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Wonders from Calvary
Luke 23:33; Genesis 3:15; Psalm 22

Let's rise on our feet as we pray together.

Almighty God, we do thank you for this retreat, we know it's going to be a great time. As you have brought your people together - brothers, sisters, ministers, workers, members of the church, and our invitees - we're asking O Lord, that it would be a time of wonders upon wonders upon every life, in Jesus' name! We pray that mountains will melt away. We pray there will be signs and wonders for everyone and every family in Jesus' name...those who are weak would be made strong... those who are sick would be healed...the oppressed will be delivered...and those who have mountains of problems in their lives, in their families...you will roll the mountains of problems away in Jesus' name!

We are praying over here at the headquarters that you will visit your people in a very special way, in Jesus' name. And we pray for all our states and all our regions and every retreat location in Nigeria, West Africa, Southern Africa, East Africa, and Central Africa and beyond...Europe and America...everywhere...Canada. We pray, Lord, that you will shower your blessings down upon everyone in Jesus' name! We're praying that it should be a new experience for everyone...wonders of wonders for every life.

Thank you, Lord, because we know you have answered, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Thank you very much. We can sit down. We come to this retreat with great expectation because we have heard the announcement of the retreat. We have seen the handbill. We've heard about the great things the Lord wants to do. And I just pray that none of us will miss the blessings of God, in Jesus' name.

Even if this may not be your first retreat with your church or with our church, those who are not members of the church, you have been coming before, but you can make this time a time of the great outpouring of the Spirit of God...a time of a great manifestation of the power of God, if you will prepare your mind and prepare your heart. That everything God has for you from heaven, you will not miss it, in Jesus' name.

We're looking at Luke, chapter 23, as we introduce the subject of tonight which actually is an introduction to the whole of the retreat: *Wonders from Calvary*... We have been invited to come and experience the wonders of the cross.

In Luke, chapter 23, verse 33: "***And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left....***" In that single verse of Scripture we see what the Lord himself had predicted or

prophesied for thousands of years...actually from the beginning of the human race. The Lord had been looking up to this time...that that time will come when the Son of Man, the Son of God...when the seed of the woman will come to this world and eventually will end His earthly journey at Calvary. That is the place of crucifixion where He will die for the sins of humanity...where He will die to reverse all the consequences of the fall of man. And here it came to pass; it became true that Jesus Christ arrived that day at Calvary.

And then we're told, "There, he was crucified." The question then is *Out of Calvary, out of that crucifixion, out of the cross...what Wonders have come unto us?* Virtually everything we lost in Adam has been restored unto us through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. The relationship we lost, the intimacy that we lost, the blessing that we lost, the protection that we lost, the prosperity that we lost, and the peace of mind that we lost. Virtually everything we lost in the first Adam the Lord Jesus Christ restored unto us through Calvary...through His death on the cross. And I pray that that restoration you will experience in Jesus' name.

Wonders from Calvary. I'm going to divide the message into 3 parts:

1. *The Wonder of the Revelation of our Redemption.* That is what we have fulfilled as Jesus Christ was led to Calvary to die for the sin of humanity and to take away the consequences of the Fall. The Wonder of the Revelation of our Redemption.
2. *The Wonder of Reconciliation and Restoration.* His death on the cross meant something. His death on the cross did something. And what it did is to reconcile us to the Heavenly Father, God, the Holy God, and we, the sinful men, sinful humanity. And it was the death on the cross that was a bridge between God and man...between God in heaven and sinful man on earth. It brought reconciliation, and it brought restoration.
3. *The Wonder of Reigning through Righteousness.*

1. *The Wonder of the Revelation of our Redemption.*

I told you earlier that the death of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary had been revealed for thousands of years...actually from the time of the Fall of Man...Genesis, chapter 3. In Genesis, chapter 3, there we have the record of the Fall of Man, when Eve and Adam, those that God had created...when they fell, when they sinned, when they disobeyed God. And because of that they were chased out, driven out, cast out of the presence of the Almighty God.

And after being cast out of the presence of God, they then faced toil and woe, sickness and suffering, sorrow and sadness for the rest of their lives. But in the Garden of Eden, after the Fall, before they were driven out, before they were cast out, there came the revelation of the redemption of man. And it was from there the journey...actually from the Garden to Calvary...that's where the journey began.

We're looking at Genesis, chapter 3, reading from verse 15: ***"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt***

bruise his heel. Every student of the Bible knows that Satan (who came in the image, in the picture, in the symbol, in the appearance of the serpent) was the one that caused the Fall. After man fell, God came to the Garden. And He said, "***Where art thou?***" because He couldn't find man where man had been...in fellowship with God, in relationship with the Lord, standing in the light of righteousness.

But now because man had fallen, man was hiding away from the Almighty God, and God had to ask the question, "Where are you?" Adam replied and said, "I'm hiding myself in the Garden because I am naked." He had lost the covering of God, the glory of God. The brightness of the Shekinah glory of God had been lost; therefore, he realized he was naked. God asked him, "How do you know you're naked? Have you eaten of the tree that I told you must not eat?"

