

Called to the Feast

By Adrian Ebens, 26 March 2021

So, let us let's kneel together, shall we?

Father, what a joy it is to come before You with Your children. We've come to Your feast, the feast of the Sabbath before the Passover. We come with anticipation, we come with expectation. We come believing that You are changing us and you are transforming us, even though Satan whispers to us continually that we are the same as we always were and seeks to remind us of our past sins. But, Father, we thank You that You are ever merciful, that you always forgive whenever a child reaches out to You, You are always forgiving and pardoning our iniquities. And so, we come to the feast full of expectation. We believe that You are infusing us with Your Spirit. Please let Your angels be around us. And Father, as I pray to You, I have asked You to speak to the people. I've asked You to give the information for this message tonight and to lead my lips and to speak to us. And I trust that You will do this. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Last night, I was watching some of the footage of some of the flooding in New South Wales, in the Hawkesbury North Richmond area, or just seeing the devastation, listening to people's heartfelt stories. I saw one story of a man that had just bought a house six weeks ago, but the flood insurance in that region would have cost him 13,000 dollars a year. And so, he didn't get the flood insurance and his house has been devastated and, poor man, I just felt terribly sad for him. And I guess you could rightfully say the insurance agent said if you're moving into an area where you can't afford the insurance, maybe you shouldn't live there. And maybe that's true. Some places they're talking about flood insurance is 30,000 dollars a year. Unheard of.

But I felt tremendously sad. And I saw the Australian spirit and people saying we're going to build back and through tears, through sorrow, people that lost cattle, people that had lost their animals, let alone all the wild creatures that have been devastated and lost in these floods.

And I felt just this sadness and praying for the people of our country, and although we seek a better land and we are citizens of heaven, we still have an affinity with the country that we come from. And we feel a sadness for these dear friends that have been devastated in this way. Knowing also that this comes on the back of one of the worst fires Australia's ever seen. Fourteen months ago, fires that burned for six months, so many places devastated, places lost. And I think of that young Pakistani man, 25 years old, that was drowned. Terrible, terrible. The barriers, the bollards that were covering the road had already been covered and already been gone over the top of. So, when he went through in the dark, he didn't even see it and drove straight into the water and lost his life. And I just felt tremendously sad as I thought about these things.

And then I thought about the message that we have been learning, the things that our Father has been showing us in the Scriptures, of what happens when we ignore our Father's statutes and judgments, when we tell Him to go away in our legislation and in our conduct and in our activity. When we enact laws that defy the law of Moses, the word of God, we invite judgment not because God brings it upon us, but because... Well, let us read the Scriptures.

Leviticus chapter 18. For those of you familiar with this message, you should be familiar with this verse. Leviticus 18 lists out all of the perverted appetites of human beings related to sexuality. Not all of them, but many of them. And we are told clearly in the law of Moses that when nations engage in these things, when nations engage and enact laws that violate the law of God, this is what will happen: Leviticus 18:24, 25. "Defile not yourselves in any of these things: for in all these things the nations are defiled which I cast doubt before you: and the land is defiled: therefore, I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants."

Who vomits out the inhabitants? The land itself. God is not bringing these judgments with His own hand. God is bringing these judgments through the laws that He has created for our good. The laws which He created for our good, man turns around to bring about his own destruction. And this nation has enacted

laws within the last few years that denigrate marriage between a man and a woman, they're bringing in a different agenda.

And I might quickly hasten to add, we do not bring any condemnation against any individual regarding their sexuality, regarding their preferences, regarding whatever, because we are commanded by our Savior to judge no man. But this does not take away... Because our Savior said, If you hear not Moses, neither will you be persuaded, though one raised to be raised from the dead. Do not think I've come to destroy the law or the prophets, I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. Or to fill-full. To fully reveal that which God revealed through His servant Moses.

And so, as I look at my country and I look at the devastation that is mounting up. What were we told this week? A one in a 100 year flood, one in 100 years flood. Have we got any records from 200 years ago? They're saying one in 100 years, but it could be one in a thousand years. We don't know. We just know that it's really, really big. I've never heard of a meter of water being dropped on the central coast of New South Wales. Have you ever heard of this in your lifetime? I've heard of rain like that falling in Tully in North Queensland. They build for those types of situations, but I've never heard of that on the mid coast of Port Macquarie. 1200 millimeters of rain falling in this region. Never heard of rain like this before, but I understand it.

The land itself vomitus out her inhabitants, because when we disregard the law of God, God is not able to protect us. When we enact laws, we are saying to Him, Depart from us as a nation. Will the world believe us when we tell them? How foolish and how silly it seems? Do you realize? We go to our community. Can you imagine, with a leaflet in your hand, the law of Moses will mean that you will never need to worry about floods and famines and fires, if we as a community obey the law of Moses, you won't have to worry about those things anymore. Would they believe you? No.

