

Jesus Answers The Question, "What is Truth?"

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We begin our day by going to our text that the Lord has provided today and that text will be found in John 18. The Gospel according to John 18:37 and the beginning of 38.

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. 38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

Let us pray.

Dear heavenly Father, how gracious, how perfect, how holy, how merciful, how great thou art. Lord, I pray in this hour and the hour to come, that you would humble us, Lord, and bring us to thy feet that you may search our hearts, that you may bring forth thy truth and, Lord, that you would minister to our every need this hour, that you would be our all-in-all. Lord, I pray specifically that thou would humble me, that thou would bring thy truth forth, that thou would put it upon my lips and that thou would anoint me with thy Spirit, that thou would bring forth thy truth with power. Lord, may thy sheep hear thy voice this day. May they find comfort in thee and thee alone and may you be glorified. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

We live in a day and age of what we call fake news. It seems like every day we hear there is news and then there's fake news and if it's one side or even people in power, they will always play that card that there is fake news out there and then there is the other side saying what they're saying is fake news and there's news and there's fake news and what is it that a child of God is supposed to take out of that? And I thought about that this week and I was praying about that and the Lord took me back to the very beginning of fake news and that happened at the day of resurrection. If you remember, when the Lord raised and the tomb was empty, there was a movement made by the chief priests to bribe those soldiers and to put out lies of fake news, if you will; to tell everyone that the disciples had stolen his body. That would be prevalent in that age. It's still prevalent today. Fake news or lies and deception, the things that we hear so predominantly in our society today, the design of Satan in that is to take our minds and our hearts away from the truth.

In our passage today, the Lord says that he came for this cause, he came as a King. He is the King of kings. He came to bear witness unto the truth and everyone that is of the truth hears his voice. I was watching a movie lately with my children. They are into some of these movies now where these heroes or whatever it is you call them, I find myself sometimes immersed in the movie and I realized as I was studying and praying for this message today, that one of the things that is so dominant in our society today is something called an alternative reality or an alternate reality. And I thought about that because out of that reality that they try, Hollywood will always try to make you think there is another reality, sometimes when I'm watching those movies, I'll have those thoughts in my mind, it will come in and I can see the design of the wicked one in them because you start to think, "What if that could happen? What if that is even possible? What if these things and these other universes actually exist? What if there is these other supreme beings?" Then the Lord in his faithfulness says it's all a lie. And I see the design of this alternate truth and the whole design of Satan in it is to destroy the absolute truth. Man today hates absolute truth. Compromise is fine but absolute truth is an abomination. You can have your way that you think as long as you placate, as long as you give ear to, as long as you agree in some way that there can be an alternate truth. It is a huge danger for the people of God and why would it not be because it is of the deceiver? It is of the wicked one.

So I say as we live in this life today and as we walk in this life and every day the child of God if he watches the news, if he reads headlines, if he has the news on or just the radio on or the tv on, he is constantly bombed, bombarded with alternate truth. Is there a truth separate from the truth? Then we start to entertain those thoughts. "Well, maybe this one's right. And maybe this one's right. Or maybe this one could be right. Maybe that one could be right." But the word of God tells us that there is one truth and this passage that we have today, the Lord reveals to Pilate and make no mistake about it, he's in the midst of a fake trial with fake news at the beginning of it. They have fake witnesses that come up to make some kind of accusation against one who has never sinned, who has never done anything wrong. And Pilate, of course, his answer is the world's answer today, "What is truth? What is truth to me?" Jesus said to him, "I bear witness of the truth. I came to reveal to my children, to set up my kingdom in their soul. I did. That is what I did and they will hear my voice and my voice is truth." And is it any different for you and I today? As we live in this world in the year 2017 and we're constantly bombed with "truths," what is the truth? And if we stray from the written word and the living word which are both the same, Christ, that's who he says here, "I am the truth," if we stray from that, we start to entertain that there isn't an absolute truth. But the Lord Jesus Christ said there is one truth and it was him. It is him.

