

## The Weakness of God

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Let us all kneel together and we shall pray.

Father, we give You thanks that we can come at the beginning of the feast. We accept Your invitation to come to Your feast, and we think of the memorial of what this day represents in the Council of Peace and the decisions that You made that would not be fully manifested until the time that Christ came to this earth. We want to reflect, Father, on Your wonderful love. For God so loved the world that He yield up, He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We choose to meditate on these things in these hours. Teach us, guide us, help us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

There is nothing more precious than reading a Scripture and then having the Spirit of God illuminate your mind as to the truth of that Scripture as to in a moment reframe your tradition that you were raised with. One of the most beautiful texts, and again, it went into the book, Identity Wars, as such a fundamentally beautiful truth, it is a fundamental principle of this message, and it bears that we remind ourselves of these things. One of the most precious texts in this message is found in Romans chapter 3. And when you read it on the surface, Romans 3:10-11, when you read it on the surface, it sounds like bad news. But when you realize the full implications of it, it's something very beautiful, very beautiful.

And before I read this, I want to ask you how many of you have had a time in your life or times in your life where you feel that God is very, very far away? Have you had that feeling? You feel that God is far away. The very fact that you feel that God is far away is proof that He's not far away because of this text. And I want to read it to you. "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." Is that good news or bad news? The only the only way to find healing is to have diagnosis, isn't it? Diagnosis. That's the only way to heal.

"There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God." And notice, as Paul writes this, he doesn't say "there are some who don't seek after God. There are some early in their career that do not seek after God." It simply says there is none who seek after God.

So, the question I have for all of you tonight is, why are you here? Christ is the source of every right impulse. What we mean in this text is every time you have felt in your life far away from God, it is because God is seeking after you. The human heart has no desire to seek after God. There is no inclination within the human soul to seek for God. And therefore, when you feel far away from God, it is the clearest evidence that God is seeking after you.

And I remember this this realization in my mind that I have these moments in my late teens, in my early 20s. Oh, God feels so far away. And then I remember reading this text, there is none that seeketh after God and the Spirit of Jesus speaking to me and saying, Adrian, do you understand what this means? It means that every time you open your Bible, I'm seeking after you. Every time you have a desire to pray, I'm seeking after you. Every time you feel a conviction of seeing. I am seeking after you.

And the tears were rolling down my face at the realization there is none who seek after God. And this became the most blessed, blessed truth to me. That every time that I desired to follow God, every time I felt love in my heart for God, it was because God was seeking after me. And that He is never, never far away from me at any time, and because there is none who seek after God, but it also says there is none that I understand there is no seek after God. Verse 12, "They have all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

Has anybody here ever done anything good? According to this text, you have never, ever done anything good. Apologize to The Sound of Music. 'I must have done something good.' No, sorry, the Bible doesn't say that. There is no one who do with good. And I was pondering on this verse, the implications of this verse. My oldest son, when he was three years old, as I was thinking about these things, jumped up on the bed,

threw his arms around me and he said, "Daddy, I love you." And Jesus spoke to me, Adrian, there is no one who doeth good. What inspired your son to do this? It was I. I wanted to speak to you. I wanted to tell you that I loved you. So, I put a thought in the heart of your son and he responded to my Spirit and he acted on it. And he spoke My words to you.

Reframe, reframe. And that started the whole process of a key component of the identity message, and after that I went for a walk and many of you know this, but we're revisiting this. And I looked and I saw this mother swinging her child on the swing. And the mother is laughing, the child is laughing and they're having a wonderful time together. And then I thought this verse: there is none that doeth good. How is it that this mother and this child are enjoying this loving relationship between them? Christ is the source of every right impulse. Without Me you can do nothing.

The love... And this is where, as I write in the book, there is no such thing as a mother's love.

**Audience:** *Amen.*

That was confident.

**Audience:** *Yes!*

Freedom! Freedom from having to perform. This is what this offers to us. The freedom to have to live up to some expectation for you to manufacture that which your heart cannot procure, it cannot achieve.

