

Isaiah

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- [0 : 00] May the Lord help us to commence this evening service by singing hymn 731, tune 141.
Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are, waiting to feel thy touch. Deep wounded souls to thee repair, and Saviour we are such.
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- [1 : 24] Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are, waiting to feel thy touch.
Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.
Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.
Thank you. Thank you. With trembling fog reveal Lord, come in vain With tears they cry
Open me, I am ready We■■■■■ to the sea All blessings and water This was found
Where was the heart
The princess and we find what might be bold.
- [3 : 26] Like with woes and fears, we come to love without them.
Amen. Roses a song They spare rain words And holy and young Read from the prophecy
of Isaiah chapter 44 and 45, the 44th and 45th chapters of the prophecy of Isaiah.
Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant, and Israel whom I have chosen. Thus saith the Lord
that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee.
Fear not, O Jacob my servant, and thou Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour
water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground.
I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring. And they shall
spring up as among the grass, as willows by the watercourses.
- [5 : 21] One shall say, I am the Lord's, and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob. And
another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of
Israel.
Thus saith the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts. I am the first,
and I am the last, and beside me there is no God.
And who as I shall call and shall declare it, and set it in order for me since I appointed the
ancient people. And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them.
Fear not, neither be afraid. Have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? Ye
are even my witnesses.
Is there a God beside me? Yea, there is no God, I know not any. They that make a graven
image are all of them vanity.
- [6 : 46] And their delectable things shall not profit. And they are their own witnesses. They see
not, nor know, that they may be ashamed.

Who has formed a God, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing. Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed.

And the workmen, they are of men. Let them all be gathered together, let them stand up. Yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

The smith with the tongs, both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms.

Yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth. He drinketh no water, and is faint. The carpenter stretches out his rule, he markers it out with a lion.

[7 : 52] He pitted it with planes, he markers it out with a compass. Maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house.

He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengthens for himself among the trees of the forest. He planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it.

Then shall it be for a man to burn. For he will take thereof, and warm himself. Yea, he kindlet it, and baketh bread.

Yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it. He maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. He burneth part thereof in the fire.

With part thereof he eateth flesh. He roasteth roast, and is satisfied. Yea, he warmeth himself. And saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire.

[9 : 03] And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image. He falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it. And prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me, for thou art my god.

They have not known, nor understood. For he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see, and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

And none considereth in his heart neither is their knowledge or understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire. Also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof.

I have roasted flesh and eaten it. Shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? Till I fall down to the stalk of a tree. He feedeth on ashes.

A deceived heart has turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? Remember these, O Jacob and Israel.

[10 : 09] For thou art my servant. I have formed thee, thou art my servant, O Israel. Thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins. Return unto me, for I have redeemed thee.

Sing, O ye heavens, for the Lord hath done it. Shout, ye lower parts of the earth. Break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein.

For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel. Thus saith the Lord thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb.

I am the Lord that maketh all things, that stretches forth the heavens alone, that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself, that frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad, that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish, that confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers, that saith to Jerusalem, thou shalt be inhabited, and to the cities of Judah ye shall be built.

[11 : 55] And I will raise up the decayed places thereof, that saith to the deep, be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers.

That saith of Cyrus, he is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure, even saying to Jerusalem, thou shalt be built, and to the temple, thy foundation shall be laid.

Thus saith the Lord to his anointing, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him, and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the tulip gates, and the gates shall not be shown.

I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight, I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron, and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

For Jacob, my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name. I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

[13 : 31] I am the Lord, and there is none else. There is no God beside me. I have girded thee, even though thou hast not known me, that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me.

I am the Lord, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness. I make peace, and create evil.

I, the Lord, do all these things. Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation. And let righteousness spring up together. I, the Lord, have created it.

For unto him, that striveth with his maker, that the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that passioneth it, What makest thou, or thy work, he has no hand.

[14 : 46] For unto him, that saith unto his father, What begetteth thou? or to the woman, what hast thou brought forth? Thus, saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his maker, Ask me of things to come, concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands, command ye me.

I have created the earth, I have made the earth, and created man upon it. I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host, have I commanded.

I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways. He shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of hosts.

Thus, saith the Lord, the labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia, and of the Sabaeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine.

They shall come after thee. In chains, they shall come over. And they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee, and there is none else.

[16 : 10] There is no God. Verily thou art a God, that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them, they shall go to confusion together, that are makers of idols.

But, Israel shall be saved in the Lord, with an everlasting salvation. He shall not be ashamed, nor confounded, world without end.

