

2. Rest – Receiving to Give

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Father in heaven. We thank you for giving us your only begotten Son. Our wonderful friend. Our best friend who leads us to you, our wonderful Father. And I pray that as we spend this time this morning and we give consideration to that part of the First Angel's message, *worship him who made heaven and earth, the seas and the fountains of waters*. That you would open our minds to the importance of this phrase in that message. And we thank you in Jesus name. Amen.

We spoke last night about this gospel of the kingdom, which would then expose the abomination that makes desolate. And Daniel was reminding me this morning that the word abomination or desolation. What does it mean?

[Daniel: A land uninhabited.]

A land uninhabited. A land devoid of the spirit of God is a wilderness place, is a desert region. And so it's the abomination of desolation that causes the spirit of God to be removed from the soul. It is an entire process. It's an entire system and we want to look at what it is that brings the spirit of God into the soul.

And let us turn to Revelation, I want to turn to Revelation chapter 14, once again. This is the formula. When I've spoken here previously, Revelation chapter 14, the First Angel's message contains the ingredients for the wedding cake of the redeemed. It has all of the ingredients in which once they are put together, the potency of these ingredients are put together, Babylon will fall. The Third Angel's message will go forth with great power. The earth will be lightened with its glory and then we will go home.

And so, the context of the Third Angel's message or the First Angel's message in Revelation chapter 14 and verse one. And I looked and lo a lamb stood verse one on Mount Zion and with him 144,000 having His Father's name, whose Father's name?

[Audience: The lamb.]

The Lamb's Father, His name, what is His name? Exodus 34:5. The Lord proclaimed the name of the Lord, the Lord, the Lord, God merciful, gracious, long suffering, abounding in goodness and in truth, that's His name. And when that name is in here, [points to the mind] then we can go home. And so the context for putting that name there, this is the ingredients of the cake to put this name in here. And of course we sing the Song of Moses and of the Lamb. So if it's the Song of Moses and of the Lamb, then there is no discrepancy between Moses and the Lamb. Yet the Christianity of today speaks about Oh, Moses, that's old covenant. We don't need that legalism anymore. We've got Jesus. I'm under grace. You've heard that, but they sing the Song of Moses and the Lamb. So apparently there is harmony between the Song of Moses and the Song of the Lamb. They sing a two-part harmony.

A duet that has no discordant note. And so we see in verse six, the underpinnings of this harmony between Moses and the Lamb. And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel. Everlasting gospel as I've said before, it's not a 2000 year old gospel. It's an everlasting gospel. It is the gospel that has come from the foundation of the world and our Saviour. That was preordained before the foundation of the world. As it says in Peter, one of the books of Peter first or second. Peter first probably having the everlasting gospel to preach under them that dwell on the earth and to every nation kindred tongue and people saying with a loud voice, fear God, and we just quickly go over these elements. I'm not going to cover all these. I've done these in other presentations, fear God, if you're going to fear God, then you need to know which God and that's what many of us have been engaged in which God, which God are you fearing? The message of Elijah.

If the Lord be God then worship him. But if Baal be God and worship him and the God of Israel, the only true God is the one that has a Son, His only begotten Son. So we have to get the Father and the Son, our pioneers were correct. They laid a solid foundation in the doctrine of the father and the only begotten Son. It was a fundamental principle of which Ellen White told us that our fundamental principles would be changed. And they were changed in 1980, weren't they? Formally. But we won't detain on that particular point, fear God and give glory to Him. How do we give glory to God? When you eat, when you drink, do all to the glory of God?

In this my Father is glorified? That you bear much fruit. How do we bear fruit?

By the spirit, the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, all of these things in order to give glory to God, you must know the glory of God. And Jesus tells us in John chapter 17, I have glorified you on earth. The character of Christ manifested in the first four books of the new Testament is the yardstick by which we give glory to God. It is this character manifested that we are to meditate upon and by beholding our Lord. We will be changed into the same image even as by the spirit of the Lord, as it says.