So today I want to look at this passage, not the passage but just the verses. I want to talk a little bit about each section and then I want to end today reading some truths in this precious book and I want to challenge you. I want to ask you as you sit there today and as you hear the word read and I want to ask you: is it truth? Has the Lord revealed to you that it's truth? Now, of course, I don't have time to read the entire word of God to you so it is what the Lord has revealed to me today, just simple truths, are they truths to you?

So today beginning now we ask the question or we don't ask the question, we look at what he said to Pilate, he said, "You say that I'm a king. To this end was I born." The Lord came into this world to save his people from their sins. He came to set up his kingdom. He came to reveal his kingdom to his people. You and I today live in the kingdom if we live in Christ Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "My kingdom is in the midst of you." It is Christ himself. We live in a day and age where the Lord has not left us orphans. He has not left us without himself. He is still the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the same Shepherd today as he was the Shepherd to his disciples here. You and I are in dire need to be revealed that, that his kingdom that he has set up that we live in that kingdom, that he is the King of kings of that kingdom, he is the Lord of lords.

Hold your finger here and turn with me over to what Paul said when he wrote in 1 Timothy 6 and we're just going to begin at the end here in verse 13. "I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things," and that's the only way it will ever be revealed, "the Lord who quickeneth all things and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession." That's what we're talking about today, the confession.

What was it that Jesus said? Paul says this, "That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." We need that appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ multiple times. We need him to appear to us every day. As I just said, we get in our cars, we go home today, we're going to have and be attacked by an alternative truth, an alternative reality. We need the Lord to come to hear his voice that he is truth.

And if you don't believe me, look in this verse 15, he says, "Which in his times," that's plural, "he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords." Times, that's plural. How precious that is that it's plural. It tells us that the Lord comes multiple times. We need him multiple times in our soul. We need to hear him yesterday, we need to hear him today, we need to hear him forever because you and I, because of this old nature, because of the propensity to listen to man, to be swayed by man, to follow man, we need to hear the Lord's voice. We need to hear that he is King of kings. We need to hear that he is Lord of lords.

"Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen." Is that a truth to you today? Is it a truth to you that Christ is the only truth? Meaning that you will not get your truth from man. You will not get your truth from the news. You will not get your truth and what is truth? That's what we're talking about today. Now we can understand why Pilate would look at Christ and go, "Well, what is truth?" Pilate wasn't revealed the truth. Pilate is sitting there and he's confused because he doesn't see any harm that this man has done, but yet when he hears man say, "Crucify him!" he's swayed by what man says. And notice what he loses to: he is swayed by what man says and he follows what man says because he doesn't have the witness of the truth in him. He doesn't have Christ in him.

"Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see." Without him. Without him, without his revelation, this kingdom of truth is what the Lord Jesus Christ, that's what he said to Pilate back in our text here, "Art thou then a king? Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." John tells us in John 1:14 and 17, he says, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld his glory, the glory as the only begotten of the Father." Have you beheld the glory of Christ that has been revealed to you that he is the only begotten one of the Father? If he is, if he's the only one that can reveal the truth to the Father, if the Holy Spirit and Christ and the Father, the three-in-one, if they have all truth and if all truth resides in them and comes from them, how can you and I grope in this world or look into this world for truth because we're not going to find it? We're going to find an alternate truth. We're going to find man's truth.

"For the law was given by Moses but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." Jesus came with grace and truth. Is that a truth to you today? Jesus came to establish, "I have left heaven. I have come down. I have been made flesh." Why? Is that a truth to you? As I said and I understand, I wonder sometimes about our young people in this room, we do get caught up, they do get caught up in these movies and these things that are on tv and it's an alternate truth. And sometimes I'll ask them and they'll tell me, "Oh, dad, that's just make believe. We know that's make believe. We know that that is." Good. I hope you know that. I hope you know that truth, the real truth, lies in Christ and Christ alone and that if you're looking for some alternate truth, the world's got many of them and the reason for them is to knock Christ. It's the deceptiveness of the deceptive one, the deceiver who has always been a deceiver.