For thus saith the Lord, that created the heavens, God himself that, formed the earth, and made it. He has established it.

He created it not in vain. He formed it to be inhabited. I am the Lord, and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth.

I said not unto the seed of Jacob, seeking me in vain. I, the Lord, speak righteousness. I declare things that are right.

- [17 : 23] I declare things that are right. Assemble yourselves, and come. Draw near together, ye that are escaped to the nations. They have no knowledge, that set up the wood of their grave image, and pray unto God, that cannot save them.
- Tell ye, and bring them near, yea, let them take counsel together. Who hath declared this from ancient time? Who hath told it from that time?
- Have not I the Lord? And there is no God else beside me. A just God and a Saviour.
- There is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved. All the ends of the earth, for I am God. And there is none else.
- I have sworn by myself, the word is gone, out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return. That, unto me, every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.
- [18 : 39] Surely, shall one say, In the Lord have I righteousness and strength. Even to him shall men come, and all that are incensed against him, shall be ashamed.
- In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory. Dear Lord, help us to bow before thee.
- Thou knowest our need of thee. dear Lord, we need thy presence in the journey.
- We need thy grace and thy strength. Lord, we pray, thou wouldst grant it to us this night the sweet comfort of thy presence.
- And, dear Lord, thy grace in our hearts, that we may be as clay in the hands of the heavenly potter, that we may have that divine gift of faith in exercise, that we may know what it is to walk out the path which thy holy word speaks of.
- [20 : 21] Blessed is the man that trusted in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is.
- Lord, we seek that sacred reality that we might know that faith anchored in thyself and know its fruit, the blessing of it, the peace of God which passes all understanding, that we might know thy strength flowing into our hearts.
- Grace and faith that we might be enabled to roll every burden upon thee and to be still and to know that thou art God.
- Lord, our hearts thou knowest of all of many a fear. For we have read in thy holy word this night the precious truths of thy prophecy.
- Hear ye not nor be afraid. I am God and there is none else. Lord, we believe in thy's pathway we have from time to time known thy presence, known thy strength, known thy comfort.
- [22 : 03] But all we desire it again and again that thou would draw near to us strengthen our most holy faith.
- keep us from that distance from thyself. Lord, we desire nearness to thee.
- Thy dear servant Moses longed for thy presence. He said, if thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence.
- And thou who didst give him that promise, my presence shall go with thee and I will give thee rest.
- O dear Lord, grant us faith to trust thee where we cannot trace thee. May we be enabled to look to thee at all times.
- [23 : 06] as we come now into thy house, we have thy holy word before us, the ministry of thy word, the preaching of the gospel.
- Lord, we need the anointing of the spirit. We need thy blessing to rest upon thy word. We need grace to preach thy holy word of truth.

And we need the spirit of truth to take of the things of Jesus and apply them. We need those crumbs to fall from the master's table.

We need to be fed by that bread of heaven to know the strength of thy holy word. And Lord, we pray that we may be strengthened with all might in the inner man.

Lord, we seek that blessed rest of faith. We long for it. The peace of God which passeth all understanding.

[24 : 22] The day which take us up in thy arms and carry us. Lead us forth by that right way that we might go to a city of habitation.

Grant us grace to keep our eyes on Jesus fixed and there are hopes to stay. His goodness he will make to pass before us in the way.

Lead us forth. Dear Lord, by thy right hand and may we be still and know that thou art God.

We pray for this church and people, this candlestick of truth. Oh, may thy presence be known here.

And Lord, as thy sent servants, stand up here from time to time to preach thy holy word of truth. We pray for fruit.

[25 : 34] Signs following the work of thy spirit to be manifestly carried on. Lord, we pray that thy holy word may drop as the rain and as still as the dew and that there may be a springing fall.

We read in thy holy word first the blade, then the ear and then the full corn shall appear. We pray for the divine work of the spirit of truth in the churches, that heavenly movement, that divine workmanship which will be manifested in that great day of judgment to have been thy workmanship, that which will stand.

Lord, look down and move and walk. We pray, dear Lord, for the power of the spirit to be sweetly manifested.

We pray, Lord, for the outworkings of thy divine covenant ordered in all things and sure that thy holy word may go forth and have free course and be glorified.

Lord, look down. We pray thee here in the midst. We seek that work of the spirit. It is a secret work.

[27 : 28] It is a quiet work. It is an effectual work. It is thy work. And Lord, thou dost use the foolishness of preaching.

And thou hast ordained that as in the wisdom of God, man by wisdom should know not God, it has pleased thee by the foolishness of preaching to save them the belief.

And all we pray, Lord, as I send servants come here from time to time, there may be a rich anointing resting upon the preaching, the foolishness of preaching.