Then instead of confessing and repenting right there, he did what all humanity is prone to doing since that time...he gave an excuse. He said, "It's the woman that you gave to me. It's the woman that deceived me. Then I ate." Even though the excuse was there, and even though he would not confess, "This is what I have done," the judgment came. But the Lord spoke to the woman and said, "Woman, why have you done this?" She said, "Well, it's not really my fault." Again, the woman instead of confessing and repenting and returning unto the Lord, all she did was to give excuse.

Have you ever done that? You've done something wrong, and what you've done is separating your relationship with the Almighty God. Instead of coming out clear and clean and plain, proper, you give an excuse. This is what moved or motivated me or drove me to do what I did. So God then cursed the serpent and said, "You will crawl on your belly." Eventually He came to the woman, and there was a curse because of the sin (and on the man, too...on Adam).

Before they were driven out of the Garden, God now said in verse 15: "***I will put enmity between thee*** [the serpent] ***and the woman.***" ...actually between Satan, the devil, represented by that serpent and the woman, the mother of all creation, that is of humanity. It says, "***...between thy seed and her seed.***" That means *between all that will come out of Satan, out of the serpent and between the seed of the woman.* And everybody knows that nobody is referred to as the seed of the woman except He that was born of the virgin, referring to the Lord Jesus Christ.

"It shall bruise thy head." That is when Jesus Christ will die on the cross of Calvary, the result of that death, the consequence of that death, the outcome of that death will be that the head of the devil will be bruised, scattered, destroyed. That's why it says, "Jesus Christ, the Son of God...Jesus Christ, the Son of Man." When He died on the cross of Calvary, He bruised the head of the devil. Jesus came and Jesus was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil.

That's one of the wonders, and that's revealed from the time of Genesis, that when Christ comes and when His heel is bruised, when He is crucified (pointing us to the cross and pointing us to Calvary)...that the bruising of the heel of Christ, the crucifixion of Christ on the cross, and the leading of Christ to Calvary will literally destroy all the programs and the projects and everything the devil has tried to do here in the world.

Because of that Calvary, we have the destruction of the works of the devil. Whatever work of the devil may appear in your life today will be destroyed in Jesus' name. Because of the cross - because of the crucifixion, because of Calvary, because of what Jesus accomplished when His heel was bruised - He bruised and destroyed the head of the enemy.

In Psalm 22, I'm reading from verse 1. You will see that Calvary was not an afterthought. Calvary was something that had been prophesied, predicted for many, many years before. In fact, we'll find the very words that Jesus spoke on the cross there at Calvary, we'll find those words written down in Psalm 22...I'm reading from verse 1: ***"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"***

When you read that, if you don't think deep, you might say, "What wonder is there?" He was forsaken so that we can be remembered. That's the place at Calvary where Jesus bore our sin. That's the place at Calvary where Jesus Christ became the sacrifice for sin. That's the place at Calvary where the sin of humanity came on Christ, and because God is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, that's why He was forsaken at that time, so that He would bring us to the Lord.

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?" Look at verse 7: ***"All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 'He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.'"*** You'll find that those were the very words of reproach, the words of jeering, the words of abuse and insult they heaped upon the Lord Jesus Christ while He was hanging on the cross at Calvary.

Then we read from verse 16: ***"For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet."*** Obviously you know Jesus Christ is the only one we have on record, that they pierced His hands, they pierced His feet...that's crucifixion. They crucified Him at Calvary. The wonder of it is that it had been revealed before this time...*The Wonder of the Revelation of our Redemption*, the reason why they pierced His hands, and the reason why they pierced His feet, it was to redeem us.

To *redeem* means to *purchase*. It means to *buy*. It means to *get us back away from the slavery market*, the market of slavery, and to bring us unto the Almighty God as His prized possession. It was because of Calvary. It was because of the cross. It was because Christ went there and was crucified, and all that had been revealed long, long before Jesus Christ came into this world. *The Wonder of the Revelation of Our Redemption in the Crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ*.

Zechariah chapter 12 - we'll see this very clearly, as the children of Israel eventually were crying to the Lord whom they had pierced, whom they crucified, whom they hung on the cross of Calvary. In Zechariah, chapter 12...I'm reading from verse 10...Zechariah, chapter 12, reading from verse 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..."*** What? Tell me out loud. Pierced."***...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 firstborn."***

Here Zechariah made the prediction, the prophecy, that Jesus Christ, the firstborn, Jesus Christ, the very Son of God will be pierced, will be crucified on the cross at Calvary, and that eventually when the children of Israel will realize what they have done, when the spirit of grace and the spirit of supplication comes upon them, they will mourn, they will weep, they will cry because of what they did to the King of glory and to the Lord of heaven and earth. They crucified the King of kings and the Lord of lords, but the crucifixion was not in vain. It was to bring redemption to you. It was to make sure that all your sins would be forgiven. And as we look to Calvary today, all guilt and condemnation will be taken away in Jesus' name. And then it will bring reconciliation to God. There will be such reconciliation that God will look at you as if you never, never sinned in your life.