I was thinking and I sent this to some people and I've been wondering for some time, we've been gathering here for five years now in this place. God's people. How many memories for those of us that have been meeting here, how many memories do we have when we gather in this place in our hearts. And the joy we shared as we've tarry here none other has ever known, except for those that are watching through the livestream, but it's not quite the same. But we're glad that you're watching online. I wondered what effect would our Sabbath keeping, our feast keeping, have upon this state, upon this region? Is it a coincidence that the rain that came down the coast, it deluged Rockhampton? How much water fell in Rockhampton?

You know how much fell up there? At least half a meter, and then it came down the coast, but it missed this valley, dropped a little bit of rain, enough rain to green everything in the valley for us. Three weeks ago, what was it like, Craig? What was it like here? What was it like three weeks ago, Luca?

Luca: *Brown.*

Everything was brown. Really brown. And so, in knowing that we were coming for the feast, our Father has greened the valley for us. He has cleared the skies for us. You had about 80 millimeters of rain, just enough to...

Audience: *180.*

180? It's still pretty good. But you weren't flooded out. We could get across the river. That river can flood. So, but then it went south of us and it smashed all down the coast, but this region was spared. Is it a coincidence?

I was looking at some statistics this week, and I won't offer any commentary other than... The Covid figures were released. Covid cases, cases per 100,000 population. Do you know how many people live in New South Wales? Eight and a half million. How many people live in Victoria? Six point six million. How many people live in Queensland? Five and a half million. We are the third largest state in Australia in terms of population. And when you look at the list of Covid cases per 100,000 people per state, Victoria is at the top,

then New South Wales and they go through all the other states and Queensland's at the bottom. Is that a coincidence?

That's very interesting, isn't it? Very interesting. Let's have a look at some texts while we think about this. Exodus 15:26. I want you to think about this.

Audience: *Just on the point, people say, Oh, that's because they closed the borders, and all of that. But we've had a number of breaches that could have gone...*

We've had some very big breaches here. I'm thinking particularly of two young ladies that came back from Victoria that were on the loose for a week. And nothing happened.

Exodus 15:26, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his," what? "Commandments, and keep," how many of His statutes? "All of his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Do you believe this verse?

If you should choose to take upon you the statutes and the judgments of the books of the law, the Book of Moses, then shouldn't you take its benefits that are offered to you? We have no need for anxiety about the diseases that are ravaging this world at this particular time. You have no need to fear these things. If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, and you will do that which is right in His sight, and you will listen to His commandments and His statutes and His judgments.

Now, this is not a righteousness by works program. As we say, when you know your Father in heaven, when you know the blessings that He brings, you will keep His statutes and His judgments. You will love to do them. You will want to do them. And so, I would say that when you read this...

Well, let's come over to Deuteronomy 28 where all the blessings and the curses are mentioned. Deuteronomy chapter 28, let us read. Says verse 1, "And it shall come to pass, if thou shall hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I commanded thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all the nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shall hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city."

And what I want to pause for a moment on this point. Many people at this particular time are telling us to flee the cities because they expect imminent doom. Now, I would say to you that if you can move comfortably from a city location to a country location and God provides a way for you to do that without anxiety, without distress, then you should take advantage of that opportunity.

But to flee the city when God has not opened the way for you to do that, may be premature. In my observation, many people that flee the city do so from a position of self-preservation. Now we need to be wise in regard to these things and we need to, particularly if we have small children, we need to think about these things in terms of the best environment for our children to be raised. And I would certainly say that a country environment outweighs a city environment for the raising of children. But for some of us, the fact that we are still on the edges of cities is for the benefit of the people in those cities to give them an opportunity to provide an opportunity for them to buy them more time.

And the reason I say this is because... Parenthesis, another whole sermon, two hours later.

When this gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world, then the end shall come. Which gospel? A gospel that reveals our God as completely nonviolent, that presents the cross of Christ in a completely different context, not satisfying some wrath that the Father has in order to be satisfied by the crushing of His own Son. This is not the gospel that lightens the earth with the glory of the Lord. The world has not heard this gospel and we still have a work to do.

This means if you are a keeper of God's commandments and His statutes and His judgments, and God for whatever reason has you stationed in a city post, you will be protected in that post. If you choose to live in

the city when God is not called you to be there, why are you here? Leave. Get out. Be where God has called you to be.

But it says, "Blessed in the city." Because there are many, many voices saying, "Flee, flee, flee!" In terror, filling us with pictures of all the horrible things that Satan has planned for us and all the terrible things that he's going to do to us and all the horrible things that will come upon us.