Lord, grant it and grant that the day may reveal it in all its blessedness and in its sacred fruits.

Upon the young lives brought in here, those here tonight, and the families, Lord, we pray for them. Gracious God, they are in thy hands.

[28 : 46] Thou dost watch over them in the days of their unregeneracy. Thy dear children are known as thou didst tell thy servant Jeremiah before I formed thee in the womb I knew thee.

Lord, we believe it is so that every one of thine left remnant. We pray for the young ones here tonight, each one of them.

Those that attend here, Lord, remember them. O grant, gracious God, thy divine care, thy eternal and everlasting loving kindness, may it attend their footsteps.

may they be kept in the days of their youth and be given grace to remember their creator in the days of their youth while the evil days come not and manifest them, Lord, we pray, in their day and generation as vessels of mercy afore prepared unto glory upon their loved ones and give them grace and wisdom to bring them up in that nurture and admonition of the Lord and grant to them that precious joy to see their seed manifested surnamed by the name of

Israel brought forth as vessels of mercy afore prepared unto glory. O gracious God, leave us not to lose sight of the mercy, the favour, the blessing of the children brought out of nature's darkness into thy marvellous life.

[31 : 07] Lord, we pray for the churches. O that thou build them up. Keep our young people, we pray thee, from marrying into a godless world.

O how we see Satan's devices in drawing our young people away from the sanctuaries of God, from the truth, from God-fearing parents, by godless marriage unions.

Lord, we have seen so much of it. Lord, we pray for these young ones here, in that day they may be kept. Thou wouldst grant them the wisdom to seek godly partners in life.

We seek, Lord, that thou wouldst look down and teach. Grant that blessed vision which thou didst speak of to thy dear servant Peter.

Blessed thou didst save you, that are your eyes for they see. O open their blind eye, and stop their deaf ears, and grant they may know thy voice, the voice of him whom to know is life eternal.

[32 : 27] And we bear before thee this night the churches. O how we bear them before thee, Lord, the little hills of Zion where the candlestick of truth has been long maintained as here through the generations.

Thou knowest, Lord, how over the years we have witnessed in this sanctuary of God one generation called home to glory, to whom we have felt a deep union and a love, and whose memory is precious.

And Lord, we have lived to witness another generation raised up in their places. And Lord, we pray that thou would thus maintain thy truth in this village and this candlestick of truth.

Upon our brother at the desk here and the burden and responsibility he carries, Lord, and his loved one in the church here, strengthen his hand in God, we pray thee, and uphold him and support him, and all grant him encouragement, helps by the way, thy presence known and found, sweet tokens, as he looks back over the generation of his beloved parents, the Lord, and the precious memory of that generation, that is now in glory, worshipping thee before thy throne, they marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breath, and following, their incarnate God possessed the promise for us.

Dear Lord, we are comforted, even in this little sanctuary, with a great cloud of witnesses, whose dust lies in yonder graveyard, waiting that glorious morning of the resurrection, and their memory is precious, and, O Lord, thou hast said to us, seeing therefore he encompassed about, with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, his author and his finisher.

[35 : 25] O bless thy servants as they stand up in thy holy name at this time, look upon Zion, the city of thy solemnity, upon thy one church in the earth, and thy servants whom thou hast sent forth in thy holy name, for the government is upon thy shoulders, and thou dost rule and reign, and dear Lord, we pray for grace, to be enabled to follow thee, trusting in thyself, wash us now, and cleanse us, we pray thee, for all thy pure and holy eyes these evil in us, that sin which doth, dear Lord, so easily beset us, may we be enabled to wield the shield of faith, to resist, quench the fiery darts of the wicked one, and all may we know what it is, to find thee, as thy dear servant

Catholic powers of Europe, and all we pray that thou would spare us, and, O Lord, we seek a mighty revival in this land, a mighty outpouring of thy spirit, that this land may once again be turned to thy word, thy truth, thy holy law, thy holy day, and thyself, O look down upon us in mercy, and pour out thy spirit, as in former days, and raise up God-fearing men, to preach thy holy word, who shall be sent by thee.

Dear Lord, preserve to us our Protestant Reformed Constitution, and all look down upon us and have mercy upon us in wrath.

Use it in the hearts of the hearers. We ask for Jesus Christ's sake, and in his worthy name alone. Amen.

Hymn 882, tune 391. Prayer was appointed to convey, the blessings God designs to give. Long as they live should Christians pray, for only while they pray there that they live.

But they're red in let you share the visit again.