In Isaiah, chapter 53, still talking about the crucifixion of Christ, talking about what Calvary did, what the cross of Jesus Christ did for you and for me and for the whole of humanity. Isaiah, chapter 53...I'm reading from verse 1: ***"Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"*** Isaiah prophesied seeing the birth of Christ...the conception of Christ...seeing ahead the life - the sinless, spotless life - that Christ would live. Isaiah, seeing the kind of death that He would die and the reason for the death he would die, he said, "Who would believe this? Who has believed our report?" He was given the report before it even happened, about the crucifixion, the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was telling the people what the consequence would be of that death at Calvary. That's why he said, "Do you believe this?" to those who heard him. And he said, "If you believe, you will see the arm and the strength and the power of the Lord revealed to you." I want to tell you as you believe the story, the report coming from Calvary - for you today - you will see the arm of the Lord and the power of the Lord working your life, in Jesus' name.

In verse 2: ***"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness."*** That is, when they would have whipped Him carrying the cross, and when He would have laboured and suffered, even before the crucifixion, His visage would be so marred; His figure, His posture would be so marred, it would be so distorted that it says, ***"...he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."***

Already you know that that is already leading to Calvary. It's already leading to the crucifixion. They cried, "Hosanna," the previous week but now this week, they said, "Crucify Him. Crucify Him." There was no beauty in Him that they would desire Him anymore. All they wanted was just to lead Him to Calvary to the cross to go and die.

In verse 4: ***"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows."*** That's the wonder of Calvary. The reason why He died and the reason why He was nailed to the cross...the reason why He was pierced, His hands pierced, His feet pierced, and they hung Him there on the cross... the reason why they put the crown of thorns upon His head, and the reason why the agony and the suffering and the unbearable pain was upon Him...the reason for that is that He would carry all your grief and all your sorrows and all your heartache and all the consequences of sin. He would carry that away from you.

Tonight it will happen. I say, "Tonight it will happen." Surely there's no doubt about when Isaiah saw this, Isaiah saw multitudes of people that will benefit from Calvary. Thank God you are one of that multitude. I said, "You're one of that multitude." It says, "He has borne our griefs, He has borne our sorrows, yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God."

The question is... *Why would the Almighty God smite His only begotten Son?* It was because of you. He did that in your place. He did that as your substitute. The punishment that should have come upon you came upon Him. He was afflicted, instead of you being afflicted. In verse 5: ***"But he was wounded for..."*** For what? ***"...our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him"***

Then it says, ***"...and with his stripes..."*** What will happen? ***"...we are healed."*** There is healing waiting for you today. All because of Calvary, there's salvation. All because of Calvary, there's healing. All because of Calvary, there is deliverance. All because of Calvary, every yoke in your life will be broken tonight, in Jesus' name.

In verse 6: ***"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."*** The moment you bring up those iniquities, you expose them and bundle them together, and then you say you transfer them to the Lord Jesus Christ because He's the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the whole world...that means to bundle everything together, you transfer them to the Lord...He will take all your sins away.

In verse 7: ***"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."*** Let's see the interpretation of that in 1 Peter, chapter 1, verse 18: ***"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ."***

Redeemed, saved, rescued, taken out of the pit and out of the captivity of the devil. Then the chains of our sins, the cords of our sin that held us in captivity, all that broken. All the shackles and the chains, everything destroyed because Christ bore our punishment and sorrow and shame and grief on the cross of Calvary. Now we know we are not redeemed by silver, by gold, by the offering, by the gifts we bring, but by the precious blood of Jesus are we redeemed...***"...as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world."*** That is, it was not an afterthought. The Almighty God had planned it. He knew ahead of time that man would fall.

And when He knew that man would fall, He made that provision for your redemption, for my redemption; for your forgiveness, for my forgiveness; for your salvation, for my salvation. Today that full salvation-redemption can be ours, each and everyone, in Jesus' name. When that redemption takes place because of the death of Christ on the cross of Calvary, here is the result in 1 John, chapter 3, verse 4: ***"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."*** That's what happened to Adam. That's what happened to Eve.

That's what has happened to all the offspring of Adam and Eve. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

But Christ reversed everything...in verse 5: **"And ye know that he [Christ] was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin."** That's the reason for Calvary. That's the reason for the cross. That's the reason for the crucifixion - that Christ appeared to take away by His death, by His sacrificial death, Christ appeared (by His substitutionary death) - to take away our sins. **"And ye know that in Him there is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."**

"Little children..." Those who have tasted the benefit of Calvary...those who have been redeemed as a result of the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary...**"Little children..."** – those who are partakers of the new birth in Christ and through Christ. **"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is..."** What? Tell me out loud. **"...is of the devil."** That is, the serpent had visited him again.