And when we know who the true God is and we know what He is like, then we are ready to enter into judgment. The hour of His judgment is come. We judge what His character is and who He is by what He's revealed to us. And when we have done this, then we will worship him that made heaven and earth, the seasons, the fountains of waters. This is the formula to know who He is, to know what He's like to seal our judgment on this particular issue and then receive His Spirit in all its fullness. That in us should dwell all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Aren't we co-heirs with him?

Joint is with Christ. This is the formula. And it's quite simple. When you lay it out like this, who is He? What is He like? Are you sure? Receive my spirit then Babylon falls, that's how it goes. I just wanted to set up our presentation in that context of worshiping Him that made heaven and earth. When you look at the Greek of worshiping Him that made heaven and earth, the seas and the fountains of waters, it's actually almost a direct quote from where? Exodus 20. This is a clue into the fourth commandment. So let's go to Exodus chapter 20. Verse eight. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy. Six days, shalt thou labour and do all thy work. But the seventh is thy Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy Son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days, the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is that we have that connection, the sea and all of them is and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. As a young Sabbath keeper, remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy. How do you keep the Sabbath Holy? You do remember to keep it Holy. So how do you keep it Holy? I didn't get the memo not by works. How do you keep the Sabbath Holy, I remember in my conversion experience and I would go to church. [thinking] Okay, we can do this. I'm not going to think any worldly thoughts today, go to church and people are talking about their cars. I can't go over there and don't want to think about these things and people talking about television shows and I'm trying to keep the Sabbath Holy and I get to the end

of the day. And it's like, ah, I made it to sunset. What a wonderful Sabbath. Anybody, anybody relate?

Are you going to say something Gary?

[Gary: Communicating with the one who made us.]

Ah, Communing, Yes, of course. Prayer. I did lots of prayer, Gary, lots of prayer.

[Obadiah: Truly spiritually resting in His love.]

Okay. Okay. Resting in His love. And so that leads us to the next question. Are you Holy? Anyone here Holy? Are you Holy?

By nature by inheritance, none of us are Holy. So how do unholy beings keep the Sabbath Holy?

The Sabbath is actually receiving holiness. When Moses stood before the Son of God, when the burning Bush, what was he told? Take off your shoes for the ground, where you stand is Holy. So the presence of Jehovah is Holy. The breath? Breath Exodus 31:17 on the Sabbath. He rested and was refreshed to breathe upon. To keep the Sabbath is to have your mind opened to the special blowing of the Spirit of God that brings holiness. So to keep is actually to receive, receive the Sabbath day in its holiness, receive my holiness and how we look in [said Exodus incorrectly] Genesis 2, it says in verse three and the Lord blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. Some of the modern translations say that he blessed the Sabbath day and made it Holy.

The Sabbath is our reminder that we are relational beings dependent on our Father for everything.

When you receive by faith from another, you enter into the rest of that gift. Don't you? That's what it means to rest, to receive the Spirit. And this is the question, I suppose, I want to step sideways a little bit with this particular point about rest, because rest is not something that you can manufacture. It's there is nothing within the human heart that can manufacture rest. There is no I have in previous presentations talked about my upbringing as a Sabbath keeper. And I have this reference, which I refer to as Yoda Sabbath.

What is Yoda Sabbath? Well, Yoda is a master of meditation and I was taught as a young Sabbath keeper that you must meditate upon God and His works. And as you meditate upon Him, somehow by osmosis, you will receive, Holiness. But it is my effort to meditate that brings this about maybe I didn't get the memo once again, that this is not how it's done. We should meditate upon God and His work shouldn't we? But what is the motivation for which we

meditate upon these things. So God blessed the seventh day and he sanctified it. How is something made Holy by God? By His presence.