Think of all the songs that have been sung and many women that are going down this path, I am woman, I am invincible, I can do everything. I said, Ladies, that's not what Romans chapter 3 says. Romans chapter 3 says, "There is none that doeth good." There is no such thing as a mother's love. There is no such thing as a father's love. There is only God's love manifested in humanity. And when you take hold of that reality, your whole world changes in terms of the interactions between human beings.

It would save us from being so shocked. I'm so shocked that this person would do this. You do not know your own humanity if you continue to be shocked by other people's indiscretions and failures. I can't believe they would do that. You're not living in a real world. You're not living in a real world. It's pure pharisaism to be shocked at other people's sinfulness. I cannot believe that they would do this.

Do you not read your Bible? It goes on. Paul goes on. "Their road is an open sepulcher," or tomb. "With their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips." Oh, don't we know it? The poison of asps, the whisper, the murmur. That, Did you hear? Ah, I can't believe they would do this. And complaining and the rumor mill is going. This is human nature. This is what the Bible tells us that we are. And it makes no exceptions. We are all in this situation.

"Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." This is a diagnosis of the human condition. "Their feet are swift to shed innocent blood." Well, people say, Well, I've never killed anyone. He had hated his brother is a murderer. To speak evil of your brother is to murder your brother.

"Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace they have not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes." This is such a revelation. Every time a thought comes into your mind that it's warm towards God and His love, it is because Christ has inspired you. He has drawn you with His cords of love. There is no boasting. You are here because Christ had continually sought after you. Every moment of every day. He has drawn you. He has been pleading with you and drawing you to this point. There is no boasting and if there is no boasting, there can be no comparison with other people.

But do we compare with other people? Yes, we do compare. Every time we're shocked at the actions of other individuals, we are comparing. Because shock means: I would never do such a thing. You would never do such a thing? When Peter uttered those curse words from his mouth: "I know not the Man." Did he ever imagine that he would do such a thing? He never imagined that he would do this, that such things would come out of his mouth. "I know not the Man." Did he speak the truth? Yes, he did, because if he knew the Man, he never would have said those words. He knew the man in the flesh. He knew Christ after the way of

the world, as a Messiah figure or someone that was worthy of following, someone that was going to get him a ticket of this Galilean pond that he was on. He thought he was getting out. But no, he had to come to terms with his own weakness, with his own inability.

And so, this principle that any good that exists within humanity is only because Christ is inspiring it, is one of the cornerstone elements of this message. To teach us righteousness by faith alone, to acknowledge the human condition that we are deprived and as we can read... This is reading in Romans 3, you can go back to Romans 2 and it talks about... Verse 1, "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou hast condemned thyself." And we've talked a lot about this, that the condemnation of the actions of others is only the revelation of your condemnation of yourself, that you have continued to condemn yourself and you are passing that condemnation onto others. And we see within our society today that the world we live in is filled with condemnation, filled with accusation, a constant tearing down.

It's just it's tremendously sad to see men and women aspiring to be prime minister and cabinet ministers of this country, only to get there to be torn down. And for the people of this nation to place, using sacrificial atonement, they put all the sins of the nation upon these leaders and they want to crucify them. Isn't that what happen? To blame the leaders for everything that is going on. I still remember when the fires were on and the prime minister went on a holiday, so he was crucified for taking a holiday. Is he not entitled to a holiday? Apparently not. And the man refused to shake his hand. So, the reason that the fires came was because of the prime minister. He was the one that caused all the fires apparently.

This is human nature. This is the way humanity operates, to blame somebody, to put the blame on somebody else. And to vent and make them the scapegoat. This is human nature. This is the way that we operate.

We look at Jeremiah 17:9. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" How do we as sinful human beings confront a text like this? It's like reading Revelation chapter 3. You say that you're rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing and do not know that you're wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. How do you read a text like that? That doesn't apply to me because I read my Bible, I do all these things.

"I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." The fact that our Father in heaven has led us to a deeper understanding of Himself means that we have changed our understanding of who God is.