As the serpent visited Adam and Even in the Garden of Eden, and in yielding to the serpent, he becomes of the devil, because Satan now has something in him. **"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose [for this reason] the Son of God was manifested, that he might..."** Do what? **"...destroy the works of the devil."** That's what Calvary has produced, the destruction of the works of the devil.

I want you to look at your life today. Anything that the devil is trying to operate there...any calamity, that's of the devil...any sickness, that's of the devil...any affliction, that's of the devil...any oppression, that's of the devil...any captivity, that's of the devil...any grief or sorrow or sadness, that's of the devil...premature death in your family, that's of the devil...miscarriage, that's of the devil...and not having anything on earth to say this is yours, that's of the devil. The enemy trying to take everything you love, everything you have, everything you delight in, and then you are left with nothing...that's of the devil. And Jesus Christ was manifested on the cross of Calvary that He might destroy the works of the devil. Tonight they are totally destroyed, in Jesus' name.

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin," because now, the authority of the devil is taken away by Calvary. The hold of the devil on such a man has been taken away by what Jesus did on the cross at Calvary. Because of that now, he does not continue in sin. "Whosoever," a boy, a girl, a young person, an old person, anyone who is born of God does not commit sin...**"...for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin."** You will not sin. I said, "You will not sin"...because he is born of God, redeemed because of what happened at Calvary.

In Revelation, chapter 5, verse 9, **"And they sung a new song."** You are going to sing a new song. When Calvary has a powerful effect in your life, you'll sing a new song. When Calvary breaks every yoke in your life, you'll sing a new song. When Calvary draws you out of the captivity where you've been, and they tied you hands and feet...when Calvary releases you tonight and looses you and sets you completely free, you will sing a new song, in Jesus' name.

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." That's point number 1: *The Wonder of the Revelation of Our Redemption.*

2: *The Wonder of Reconciliation and Restoration.*

Let us come back to Luke, chapter 23. I'm reading from verses 33 and 34. You join both together and then you'll see, wonder of all wonders, what happened upon the cross of Calvary. Luke, chapter 23...I'm reading from verses 33 and 34: *"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, 'Father, forgive them...'"* "Father, forgive them. Father, forgive them." *"... for they know not what they do."*

Here we find Jesus Christ...instead of having bitterness, He had love. Instead of manifesting or demonstrating or harboring an unforgiving spirit, He manifested mercy, compassion, love, grace, forgiveness." He said, "Father, forgive them. Get them reconciled unto Yourself. Do not count their sin against them." That's what Calvary did. Calvary brought the love of God down to man. Calvary brought the mercy of God down to man. Calvary brought the compassion of God down to man. Calvary brought reconciliation. Calvary brought salvation.

Calvary brought the taking away of our sin, and the taking away of that stumbling block, that the wall of partition between us and the Almighty God...Calvary broke everything down. "Look at them as if they never did this. Forgive them. Cleanse them. Wash them. Take their sins away. And take even the remembrance of their sins away. Father...God Almighty...in Your mercy, in your compassion, knowing Calvary has a reason...knowing Calvary was predicted all the way from Genesis...knowing Calvary is not an accident...knowing that Lord, God Almighty, you knew this before...and this is the reason why I came, so that You'll be able to forgive them. Forgive them, Father; they know not what they do." That's what brought the reconciliation.

We're looking at Romans, chapter 5. I'm reading from verse 6 there. *"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."* Where did that take place? It took place at Calvary. When we were without strength.... We didn't know how to do right. "They know not what they do." We didn't know how to live in righteousness. "They know not what they do." We did not know to walk upright. "They know not what they do." It was at that time Christ died on the cross at Calvary. He died for us.

In verse 7: *"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* That's Calvary right there. That's crucifixion right there. That's the cross of Jesus Christ right there...that when we were yet sinners - some people think they need to polish themselves up, turn over a new leaf and cleanse their own lives and become a better person and become a very righteous person before they can be saved. But no...while you're still in that sin and you realize you cannot save yourself. You realize only Calvary, only the cross of Christ...you realize only what Jesus did on the cross of Calvary can get you saved.

And you know, you say, "I'm yet a sinner with a life that is dark and black and sinful and deadly." It is at that time you come to the Lord and say, "Lord, nothing in my hand I bring. Simply to your cross I cling. Because of what Calvary has done and accomplished for me, I come unto You." And as you come, He will receive you in Jesus' name.

"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled..." That's the word. That's what Calvary has done...reconciliation. ***"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."*** So then, we understand what Christ has accomplished on the cross of Calvary for you and for me and for the whole of humanity.

Today, whosoever will call on the name of the Lord, your sins will be forgiven. Your life will be turned around. All the burden and the punishment of sin...everything will be taken away in Jesus' name.

Reconciliation. We're looking at Colossians, chapter 1, verse 20, ***"And, having made peace through the blood of his cross."*** That's Calvary; it happened at Calvary. The cross was at Calvary. The crucifixion took place at Calvary. He shed that blood for your redemption, for your reconciliation and restoration to the favor of God at Calvary.