The fear of this pain Will this house be filled with all The walls before the night which shall be Seeking the Lord's help, I direct your attention This evening to the prophecy of Isaiah Chapter 45, reading verses 2 and 3 The prophecy of Isaiah, chapter 45 Reading verses 2 and 3 I will go before thee and make thee crooked places straight I will break in pieces the gates of brass And cut in sunder the bars of iron And I will give thee the treasures of darkness

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[45 : 05] To the Lord's dealings with them On account of their idolatry And his intention to send them into captivity It relates equally To the clear evidence That that captivity Was to be chastisement It was divine chastening of God Which had a purpose And would have an end It was to be 70 years captivity Before Israel And God would bring it to a conclusion And we see here prophesied long before It was brought to a conclusion The prophecy of Cyrus That he would be the means In the Lord's hand of that restoration And we have here

In the context The Lord speaking to Cyrus And speaking of him And how he would use him As an instrument in his hands For his people This is the word of God to Cyrus We read of the divine purposes of God That it here prophetically That thus saith The Lord of Cyrus He is my shepherd And shall perform all my pleasure Even saying to Jerusalem Thou shalt be built And to the temple Thy foundation Shall be laid Then We go on To hear the Lord's words Regarding Cyrus Thus saith the Lord To his anointed To Cyrus Whose right hand I have hold To subdue nations before him And I will loose The loins of kings To open before him The two deep gates The gate shall not be shut And he then speaks

Of his divine work Regarding Cyrus I go before thee That is Cyrus And so on And We have here The words of God His divine purposes His manifest will His almighty power And It regards Ancient Israel A type Of his church A type As the Israelites were A chosen people In a Godless world Surrounded with Paganism and heathen They were Manifest As the Children of God To whom God Revealed himself And we see in them In the ancient order Of the tabernacle Everything that Pointed To Christ All was

The Lord's Divine purposes In revealing himself In this earth To his ancient people And All of it Related here To his Dealing with them And that they Should come back To Israel And that one day The Lord Jesus Christ Would come And take upon himself The seed of Abraham You read very beautifully In Paul's epistle To the Hebrews He took not on him The nature of angels But he Took on him The seed of Abraham And when we See the purposes Of God here They regard His ancient people Cyrus was but An instrument For their good An instrument In the divine will Regarding his One people And his one church That Christ Would one day Come to Jerusalem And still Today These promises Which were given In Abraham In thee and in thy seed Shall all the nations

Of the earth Be blessed And very beautifully We read in the Scriptures And that seed Was Christ That seed was Christ Here we see The whole will of God Regarding his entire church It is in the figures Here the patterns And it is Manifestly in this Prophecy of Isaiah Very blessedly revealed That while there is The history of Israel Lying here There is the Lord's will and purposes Regarding his whole church Is lying here In this prophecy And again and again Suddenly In the ancient history There shines Remarkable prophecies A virgin Shall conceive And bear a son And thou shalt call His name Emmanuel And we read again Unto us A child is born Unto us A son is given And the government Shall be upon his shoulders And his name

[50 : 08] Shall be called Wonderful Counselor The mighty God The everlasting Father The Prince of Peace And again and again We read in this Prophecy of Isaiah The beauties Of the revelation Of the whole Church of God When we see The purposes of Christ And his work Spoken of so clearly In the 53rd of Isaiah Surely He hath borne our griefs And carried our sorrows Yet we did esteem him Stricken Smitten Of God And afflicted But He was wounded For our transgressions He was bruised For our iniquities The chastisement Of our peace Was upon him And with his stripes We are healed Now we See here The Blessed truth Of these words Spoken In promise By God To Zaras They relate equally To his dear people

To his church They were spoken Regarding His dear ancient people That the Lord Would work On their behalf And my mind And my mind Has been Much drawn To the Simple utterance Of the Opening words Of this text I'll go I'll go before thee There are so many ways In which there lies In this word Truth When we look At the Lord's work Here for his ancient people Going before Sorrows But it was for their benefit And their blessing And he has ever Gone Before His people Very Beautifully We read In the Book of Genesis The Lord Going Before His people The seed

Of the woman Shall bruise The serpent's head And thou That is the serpent Shall bruise His heel Oh what a remarkable Prophecy That In that Falling Adam In the Garden Of Eden And it lies In our text Here tonight I'll go before thee And make the Crooked places Straight We'll look As the Lord May help us In a moment At some of these Solemn Crooked places In this earth All the result Of the fall In Adam But there we see In those words Of prophecy In Genesis The seed Of the woman Shall bruise The serpent's head It wants to destroy All the power Of Satan When we read Of that attack Upon his head We see How the Lord Jesus Christ Went Blessedly Before his people