John in John 14:6, we know that Lord "saith unto him, I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life. I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." There is another truth. Pilate said, "What is truth?" I hope today as the word of God is read to you that the Holy Spirit comes to you as you sit in that seat individually and he speaks to you and says, "Is that truth? Is that truth that Christ is the way, the truth and the life? Is that truth that no man can come to the Father, that no man can't but by Christ? Is that a truth for you today?"

That's why I said today we're going to have a lot of the word of God. Is it the word of God? Is it what the Lord says is life? Is it manifested to reveal him? I can't answer that for you. I think sometimes and I know it's true in my life, I'll read the Bible and sometimes it does seem foreign to me. It's shut up to me. The depth of the truth, I'll read it, I'll read a passage over and over again and until the Lord reveals the depth in it, I'm left there to grope. I'm left there to say, "Lord, what does it mean?" And to today, there are passages in the word of God that haven't been revealed to me. I'm not ashamed to say that. I'm at the mercy of the Lord to reveal the word of God to me. What does this mean? It means a lot more than what man says it means. I mean, we read these things and take them at face value and we can explain them away and just say, "Oh, that's what it meant

for this or that person." Who cares? What does it mean for the child of God today? What does it mean for you? What does it mean for me?

"Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." The Lord bears the witness of the truth.

Then he says, "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." Notice that is particular, that is absolute. Every one. Every one that is of the truth, that is born of the truth, born of God, heareth my voice. Every one. Now, that right there tells me of his faithfulness to reveal his truth to every one of his children in whatever depth and whatever way. John 10:27 says, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me." So we see that when the Lord says, "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice," there's a power in it. There is a great power in that voice. Where the word of a king is, there is power. And the Lord when we hear his voice, it comes with such a power that it alters us, our way of walking, our way of thinking.

That's what the Lord does. He must mortify. He must put down. Sometimes, and it's more than sometimes, I have such great shame of the thoughts that come into my mind, that come into my mind and threaten me, and sometimes I wonder and I'll sit there after the Lord has dealt with that thought to tell me that that is wickedness, that that is the attack of the wicked one, and that he has kept me from that, he has prayed for me, he has delivered me from that, even as I'm being sifted and I say, "Lord, I have such shame that that thought even came into my mind." And I start to think, "Well, what am I exposing myself to that all of these things come into my mind and my heart?" And I'll tell you, if the Lord doesn't keep the house, if the Lord doesn't surround us and put a hedge about us, we're constantly bombarded by the attacks and the wiles of the wicked one and the world reaching out trying to get us and all of its allurements and everything that looks so good in the world, it's an alternate truth and everything that our flesh tells us, that's an alternate truth, which we'll see here in a moment.

But there is power. "My sheep hear my voice and I know them." There is a relationship. That's what he says, "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." Every one. There is a relationship and we know, the Bible uses that terminology a lot, Romans 8:28, 1 John uses it quite a few times, "and we know." How do we know? We know when the Lord reveals it to us. When that word of the King comes, it is with such power that he makes us to lie down in the green pasture of his finished work. He leads us beside the still waters to drink of his peace, to drink of his love, to drink of his faith, to drink of his longsuffering, all of those fruits that are bound in him, that are given in and through him by the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 says this, "For this cause," Paul said, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." That's a long verse but what is it telling us? That's a deep verse. It's got many things. Paul said, "I am thankful. For this cause I give great thanks. I give thanks that the Lord Jesus Christ reveals his truth in you. And you did

not receive that, what we have preached, you have not received that as the words of men." I would never want you to leave a sermon that the Lord has given me and say, "Those were the words of Shawn. I want to believe those words. Those are good words." Absolutely not. I hope you hear from the voice of the Shepherd. The Holy Spirit says to you, "Yes, that is the truth." That is the only truth that will ever set me free and that is the truth that's in Christ Jesus which he said, "shall make you free."