"And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself." That's how the enmity is cancelled. That's how the middle wall of demarcation, partition between you and the Almighty God...that's how it comes down...because of Calvary, because of the cross of Jesus Christ. It says, ***"...reconciling all things to himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled."***

Yet now... at this time you, don't have to wait: you feel that estrangement between you and the Almighty God; you feel that demarcation, separation between you and the Almighty God; you feel that enmity between you and the Almighty God; you feel that condemnation and guilt between you and the Almighty God. Today, you can come to the Lord because Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary to take away every evil thing we have done. And Jesus prayed on that cross, "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."

Then it says in verse 22: ***"In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away [drawn away] from the hope of the gospel."*** We're looking at Ephesians, chapter 2, verse 13, ***"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh [made near] by the blood of Christ."***

We were "far away"; our sins drove us far away from the Almighty God, far away from the favor of God, far away from the presence of God, far away from peace with God, far away from the grace of God. But now because Christ has died and because Christ has taken your place and

because of the prayer He prayed on the cross of Calvary, "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do," and because He bore your punishment, and because He bore your shame, and because He bore the agony, the pain of evil you have done...because of that substitution, because of that sacrifice, and because of that precious, innocent, pure, spotless blood that was shed...because of that, you can come to the Lord today and say, "Lord, I'm not coming because of my own merit. I'm not coming because I've been good. I'm not coming because I've been righteous. I'm coming because of Calvary. It's the wonder that we see coming from Calvary unto all of humanity. Whosoever will take hold of that and believe, it will be yours in Jesus' name.

...Because now He has become your peace. He has *"broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace..."* Look at verse 16: *"...and that he might reconcile...."* You see that? It's what Jesus did. No other thing will bring reconciliation between you and God.

The works of your hand, the service of your life, the self-righteousness that religious people have...all those things will not reconcile any man to God, but it is Calvary; it is the cross; it is the crucifixion; it is what Jesus did for you and for me, what he did for the whole of humanity. That and that alone...that final sacrifice...that sacrifice on the cross of Calvary...the shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ...that - His substitution, His sacrifice, His salvation that He brought on the cross of Calvary. That and that alone will make the reconciliation.

Verse 16: *"...and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereof."* That means then now we're reconciled unto God because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross of Calvary.

In 2 Corinthians, chapter 5...I'm reading from verse 18: *"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ."* God has reconciled us to Himself. No more enmity, no more division, no more conflict and there's no more separation. We're now brought into the family of God. He loves us, and the love is manifested and demonstrated on Calvary. Now because of that love, the separation is canceled. The punishment is taken away. It says, "Now He has reconciled all things to himself" by Jesus Christ, *"...and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."*

Hebrews, chapter 2...I'm reading from verse 14...reconciliation by that sacrifice, by that substitution, by that sin-bearing of Christ on the cross of Calvary. Hebrews, chapter 2, verse 14: *"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."*

Through the death on the cross of Calvary, the Lord Jesus Christ has destroyed the power of the devil. And tonight that power will stop manifestation in your life. Everywhere the power of the devil has been working...anywhere and whatever that power of the devil has been doing...tonight, because of Calvary, because of the wonders coming from Calvary, all those works of the deadly one, of the deadly enemy, they'll be destroyed in Jesus' name.

In verse 15: ***"And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."*** No bondage anymore. I said, "No bondage anymore" Destroyed completely tonight. ***"For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation."*** That's the word...to make *reconciliation*. That's the wonder of Calvary. Jesus Christ came, and then when He died on the cross, it was not in vain that He died. It was not for nothing that He died. He died for a purpose. And the purpose is to get you out of your state of separation (far away from God) and bring you very near to the bosom, to the presence, of the Heavenly Father.

Today, all the separation is canceled. The "far-away" experience of God...you're looking for God, you've not found Him; the joy of salvation you've been looking for, and the peace that comes from salvation and the presence of the Lord in your life that you've missed for a long time, because of that reconciliation - because of that sacrifice on the cross of Calvary, because He shed His blood, and because He said, "Father, Father, Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" - all those sins are forgiven tonight in Jesus' name.

Then you are going to feel the very presence of God in your life and the power of the Lord that takes away all the burdens and removes all the mountains standing between you and the Almighty. Today, everything will be taken away, in Jesus' name. It says, ***"...in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."***

But not only is there reconciliation, there is the consequence of that reconciliation, the sacrifice of the Lord. In Daniel, chapter 9...I'm reading from verse 24. You'll see what Christ did when He died on the cross. You will see the consequence of Calvary upon our lives, upon your life, upon my life...in Daniel, chapter 9, verse 24: ***"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city"*** Here is what Calvary will do. Here is what the crucifixion will accomplish. Here is what Jesus did on the cross of Calvary...what it will bring to you and bring to me.

