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- [0 : 00] By the help of God, I would direct you to the 13th chapter to the Hebrews, and the verses 13 and 14.
- Let us go forth therefore unto him, without the camp, bearing his reproach.
- For here we have no continuing cities, but we seek one to come. Hebrews chapter 13, verses 13 and 14.
- The Apostle, especially in this episode, but really in the whole, manifests such a tender regard for the Lord's people, that in this epistle especially, he is encouraging them to persevere unto the end.
- And he is concluding the epistle, and he has preached to them.
- [1 : 53] He has set before them the majesty, the glory of God's dear Son.
- He has set before them his incarnation, that in order that he might save his people by taking their place as a substitute, and suffering for them what they should suffer, that he has gone to prepare a place for them.
- He has set before them his offices as a great high priest, and his righteousness, and now he concludes really with the text.
- And that his glorious redeemer. In the mystery of godliness has come.
- He said of himself, I came forth from the Father, and I go again unto him. And this conclusion to my mind is very blessed, very important, and very tender.
- [3 : 27] It begins with one of those leads. There's a good many of them in this epistle. Now this glorious man, God-man, infinite in his being, let us go forth therefore unto him.
- There's only one him. It was so in Solomon's song. I don't think there's the name of God or of Jesus in the horror of Solomon's song, but it is he who my soul loveth.
- And there was no need there for the church in her love to the Lord Jesus to mention him in any other way.
- Him whom my soul loveth. And when we follow the scriptures, do we feel the same?
- Have you ever felt the same? And the psalmist, he adds to that, Whom have I in heaven but thee?
- [4 : 58] And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. When we read such scriptures and then look at our own hearts, do we feel to be believers?
- Do you believe it? Can you say, Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there's none upon earth that I desire beside thee.
- Because the Lord has been revealed to them by the Spirit. They know him. That's why it is. We need a knowledge of the Lord Jesus by his revelation.
- He reveals himself to faith. It's wonderful to know him. You read the word of God in quite a different way if you have faith in reading it.

It'll move. You'll have some scriptures come to your case, either spiritual or providential, but spiritual for the most important part.

[6 : 13] And it'll seem to move. It'll move. The very chapter. And some of the psalms. Some in a way of adoration and praise.

As some in lamentation. And you'll see the life of God in both. In the opposites. You take the 88th psalm.

The saddest psalm in the book. Blessed psalm. I've had comfort from that psalm. But it is the Holy Spirit moving.

You can almost see those verses move if you're in the same place. Well, that's the man in the text.

I preached him to you. You read of him. But that's not enough. He concludes with what must be a right conclusion of a vital religion.

[7 : 36] And that's this. Let us go forth therefore unto him. If all our preachings and all your religions and religious associations and religious conversations come less than this, you are vitally sure.

Let us go forth therefore unto him. oh what a drawing you will if you are the Lord because he has gone before you and made the declaration all that the Father giveth me shall come to me and he that cometh unto me I will in no wise not for any reason whatever not for the depth of their sins in no wise cast out oh what a mercy it is then to be exercised as to whether we were given unto the Lord Jesus by the Father and there is such a people and they belong to him and they are related to him how shall I put thee among the children and he answers the question thou shalt say thou art my Father and shall not turn away from me but you might say

I couldn't say that thou art my Father how can it be done this is how it is done if children then heirs heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ let us let us go forth therefore unto him you see my friends whatever said about him whatever preached about him whatever read about him comes short of going forth therefore unto him anything short of that is fatal but in this going forth unto him he has mercifully given his people help and one of the ways is this sacred inspired word let us go forth unto him if you do and read thus by faith you've got a case you want to find him you will have Job's exercise oh that I knew where I might find him two disciples turned when John introduced the Lord Jesus and

Jesus turned and saw them and he said now what seekest thou and they said Lord where dwellest thou he said unto them come and see let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp there's something so sweet in this and the dear apostle you can't but love that apostle he said let us he didn't say you go forth therefore uh uh uh uh uh uh unto him without the camp he said let us and you will find his tender right through

I beseech you brethren that he presents your bodies a living sacrifice he didn't say uh uh since uh the mercies of God uh you uh present your body uh living sacrifice but I beseech you and I do feel uh that this tenderness of spirit is the spirit of the Lord Jesus and let us go forth and therefore it's a going forth never going back it's time to go back some do as you know in the six of John from that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him and the sovereign thing in that is this from that time before that time they were nominal believers but something came into their life you may have observed it I have uh make us sad many many years ago uh we had uh a friend worked in the same place with me came to show the screen took part in the singing and walked uh up to the chapel with me his wife died he married a worldly woman he went up to his godly mother and said mother