If you're a statute keeper, claim the promises of the statute. You don't have to fear these things. You don't have to worry about these things. Be sober, be vigilant, but do not fear. Do not sit in front of the screen watching stuff that terrorizes you and bringing an atmosphere into your home. Ask your Father to write His statutes upon your heart and claim the promise that He will not put these diseases upon you and that He will bless you, and if, for whatever reason, you contract this disease...

And I must say, if you find yourself in a situation where somebody tells you that you have contracted this disease, it may not be true. Just putting that out there.

The test itself is not necessarily true, but we are not saying to rebel against authorities and leaders. We are to pray for those in authority, pray for those in leadership and be gracious and kind and not be part of those that love to rebel against people in authority. The people who are currently in authority are there because God has allowed them to be there. And we need to remember that.

Verse 3, "Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shalt thou be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thine kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shalt be the basket and thy store."

Anybody noticed when you came in? Have you seen those Jacaranda trees out there? What are they doing?

Audience: *Flowering.*

Do Jacaranda trees flower in March. Why is this Jacaranda tree flowering? A second flowering of a Jacaranda tree. Does that happen often? What is this tree telling us? The seventh year is approaching, we are in the sixth year of a seven year period. The Sabbath year is approaching and in the sixth year there is a double portion. That's why there's more rain. That's why there's more abundance that is occurring at this particular time. And that Jacaranda tree is bearing witness to the abundance that is falling upon us in the sixth year. That's my conviction, that's my belief.

What's happening to your garden, Ruben?

Ruben: *Yeah, it's producing unbelievably. Since the four weeks that I've been gone up north, it's brought forth an abundance of fruit.*

We're in the sixth year. Friends of mine sending me pictures from Africa, a region that recently looked like a desert, this year is like a spring garden field. The sixth year, bearing witness to us, giving us our bearings, little witnesses that reassure us that we are tracking, that we are coming into a seventh year. A Sabbath, from October to October, of rest. A Sabbath of rest. And I wish to inform you that I believe that this Sabbath of rest is going to be necessary because anybody who's watching can see that there is pressure being applied at the present time, isn't there?

Audience: *Everywhere.*

In the state of Israel, there's a green path for those who are in and for those who are out. Those who participate and those who don't. Pressure is being applied. And again, I'm not going to advocate in this forum what any person should do. Every person should make up their own mind. We live in a community where God gives the individual a mind to choose and decide for themselves what they shall do in their civil responsibility to their families and to the state. We don't need to tell people what to do. You know what to do. Our Father is telling you what to do.

And so we can completely bypass the need for a political alliance to resist authority. We do not have to do this. Every man will be guided by the Spirit of God, every man, every woman. God will guide them and will show them what to do. And there will be no judgment between God's people as to what each person chooses to do. That's liberty. That's freedom, isn't it?

"Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out." Verse 6, "The Lord shall cause thine enemies to rise up against thee to be smitten before they face." That verse takes a bit of unpacking, but we won't go there tonight. And it goes on, all the blessings that will protect you and you will be protected in all these different ways.

And then, of course, it comes down to verse 15. "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command." Please do read Leviticus 23. All of the feasts are statutes. A statute for how long? Forever. Through all generations. So, if we do not do this, verse 16, "Cursed shalt thou be in the city." If you're not keeping God statutes and judgments, get out of the city now. You've got no chance. "Cursed shalt thou be in the field." Oh, doesn't matter where you go.

"Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly." And it goes on, verse 21. "The Lord shall make the pestilence to cleave unto thee until he had consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it."

Why is God doing these things? Because He is not preventing these things. He is not suffering the destroyer. He's not holding off the destroyer because the destroyer is saying, These people don't recognize Your statutes and judgments, these people belong to me. And finally, finally, God has to yield. Only God has to yield. A good study.

Shimon shared with us a very interesting study, and Ruben's picked up on this, about what the word *pesach* actually means. It doesn't mean to pass over. It doesn't mean like, Okay, I won't kill you. It means to stand and to protect. That's what it means: to stand and to protect. Ruben will give you more details. And that makes so much more sense, doesn't it?

So what is it that our Father is doing for us during this time period? He's standing and He is protecting us because we have come into His statutes, into His judgments, and we have placed ourselves under His banner. We acknowledge the blood of our Savior that was shed for us to show us our transgression and our sin. And we have placed this on the mantle and we believe that He will stand. And as we continue to do this until the very day the coming of Christ, as we read in Daniel 12:1, at that time Michael shall stand up and He shall protect His people.

That's a Passover event. Daniel 12:1, a Passover event. At that time, Michael shall stand up. Exactly the same way at a Passover event that was approaching when the woman poured out the anointing oil on the feet of Jesus and everyone was accusing her and condemning her, Jesus stood up and He protected her. This is what it means. So, Passover, have to rethink means stand and protect, stand and protect. Makes much more sense.

