's going to send over a member of the Royal household to be present and to regulate the procedure and to make known to us her wishes in connection with this celebration. So the member of the royal household will say Prince Charles, he comes over, he presents himself and we stop him at the door and say, but we don't need to, we have all these arrangements already established. So and so in our chairman in charge and really we don't need you, we've got all our arrangements already settled, settled. How would you think they love us? And let us remember this, that God's precious Word has made known to us so abundantly the desire of the heart of the Lord for the company of His people. And let us remember this, too, that although this world cast him out and rejected him, he left careful instructions as to how we might be found, gathered together to honor him, to remember Him, and has. A member of the word. Member of the God had been sent down in order that all might be according to the mind of God and pleading to the Lord Jesus. Yes, yes. And I think it to be a very, very serious thing that we should say well, but we have all the arrangements already established. We don't need the leading of the Holy Spirit of God. That would be a most serious thing. Once again I repeat, He desires our company. And here is this verse which we have read we see. That our fitness to be found together at the table of the Lord to enjoy His company rest of our values of the blood of Christ. But it used to puzzle me a great deal that in chapter 10 and verse 16 I see the cups and below in Chapter 11 and verse 23 long word I see the Lord suffer and it is the loaf and the cup. And I I recognize that in chapter 10 we see the Lord's table. In Chapter 11 we see the Lord's Supper being celebrated. According to the order that he had given to us, why are they separated like this? With rather remarkable instruction coming between the two and you've been a little surprised that between the two there comes instructions that. Well, to say the least, they're a little bit surprising, aren't they? Coming where they do, I believe it would tell us that, although the Precious Blood of Christ has fitted me to be there at the Lord's table. Yes, there is that submission, subduction, obedience that is presented to us in the end of chapter 10 on the first part of Chapter 11 That I believe we do well to remember is suited to vote and proper to vote Who would come into the presence of the Lord to remember Him in death. You know that in Israel, every Israelite. Was entitled to celebrate the Passover complex. Unless in some ways, he was unclean. How good it is unclean. Many, many ways are listed in the Old Testament, some which I think surprise us quite a bit. For instance, if an Israelite touched a grave, he was unclean. There was a process of cleansing available, but he couldn't touch that grave and then go keep the Passover. He might say to the priest, but I'm an Israelite, I have every right to participate. That priest would have to say that according to the law of Jehovah.

You are defiled and you must go through the process of cleansing now even more.