And I have said this before, and I will say this again, if you do not accept truth in a spirit of repentance, you will automatically begin to condemn others who do not accept that truth. Does that make sense? Unless you acknowledge that you yourself has been a transgressor of the truth and be in complete gratitude. Thank you, Father, for revealing this truth to me. That will make you sympathetic and empathetic to others around you who do not know this truth. But if you do not enter in through this strait and narrow gate to gain your understanding of truth, you are going to be condemning those who do not know what you know. Because you found the truth, you discovered it. But the Scriptures tell us that when you sin a sin of ignorance and you become aware that sin, you should present your offering before... When you become aware of it, you should present your offering.

I remember doing a series of presentations in the United States. And talking to a group of individuals there, I said to them, and they had been keeping the statutes for some time and I said to them, I want to say in front of everybody here that I have not kept God statutes and judgments. I have not kept my Father's... I thought I was keeping them, but I realized I wasn't. And His feasts and new moons and all these other things, I was ignoring them. I was trampling all over these things. And so, I want to ask forgiveness for my failure to walk in my Father's statutes. I know He doesn't condemn me, but it's important for me to acknowledge that I've done the wrong thing, that I have not walked in my Father's statutes. And I want to repent of this sin against Him by not fulfilling His statutes and His judgments.

And I felt that was critical for me to enter into God's statutes and judgment through a process of repentance, to repent towards God for my failure. And again, my Father is not condemning me, but it's still important to repent for these things, for your own protection against the Pharisee that exists within that rises up and says, I'm keeping them. And as I spoke to these group of individuals, I said to them, Maybe some of you out there have felt like myself and like me you didn't know, you weren't aware. Maybe someone else here would like to confess. The first gentleman that stood up, he said, I have been a keeper of God statutes and judgments all my life.

And in my mind, I thought, well, we're off to a good start here. And he began to rail on those who do not keep God statutes and judgments, and I thought, this isn't what I asked for. But I just prayed, Oh Lord, maybe there's someone else that feels similar to me that is just so delighted to be able to know the truth about the law of Moses and that Jesus didn't come to take one jot or tittle from the law of Moses, the Torah, and just be so thankful: thank you, Father, for allowing me and forgiving me for breaking your statutes and your judgments.

And then another gentleman stood up and says, We need to teach these people out there the truth. I said, Oh, Lord, help. It was such a disappointing experience, but then I was reminded of what it says in the Scriptures, there is none who seek after God. And that people by nature, they fast for strife and for wickedness, they extract their pound of flesh for doing things for God. This is what we do.

And so during our time here, one of the things that I really pray that we can continue to do in order to inoculate ourselves against self-righteousness is to maintain that spirit of gratitude to God that He has taught us the things that we know about He and His Son, about His appointments, His statutes and His judgments and His character, that we remain humble and teachable in these things. And think about how much our not following the truth has damaged the world and everything around us. But is it possible for human beings to manufacture and originate repentance? Acts 5:31, to give repentance to Israel, He gives His Spirit to them that obey Him.

But it does say in Zechariah 12:10. "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first born." What is it like to be in that condition? I don't know if anyone here has been through that, to lose a child. I can imagine the trauma of going through that experience. But a first born or an only son? It says there is going to come upon God's people, a spirit that will cause them to mourn as they think about the cost of salvation and the cost of what God and His Son have gone through to save us.

It's not something that you can work up and manufacture. You can't cut off locks of your hair or beat yourself. It's not going to create the situation. It's simply the realization of the cost of our salvation. And our Father is preparing us, He's bringing us to the point where we will be enabled to receive this spirit of grace and supplication and begin to understand how much our Father and His beautiful Son have passed through.

The subjects that I have been writing upon in the last number of weeks leading up to Passover. I have put together in this manuscript called Divine Risk, where I have been studying and thinking about the principles of the risks that God has taken in order to save us. There are statements that alerted to me to this in the book, Desire of Ages, page 49 paragraph 4, where it says Christ came to this world at the risk of failure and eternal loss. Risk, Christ taking risks. This was at war with my former understanding of God's omniscience. Taking risks. And we currently have this with the elders and a few others, going through this manuscript, presenting some different thoughts in terms of the knowledge of God and the risks that He has taken.