As a hen gathers her chicks. I will not suffer the destroyer to harm you. Ruth, being covered. All these things. These are all the things.

And so day by day, as you are inundated with information and you are tempted to be frightened, you are tempted to be afraid. Claim your heritage as sons and daughters of God, followers of the law of God. And quote this: Father, You said, If I follow your statutes and Your judgments, You will not put these diseases upon me and my family. Priests of the home, this is your job. Claim the law of Moses. Claim: Father, You have promised us, I believe, Your promise. You will take care of my children. You'll take care of my family. This is the priestly work for us to do.

But if you live in fear, if you live afraid. Dare I say it, if you mask your faith. What will befall you? He that denies Me, I will deny. No, I'm not saying go into a shop and don't wear a mask when it says you should wear a mask. That's not what I'm saying. Just in case anyone was wondering, I'm not saying rebel against the authorities at all. The stress and the anxiety of feeling rebellious and defiant against the authorities will kill you faster than the disease. Wanting revenge, wanting to throw out the government is not going to heal you. It's not going to deal with you.

Our Father in heaven has allowed this delusion to fall upon the world. The world is being sent a strong delusion and God has allowed it to happen. He's allowed it to happen. So, we just trust in our Father. We pray and we plead and we trust that our Father will guide us. We don't need to fight. We don't need to be political in any way. We pray for our leaders.

There are a lot of leaders, there are a lot of doctors who are doing the very best that they understand. We should not mock them. We should not deride them. Christian should not do this anyway. We should pray for them. Many of them are working very hard on a very, very difficult situations, trying to make the best decisions that they understand that they're making, and we should pray for them in that regard.

And so, I come to the point of this feast. I mentioned this earlier in our opening Sabbath presentation. One of the defining features of this message relates, and for me it came about and I put it together on this document, Dominion of the Earth, the effect of Man on Nature. I had done some of these presentations and I particularly... I was doing a series on this subject of the effect of man on the earth. And I was doing it in Germany. And our dear sister Francisca came to me, says, Pastor Adrian, would you please write something about this subject? And so, because she asked me to do it, I wrote that. And that's why it says for Francisco in the front cover, because she asked me to write this. So, because Francisco appealed, you have this document before you.

And in here we have some amazing statements in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, showing the effect of man on nature. And why, when Jesus says to the raging storm, Peace be still. It is miraculous, but it's not as miraculous as what I used to think. It's the beautiful, loving spirit of Jesus affecting the ocean in the waves and it just calms everything down. Do you believe that God will give to you and I that power? Well, if Jesus is going to be living in you, it's automatically going to happen. It's not some magical power where you wave some wand. It's simply the act of faith, the belief that you are a son or daughter of God.

And in the very near future, there's going to be something happens. One of God's people is going to do something in a crisis situation. And all of a sudden, the world is going to go, Oh, what was that? What was that? Who did that?

And then suddenly this message will be placed on the front page and only one event under a critical situation where somebody does something and then gives tribute to the message that we've been given, and then it's in the spotlight. It's not far away. It's not far away.

When I read the writings of E.J. Wagner and he talked about the crown of thorns, why Christ was wearing the crown of thorns and how He was bearing not only the sins of men, but He was bearing the curse on the creation, a door opened in my mind. And I went, What is this? What's he talking about? And, of course, as some of us did at that particular time, it's like that sounds a bit pantheistic. I wasn't sure. I'm like, Oh, I'm not sure about this. What's he talking about?

Genesis chapter 3:17 "And unto Adam he said, Because thou has hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground." King James says, "for thy sake." The actual Hebrew says "on thine account." Cursed is the ground on thine account. Because of you. It's not God saying, Okay, Adam, you've messed up, I'm getting my little box of magic, I'll sprinkle a little bit of a curse here. That's not what this is saying. Cursed is the ground on your account.

"In sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thou life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat of the herb of the field." Those thorns and thistles, a sign of the changing of nature, the

sharpness of man's tongue's being reflected in the creation, despite the spiking and spiteful nature of the creation.

Maybe that was a little message for me this morning when I... We have a very, very illustrious throne room toilet there behind our caravan. And after visiting there, I came out and suddenly all this pain on the front of my knee and then it was going around the back of my leg and, oh, that hurts. So, I found the culprit: a nice little black ant. And he nibbled me all the way up the back of my leg. And I just thinking, yeah, where did he learn to do that? To bite people? Where did he inherited that from? Our dominion, the dominion of man.

God said in the beginning that you should subdue the earth, but what do you subdue the earth with? With your peace or with your aggression and with your fighting nature and your dominance? That little ant had learned to fight back because he'd learned that from man and he was defending himself and attacking me. Because in my life that's the only way of knowing how to live, to defend myself and to bite, to fight back.