Paul said in that passage that we don't receive it as the words of men. So I said, all the way back, you go all the way back and that's the words of men spread all those lies and has spread all those lies and spread all those lies. Paul's ministry went forth to speak the resurrection of Christ and the resurrection that he did rise from the dead. Why? There were so many lies spread about and that was always the center point of his ministry, the power of the resurrection. Is that a truth to you today? And if it is, flesh and blood didn't reveal that to you, but the Father which is in heaven. How much in dire need we are to hear this truth and to hear it from the mouth of the Lord. And I say that knowing that it's the Spirit that reveals that and it's not seen, but the voice we need to hear, we need to hear the voice of the Lord.

"But as it is in truth," he said, "the word of God," that's what it is, "the word of God, which effectually," do you know what that means? Powerfully, "worketh also in you that believe." It must come with faith. It must be mixed with faith, Paul said. It must come in the power of the gift of faith to believe. That's what faith does, it credits the word of God. It says, "Yes, he is true. Everything you hear is true." And that faith is the faith of the Son of God. We need that faith. We need it dearly.

Turn with me real quick not far because if you're in John with me, if we turn back over to John 15. Now we know this is the Lord telling his disciples that he is going to send them the Comforter, that the Holy Spirit is going to come to lead them into all truth but look at this in John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father." What do we have there? The perfect Trinity. "When the Comforter," the Holy Spirit, "is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father," we see all three of them in perfect unity of the Holy Spirit coming to speak the words. Well, we'll go on, "even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." That's where we learn the truth. We learn the truth at the feet of Christ with the Holy Spirit revealing what that truth is. He takes the words of Christ, he takes the doctrine of Christ, and he reveals it to us and that's what Jesus told, "My sheep will hear my voice. All of them that hear me will hear my voice."

Verse 27, "And ye also shall bear witness," why? Because his witness is in us. His power is in us. His power brings forth the truth that he has put in us. "Ye also shall bear witness because ye have been with me from the beginning." Do you know what that is? Eternal vital union. We have been with him since the beginning. We have been in Christ before the foundation of the world. We were put in Christ and that's the whole thing: is he life? That's what the Scriptures are asking you today: is he life? Is he the truth? Is he the way?

In 1 John 2:27, we then hear these words, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you." That's the seed. That's Christ living in his people. That is the life of Christ lived out for his people here in this life.

"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you." You see, the Lord has already combated the words of men. You don't need men to teach you. He is sufficient. The power that he puts inside the child of God is sufficient to take the words of truth that you hear from the vessels that he rises up, that Paul just said, "I'm so thankful you have received the words that they're not of me, they're of God. And not of men. They're not of men." I pray that that's a truth that the Lord has worked and brought it powerfully to your soul that I must be taught of him. Not in a sarcastic way or a way just to use as an argument when you don't have something revealed to you, "Oh well, I must be taught of him." No, it's true. You're right, you must be taught of him but he brings the vessel humbly before him and he empties that vessel of himself to fill it with himself. We'll see that.

"Ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." When I hear those things, I hear all of him. I hear everything that has been revealed to me is for the glory of him. He says, "This is what I've done." We rebel at that sometimes. I'm going to ask you some questions here in a minute. That's what I'm saying, we rebel against him having authority over us. We do. We rebel in that old nature and say, "We won't have this man to reign over us today. I know what the Bible says. I know that we're to wait upon him but not me today. I'm going to seek my own. I'm going to go my way. I'm going to do this. I'm going to do that." We're in dire need of the Lord to bring us to his feet that every one that is of the truth will hear his voice.

Now, we have that little question. After Jesus said what he did, he talked about the power and his purpose and what we have in him and, as I said, I hope you see him as the King of kings. I hope you see him as all truth. I hope you see him as the only truth because as I said, I promise you, I'm not a prophet but I can tell you when you leave this room, when you go home today, even before you get there if you listen to the radio, you're looking at the billboards, you're looking, there's going to be an alternate truth hitting you right in the face.