First of all, to finish transgression, finish it off, finish it off...finish transgression so that those who come to God will not keep on transgressing. Then: to make an end of sins. He comes to put an end to sin. Before Calvary, man was so weak that even though man wanted to stop sin, man could not stop. "The things I hate, that I do, and the things I want to do, that I cannot do, because of the weakness of the flesh."

But now the coming of Christ and the dying of Christ and the sacrifice of Christ and the effect of Calvary upon every life is to make an end of sins and to make reconciliation for iniquity...to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness. Everlasting righteousness will come to your life. I said, "It will come to your life," because Jesus died for you on the cross of Calvary, and then He restores to us everything we lost in Adam.

3. The Wonder of Reigning through Righteousness.

The wonder of reigning through righteousness...you will reign with Him. I said, "You will reign with Him," because of Calvary...because of the grace flowing from Calvary, because of His

goodness from Calvary, and because He became your substitute at Calvary. That's why He brings us out of sin, and He brings us into the grace and godliness and righteousness that He has purchased. Because of that, we'll reign with Him.

We're looking at Luke again, chapter 23. I'm reading from verse 39. *"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, 'If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.' But the other answering rebuked him, saying, 'Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.' And he said unto Jesus, 'Lord...'"*

He called Him Lord. He was already dying. He was fearing the punishment of his own sin while they hung him on the cross. But then he said, All is not lost if you can call on Christ; the punishment will not go to its logical conclusion if you can call on Christ; the punishment will not go from temporal to eternal if you can call on Christ; the punishment will not be eternal, forever, if you can call on Christ.

So he said unto Jesus, "Lord..." And if you can do that tonight, Calvary will bring righteousness into your life, in Jesus' name. Righteousness that will cancel every evil thing you ever did in your life, when you call on Christ tonight and say, "Lord, I make you my Savior, I make you my Lord. You are my Lord from tonight." All that you have ever done, God will forgive and forget everything in Jesus' name. "Lord, remember me, remember me, remember me." If you can call upon the Lord tonight and say, "Lord, you remember me, remember your cross and remember me. Remember Calvary and remember me. Remember the punishment you bore and remember me. Remember the pain you went through and remember me." The Lord will remember you.

*"...remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." And Jesus said unto him, 'Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.'" That's because of Calvary, not because the man was righteous by himself, not because the man was good by himself. Nobody ever gets to paradise, gets to heaven, by being good on his own. Nobody is good enough for heaven. Nobody is righteous enough for heaven. Only Calvary, only the crucifixion, only the cross of Jesus Christ, only what Jesus did for you and for me on the cross of Calvary can take any of us to heaven. Jesus said, **"Today thou shalt be with me in paradise."** It's the gift of God.*

Romans, chapter 6, I'm reading from verse 18. *"Being then made free from sin..."* It's Calvary that does that. It's the cross of Jesus Christ that did that for him and that will do that for you. It says, *"Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."* Verse 22: *"But now being made free from sin [He'll make you free today] and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is..."* What? Those who look away from Calvary, and those who think, "I'll do it by myself, I will save myself, I'll clean up myself, I'll make myself good enough for heaven" - you cannot do that because *"the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* I pray that gift will come to you today.

In 1 Peter chapter 2, reading from verse 24. *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree..."* That's going back to Calvary again. He bore your sins on Himself on the cross of Calvary, on the tree... *"...that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose*

stripes ye were healed." You can also be healed...healed in your soul, healed in your body, healed - every part within and without.

Revelation chapter 5. Calvary did it all. Calvary gave it all. Calvary bestowed it all. The redemption, the reconciliation, the forgiveness, the salvation, the healing, and the goodness of God flowing into our lives...Calvary did it all. And as you recognize what Calvary has provided, as you recognize what Calvary has done for you, and you come today, not in your own self-righteousness, but in the righteousness of Christ purchased for you and purchased for me on the cross of Calvary, you're going to find out that Calvary has provided everything you will ever need to come into reconciliation with the Almighty God.

Revelation, chapter 5, verses 9 and 10, *"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood..."* Then it says, *"...out of every kindred..."* It doesn't matter what community you come from, salvation is coming to you today. It doesn't matter your local tongue, your local language - *"...and tongue, and people, and nation"* - it doesn't matter to what nation you belong, salvation is coming to you today in Jesus' name.

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." You will reign with Him. If you will accept the benefit of Calvary, the blessing of Calvary, the reconciliation from Calvary, the righteousness He gives to us from Calvary...if you will accept that today, you will reign with Christ forever in Jesus' name.

In chapter 22 of Revelation, I'm reading from verse 3. *"And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads, and there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign..."* How long? *"...forever and ever."* That's those who take the benefit of Calvary.