Genesis 9:2, the fear of you and the dread of you will be upon every beast. Why?

Audience: *Because we were going to start eating them.*

Because Adam's fear and dread of God passed on to the animals. That's the other reason why that happened. And so, this principle of Christ wearing the crown of thorns, it opened up to me a whole new dimension that when Christ, it says the whole creation groans and travails.

That when Cain killed his brother Abel, it says the sound of your brother's blood shrieks unto me. A vibration, a vibration of terror and horror as Abel hits the ground, the vibration goes into the earth and like a large battery, it stores up that negative energy and it stores it up and it stores it up and it stores it up and it stores it up, until the point the cross that Christ is shouldering...

Remember, when He's carrying the cross, He's also wearing the thorns, isn't He? He's carrying the thorns. And because of those thorns piercing into His brow and the tremendous weight of carrying that cross, finally earth's Creator collapses under the weight of that cross. Did He throw that cross down in disgust and say, I'm not going to do this anymore? He was trying to carry the cross. He was trying to do what His 'masters' had made Him to do and He could not do it anymore. And He collapsed under the weight of the cross. Because the charged, the buildup of man's inhumanity, He could not carry it any more.

And this is where we are headed. We are headed on a fast track. We are headed on a fast track to where the groaning and travailing the earth, God won't be able to carry it any more. His Son will not be able to carry it anymore on His shoulders and He will collapse under the weight of it. And what happens when He collapses under the weight of it? Every island and every mountain will be moved out of its place. The stars will fall from heaven. The moon will turn to blood. The sun will be darkened. Everything will go crazy.

Because of man, dare we say this? Man has been beating away at the face of God, smashing Him in the face, bang, bang, bang, and our Father takes it and He takes it and He takes it and then He can't take it anymore.

Have you ever thought in the creation of man when Adam... Why did Adam have to go to sleep for Eve to come out? Did you say he had to die? When God moved this universe into the realm of risk. Risk. He ran the risk. In order to bring forth His Son, He entered a realm. He had to pass through the possibility that everything could go in the wrong direction.

In order to procure love and agape for us, He entered into that space. He was willing to go to sleep in order to give this to us. And we're going to spend a lot more time this week talking about this subject. The God that I worshiped as a child, growing up was all powerful, you could not get near Him. If you would get near Him, He would absolutely smash the daylights out of you. Untouchable, immortal, invincible, or the Bible does speak about those things, but at a very different framework. But here I see a very different picture of God as manifested in His Son. And I'll talk about this another time.

Paul dares to mention in 1 Corinthians 1:25 the weakness of God, the weakness of God. And that word means strengthless. But the strengthlessness of God is stronger than men. What is the strengthlessness of God?

I was talking to Ruben about this. I'm detouring a little bit, but the Spirit's moving and I know it's in a completely different context and I only saw this in a segment. And it was in a false context, but there's still a truth in it, and it was said by Sylvester Stallone, Rocky Balboa, and he said, It's not how hard you can hit, it's how hard you can get hit and get up and keep going.

Is there truth in that statement? God doesn't hit anyone, but does He get hit? Does He get hit? And then He gets to the point where He can't carry it anymore. Apologies to all the creeds when I say these things. The Crown of Thorns that Christ wore reveals that this whole creation has been dreadfully affected by the sinfulness of man, man has found an ingenious way to call all of these acts of God. Just like Cain did. You have driven me off the face of the earth. You have done this to me. You have done these things.

We sin and our sin has nothing to do with the fact that when things fall apart and smash, we look up and go, Oh, you did this to me. Completely disassociating the activity from the things that happen. If only people could understand that the floods that are happening now, that the fires that are happening now, these are directly related to decisions that are being made here in this country. They are not God counterpunching people, He is simply allowing men's decisions to fall upon themselves.

And so we find ourselves in a situation... And I want to turn to you... Again. Look at Dominion of the Earth, if this is new for you, and chapter 13, the Crown of Thorns, in the Book of Agape. We talk about this principle of man's effect on nature. The curse, causeless, shall not come. And what I find astounding is that among God's people, that when we share this information to them and we talk about the subject of the flood and the flood is natural consequence of man's wickedness. And we can clearly show this in Genesis chapter 6. It's like they're hearing fables. I cannot conceive.

Because what does this do? It makes us responsible for the destruction of the earth, not our Father in heaven, and if we're responsible for the destruction of the earth, then there's far more responsibility placed upon us than what we thought of before.

Now, I was headed somewhere, I forgot where I was going.

Weakness, but Revelation tells us the Lord Omnipotent reigneth. Yes, that means He rules over everything. Of course, He does because He made everything. We'll go into that another night.