To Calvary To die That they Might live The beauty Of this Sweet promise Of God Here Regarding ancient Israel I'll go before thee I'll go before thee There is There is much To be considered Here And meditated On To ask Regarding our Own soul What evidence Have I got In my heart What has been Revealed to me To show me That personally That personally Individually Christ Has gone Before me The apostle Paul So beautifully Speaks of this When he says God Commended His love Toward us In that While we were yet Sinners Christ

Died for us He had such a Blessed sight That whilst he Blasphemed His way To Damascus Christ Had gone Before him On Calvary There To die For his sins And open a way For him To glory He has a Very blessed sight God commendeth His love Toward us It is of this Extraordinary nature And this is what lies here I'll go before thee In a way of mercy In a way of pardon In a way of peace In a way of salvation I'll go before thee Before You were born Just as he said Of Jeremiah Before I Formed thee in the womb I Knew thee He had gone Before him In a way of salvation In divine Purposes

[55 : 15] In sovereign grace And here The apostle Paul Speaks of it While we were yet In our sins Walking In the days Of our Unregeneracy In our godless Fallen condition Christ Had gone Before us Oh Before we Had born In eternity In eternity Past In those sacred Councils of his Sovereign will Christ Is described As the lamb Slain Before The foundation Of the world And we see That before Man ever fell The church Was saved In Christ In that Eternal covenant Ordered In all things Ensure There was a Blessed way Made

A door Opened In heaven Beautifully Spoken of In the scriptures To the church Of Christ When the lord Says Go through Go through The gates He has gone Before his Dear church In a way Of redemption That They may go Through the gates And before His dear people Were ever born Oh that Way of salvation Whichever way We look at it Whether it be In the days Of Abraham As he looked Forward to Christ Or whether In our own day As in the Ordinance Of his Lord's supper We look back And remember His death There His dear church Is looking To their benefit In that mighty Vicarious Sacrifice Upon the Cross of Calvary Abraham said Christ Saw my day

And here Is the Precious promise Of God's Holy word I will go Before thee I would come To this Part of the Subject Tonight It is spoken Individually Personally To the Members Of his Body Oh how The Lord Speaks In his Holy word By way Of precious Promises Into the Hearts Of his Dear people But before They come To have A Understanding Of the Precious Nature Of this Truth There must Be A Foundation Work Of God's Holy Spirit In their Hearts To reveal To them Their need Of Christ There must

Be And here It is Spoken Of The Crooked Thing All the Blessed Work Of God's Spirit Which Shows And reveals In the Hearts Of poor Sinners By his Divine Sovereign Grace In that Work Of regeneration How he Opens Their hearts To a Knowledge Of their Crooked State Before A holy God What a Work of God's Spirit That is How vital And essential Before they Are ever To have Any Understanding Of this Mighty Divine Act of God In going Before them They must Be brought To feel Their need Of it The precious Blessings Of Christ Finished Work Upon the Cross

Of Calvary Are sacred And not To be Touched By unholy Hands They are To be Valued By his Dear Children As the Spirit of Truth Shines Into their Hearts And brings Them To a Solemn Knowledge Of the Condition That is Spoken Of here Their Crooked Nature It Has A Relationship To the Holy Law Of God In all Its Straightness That Majesty Majesty And glory And glory And perfection Of God Revealed In his Holy Majesty In his Law That Is the Line When seen

[60 : 18] And felt And known When applied In the heart Of a poor Sinner Which shows Him That He has Deviated From From that Line In a Most Solemn Manner That He Has Deviated In all Points And that He is Crooked And it Is the Work Of God Spirit Throughout Our Life To show Us That Crooked It Is ever There The Apostle Paul In the Seventh Of the Romans Speaks Of it In a Remarkable Way And he Speaks Of his Knowledge In his Own Heart Of his Crooked When I Would Do Good Evil Is present With me And how To perform That which Is right I find Not He had A sight Of God's

Holy Law And he Found Another law In his Members That Crooked Ness Deviating Constantly Wanting To deviate And yet He found Something else In his Heart When I Would Do Good That Law Of God Planted In his Soul Which Showed Him His Crookedness Made Him Feel The Crookedness Of his Fallen Nature Brought Him To an Understanding Not Only Of Sin But Of a Most Solemn Fallen Ruined Nature That Had No Desire For God No Desire For His Word No Desire For His Mercy See Oh The Solemn Nature Of

Fallen Man That Would Not Have God Rain Over Him That Would Love Darkness Rather Than This Is The Condition Of Fallen Man Without God Without Hope In The World And As The Apostle Said To The Church At Ephesus He Who Once Were Strangers And Foreigners Aliens From The Commonwealth Of Israel Made Nigh By The Blood Of Christ The Work Of God's Spirit Is To Reveal Those Two Solemn Forces Natures In His Dear Children They Always Have It The Seventh Of Romans Will Ever Speak Of Their Path To Glory This Solemn Nature In Them That Love Darkness And The Mighty Work Of God In Their Heart Oh