So there is an element in which God is present in the Sabbath in a way that He's not present in any other day of the week. How is that possible? Is that true? That the presence of God inhabits the Sabbath more than any other day double portion? Yeah. This is the principle of Sabbath keeping. An awareness of the presence of God. Does that mean that on the Sabbath, there is an outpouring of the Holy spirit, that is greater than any other day of the week? It would have to be wouldn't it, it would have to be a greater outpouring of the Holy spirit on the Sabbath than any other day of the week. And it's at this particular point that we begin to dovetail with what many of our detractors would say to us when we would say that the Sabbath is the seal of God. And I would say, Oh no, it's not. Ephesians 1:13 says you are sealed with the Holy spirit of promise. So the Holy spirit is the seal. But as we've learned in the divine pattern, there's no dichotomy because it is the Holy spirit that seals you on the Sabbath. Because the Sabbath is the, as Obadiah said, it is the double portion of the Holy spirit. Any other form of Sabbath keeping other than receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit is legalism.

It is a belief that you will receive the presence of your Father through His Son, through the Spirit of His Son, that you are receiving their presence. And by receiving their presence, you are made Holy. Sanctify them through my Sabbath. Is that what it says? Ezekiel 20:12. Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them! Made Holy. So the element in which the Sabbath is bringing the sanctifying process, obviously thy word is sanctifying. Yeah. But on the Sabbath. It becomes because it is a sign between me and you, that you may know that I'm the Lord your God Ezekiel 20:20. That's how we get 2020 vision. ☺

I was going to take you to another point, when Jesus was speaking in Mark 1 the first red letters that I read there, let's have a look at Mark chapter one. Historians believe that Mark was the first of the gospels to be written. And it's interesting that there are a large portions of the epistle or the gospel of Mark that are repeated in the gospel of Matthew. If you notice that.

And the first red letters in the book of Mark, these are the words of Jesus. "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. What does he say next?

Repent, repenting and believe the gospel repent you and believe. Okay. It's time to repent. How do you repent it?

[Audience: It is the goodness of God that leads us to repent.]

Okay, the goodness of God leads us to repentance. And what does it say in Acts 5:31? If my memory serves me, correct? Yeah. Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. So when Jesus says to repent, it is not something that you do. It is something you receive. It's a gift. Have you read the statement from the Spirit of prophecy? When it says, when Jesus had taken the necessary steps in repentance, conversion and faith in behalf of mankind.

In the Jordan to be baptized, do you know that your baptism in and of itself is completely worthless; completely worthless, in and of itself. But as a recognition of Christ perfect baptism, our baptism is invigorated with the Spirit of God. It is blessed. It is Christ, It is only Christ's perfect offering is acceptable to God, our offering can in no wise, as it says again, in the spirit prophecy, if you take all that is noble and good and Holy and just in man and offered to the angels as playing a part in your salvation, it would be rejected as treason. There's nothing that you can do, to add to your salvation, it has been given to you. So repentance is a gift. And if repentance is a gift, then Sabbath keeping is a gift. This is the point where making Sabbath keeping is actually Sabbath receiving.

And it was just down the Hill there in Gary's house that I coined the phrase, feast receiver. I'm a feast receiver because the Sabbath is the first of the feasts. Isn't it? Leviticus 23. Sabbath, more fully. I am a feast receiver because unfortunately the word *keep* has become a little bit like the word *gay*, it's been misunderstood. It's been changed from its original meaning and *keep* means you got to do something, but not in the Bible. Keep or guard the edges of the Sabbath, pay attention. This is where we have the statement in 2T, 704.3. *"Heaven was represented to me as beholding and watching upon the Sabbath. Those who acknowledged the claims of the fourth commandment and are observing the Sabbath, angels were marking their interest in and high regard for this divine institution."* So those that are living in a state of anticipation when the Friday evening is approaching those who are in anticipation are opening their souls. They're opening the cavity of their soul to receive an infilling of this double portion of the spirit on the Sabbath. And according to your desire to have, is the measure to which you will be filled.

So all of your cleaning and getting ready on Friday afternoon, is not worth anything to God other than it demonstrates your joyful anticipation of the coming King. But you want to be ready. Your eager. It is not a chore. It is not a... what happens on Friday afternoon. Does that sometimes happen? Does it ever happen QUICK! GET READY? Do you ever have any of that? It happened to you growing up earlier in your life. Two minutes left! Do it quick. Turn the TV off. That's not anticipation. That is hell. *"Those who sanctify the Lord God in their hearts by a strictly devotional frame of mine."* Whenever I hear the word strict, my mind goes straight. When the prophet used the word strict, I get confused. What is a strictly devotional frame of mind? You are focused. You are intent. When to young lover's look into each other's eyes. They have a strictly devotional frame of mind. Don't they?