That's why the Lord is saying - Revelation, chapter 3, verse 20, it says, *"Behold, I stand at the door."* He died on Calvary and then on the third day, after burial, He arose again. After that resurrection, now He came to His own people to reveal Himself that He rose from Calvary, from the dead, from the burial. Now He's coming to everyone. He's coming to you tonight. He's saying, "Behold I stand at the door, and I'm knocking." Then He says, *"If anyone will hear my voice, open the door, I will come into him and will sup with him and he with Me."*

He's knocking at the door of every heart today. You need to welcome Him in, and say, "That's my Savior. He's knocking at the door. That's my sin-bearer. He's knocking at the door. That's the final sacrifice for my redemption, for my righteousness. He's knocking at the door. That is the One that came to take all my sins and the consequences of sin away from my life. He's knocking at the door."

"Behold, I stand at the door and I knock." And He says, "If any man hear my voice." We're hearing His voice right now. I said, "We're hearing His voice right now." Then He says, "And opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him. "To him that overcometh", you will

overcome." *"...will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."*

Wonders of all wonders of all wonders that Calvary could come with benefits and blessings unto you...the benefit of salvation, the benefit of reconciliation, the benefit of righteousness, the benefit of healing, deliverance, and the benefit of restoration...everything we ever lost in the first Adam...Calvary is restoring everything today.

That wonder can appear in your life this time. I said, "That wonder can appear in your life right this time." Will you allow the wonder to happen in your life? How many of us will have the wonder of Calvary today? The wonder of wonders, the wonder of Calvary...how many of us will say you are welcoming the wonder, you are welcoming the miracle, you are welcoming the salvation, you are welcoming the goodness of the Lord flowing from Calvary...where are you? Can I see the hands? Praise the Lord! This retreat from this very night...wonder of wonders will take place in your life in Jesus' name.

We're going to rise up now. This is going to be a moment of the wonder of Calvary flowing into your life...the wonder of the cross flowing into your life. There's reconciliation with God. There's righteousness in the Lord. And there is restoration in the Lord. Everything you ever lost, the Lord wants to restore to you right now. Close your eyes and bow your head and say, "Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord."

Wonder of all wonders...reconciliation. Wonder of all wonders...righteousness. Wonder of all wonders...restoration. Wonder of all wonders...miracles. Wonder of all wonders...healing. Wonder of all wonders...deliverance. Wonder of all wonders...reversal of every yoke, everything the devil has ever done. Wonder of all wonders coming into your life right now. Give the Lord a chance and that wonder will flow into your life. Open your mouth and talk to Him and say, "Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. I welcome, I welcome the wonder of Calvary into my life."

Wonders...wonders...the wonder of Calvary flowing into your life. He died for you. He shed His blood for you. And He did that so He can destroy, destroy, destroy all the works of the devil. Make this a moment of eternal consequence in your life. Make this a moment of eternal consequence in your life. You know what He has done.

He wants to have all your sins forgiven. He wants to break the power of sin from your life. He wants to set you free, the wonder flowing from Calvary. He'll do it if you let Him. He'll do it if you permit it. He'll do it if you invite Him. "Oh Lord, I invite you into my heart. I hear you knocking. I hear you knocking. I hear you knocking. Come in, Lord. Come in, Lord and take away every work of the devil, and break the power of sin from my life." Calvary will do it.

That's why Jesus died on the cross of Calvary. He wants to accomplish that right now...miracle from Calvary, miracle from Calvary, salvation from Calvary, forgiveness from Calvary, reconciliation from Calvary...He will do it now.

In Jesus' name we pray. Can I hear a good, good Amen? Heads bowed and eyes closed. If you want that salvation of the Lord, that reconciliation and the benefit flowing from Calvary...the restoration, the reconciliation, the very righteousness of God flowing into your life, wherever you are, you raise up your hand. That wonder is taking place tonight. We are not going to wait until tomorrow morning. The Lord can come even before tomorrow morning. The wonder of salvation and the wonder of reconciliation, the wonder of righteousness, is coming from Calvary and coming to your soul.

Wherever you are, raise up your hand. I need to pray with you. Can I see that hand? Raise it up very well and wave it at me. I want to see. In every location where we are, if you're raising up your hand, come to the front of the hallway here very quickly, very quickly. Come to the front of the hall where you are. The wonder of all wonders, the wonder of salvation, the wonder of salvation, the wonder of reconciliation...He wants to bring that into your life right now.

Come out, come out, anywhere you are. You want that wonder, salvation is available, forgiveness is available, reconciliation is available. Every load of sin, every yoke in your life, the Lord wants to break and destroy everything right now...everything you've done wrong in your life, everything you've done in wrong in your life. The Lord wants to take it away.

Keep on coming. Keep on coming. Keep on coming in all the locations where we are. You're at the back, you're in the middle, anywhere you are, just leave where you are and come. Leave where you are and come. The wonder from Calvary, the wonder of reconciliation, the wonder of reconciliation, and the wonder of righteousness, and the wonder of restoration. I want that in my life. Keep on coming. Keep on coming. As you come, as you come, you just close your eyes and be serious with the Lord and say, "Lord, I want this reconciliation. I want this forgiveness. I want this salvation."