As I was saying this morning in my presentation about God saying, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," we have opened up to us a picture of God that is very relational, that is emotional, that has intimacy and connection. This is what came through this book, Identity Wars. It opened up for me at least, a realization that God was a relational being. And when He spoke to me and said, "I don't want anything to come between you and Me and I just want you to know Me," I was being invited into a completely different type of Christianity from what I had experienced previously. I was aware and I had been taught about God's

love for us and all these types of things, but it was framed in a picture of God that made it inaccessible. I couldn't reach it. God was too far away. God was presented as loving. But the building blocks that made up that God made Him impossible to reach, I couldn't reach Him. And, of course, who is inspiring me to reach him?

My Father is calling me. He's reaching out to me, Adrian, come, come. And I'm trying to reach Him and I'm shackled with the traditions that I have received from my forefathers. And it's shackling me. And I'm trying to respond as Samuel sought to respond to God. Samuel wanting to respond.

I think Zechariah 6:13. We'll read from verse 12. "Speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is the BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the council of peace shall be between them both."

Do we know when this council took place? The council of peace? There was a meeting before the creation, and then when Adam fell, there was another meeting to decide are they going to enact the plan that they had made provision for in the beginning. Would they carry it out? Would they fulfill the plan? And this introduces to us an interesting question in regard to the council of peace.

What we have been taught within Christianity is that God knows absolutely everything. And I want to read to you a little bit. I read some of this before. Entitled chapter one of this book, The Dilemma of Omniscience. And some of the challenges that we face.

One question that many people ponder is, did God know that Adam and Eve would sin before He created them? This is a great challenge. Christianity is very quick to answer yes to this question. And I'll read to you from godquestions.org. Have you heard of God Questions, Christian website? And this is what it says, "God is omniscient and He knows the future. So, He definitely knew that Adam and Eve would sin. If God knew that Adam and Eve would sin, then why did He create them?" This is continuing. "The Lord was not surprised by Adam and Eve's sin, for it served the purpose of the Lord's plan in bringing forth Jesus to die in the place of sinners and rise again to offer eternal life."

That is the most ridiculous circular argument imaginable. In order to save sinners, He creates sinners, in order to save sinners. It's insane. How many people who look at Christianity and go, What kind of a god is this? God knew that Adam and Eve would sin? He knew that they would do this? And before he created them, he knew that they would fall? Doesn't that mean that He designed the system to fail?

***Audience:*** *The blame goes back to God again.*

So, isn't God ultimately responsible for all sin, death and destruction? If God knows absolutely everything, He can be the only one responsible for death and destruction. This question gets even more interesting when we introduce the concept of punishment. Not only God is going to introduce humanity knowing that they will fall, but He is also going to punish them when they do fall. That adds insult to injury. You knew that they were going to fall and you were preparing yourself to punish them once they did fall.

Let me read to you again from Christianity.com. "Is it blasphemous to think that God knew that Adam and Eve would sin because He is God and yet punish them?" This is a good question. "The short answer is no. It is not blasphemous to think God knew Adam and Eve would sin. Yes, He knew they would sin and that He would punish them. Indeed, Scripture makes it clear that God knew that they would sin." And they quote Ephesians 1:3, 4. "'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.' As this passage makes clear, God chose those who would believe in Him, His Son and be saved, since He chose us before the foundation of the world. This means God knew that we would be sinners and that God would need to send His Son to provide salvation. This means that God knew that Adam and Eve would sin, since we are sinners because of Adam's transgression."

And that's adding original sin. The more and more I read these statements and I study the text of Christianity, the more and more I realize, No wonder the world is insane. This is the most insane teaching. And yet remember many of us grew up in this environment, we're infected by this type of thinking, this type of view. If we can see that this is a problem, it's not because we were seeking after God is because God was seeking after us.

And so, I remember doing a presentation in 2013 called Laodicean Liniments, and it dealt with the issue of Isaiah 46:9, 10. Let's have a look at this. "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning." Now when I used to quote this to people, I would say, Here is proof that God is all knowing, declaring the end from the beginning.

And then it says in classic Hebrew style, stating the same thing in another way, "And from ancient times the things that are not yet done." So, what this text is actually saying is that once something has started, God knows where it's going to end. But before that thing has been planted, before the seed has been planted, it doesn't say what happens before that, before an event takes place. It just simply says here that God knows that once something has begun, He knows where it will end.