Strictly devotional, devoted to each other. This is what I believe it's talking about. *"strictly devotional frame of mind and who sought to improve the sacred hours in keeping the Sabbath to the best of their ability. And to honor God by calling the Sabbath as a delight, these the angels were specially blessing with light, health and strength."*

There's the health message, Sabbath keeping is the health message because where the Spirit of God is there is healing, there is health, there's strength, there's joy, but you have to receive it. You have to receive this. But we want to go to the deeper question on, I've asked this. I like to ask this question. I was walking with a good friend of mine in Serbia. I asked him this question, does Jesus rest on the sabbath?

If Jesus doesn't rest on the Sabbath. Then does the Father rest on the Sabbath. If the Father and the Son don't rest on the Sabbath, where do we get our rest from? Are we going the manufacture? And this is the essence of Exodus 31:17. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever, for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, Did God rest on the seventh day? He rested on the seventh day and he was refreshed. There is your Sabbath keeping.

I just want to reiterate this point once again. Who is the agent of creation? Who created the heavens and the earth? The agent of creation, the Son of God. All things that were made that could be made were made by the Son, the Word. He commanded and stood fast.

The Son had created all these things. And so when the Son had created the heavens and the earth that we see and everything like that on the seventh day,

what did the Son do? Where does the Son dwell? In the bosom of the Father. John 1:18. The only begotten Son dwells in the bosom of the Father. So on the seventh day in communion with His Father, resting, because they *are* resting. And when they *are* resting, they are spending time together. And the Son dwells in the bosom of the Father and the Father says to His Son, "Son, this is good. Well done. This is really good." And the Son rests in the word of His Father, because when the Father says it's good, it is good. And because the Father is the God of Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ says, I ascend to my God and your God, since the Father is the Son's God, when God speaks to His Son, the Son rests in the bosom of His Father. And He just says, wow, in Bible terms, what does he say? Revelation 3:14. Amen. He is the Amen. Amen.

He rests in the bosom of His Father and he receives the word of His Father because Christ might have said, he might have said, this "Is this not the great heavens and earth that I have created by the power of my mind and for the glory of my majesty." Could he have said that? He could have? But as Jesus received all things from the Father as the Father has life in Himself, so He's given to the Son to have life in Himself. And as the Son acknowledges that everything that He has, His received of His Father, he doesn't glory in the things that He has created, he glories in His Father who gave him all things. And in the person of Jesus Christ, we have the divine Sabbath keeper.

We have the divine Sabbath manufacturer. And that is why I believe that Jesus is called Lord of the Sabbath. It doesn't say that the Father is Lord of the Sabbath. The Father is the giver of the Sabbath experience. Christ is the Sabbath receiver. He is the first of all Sabbath receivers who dwells in the bosom of the Father. And in that rest experience in His Father, He shares His rest with all of us. That in Christ, all things might hold together. Colossians 1:17 in him, all things consist in him, all things hold together. That's Sabbath rest experience. So it is the rest of Christ. That is a gift to us every sabbath day because you cannot manufacture it. I cannot manufacture it. There is nothing that you can do to cause rest to come to yourself. You must enter into the rest of another, who is the Father of all those who submit to the one true God.

[Audience; By resting throughout the week you can enter into a deeper rest.]

Resting him during the week. Yes. Yes. When did we rest in him during the week, morning and evening, morning and evening, we can receive the portion of the daily. Give us this day, our daily bread, which is the morning and the evening sacrifice to taste of that rest. Because God came to Adam in the cool

of the day or the evening to give His spirit, the cool or the ruach of the day is a time when the Spirit would come morning and evening, morning and evening. And you are tasting of those things in preparation for the double portion of the Holy spirit, when Christ lays down.