How That Blessed Work Of God In Their Souls In Regeneration Shows Them What They Are And They Become Solemnly Aware That They Are Crooked And The Lord Said So Blessedly In This Gospel Promise I'll Go Before The And Make The Crooked Places Straight How Does He Do It How Does He Do It Does He Straighten That Poor Fallen Nature No He Doesn't It Is To Be Thrown Left In The Grave Or It Is Indeed It Will Be With Us To A Dying Hour It Will Ever Be There We Shall Ever Have That Fallen Nature And Our Language With The Apostle Paul To The Grave Will Be O Wretched Man That I Am Who Shall Deliver Me From This Body Of Death We Shall Carry That Body Of Death In To

The Tomb But What Does The Lord Do How Does He Make The Crooked Places Straight I'll Go Before And When We Come To Examine These Words How Solemn And Sacred They Are It Is To Calvary Cross That The Lord Goes I'll Go Before It Is To Come Into This World And Take Into Union With His Deity A Sacred Sparkless Humanity To Humble Himself And To Become Obedient Unto Death It Is To Walk This Earth In The Most Sacred Humility In His Humanity What A Sign That Is Of The Majesty Of That Incarnation When He Came To The Manger At Bethlehem Oh

[65 : 21] What An Example Of That Truth He Humbled Himself Emptied Himself Came As The Eternal Son Of God And Came Into This World And This Is The Truth That Lies In Our Tech I'll Go Before The I'll Go Before The And Make The Crooked Places Straight And In Going Before His Dear People And Coming Into This World And Walking Out That Spotless Holy Obedience To His Father's Holy Law And In Walking Through This Earth To Calvary's Cross Setting His Face As a Flint To Go To Die For His Dear Church We See The Full Substance Of This Promise Being Fulfilled I'll Go Before The And When We Look At It Again Regarding Ancient Israel All The Types And Shadows Everything Of The Old Economy

All Of It The Ark Of The Government The Mercy Seat The Very Substance Of That Ark In Its Gold And Gopher Wood Everything Pointed To Calvary's Cross The Sacrifices Of The Tabernacle The Shedding Of The Blood The Day The Day Of The Atonement All Of It Pointed To Calvary's Cross And That Sacrifice Which The Lord Ordained In The Passover Lamb In Egypt All Of It Pointed To Calvary's Cross Everything The Beautiful Words When I See The Blood I Will Pass Over You All Speaks Of Calvary's Cross Those Precious Figures The Divine Promises In The Old Testament The Prophecies Regarding Christ All Of Him Are Before Them He's Gone Before His Church In His Old Testament In His Holy Word And He's Gone To Fulfill All Those Shadows

And Types And Figures And He's Gone To Care Over His Cross Before They Were Ever Born And He's Gone There To Offer Himself A Sacrifice For Sin And He Went There Voluntarily Willingly Setting His Face As A Flint The Prayer Which He Offered In The Conclusion Of The Last Supper According To The 17th Of John Speaks Of His Sovereign Will And Purposes Regarding His Going Before His Church He Said Father I Will That Those Whom Thou Has Given Me Be With Me Where I Am I Will Go Before And Make The Crooked Places Straight There In This Promise We See The Shedding Of His Blood Oh The Glory Of The Way In Which Christ Made The Crooked Places Straight

The Sin Of His Church Was To Be Washed Away In The Fountain Of His Precious Blood Shed On Calvary's Cross Beautifully Expressed Again And Again In The Word Of God The Blood Of Jesus Christ His Son Cleanses Us From All Sin Who His Own Self Bore Our Sins In His Own Body On The Tree Again And Again We See That Precious Blood Spoken Of And We See How Not Only Did He Wash The Sins Of His Dear Church Away In That Precious Shed Fountain For Sin But That He Walked Out In His Life And In His Death A Holy Spotless Obedience To His Father's Holy

Law He Was Obedient Beautifully Spoken Of He Was Obedient That Is Throughout His Whole Life I Do Always Those Things That Please Him No Sin Holy Harmless Spotless Undefined Separate From Sinners And Made Higher Than The Heavens I Go Before And Make The Crooked Places Straight He Was Obedient Unto Death Even The Death Of The Cross And In It He Wrought Out A Glorious Robe Of Righteousness For His Dear Church And Here In This Precious Washing And In This Spotless Robe Of His Righteousness Was The Fulfillment Of This Truth I Go Before The And Make The Crooked Places Straight And He Goes On To Speak Of It The Rough Place Is Plain I Read In That Submission Obedience