[14 : 54] I'm going to chapel no more married the woman went to Australia and died let us go forth there's an objective there's an objective and the lord as we have said has given uh help for these people who are asking their way to Zion asking their way to heaven with their faces to the ward or it's sad to see a professor with their faces turned this way and that way or like a man in a rowing boat he faces the opposite way he's going let us go forth and it will be if you're called by grace everything will be brought into subjection to the possession of the grace of

God the very same thing in simple language is that of Jeremiah the lord is my portion says my god therefore will I open him he's my portion hmm and the the worldlings have their portions their estates their riches but it is though he says the lord is my portion when I see him I see in him that you never find in this world we read just now purposely seeing then that all these things every one of them and every one of us like the lord when the people were so proud of the magnificent temple the lord just said to them there shall not be one stone standing upon another to be destroyed in three days he spoke to them of his body oh this him in the lord jesus the representative of god to his people and the representative of his people to god my friends if you are going to heaven that will be your objective to go forth unto him and then there's another help in this going forth is the preaching of the gospel when you come to the service and are sufficiently exercised to pray about the services you are going forth unto him and

I feel safe and to say this that if by the holy spirit you are going forth unto him he's coming forth unto you there's such a union between christ and his people that all that he is theirs let us go forth therefore unto him it seems as if we want to stop at him everything is there we see such a glory in him a glory in his person a glory in his incarnation what is more sacredly beautiful than the incarnate

God who in his person is incomprehensible and yet has come to wretched sinners to take their place to suffer the condemnation that they should suffer to obey the law to give the law perfect satisfaction in obeying it and going to the end of it he didn't stop the work of the Lord Jesus was such a work as none but he who is infinite could undertake he went to the end of the law of righteousness if he hadn't gone to the end of it and consumed the law in fulfilling it we should have no hope and what is a blessed thing at least as

I feel it so he didn't come to destroy it this is a man let us go forth unto him whatever is preached about him if it's true or sometimes you go forth unto him with your heart you feel your very faith stretch out his little arms let us go forth unto him and then when we come to service let us go forth unto him too when we are under his chasties you look at Micah going forth unto him Micah evidently had been guilty of some sins some special sin

[22 : 11] I will bear the indignation of the Lord for I have sinned against him until he plead my cause and execute judgment for me he will bring me forth to the light and I shall behold his righteousness he went forth unto him under his chastening you go forth unto him in your movements in providence we have said before the way from the cradle to the grave of his people are ordered by a divine appointment if they're his people and that means something and you go forth unto him some of you may have gone forth unto him in the hospital or when your soul is dark and you were back slidden or committed some sin overnight you lay your head upon your pillow and you go forth unto him and ask him to come all is going forth unto him he set a drawing no man cometh unto me except the father that sent me draw him and this drawing is the work of the holy ghost you know you'll feel the pool and you'll answer him back if he speaks to you in his word you take that last word in the

Thessalonians and the God of all peace sanctify you holy body soul and spirit he that calleth you he will do it and you'll take a word like that to the throne of grace and say Lord do it do it according to that chapter I wonder how many of our hearts is going forth unto him now everything else is going for him everything else will be burnt up oh that is a solemn and yet an important chapter that we read seeing then that all these things shall be destroyed doesn't matter what you look at doesn't matter what you guard and yourself as well and every relationship ought to be deserved what manner of persons ought we to be in the perspective of eternity where we shall either be eternally with him or eternally under his condemnation let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp he's not in the camp you won't find him in the world he'll bring you out of the world you won't want it in the world you are seated as

God sees it let us go forth unto him without the camp come out from among them and be separate touch not the unclean thing and I will be a father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters said the Lord God almighty let us go forth he's got everything he's got a fullness all things were made by him the whole of creation but oh when you come to consider the whole of salvation salvation and and and what are the ingredients of salvation and you can taste it if you have tasted that the