I've asked this question before, it's quite an intimate question, isn't it? Does Jesus actually lay back in the bosom of His Father on the Sabbath? Isn't that what John the disciple did with Jesus, laid back. And when Jesus lays back in the bosom of His Father and His heads resting on His father's chest on His bosom, and He's just in the embrace, the Father has His arms around His Son and He hears the words, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased" Where else would you want to be?

And this is the beauty. And the wonder of the doctrine of the begotten Son of God, is that He's enabled to give Himself completely over to another, gives himself completely over to another and rest completely in another. And in this action, he purchases for us this ability to give ourselves completely over to Him. He breathes His spirit upon us, the spirit of one who has given Himself completely to the source, the great source of all. The fountain of all on the source of all being the Ancient of days.

Submission, obedience, trust in the great source of all, the Father, the Ancient of days. "Come unto me all ye that labor and heavy Laden, and I will give you *rest*," This word *rest*, in the Greek *anapausis*, in the Hebrew *Shabbaton*.

I will give you Shabbaton because I possess Shabbaton because I am the manufacturer of Shabbaton. I'm the great... And in this sense, Jesus is the source of all Sabbath keeping, it rests in him. It comes from him, not from anywhere else than him.

He takes to give, he receives all and He gives all, Desire of Ages page 21. The law of life in the universe. Through the begotten Son, the father's life flows out to all, but it is through the filter of the begotten Son that that rest experience occurs. And so when Lucifer steps outside of the channel of the Son of God, there is no rest for the wicked.

Satan says, I will ascend into heaven, I'll be like the Most High I will be as God and stepping outside of the rest, that only can be found in Christ. He is as a spirit wandering through the wilderness, searching for rest, and he cannot find any. Because it's only found in Christ because you can only find rest when you can yield yourself to the source of all life. And Christ is the one that does this for us. And that is why the doctrine of the only begotten Son is intimately

connected to a true understanding of Sabbath Keeping, you can't understand the Sabbath without Him. Because as I used to understand, when I read in Psalms 121, the Lord, neither slumbers nor sleeps. I work, and my Father works. John 5:17. And in my interpretation of these verses, I had this understanding that God doesn't stop working. He keeps working and I miss the element of the rest. It is true that God does a work on the Sabbath. Doesn't he? He sustains all of creation. Absolutely.

He is in His rested state. He is enabled to be more industrious and His work is more effectual because of His rest. He said the more He receives, the more He's able to give. Complete Trust in His father. Lord shall rejoice over Him with singing. He shall rest in His love.

[inaudible comment from audience].

Oh, sister, we're going to go there. That's really important. That is frequency vibration. No, I'm not going to go there yet. So this is really important to understand that it is the inheritance of the Son that opens for us an understanding of true Sabbath receiving, because the Son has received everything from His Father and thus rests in His Father and rests in the bosom of His Father. And in that rest, He does more work for the universe than could be done any other way by His rest. And of course, the Father rests on the Sabbath. When my Son rests in my bosom, I have joy unspeakable and I am at rest. The one that I brought into the world through my wife, resting in my arms is heaven. That's the Father's rest, isn't it? They're giving us the Spirit. He's giving them His Spirit of rest.

[Obadiah: It's really coming down to identity because it's when you're resting in that identity, you're able to operate with that confidence. And it's not based on circumstances. You know, it doesn't matter what your circumstance you're able to rest in that assurance of His love and identity.]

So this brings us to the next point. Doesn't it. And this is why the journey of those of us who've been walking in this message. It begins with the identity war. If you are the Son of God, command that these stones, be turned into bread, do something. Jesus says, what, "it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." And what was that word that He had heard, you are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. He rested in that word and in resting in that word and remembering His identity, He could repulse the devil.

And as Craig said in His last presentation, when He accepted that He was a Son of God. When His identity came to Him, that he could go home and he could have rest. You cannot be a Sabbath receiver unless you know that you are a Son or daughter of God, unless you know it for a certainty, I am a child of my Father. My Father loves me. Not by works, not by anything that I've done. None of those things of what makes me, I am His Son. I am His daughter because He has given me everything.