Keep on coming. The Lord is still waiting for you. Anywhere you are. You want the wonder of Calvary, the wonder of the cross, and the wonder of His crucifixion to take place in your life. You're raising up your hand anywhere you are. Find a way to come to the front of the hall where you are and say, "Lord, let this wonder take place in my life right now. Let this wonder take place in my life right now. Let this wonder take place in my life right now." He will do it. He will do it. Calvary will not fail. Calvary will not fail. He became your substitute. He became your Savior. He became your final sacrifice for sin.

Keep on coming. Keep on coming. Keep on coming and say to the Lord, "Oh Lord, tonight, Oh Lord, tonight let Calvary have its powerful effect in my life." He will do it. Keep on coming. Keep on coming. The Lord is waiting for you. Keep on coming. The Lord is waiting for you. He'll destroy that yoke. He'll destroy that evil. He'll destroy all the powerlessness and the weakness. He will take away the barrier between you and the Almighty God.

Keep on coming. Keep on coming. The Lord is waiting for you. You say, "Yes, Lord, I come. I hear you are knocking at my door. I hear you are knocking at my door. I hear you are knocking at my door. Lord, I come. Lord, I come." Welcome Him in. Welcome Him in. "I welcome You, Lord. Be my Savior. I welcome You, Lord. Be my Lord. I welcome You, Lord. Take all my sins away, and take every yoke in my life."

Yes, keep on coming. Keep on coming. The Lord is waiting for you. Don't hold back. Don't stay back. This is your moment of salvation. This is your moment. This is your moment of reconciliation with God. This is your moment of having your name in the Book of Life.

"Lord, I come. Lord, I come. Lord, I come." And then He's going to take all those sins and all the consequences of sin away from your life. You're a backslider, you need to come, too. You're a backslider, you need to come, too. You've gone far away from the Lord. You need to come, too. The sin of your life holding you down, overpowering your life. You need to come, too, so that all that backsliding the Lord will take away. And then He will restore to you the righteousness that you have lost, you can come, you can come. The Lord is waiting for you.

Anywhere you are, you can come. In all the retreat locations. Don't hold back. Don't stay back. Don't stand back. Don't sit back there. You can come. And as you come, the Lord will receive you. The Lord will receive you. "He that commeth to Me, I will in no wise cast away." He receives everyone who comes. In Jesus' name we pray. Let me have a good, good "Amen".

All those who have come, you raise up your hand. It means you are surrendering to Christ. You are surrendering all to Christ. All to Jesus I surrender. All to Him I freely give. I will ever love and trust Him. In His presence I will always daily live.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank You because of what Calvary has done. We thank You because of righteousness coming from Calvary, forgiveness coming from Calvary. Your grace, coming from Calvary. Your love coming Calvary. Oh Lord, I pray tonight, all these people who have come to You...accept them and receive them in Jesus' name. I pray, Lord, the peace of them will settle in their heart. The salvation of the Lord with the joy of salvation will be theirs in Jesus' name.

And the power to go and live in newness of life, I pray You give unto them. That, Lord, the evil things they did before, You cancel, Your power cancels sin, so that Lord, in righteousness and holiness and godliness, they'll be able to live before You now for the rest of their lives in Jesus' name. Thank you, Lord, because we know You have answered. In Jesus' name we pray. And everybody said...Amen.

Stay where you are...we're not through yet. Do you know that Calvary cancels our sickness? I said, "Do you know that Calvary cancels our sickness?" Our infirmities and every yoke of the devil...Calvary will bear, will carry...everything away tonight in Jesus' name. Don't look at the condition of your body. Don't look at your pain. Don't look at your suffering. Don't look at the description of your sickness. Just look at Calvary. Look at Calvary because Calvary, Calvary, Calvary takes everything away. Your sickness will go tonight. Your infirmities will go tonight. ...Because of Calvary.

Do you have any sickness? Do you have any infirmity? Raise up your hand. I'm going to pray for you anywhere you are in the halls and outside anywhere. Calvary will take all those mountains, all those sicknesses, all those infirmities. Calvary will take everything away tonight.

Father, in Jesus' name! We thank You because of the cross of Christ. Thank you, Lord, because of that crucifixion. Thank You, Lord, because of what Calvary has done in our lives. Lord, we pray You'll bring healing to the sick tonight through Calvary, in Jesus' name. Deliverance you will bring to the oppressed tonight through Calvary, in Jesus' name.

I pray tonight every yoke will be broken, all the works of the devil destroyed. And Lord, I pray that you'll stretch forth Your healing hand...by Your stripes heal the sick tonight in Jesus' name. Confirm the healing, the miracle, the wonders of Calvary everywhere right now. I thank you, Lord, because I know You have answered. In Jesus' name we pray. And everybody said...final, final, final...Amen!

I got something from Calvary. I said, "I got something from Calvary." You got it. I pray the blessing will be permanent in Jesus' name. All those who came out, wait for our Camp Commandant; he will address you and address the counselors, and then we'll see how to go from there. Thank you very much, and God bless everyone.

Amen.