**Audience:** *Does that match with us not (inaudible) in the beginning of time into eternity before time began? That's not our domain?*

Well, possibly.

**Audience:** *Just a thought.*

But what I'm simply saying here is that because God can read the minds... We know that God can read minds. Jesus said to the Pharisees, Why reason you in your hearts? Why do you imagine in your mind? He can read minds and if He can read minds, He therefore can predict, based on His reading of the minds of His creation, where things are going to go because He can read what's in their mind and what they're thinking.

And this is why we come to Genesis 3:15. Very important. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman." Who's the thee? Satan. And the woman in between thy seed? And we've talked about this before. But when it makes reference to a seed, how much of a tree is contained in this thing?

**Audience:** *All.*

Including the fruit?

**Audience:** *Yes.*

It's all in the seed, isn't it? So, the fact that in Genesis 3:15 that it makes mentions of a seed here, it means that this seed, which Lucifer had planted and become Satan, God, having read the seed, knowing what was in the seed and having been planted by Satan, He knew exactly where it was going to go. Once the seed had been planted. And that is why... And we've talked about this and I'm jumping ahead and it's all... I've got this listed in this new book, Divine Risk. That's why the Creation Week lists out exactly what Satan's seed would do in response to Christ's seed. God did not design that this earth should be the place where this would play out. But that seed existing within the heart of Satan, God knew that it would manifest itself somewhere, somehow. And this is how it would play out. When Adam and Eve chose to embrace the seed of the serpent then it was decided by us and Satan that this is the place where the seed of the serpent would manifest itself and would play out the steps of the days of creation over that sequence.

So, what we're seeing in Genesis 3:15 says, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed." Who is her seed? Christ, Galatians 3:16 and Galatians 3:29 says that Christ is the seed. So, we see that the seed of Christ that exists. What is in that seed? The whole truth and nothing but the truth. Christ made the decision to stand faithful to His Father. He set Himself fully to walk with His Father. He might have walked with Lucifer. He might have allowed Himself to be beguiled by Lucifer and

join him in his rebellion. He was a free agent to be able to do this. He might have chosen to do this, but He chose not to do it. He chose to walk with His Father.

And the reason... And I want to just take a step further. The reason why we know this is because of... And again, we've looked at this, I'm just revising a little bit. But Proverbs 8:13. And I'm just summarizing very quickly here. This is talking about wisdom, Proverbs 8 is talking about wisdom, and we know that wisdom is Christ because using the Bible, one text to explain another text Paul says Christ is made onto us wisdom. 1 Corinthians 1:24 speaks of Christ, the wisdom of God and the power of God. So, this is speaking of Christ.

People say, Why does the first three quarters of this chapter refer to wisdom in the feminine? That's a very interesting question. Why does Jesus say, I wanted to get you as a hen get into chickens? Feminine attributes, nurturing. Jesus in Revelation chapter 1, it says that He is wrapped around the breast with a golden girdle. That breast is the Greek word *mastos*, which is female breast. It's making reference to the feminine attributes that exist in Christ, so there is this element within wisdom. People study it then get freaked out, Whoa, hang on, what are you saying? Keep studying.

But then we come down to the masculine aspect in Proverbs 8:30, and then wisdom says this. "Then I was by him," the Father, "as one brought up." And it has some supplied words: "with him." How does that change the text as one brought up with him? As in, they both were brought up. But that's not what the text says. "Then I was by him as one brought up."

**Ruben:** *And the word "as" is not in the original text. So, there's no simile there. It's a fact.*

Thank you. "Then I was by him, one brought up." And one brought up, in the Hebrew, what does it mean? To foster, to nurture, to raise. All of those words? This is telling you that the Son of God was raised by His Father. We have corroboration of this in John 5:20.

**Ruben:** *I just want to say in the Greek the "brought up" components... It suggests the conveyance of knowledge and intelligence from one generation to the next.*

It's a teaching, it's a mentoring, so what we see in Proverbs chapter 8, the Father mentoring His Son and training His Son.