Is that true? Many times I have to ask that, sometimes in health, you know, I'll read a headline in the health world sometimes and it'll have little blurbs and I'll see something I've been doing wrong. "Oh, if you do this this way, you're in trouble. If you eat a lot of this food, you're going to be..." And I'm sitting there going, "Uh-oh, that's me." Well, that's an alternate truth because the Lord is the Lord of life. He holds the keys of life in his hand. We have all of these designs out there to bring fear into us, the tormenting fear. And for us to run around like we don't have any foundation or that our house is built upon the sand. The Lord has to reveal to us that this house is built upon the rock which is Christ.

So I told you I'd read you some things to answer this question. Pilate said unto him, "What is truth?" So I have a few verses to read to you and the first one is in Luke 4:4. You say, "Well, that's kind of strange." If you know your Bible, you know that's when the Lord was being tempted by the devil and the Lord gave this answer in Luke 4:4, "And Jesus answered him," which was the devil, "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Do you believe that? Do you believe that your life today is not in the sustenance of this world or the things in this world: the bread, the riches, the whatever? Do you understand or do you believe that you must live by the word of God? And that's a twofold word: that's the living word that's Christ and that's the revealed word in the Scriptures that testify of Christ. That's what Jesus said, "They testify of me." Is that a truth to you today that this word in front of you testifies of Christ? Are you looking into this word to justify your life?

I've heard that so many times in my life, "I was raised that way, to think that this book is no better than a self-help book. If you want to know how you could be better, you go in here and you do the things that are written in this book." And I've set out to try that but I can't get too far because the law is what Paul said in Romans 3, it brings me guilty before God. It brings me to the feet of the Lord and says, "Lord, O wretched man that I am! I can't do these. I can't keep this law. I can't live a perfect and sinless life. I can try and it's destroyed within minutes because of what's warring in my members," Paul said. There is sin in our members.

So is that a truth to you, that the word of God that we must live by the word of God? That we live by Christ? That Christ is life and Christ is the revelation of this word? And this word is not a self-help book? It is life. It is Christ as he reveals what life is for his children. And if you believe that, if the Lord has impressed that upon you, that this is life, that his word testifies of him, then he will draw you to this word because you will not be able to live without it. You will not. If you ever believe in this life that you can get by without the word of God, you are being deceived. In his great mercy he has left us the testimony of himself. This isn't salvation, it reveals salvation that is in Christ and Christ alone. May the Lord impress upon us that this truth that Pilate knows nothing about and that this world knows nothing about but that the truth is that we need the living Word and we need the written word. We need the Lord to come with power to reveal both of them and that they both are Christ and reveal Christ.

Paul in 1 Timothy 1:15 writes, "This is a faithful saying." And my question to you this morning: is it a faithful saying? "And worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." You know, we talk about that sometimes from the pulpit. Look what Paul wrote. He's the chief of sinners and then we look out at the people and we say, "Is that the case with you?" Well, guess what? Today I look out at you and I say, "Is that the case with you? Has the Lord ever revealed to you that you're a chief sinner?" You're not looking at your brothers and sisters next to you and their sins that they commit, the Holy Spirit has convicted you of sin and said, "Do you know what? There's not a worse sinner on the face of this earth but you." That's how he works in his children. He brings them to the depth of neediness where they need salvation, where they cry out unto the Lord, "Lord, save me!" Salvation is of the Lord. Is

that a truth to you? I don't say that flippantly. I don't say that we have this group of people that are chiefest of sinners and all we've got to do is say that we're the chiefest of sinners. I'm asking you: has the Lord revealed to you that you are the chiefest of sinners in need of salvation in Christ alone?

This brings me to my next Scripture in Luke 19:10. Jesus said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Do you believe it? Do you believe that salvation is all of him? Do you believe in this truth of the Scripture? What is truth? Do you believe that he came to seek and to save that which was lost? The lost part is what we just talked about. Have you been lost? Are you lost at times still? Do you need to hear the Shepherd's voice? Do you need the salvation applied to you on a daily basis? Do you need to see? Do you realize that he came to seek and to save that which was lost? That he came not to be ministered to but to minister? Do you believe it? Is that a truth to you today, that you can't add anything to your salvation or do anything toward it? Do you believe it? Is it truth?