That's where I was going to go. Exodus. Why is this important? We've come to the time of the Passover. I still remember reading through these verses and just profound the thought processes that have come. Exodus 5:1, "Afterward, Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness." When God's people are in bondage and they're being held by an oppressive power, what is it that God asks His people to do? Hold a feast.

"And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." Is that true? Did he know not the Lord? Didn't he know the Lord? Haven't he heard of Joseph? He knew the Lord, of course he knew the Lord. He desired not to know.

"And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the Lord our God; lest, what? "He fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword." Do you see a relationship between keeping the feasts and avoiding pestilence? In this verse. Could us keeping this feast delay or divert pestilence? And war?

This is the thought that has impressed upon me by these verses as we come together and we've talked about this in the books, Living Bread from Heaven and other places, that we are about to enter into an outpouring of the Spirit 30 times greater than the Sabbath. And Ruben and I were talking about this this morning, added to that with the bread that comes, the living bread from heaven, added to that is

frankincense. Frankincense is being added. I will do a bit of a study on that a bit later. So, we got frankincense coming in a much greater measure.

And we have this opportunity to receive of these things and for us to be filled. Of course, Satan wants us to be distracted. He wants us to be filled up with all the reasons why we shouldn't receive these things. The greatest thing that will prevent you from receiving a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the fact that you feel unworthy and that you're too sinful and that God would never do this for you because you're too evil. That's the greatest thing.

Actually, no, that's the second greatest thing. The greatest thing is this: I thank you, God, I'm not like other men. I thank God that I do all the right things and that I fast twice a week and that I tired of all the things. That's the greatest curse. If you think that you are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing and do not know that you are miserable, poor, wretched, blind and naked.

I don't think any of us... I hope none of us are in that position where we feel like we're... I think you've come because you want the blessing, you feel the need to be blessed, you feel the need for the Spirit of God to be poured upon you. And as you open your heart to God and you recognize your great need, God will fill you. Fill you and bless you.

We are working against time. Not on God's side, because God is not ruled by Cronos, but on man's side. Man is marching towards the abyss. The events that are now set in place by the powers of the world are marching us towards a precipice. And we need to be calm because as it may happen one day, as often they would do, I think of the stories in the Second World War when the enemy would come, when you're dead asleep and they knock and they bash and they kick your door in at four o'clock in the morning and you don't know where you are, what are you going to do? What spirit are you filled with when you're disorientated? You don't know what's going on. Could this happen? Might this happen? In a spiritual setting it might happen. As such a shock that is so great that you don't know how to respond, that you don't know how to react.

What you do this week will either help you or hinder you in terms of how to relate to that crisis moment that is just ahead of us, the difference between you choosing the right thing and the wrong thing to do because you are filled with the Spirit of God. Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst for righteousness. We have such a responsibility for those of us who know this message and have been studying this message.

What we are doing here has a direct effect on the state of Queensland and New South Wales and all the other states that are represented here and other countries that are represented here. Our leaving from this place will affect the communities that we are in.

And so, tonight I'm just asking us to keep that thought in mind about the cosmic scale of this of what we are engaged in here. You may think, Ah, it's just a little camp, we just getting away for a week. I don't think any of you are in that mindset. I hope not. But the actions that we are taking here will have a direct effect on our nation and on the nations that are represented by us, and we should choose to believe this. You might think, Well, what difference does it make? I'm just one individual and just one person, you know, me is not going to make any difference to the town that I live in, isn't it? Think about it.

What I saw in this verse, Exodus 5:3, that there's a direct relationship between keeping the feasts and the delaying of sword, war and pestilence. So, this activity delays war and pestilence, it delays it. And I just want us all to think about that, to keep that in context of why we are here and what we are involved in.

The other thing that I want to mention is that God has provided for us a growing amount of resources. And we're very, very blessed to have a number of publications which we know will do a tremendous work and many of us are struggling. Struggling with, Well, I'm not eloquent.

Who asked you to make those kinds of judgments? Who gives you the right to judge these things? Why pass judgment on yourself about what you can and you cannot do? What does the Bible say? I can do all

things through Christ who strengthens me. With God all things are possible. We don't yet believe this. The power of love and of a sound mind.

The wretched thing about going beyond what you're normally used to is there's this gap between what you are familiar with and what you are doing next. And the gap between those two things can only be covered if you stop to judge yourself and allow God to do the judging in the positive for you, about what you can and what you can't do. That's why the book *Identity Wars* is so foundational.

Just to be a little bit candid with you. Some of you that know me well, you know some of my journey, some of my history, you know that a number of years ago, I was absolutely petrified of flying in airplanes. Now I love to bounce around in Lester's airplanes. That was out of my comfort zone. But when my Father called me and He said, This message you must take to the world. My first trip, when I went to the United States, and we're flying over Hawaii and there's this massive storm and the 747 is bouncing and I'm going to be violently ill and I'm really freaked out and it's in that moment: do you believe God's word or not? And for some people you could say, Scared to fly on planes? What's wrong with you? Amen, what is wrong with me? I grew up believing in a God that kills people. That's what's wrong with me. All right. There you have it. But God has helped me to overcome these challenges and to do things that I never dreamed possible.