**Audience:** *Tell me, it's almost blasphemy in today's Christian circles, to say something like that.*

It's not almost. And this is what I discuss in this book. And we just want to make this particular point that in the Christian doctrine, the equality of the Father and the Son is based on omnipotence, which means that their equality is based in power and omniscient in knowledge. And the genius of Satan is in doing this, in showing that the equality of the father and Son is measured by the knowledge and their power, means that humanity subconsciously and foolishly and utterly stupidly worships knowledge of power instead of the Father and the Son. Because if you have a three in one and you put the Holy Spirit together, they become a nonsense and the only thing that is distilled out of that is power and knowledge. And what is it that men worship in this world? Power and knowledge.

**Ruben:** Thomas Jefferson said that knowledge is power.

But in Proverbs 8:30, the fact that the Father has taught His Son. How much? Let's have a look, John 5:20. "For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that he himself doeth." What that word 'sheweth', what does it mean? Sheweth. To give evidence or reproof of a thing, to show by words or teach. That word 'sheweth' you can put 'teach' in there. "For the Father loves His Son and teacheth Him," how many things? All things.

That being the case, then this concept of Father being equal to the Son by a knowledge that they both possess within themselves is obliterated by this statement. The Father taught His Son everything. Everything that He knows He was taught. That's a concept that makes perfect sense for us who have to raise children, isn't it? It makes perfect sense in that context.

And this is why for this reason, the fact that the Father taught His Son everything means that when Lucifer rebelled against the Father and the Son, there was the risk that everything that the Father taught His Son might give way to the principles of Lucifer. But Christ is the Amen. Why is He the Amen? Let's read John 5:19. "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." When He sees His Father do something, He does the same. And when the Father speaks to Him and says something, He says, Amen. That is the seed.

Oh, how I love thy law, it is my meditation day and night. Psalms 40 tells you the seed of Christ. Psalms 40. Verse 7, "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will." This is the seed of Christ. I delight to do your will, Father. Your law, your character is within my heart. This is the seed of Christ. What is the seed of Lucifer? I will descend into heaven. I will be like the most High. I will be as God. Not your will, I delight to do my will. This is the seed of Satan.

Christ's seed is, I decide to do Thy will, Father, not my will, but Thy will be done. This is the difference between the two seeds. And so, the Son of God chose to remain loyal to His Father, whereas Lucifer rebelled against Christ and the Father. This places us into a completely different framework of understanding, in terms of knowledge, in terms of understanding.

Another element of this, that... Again, it's part of the divine pattern principle. The divine pattern of the visible, revealing the invisible. What do we see of the Son of God? Luke 2:52. "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God." And man in the context of this earth, but when He was in the beginning, this text is a revelation of what happened in the beginning. That in the beginning that the Son of God increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God. Do you see what we're saying here? This is simply a revelation of what happened in the beginning.

We see that in Romans 16:25. "Now to him that is a power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the foundation of the world." Or since the world began. In Jesus coming to this earth, we see revealed the principles that existed from the very beginning. And as we see Christ being taught by His Father when He was here on earth, He is simply repeating and expanding that which took place in the beginning. Does that make sense? It's a beautiful principle.

We're not seeing any different things because what Christianity actually understands is that Christ on earth demonstrated a principle completely contrary to who He is as a person. The Son of God within the Trinitarian formula is a Know-It-All. And how useful is a Son that is a Know-It-All? What do you do with a Son that is a Know-It-All? You can't do anything with a son that is a Know-It-All. There's nothing you can do, because they know it all. But the Bible is presenting us a picture of the Son of God who was taught all things of His Father.

And so, into this context of Christ being taught all things and what this allows us to do, of course, is that if the Father and the Son are equal through knowledge, then in order for them to be divine, you must push knowledge to the absolute maximum for them to be powerful. And this is a very cunning, deceitful trick that Satan has pulled to say, Well, if they are equal through the knowledge then let's push knowledge to absolutely everything. When the Bible never says this.

Psalms 147:5 says that God's knowledge is, in English it says infinite, the Hebrew word is number unnumbered. Without number. We don't know what He knows. We just know that it's big. We know that it's really, really big and into that number of number unnumbered, we have the capacity for risk. We have the capacity for God to take risks. And this is where there's so many layers that are layered into this story. God taking risks.