Lord is gracious have you ever tasted him in his word oh it's sweet Jeremiah said thy word was found and I did eat it and thy word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp you cannot serve God and mammon thousands of people try to and there's no neutral ground oh that is a false foundation that will give way that thousands stand on neutral ground neither one thing nor the other can have the world and religion at the same time kind of a neutrality you see the importance of these words let us go forth therefore unto him there's only one him oh and he will increase he he must increase but I must decrease and he will so increase if the holy spirit is within you that you will understand that word in

Jeremiah do not I fill heaven and earth and you will say Lord fill me you won't want anything else you'll be able to give everything up to the Lord and what a poor lot you'll give up if you give up the lot you give your life for him to die in the Lord let us go forth therefore unto him who without the care of course I will say and always say at this point we are put in this world for a purpose to carry it on this world is a stage upon which the

[30 : 46] Lord enacts all his sovereign purposes and decrees of salvation for his people God but the world must be carried on governments are important the powers that be are ordained of God and we should do everything to the best of our ability a good carpenter would be ashamed to use a lot of putty and a lot of people who have got a religion and a lot of putty to putty up the cracks and things that are not right and paint them over let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp bearing his reproach are you prepared oh said

Orpha no she kissed her mother in law I believe she loved her mother in law naturally they both kissed her mother but she went back she didn't go forth with them to the Lord she went back to her people oh solemn it is I hope I'm not left to do that the little time I've got to live let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp bearing his reproach the world will reproach and ridicule a saint you look at faithful and a

Christian going through vanity fair fair they looked very odd to those people in vanity fair their speech was different their clothes were different and they got some very striking things in that fair but they didn't look at them they they were they were they were they were they were to be all taken up in the Lord Jesus and he who created the world gave everything even as a natural sort he gave everything we are dependent upon him for our life our bread our water our comfort but it's all coming to nothing it's not a supposition may we think of it and as we pass a church yard may this word come in there let us go forth therefore because the grave is waiting for and eternity without the camp and bear his reproach may dear young people have grace to bear reproach it's very hard very hard for here we have no continuing sitting in the proverbs we read the rich man's wealth is his strong sitting as in the 22nd of proverbs are believed that's his city his strength his glory he's a rich man and his security his security he does while you live from a lot of things money is useful all but it doesn't make any difference to a person it wouldn't make any difference to you naturally to your temperament and it certainly wouldn't make any difference to you spiritually whatever you possess and if you do possess it all got to go all got to go what then let us go forth unto him who is eternal the eternal

God the eternal son and what there is in his poor and all that is in his poor will be emptied out into his people ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in that though he was rich yet for your sake he became poor that you through his poverty might be made rich rich spiritually what a great thing to belong to him by his choice of you in the covenant of grace for here we have no continuings city it's such a city because it incorporates every place every city you can't go to a place where there's any continuation the same thing really as man is born under trouble as the sparks fly upwards so if you want to find a place where there's no trouble you've got to go and find a place where the sparks don't fly upwards what then let us go forth unto this eternal

God I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I'll come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also is it worth anything to you for here we have no continuing city there's nothing that continues often individually people in business have become bankrupt they lose all they've got but there's no bankruptcy in the things of God in the fullness of God and all that he is we can never express but it belongs to his people and all that he is is eternal it will go on throughout all ages every promise every blessing and not only so but eternal communion for here we have no continuing city

[39 : 55] I was very much struck by a person one of our customers she bought a beautiful bungalow and she asked me to go and see it and when I came out of her house I mentioned this we know continuing city she was thanked her hospital and died oh it's a good thing to look at realities my friends things we handle gold jewels houses lands they look substantial but there's no foundation here no true happiness here but it's all in one happiness complete is thine mine it is if thou art mine for here we have no continuing city but we seek one to come and as I continually say do we seek one to come the world doesn't they don't think better it's a full world the devil's made a wonderful provision down every street and they increased by thousands not many streets but what there's a gambling shop and things that that we really would not be proper to mention they're suggesting and the authorities are allowing it's full of pleasure but we seek one to come and if you're going forth unto him without the camp fearing his reproach you'll enter into that kingdom to come kingdom of heaven what must it be to be there

I know I often tremble when I look at my life oh when I look at my youth yes 19 years was I like a mad worldly and here I am now oh my friend if we are never made to be different from what we once were there's a solemn eternity before dear miss steel she was searching her heart and it brought her straight to eternity tremendous sound to guilty souls a grateful wound but oh if Christ and heaven are mine how sweet the accents how divine that's the man let us go forth unto him oh if Christ and heaven are mine how sweet the accents how divine for honor to to to die is