[70 : 25] The Hills Of Rebellion Being Removed And The Sinner Being Brought Down To Be As Clay In The Hands Of The Heavenly Potter It Is The Sacred Obedience Of Faith The Rough Places Plain Oh Look In Your Life The Rough Places The Crooked Places Is The Lord Making Them Plain Not Always At Once Beautifully The Work Of God Is Spoken Of In The Scriptures As Here A Little There A Little Line Upon Line Precept Upon Precept I Look Back In The Way The Lord Dealt With Me When I Was Young When I Was A Student In My First Year At University I Went Deep Into The World Deep Into

Disobedience I Kept To The Sanctuary Of God On The Sabbath Day So That My Parents Will Be Kept Quiet But In The Week And On The Saturday Nights My Life Was Deep In The World In The Public Houses In The The World But The Lord Came Suddenly And Called Me In The Power Of His Holy Word And The Word Was This Come Out From Among Them Be Separate Touch Not The Unclean Thing And I Have Often Said As I Look Back To That Night In September 1952 When The Lord Suddenly Spoke That I Know Exactly What Elijah Knew When He Heard The Still Small Voice Of God In The Cave The Still Small

Voice Of God Has In It A Glorious Authority A Mighty Power It Called Me Out Of The World But There Were Those Things I Always Remember Which I Felt Does The Lord's Call Include This They Were The Sports I Played For The University In Various Sports I Edited The University Sports Magazine And I Began To Think Well What Is Wrong With Just Playing With A Ball On Grass And I Argued About It And You Know I Speak Of This Here A Little And There A Little The Lord Gradually Brought Me Away From It All And As The Year Went On There Were Students That Were Stronger In Games That Came Into University And Eventually They Dropped Me From The Team And I Was Thankful But I Was Clinging To Some Things Of The World And The Lord Brought It So About

And I Watch Things Today In The Hearts And Lives Of Some Of The Young In The Churches There Are Things They're Doing They're Still Clinging To The World Waiting To See Them Brought Out Separating To God And His Church Truly Completely Brought Out Make The Rough Places Plain Separate Them From This Godless World And Bring Them Into A Plain Path Of Obedience A Straight Path A Blessed Path Of Faith In Christ And To Be Found Only Where He Would Be Found Doing What He Would Be Doing Separated From This World In Its Entirety And Separated To The Children Of God There I Will Break In Pieces The Gates Of Brass And Cut Asunder The Bars Of Iron They Are The

Things That Hold God's Dear Children Solemnly Oh They Are The Work Of Satan And Sin That Would Grip Them Solemn Besetting Sins That They Cannot Escape From The Sins That Do So Easily Beset Us Oh Here We See Here The Blessed Nature Of God's Mighty Work To Separate His Children And He And He Alone Can Break These Solemn Gates Of Brass And Bars Of Iron That Grip Them As Prisoners Of Satan And Bring Them Into The Glorious Liberty Of The Children Of God Oh Can You Look Back In Your Life And See The Mighty Hand Of God Can You Trace The Workings Out Of His Spirit In Your

[75 : 27] Heart Separating You To Himself And Separating You I Believe To The Company Of His Dear People We Read in Scripture Regarding His Dear People They Went To Their Own Company They Knew The People Of God They Loved And I Look Back On My Life And I Remember As The Lord Called Me Out Oh How He Brought Me Into The Company Of Some Of The Godly In The Church Dear Mothers In Israel Who Were Watching To See The Mighty Fruits Of His Spirit Dear Ones Who Are Now In Glory To Whom I Felt A Precious Union And A Bond In The Gospel His Dear Servant Whose Word And Ministry Was Made Precious To Me Who Are Gone Now To Be With

Him Forever But Whose Memory Is Ever Blessed The Lord Calls His Dear People Out I'll Break In Pieces The Gates Of Brass And Cut In Sunder The Bars Of Iron And I'll Give The Treasures Of Darkness Sacred Description Of God's Work They Are The Treasures Hidden Darkness They They're Hidden From The Eyes Of The Wise And Prudent And Revealed To They Those Blessed Treasures Of His Work In Redemption And In His Glorious Death Upon Calvary The Sacred Treasures That Abound There Are Promised To His Dear People As They're Brought Out Of Nature's Darkness And These Barbs Of Iron And This Solemn