And let's just ask ourselves an obvious question: does love exist where there is no risk? What is love? Love is making yourself vulnerable, open yourself up to another person and bestowing upon them all that you have or all that you can give. That's what love is, isn't it? There's a vulnerability involved in this. And as we talked about in the previous presentation, God's impossibility, as taught by this same monstrous doctrine,



says that God is completely incapable of showing emotion. There is no vulnerability and God. He's completely incapable of being vulnerable. But in the God of the Bible and God that I see here, we see one that He's made Himself vulnerable.

And this is where we come to 1 Corinthians 1:24. "But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." When the Father brought forth His Son, do we see in the Eve coming forth from Adam, do we see a parallel? If Adam and Eve were made in the image of God and His Son, what happened to Adam for Eve to come forth? What did he have to do? He had to go to sleep. What does sleep represent? In bringing forth His Son the Father is entering into the realm of risk, isn't He? That if He brings forth a Son that Son, after He has taught Him everything that He knows, the Son, having been given free choice, the Son could choose not to walk with His Father, couldn't He? If He has free choice.

If the Son shall make you free, John 8:36, you shall be free indeed. That word in the Greek means completely unrestrained. The Son has a spirit in Him that is completely unrestrained. There is no restraint being placed upon Him by His Father. The Father simply has given Him all things. He took the risk, He took the risk. But He knew in taking this risk, He knew that He was opening Himself up to vulnerability and the risk of loss.

But that's what love does. It doesn't safeguard and protect itself and try and make sure that nothing bad happens. Love gives freely without seeking to protect itself. And the Father in that sense entered into a realm of risk when His Son was brought forth. And then as the angels then came forth and the kingdom started to develop and the angels were growing and the kingdom was growing and expanding, this risk always existed. The prodigal took his inheritance and went away.

And so, God and His Son, when the rebellion had begun in heaven and Lucifer and his angels, it says in Revelation chapter 12, had rebelled against God there was a need to demonstrate a deeper understanding of the relationship between the Father and the Son. Because Satan was challenging who the Son is and what is the relationship that exists between them. And this is where I marvel and this is where we come to what this day, leading to tomorrow, is all about. It is the fact that the Father placed Himself in a position of risk, knowing where Satan was by this time, knowing that Satan wanted to kill His Son. We know this, John 8:44, Satan was a murderer from the beginning. You are of your father, the devil. But he was a murderer from the beginning. He desired to murder. He knew that if mankind would fall, that His Son would be placed at risk.

And then when Adam and Eve did fall, the Father and the Son, in council together the council of peace, the Father entered into a place where He might have lost His Son forever. And the Bible records, I believe, this in Psalms 18. Jesus speaking and Luke 24:27, 44, says that he's spoke unto His disciples in the Psalms concerning Himself. This is one of those Psalms.

Psalms 18. And we can read from verse 4. Being able to read the mind of Satan, knowing what was in his mind and his desire to destroy the Son of God, both Father and Son are able to look into the future and see what would happen when Christ came to this earth. And it says, "The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me," or held me. "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears." Then we see the Father's response. "Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth." And as we know something about God's wrath, referring to God's grief at what was happening to His Son. "There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it."

Here we see described the process that the Father was going through when He was holding this human planet in His hand and His Son in this hand and saying, in order to save these people, I have to risk the loss of My Son forever. I have to take the risk. This beautiful Son of Mine that I have raised, that I have taught, that I have nurtured, that is completely obedient to Me and everything that I ask Him to do. I'm being placed in a position where I have to risk losing Him forever in order to save these people. And this is the

true meaning of the word 'so' in: God so loved the world. He placed Himself in a position where He did not know whether His Son would come through this trial.

But the thing I find most beautiful is that the Father backed everything that He taught His Son. He had faith in what He had taught His Son and He had faith that the Son would follow and be able to come through the other side. Who is the author of faith? God is the author of faith, manifest through His Son. And as I thought about this, as I thought about our Father in heaven was willing to give up that which was most precious to Him in order to save us. And I write about this at the end of this book. I tremble as I thought about, You were willing to give up your Son that which was most precious to you in order to save me.