But what drives me... And as I come back to this point again, this is the point that motivates me when I think of every day our Father and our Savior suffering. Man is punching away, punching them, hitting them. Satan hitting them through us and all of the trauma that is occurring to Him. It motivates me. It challenges me when I get into that position of difficulty. And I feel like, I don't know if I can do this. Father, You promised me. You promised You would help me. Help me to do this, to overcome the weaknesses and the challenges. And I know that the Father is changing us. I've had tremendous changes.

And I've said this story before because it's amazing to me. I remember I was flying out of Hamburg and as we were going up, we're going through the clouds and we're bouncing around and this Muslim guy sitting across the aisle from me and as I looked across, I'm sitting there like whatever. And this guy, he's got his table down and he's like (*put hands together and pray*), and I just thought, Wow, that used to be me. And I just prayed for him. I just, Oh, Father, look what you've done in my life. That was me. And You've changed me. How did You do this?

Another experience, flying to Johannesburg with this storm is coming in and the plane is banking around and going like this. And I was witnessing to this lady who is sitting next to me and she screamed and she grabbed me by the hand and I said to her, It's okay, my job is not finished, we're not going anywhere. And she looked at me.

It's wonderful to be able to speak words of faith in situations where before you knew you would be utterly pathetic, but God makes of you a stronger person than what you thought you were. And I give all glory to God, I give all glory to God that He could do this.

I still laugh. When I traveled away from my home in 2014, I was talking to a dear friend of mine recently. Because of the health issues I had, because of the difficulties that I was facing, you know, traveling the world, living on Brussel sprouts and beans. Green beans, yeah, olives, and cabbage, lots of tablets.

And I'm going because I believe that my Father has called me and asked me to do these things. And I'm constantly praying to Him because if I get into situations where my nervous system is overwrought, it's not very good to be up in front of people and have a complete meltdown because your nervous system is just collapsed. It's not going to do the message any good. It was an act of foolishness on my part to respond to this, but God called me to do it. He called me to do it. And I said, Well, Father, if you're calling me unto the water, I'll come, I'll go. And everywhere I went and I'm preaching and I'm teaching and I'm laughing inside because I'm going, This is amazing. I can't even believe this is happening. Why I can keep doing this. Nobody actually knows what should be happening here. I should be rolling over and falling down and completely going crazy. But I'm not I'm actually going forward. And if God can do this for me, He can do it for anyone.

The absolute triumph of my life was the time when I was in Bulgaria and it was a new moon. And I've told you the story. Some of you already know this story. Message! I was overrun with hay fever. I was so tired I'd hardly slept any night and a cold was coming on. And they are saying, Message. And that day, I spoke for eight hours of four meetings, a total of eight hours, and at the end of that day I had no flu symptoms, no allergies, nothing.

Audience: *The truth set you free.*

I have a witness of these things. I saw these things happen to me. At the end of the day I said, Okay, Father, I'm in Your hands now. The other day I thought, I'm done, I'm done. I'm going to be out for days now. The thought went through my mind. I don't think like that. Don't think like that. Just trust in God. You've got this meeting to go to tomorrow and you've got to go over there. I said, Okay, Father, you're going to take care of it. And He did. And the next day I had no flu symptoms. Nothing, nothing. I'm going, Wow, can you believe this?

So, I've tested these things. Does it mean I've perfected these things? No, not at all. Every day these challenges come. I'm simply saying to you that this message has the capacity to support anyone that is willing to step into it and to present this message. It will support you when you put your foot forward. The weight will be carried. God will support you. God will look after you. Every time you make an advance forward into sharing this message with people. God will make a way for you because you are His son. You are His daughter. Do you believe that?

Audience: *Amen.*

When this gospel of the kingdom... Did I hear amen at the back?

Audience: *Amen.*

You will remember this night, some of you, when we get into positions where some of you have raised people from the dead. Do you believe it? Signs and wonders will follow the believers, Great Controversy 612. It doesn't say signs and wonders are the very same message of what the believers do. No. Our message is our Father and His great love for us and His nature, His character is completely loving. That's our message. And His statutes and His judgments and that He has an only begotten Son. This is His message. But signs and wonders will follow the believers.