That's the only way to become a Sabbath receiver, Sabbath keeper. Unfortunately in my experience as a Sabbath keeper, because particularly I discovered the book counsels on diet and food, and I joined the cheese police, scanning the tables of people around me, I read that cheese should not be introduced into the stomach. Now it's written there. Do with it what you will. But the fact was that I had all these things that I could do in order to please, God, no, I'm still of the opinion that cheese shouldn't be introduced to the stomach, but it's not my business to go around telling other people what they should do, how they should eat and whatever. And the state that I was in, when I would discover cheese on another person's table was worse than eating the cheese itself.

Something to keep in mind, the kingdom of heaven is not food and drink. This principle of the Sabbath and receiving of rest is critically connected to our identity as Sons and daughters of God in the identity of the Son of God. And this is why in the beginning... Well, I need to tie this in, let me tie this in because we started with the first Angel's message. We started with the 144,000 and the 144,000. They have something in common with a man whose name is Enoch. And we look at Patriarchs and Prophets page 84.

Why is Enoch important to the 144,000? He walked with God and was taken without tasting death, which is what happens to 144,000. But what was it that caused Enoch to enter into that experience, that enabled him to walk straight into heaven. This is the key. And it relates to identity. *"Of Enoch is written that he lived 65 years and beget a Son after that, he walked with God 300 years. During these earlier years Enoch had loved and feared God and kept His commandments. He was one of the holy line and the preservers of the true faith, the progenitors of the promise seed from the lips of Adam, he had learned the dark story of the fall and the cheering one of God's grace as seen in the promise.*

And he relied upon the Redeemer to come. But after the birth of His Son," what? After the birth of His Son, Enoch reached a higher experience. He was drawn into a closer relationship with God. He realized more fully His own obligations and responsibilities. As a Son of God, Enoch found salvation through His Son, did he? Oh, it goes on. I'm just making a point. Did Enoch find salvation through his Son? His Son was a channel, which God used to teach Him an important lesson about His own relationship with his father as a Son of God.

The point we emphasize here is that through the relationship with his son, he was able to enter into a deeper relational experience and understanding of who God was and how God operated. And this is why Elijah will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, the children to the fathers, lest he smite the earth with a curse. It is this relational understanding of how you are connected to God and what it is that makes you acceptable in His sight. And this is what I experienced. What did my son have to prove to me that he was my son? Nothing. You just had to believe it. I wanted to lavish everything upon him. Give him everything.

When he did the wrong things, I was tempted to withdraw my blessing, Severely tempted. But God reminded me I haven't withdrawn my blessing from you. And let's have a look at your record. Not so good. So don't withdraw your blessing.

[Ben: Abraham needed a blessing after slaughtering those who took his nephew]

Yes. After going to slaughtered all those people Abraham knew he needed that blessing. You know, we interpret that blessing of Melchizedek on Abraham as well done. You killed off all those people. No, I didn't come to destroy, but to save, Abraham needed a blessing from His Father. I know why you did this. Abraham, you were in your zeal. You wanted to protect your nephew. And now you have all these horrible images. *Patriarchs and Prophets* says this that he had these terrible images of men dying in agony as he was thrusting his sword in them.

Post-Traumatic stress disorder. Abraham needed to be blessed. It's very different from what we thought. That's how I understand it. Now he needed a blessing from His Father. Back to Enoch. *"Enoch reached a higher experience. He was drawn into a closer relationship with God. He realized more fully his own obligations and responsibilities as son of God, as he saw the child's love for its father, It's simple trust in His protection."* That's Sabbath, isn't it? That

sabbath. *simple trust and his protection as he felt the deep yearning tenderness of His own heart for that first born Son, He learned the precious lesson of the wonderful love of God to men in the gift of His Son.*" He began to be able to measure the cost of His salvation in realizing how much God loved His only begotten Son and how he was willing to yield him up to us, to reclaim us to Himself and no doubt broke His heart.

How could you give up that? Which was most precious to you in order to save me a speck of dust. That is a love unfathomable. And yet this is the God that is proclaimed to us in the Scriptures. *"The infinite unfathomable love of God through Christ became a subject of His meditation day and night. And with all the forever of His soul, he sought to reveal that love to the people among whom he dwelled."* There is our mission. If we should choose to accept it.