Can you fathom it? Can you grasp? Can you understand this? For God so loved the world that He risked His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. How many people have heard this gospel? Locked up in this Trinitarian formula, hidden away.

**Audience:** *And hidden away to the faith and trust between them. Faith and trust are the center of the entire universe. What an incredible love it is that faith and trust that God could give His Son all things at that risk. But trusting... That bond is so strong. Faith and trust. And in that we all live and have being.*

And what else could the Father do? If the Father begins to doubt that the Son will carry through, then what is the Father preempting His Son to do? He sows a seed. Just a thought, if you become afraid and you fear that your children are going to go astray. What are you doing? You're sowing a seed. If you have expressed doubt and unbelief that your children are going to come back, what are you doing? Sowing a seed. He expressed faith and confidence that His Son would come through this.

In the creation story after all of the war and the day, the night, the darkness and the light in combat with each other, we come to the seventh day. On the seventh day, in harmony with His Son, the Father embraces His Son. We add a dimension to the Sabbath now that we had not seen before because this Father was willing to lose His Son forever. And when the controversy is over, with what love and tenderness does He embrace His Son? The Sabbath is a Father's embrace of His Son that He might have lost forever. It's a tightness. It's the tightness that I felt on the day when my Father in heaven said, This message I want you to take to this world. He held me tight. It that tightness, I don't want to lose you.

And this realization... Can you imagine when Christ on the cross uttered those words: It is finished? Can you imagine the joy of the Father? My son did it. I gave Him the strength. We have conquered this foe that has sought to destroy us. Can you imagine? Can you imagine when Christ is coming forth from the grave and the angels? Who is the King of glory? The King, mighty in battle, coming into His Father. Can you imagine? Can you imagine the joy and the embrace that the Father gave to His Son? Beautiful. All of this done for us. All of this planned. On this day. Back in the Council of Peace.

That's what we are memorializing, that is what we are focusing upon on this day. That is the Spirit that is descending upon us now and will flow into the seven days of unleavened bread. It's a spirit of self-sacrifice that we cannot comprehend, nor will eternity unfold to us, the depths of which our Father went to save us. Too much light. Unfathomable. What can we do except say, Father, we worship you, Father, we give you glory, we give you honor? We cannot comprehend your love for us.

But surely if we behold this picture and let us remind ourselves, we had to be unpicked from such a horrendous view of God that locks Him up in such a box, that makes the love that we are describing impossible. And proves, as Christianity does repeatedly, that God is self-serving, tyrannical and damnable. Creating a creation that He intended to punish and destroy. And he was the one that created this problem. I reject such a notion of God. It is not in the Scriptures. It is not the God of the Bible. It is not the God of Jesus Christ.

And, of course, for taking such a position, for taking such a stand, how is the Christian world going to respond when tidings from the East shall come? How shall they respond to this? Not very happily.

**Audience:** *The alabaster box had to be broken to let the fragrance out.*

Oh, had to be broken, hmm. But if our Father was willing to give everything for us, what cost is? And would we seek to manufacture these things from ourselves? We who know not how to do good nor know how to seek after God. Are we now going to plan and scheme how we are going to manufacture this spikenard in the alabaster box? Foolishness. We can only say, like, Jesus, I delight to to Thy will. Oh, my God, your law is within my heart.

Shall we pray together?

Father, we pause to reflect upon your great love. By faith's eye we look upon you with such admiration. There are no words that we can express to give thanks to you. Help us to believe that you love us that much, that you risked your only begotten Son, the One that you had trained, you had nurtured in your bosom, you had raised into the fullness of the Son of God that He has become to be. And you were willing to yield Him up to us. And we thank you, Lord Jesus, that in the Spirit of your Father, you asked your Father for the permission to come and to reveal our Father's character. Such beauty, such wonder, such amazing love. We stand in adoration. We kneel adoration. We worship you. And Father, we petitioned for our dear sister, Val. She's in pain. Her health is not good. Father, you said in your Scriptures you wish above all things that we may prosper and be health. Please send your angels through this Passover time to bring her healing, comfort and rest. And I thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.