Bondage Of Sin Into The Glorious Liberty Of The Children Of God And The Lord Has Promised To Give Them The Treasure I Think Of Those Treasures In Relation To The Prophet Jeremiah When The Lord Said To Him In The Midst Of All His Sorrows And Sufferings I Know The Thoughts That I Think Towards The Thoughts Of Peace And Not Of Evil To Give The An Expected End Oh The Treasures Of Darkness That Are In The Lord's Hand Hidden Not Needed Not Wanted By The Wise And Prudent But Revealed To Babes And They Are These Sacred Treasures I Know The Thoughts That I Think Towards You The Spirit Itself Bearing Witness With Our Spirit That We Are The Children Of God The Lord

Granting In The Hearts Of His Dear People In This Dark Sinful World A Precious Hope In His Mercy And A Sweet Hope That One Day Absent From The Body It Will Be To Be Present With The Lord A Precious Hope That He Died For Them That He Went And Has Gone Before Them All Have You Been Given Such A Blessed Hope The Treasures Of Darkness And The Hidden Riches Of Secret Places That Thou Mayest Know That I The Lord Which Call The By Thy Name There Is Something Very Blessed About The Lord's Work In Regard To His Dear People He Calls Them The Scriptures Speak Of It Calls

Them Saul Saul He Called Him By His Name I Believe He Calls Every One Of His Dear People By Their Name When He When He Spoke Through His Serpent The Apostle Paul In The Letter He Wrote To The Church At Rome In The Eighth Chapter The Apostle Spoke Of This Whom He Did Foreknow He Also Did Predestinate To Be Conformed To Image Of His Son And Whom He Did Predestinate Then He Also Called The Old Divines In The Days At North Reft When They Wrote Their Canons They Spoke Of The Effectual Call Of God Why Did They Do It I Believe They All Knew It They All Had Heard The Call Of God Have We Have We Known That Still Small Voice Of God Calling Out Out Of

[80 : 28] Nature's Darkness Into His Marvelous Light Calling Us To His Footstool The Lord When He Was On Earth Called His Disciples Follow Thou Me And You Know On The Cross Of Calvary When There Was Darkness Over The Earth The Lord Called The Dying See Oh The Divine Power In His Heart That Brought Him To Ask It Was The Effectual Call Of God The Mighty Work Of Christ He Was Brought To Have His Eyes Open To See Christ Whom He Was And To Be Drawn In Love To Him And To Ask For Pardon And Peace In Those Words Remember Me And Very Remarkably There Are Prophecies Relating To Those Who Pierced Christ's Side In Scripture Which Say

They Shall Look Upon Him Whom They Pierced And They Shall Mourn Giving Us Every Indication That The Men Who Pierced Him Were Brought To Godly Sorrow And Repentance And Brought To Call Upon His Holy Name And To Know That Effect Or Call In The Heart That Sacred Drawing Influence To Christ And We See Here In This Beautiful Word The Lord's Dear People Know That Call That They Mayest Know That I The Lord Which Call The By Thy Name Am The God Of Israel In These Chapters Here There Is A Constant Repetition Of These Words I Am The Lord And There Is None Else The Question Tonight Is This Do We Know Him Have We Heard His Call Has

He Shown Us That He Has Gone Before Us And That In Doing So He Has Born Our Sins In His Own Body On The Tree Has He Applied By His Spirit That Precious Blood In Our Hearts Can I Go One Step Further And That Is There If We Cannot Answer That Question As We Would Like As We Would Wish Oh Let Me Ask You This Question Tonight Is It Your Desire Do Long To Know That Your Sins Were Born By Christ On Calvary's Cross And That You Will Be Brought One Day To Know That In Your Heart Dear Anne Steele

Put It So Beautifully In Such Godliness And Sincerity And Sacred Honesty When She Said My God My Father Blissful Name Oh May I Call The Mine May I With Sweet Enjoyment Claim A Portion So Divine Her Eyes Were Open To Desire This Blessed Revelation This Sacred Promise This Precious Experience That She Might Know Christ As Her Redeemer Savior And In Her Dying Utterance She Knew It The Dying Utterance Of Dear Anne Steele Was This I Know That My Redeemer Lives She Waited To A Dying Bed To Know The Sacred Nature Of That Prayer Answered Her And To Pass Into His Presence In

The Sweet Enjoyment Of That Peace On Her Death Bear That Thou Mayest Know That I The Lord Which Call The By Thy Name Am The God Of Israel Amen Hymn 1137 June 679 God Of Our Salvation Hear us Bless Oh Bless us Here we Go When we Join The World Be Near Us Lest Thy People Careless Grow Saviour Keep us Keep us Safe From Every

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Now may The Grace Of The Lord Jesus Christ The Love Of God The Communion Of The Holy Spirit Abide With You Each Amen The Man offs Those Thank you.