And that's the experience that he had to go through. So it is in the Sabbath experience that we receive of the Spirit, but it is this gospel of the kingdom that awakens us to the reality that we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked because we are not self-denying. We are irritated by those who do things differently to us. And get in our way and take up our space and use our resources. And then we look at Christ and how he is dealing with things. And we are convicted, hopefully that I need to change.

[Audience: How does the Gospel convict us?]

The gospel. That is good news. How does it convict us John 16:8. Because as it say in Romans 5:20, the only place where you are going to get grace is where sin abounds. It's the only place you're gonna get Grace. You're not going to get it anywhere else. That's takes a little bit of processing. It feels like "What? What did you say?"

[inaudible 00:49:22].

The law and the gospel. They are always working together. Moses and the lamb, they sing harmony, the ministration of death, and the ministration of righteousness. We will go more into this but for now I will say this, the law is a schoolmaster to bring you to Christ. The woman caught in adultery, the Pharisees who hated Christ still did the work of Christ because they brought her to Christ.

People say, well, it takes two to tango. Why wasn't the man brought there? His loss? She was saved. He wasn't. Pharisees didn't care for her. They were following the letter of the law because the letter killeth, but she needed to be

killed in the spirit in order that she may receive abundance of life. Where sin abounds, grace does much more abound. So even the Pharisees in their blind rage and hate for Christ still did the bidding of Christ inciting this woman and brought her to him.

So John 16:8. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of Judgment. This is the work that is to be done. So if someone is telling you, Oh, I'm not under the old covenant, I'm under the new covenant, you are getting short changed because you can't get into the new covenant without coming through the old covenant. You can't get there because it's the old covenant, which is the ministration of death that leads you to life. Unless a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die. It cannot be raised to newness of life. Death comes before life, but the letter killeth. And the spirit giveth life. And we will go more into this and why this is so important to understand this point. So the greatest thing that we have to learn in our great challenge that we have in our workspace mindset and understanding is that where sin abounds. How do we react?

Where sin abounds, we bow down our head like a bull rush and we cry, or we blame someone else for trying to get atonement through someone else. But in that very moment where sin is abounding in our lives, and we are feeling the most vanquished. If we know that we are sons and daughters of God, we simply switch the switch; we pull the switch and say "where sin abounds. I believe that God's grace does much more abound." And if you can look and stare into the face of all your sin and say, "I am a son or daughter of God's still, despite the fact that you have convicted me, Satan of my utter uselessness to my Father in heaven, you have not disconnected me from my identity as a child of God."

Amen.

And in that moment, you are sealed because once you have stared all your sin in the face, and you have said, I believe the word of God, still, that I am His child by faith alone. There's nothing more that Satan can do to you.

[Audience: Hallelujah]

The only thing that can overthrow that is for you to usurp the judgment of your Father, to sit on the throne of God, sitting in the temple of God, claiming to be God, and to pass judgment on yourself. Other than that, which God has judged in your case. And this is what Cain did. My iniquity is greater than can be forgiven. He sat on the throne of his temple, and he decided His own case. He

decided that it was impossible for God to forgive him. And therefore he will lose his eternal life. I think many of us have been in that boat. Unpardonable sin is my determination not to believe God; Not to receive the faith of Jesus.

I just want to close this out. We making this connection between *this* gospel of the kingdom, seeing the selflessness of Christ and the cross of Christ in the agony. And we think today, another 125,000 infants will be slaughtered in the womb. Do you know that that most unsafe place to live in this world is a female womb. That is the most deadliest place to live now. Closer of the population of humanity is slaughtered every year. There's no other form of death as high as that, anywhere. And when we get to that point, we know that we're close because the place that is supposed to be the sanctuary for life has become the temple of doom for many children and Christ is suffering all those things and He's denying himself and he's still giving His breath. Can you imagine that he continues to give breath to the paedophile, to the person who is leading other people into sin? And he continues to give them breath. I don't even know they are allowed to live their life as if he doesn't even exist. That's how much freedom he gives them unfathomable.