John in John 3:6 said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Do you know what I hear there? No mixture. I hear no mixture. What is born of the flesh is flesh. It will always be flesh. It will never get better. It will never be reformed. Do you know that about yourself? Do you know that as a truth? Or do you try to reform this old fallen nature by justifying your sin away?

As the Lord said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit," which is in his power, born of the Spirit which means born from above, "is spirit." That's something we definitely need to hear today that there is no mixture between the two. There is no mixture of what you do in your obedience and what the Lord has done in his finished work. There is no putting new wine into old wineskins. I hope the Lord has impressed that upon you in your life, that that is truth that you can't mix the two. The Lord has made a delineation. He has said it so therefore it's true.

Paul wrote in Galatians 5:17, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Now, that last part because we've already talked about the battle between the flesh and the spirit, I have to ask you: have you been convinced that that's a truth? Paul said, "I have a desire. I have a will to do that but I can't." Have you had that warfare in your life where the Lord has revealed it as a truth to you that you cannot do the things that you would? Which then tells me that without him, I can do nothing. What he said to the Psalmist, "Who performs all things for him." What he revealed to Hezekiah as Hezekiah was brought to the end of himself, "Lord, undertake for me." Have you been brought there? Because if you have, the Lord has revealed to you this precious truth that you cannot do the things that you would. Do I have any doubt that the people of God love him? Absolutely not because he loved us first. But how to perform that which the Lord has performed perfectly, I find in myself I cannot do it. I am dependent upon my Lord for life, for truth, for the way. May he reveal that today.

The last one I want to share with you is from David in Psalm 36:9, "For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light." I love that word "shall." It's such an emphatic truth. The Holy Spirit spoke mightily through David, "With thee, Lord, is the fountain of life. With thee, is all life and the only way it'll be revealed to me is in your light." That's what we've been talking about. In your truth. In your way. Is this truth to you?

Now, you know many truths have been spoken from this pulpit. Like I said, we could sit here all day, there are many things I'd like to share with you today and ask you: are they truth to you? I'd like to ask you: for by grace are you saved through faith and it's a gift of God, do you believe that? Do you believe it's a gift of God? Do you believe that faith is a gift of God? Do you believe that grace is something that you have no part in? That it's something the Lord bestows upon his people because he has a sovereign right and love to do so? Do you believe in the words of Christ when he said, "It is finished"? Do you believe that he has finished everything for you? Do you believe that everything is in Christ life and that he is our sustenance? Do you believe that if God be for us who can be against us? As we heard all this alternate truth and we've heard today about all these people who have other truths, that they're all against you. If all the truth of man is against you and God is for you, is that enough? Is that a truth to you that if God is for you, who can be against you? Is it truth to you that you live by the faith of the Son of God? Is that a truth to you today or do you have some kind of different idea of faith? You have a different idea that it's something that you must bring forth? It's not the faith of Christ where he is faithful to bring it forth, it's your faith? It's something you've got to believe? Or do you believe that Christ is sufficient in that area also? You believe that that is true?

Do you believe that, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness"? That the Lord's strength is made perfect in weakness, that's the stripping of the child of God to nothing? We must be made weak to see his strength. That's where our strength is, in our weakness.

"My strength is made perfect in weakness. I am come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly." Do you believe that? Do you believe what he told Pilate today? Do you believe that he said, "This is the reason I came"? And do you believe that it is truth that the abundance of life is only in Christ and he is the only one who can give it? I leave you in the hands of our precious Lord in the power of the Holy Ghost to reveal to you today what is truth.

Our text one more time, "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?"

Dear heavenly Father, may you reveal this hour what thy truth is. May you bring us, Lord, to sit at thy feet that you would come with power and we may hear thy voice for the glory of thee. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.