And when we are placed in an impossible situation, speak the word only. This is what's coming, but it cannot come to someone that's losing the identity war. That's why winning the identity war is the first thing, because only those who are sons and daughters of God can expect to receive anything from their Father in heaven. If you are an unforgiving orphan, you cannot expect any mercy from God. You cannot expect victory. You cannot expect Him to do anything for you, only when you accept your sonship and your daughtership will these things begin to take place for you and we are starting to see transition.

We've just purchased in the past week, we've taken a leap of faith, we have purchased a digital press. I want to thank all those within Australia. We raised in Australia, and some of our friends who are Australian but not living in Australia. We were able to raise 45,000 dollars for this printer. The rest of the money is coming from the United States. This printer is expensive, but it's going to be able to produce the books that we need on demand. We can send them anywhere in Australia on demand. All we need is people to put up their hands and say, I'm willing to go and I'm willing to offer these on a donation basis to people.

A little later on, Brendan's going to talk to us. He's doing this down in the Tamworth area. He's already beginning this work. To do this, he'll share some interesting stories with you on this particular enterprise. Going door to door. Lord, I couldn't do it. I couldn't do it. Who are you to judge? Who are you to judge? That's all I would say. There's plenty of other things that need to be done in this cause as well.

And I know that our Father is going to open up. I think, Father, how are we going to get from here? And in my mind, I see 20, 30, 40 people fanning out and delivering books. And what we're going to do in Tamworth, as soon as Brandon has made contact with 60 to 100 people, we're going to run an evangelistic

program down there. You want an evangelistic program on your town? Deliver books to 100 people and get contact to make contact with those people. And then we'll put out leaflets and we'll run an evangelistic program. That's the way we're going to do it. I haven't even worked out what's going to be in the evangelistic program or what's going to happen. We're going to do that.

Okay, so in closing for our meeting tonight as we enter into the Sabbath. Let us realize the magnitude of this opportunity to take hold of the Spirit of our Father and to be filled with that Spirit, to overcome our false assessments of ourselves, our condemning and judging nature of ourselves that holds us back and prevents us from doing the things that God now wishes us to do. And to go back into the towns and the villages and the cities that we have come from and to take a message to them of our Father's peace, of our Father's love, and to teach. And as I have said, we could easily drum up specific scripts and tell you, This is how you must do it.

I do not believe in this method. I believe that the Spirit of God should teach every person what they must do and how they must do it and must fight in their own armor. So, we will not be providing specific scripts. If people want to get together and brainstorm and work those things out. That's what we want to do. We want creative energy coming from our Father, brainstorming, How do you do it or what do you do? Let's try this, let's try that. Where there's a community effort to take this message to feel a responsibility.

I remember reading a number of years ago, Great Controversy page 612, and it says, God's people will go from place to place with faces lighted up, taking this message. And I remember distinctly the Spirit of Jesus speaking to me and saying, Do you see yourself in that group of people, Adrian? Are you one of those people with your faces lighted up, going from place to place to take the message of present truth? I said, Yes, Father. Yes, Lord, I believe I'm going to be one of those people, even if I don't feel like it, I believe I'm going to be one of those people.

I believe it by faith and I pray that we all believe this and that we can take... We've brought plenty of materials for you to take. Our Father puts us in a position freely to give and you've been a wonderfully blessing to the ministry and we're able to provide all of these resources. The generosity just keeps going around and around.

And we just know this is going to snowball and grow much, much bigger. So tonight, I just wanted to lay a bit of that groundwork. And I believe our Father is going to, from this Passover, He's going to take us, lay the seeds for us to get to the next level. We're going to see bigger impacts in our communities because of the Spirit that falls upon us. We're going to see transformation in our lives.

And this is what I pray for more than anything to stop judging other people, to stop judging. And to be free of these things, because it can be so subtle what the human mind does, we're going to become free of this and then the vibration is going to completely change the magnetic appeal of this message will grow tremendously.

That's one of the biggest things that's stopping us at the moment, our condemnation of ourselves and our condemnation of others. When that disappears, it's going to just take off. We know that, don't we? We know that.

We just ask you to continue to pray, keep praying for the atmosphere. We all need to work together on this. The more we pray together, the more we embrace one another. We more we pray for the atmosphere around the speaking, the more will come out of it as we work together as a corporate community. Shall we kneel together?

Father in heaven, I thank You so much that you have called us. I pray that everyone that has come here tonight and everyone that is listening, they will know that You have called them. They will know that are Your beloved children. They will know that none of the sins that they feel need to be hung onto, that You really forgive them for their transgression and their sin, and You have set them free and You have called them to take to the world to study this material, to go through it and to go to their families, their friends, their work associates and to their neighborhoods and to the world to call them to the wedding feast. To call

them in and in that process, be fully sanctified, fully transformed, so that we will be like Jesus and we pray that as we leave this place that people will take note: these people have spent time with Jesus. And we thank you for hearing this prayer, Father. In Jesus name. Amen.