And he continues to allow His angels to protect them to some level, to some degree amazing grace, amazing grace. It is this revelation of the cross that causes you. And then this is where we need to come to Matthew 5. When you see the cross, then you can begin to go through the process of Matthew 5. Because when you look up on the cross, blessed are the poor in spirit because you see that you're poor spirit. When you don't have this cross of the self denial over 6,000 years, then you're not poor in spirit. You are rich and increased with goods and you have need of nothing.

Do I boast? "I am a Seventh day Adventist. I don't need anything. We are going to heaven on a banana peel slide right in. I am. I am connected to AG Daniels. I'm connected to Adventist royalty."

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Where sin abounds, grace is much more abound. Blessed are they that mourn; sin abounds, grace much more abounds that they shall be comforted by who? The Comforter, who is? Jesus Christ. Blessed are meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled. And this is how God did the creation. In the first three days of creation, he created a vacuum.

He made light, He created that separation of the firmament, separated the earth. And then he in the four, five and six, He filled those spaces. The administration of death opens our heart. It creates a vacuum in order to then fill with His spirit. That's why the Memorial of creation is the Memorial of redemption. It's the same process of creating a space in order that he may fill it.

He filled it with himself to come into that space. And so the Sabbath is going to be the great last test in the conflict between good and evil. Hast it must be. I wished that it had been explained to me as a young Sabbath keeper. I knew that the Sabbath was a blessing. I knew that God sanctified it, but I had never fully; I didn't comprehend that the Sabbath is the gift of the Holy spirit.

If you read the quote where it says that in the last days that the spirit will be falling all around people and they won't even know it. Every Sabbath, the Spirit falls in double measure and most people don't know it, including most Adventists. They don't know that the outpouring of the Holy spirit is taking place on the Sabbath and they don't even know it, coming from the one who rests in the bosom of His Father, that spirit is being poured out. And as we will look, I'm sure it will look a little bit later on. That is magnified into the new moon and the feast three times in the year where the spirit is poured out and even greater measure. And in the time of Tabernacles, there was a hundred fold, nine magnification, the Sabbath that falls every September, October, and Adventist know nothing about it. It's falling all around us, water, water, everywhere and not a drop to drink.

[Obadiah: The former rain is a teacher of righteousness through the Word]

Amen. That's exactly the point receiving that word, receiving it ourselves. And of course, when Christ speaks, there is a vibration, there is a sound wave that comes a vibration. And as that vibration comes onto the soul and we are filled with that vibration, we're filled with that frequency, that commanded the earth. Then we are still, when He says peace be still, there is a tangible vibration, because when Jesus said peace be still, the waves went flat. Because the vibration of His voice spoke to those waves and they responded to the sound of His voice.

And we will talk more about that. We'll talk more about that tonight. So let's close. I pray that we can get a deeper understanding of the Sabbath and its importance, the connection to our identity, the identity war on the truth of the only begotten Son, the Father and His only begotten Son. This is life eternal,

that they might know the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom they had said. And those prerequisites to understanding the Sabbath rest that Christ indeed does rest in the bosom of His Father. And it is a gift that we receive from him. It is not a work that we do. We cannot make the Sabbath Holy. It is a Sabbath that makes us Holy when we receive it into our lives. So let us close with a prayer.

Our Father in heaven. I thank you for this revelation of the Sabbath. And of course in the heart of the word, Sabbath is the word Abba, the source of the Sabbath and Lord Jesus. You are the Lord of the Sabbath. The Son of man is also Lord of the Sabbath because you rest in the bosom of the Father and it is your rest in Him that we received by your spirit, the comforter and we open our hearts to receive it. And now, Father, there is anticipation. We are in Thursday and we are coming closer to the Sabbath, the double portion we want to open our hearts. We want to be ready. We want to be prepared for that double portion of your Spirit. We don't want to miss it so we can hear the Torah on the Sabbath and that rain will come into us and we will be sanctified and changed and seal. And I thank you in Jesus wonderful night. Amen.