

Enemies Of The Grace of God

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Colossians 2 this morning please, verse 9, the divine text says,

"9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore," this is a summation, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. 20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, 21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not; 22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship," contrast that with worshipping of angels, "and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh."

Father, bless this holy book now. God, grant that I preach it this morning, in Jesus' name. Amen.

You can be seated.

The Apostle Paul, in the book of Colossians, comes head on against the enemies of the gospel of the grace of God. The Apostle Paul, in the book of Colossians, comes head on against the enemies of the gospel of the grace of God. The apostle says in Ephesians 2, "For by grace are you saved through faith and it is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast." Once we do something, it makes our flesh feel better and usually in a religious context, when you do something, you feel better, you feel more holy and you feel more righteous because you've done something. The issue in the New Testament is not what you can do but what he has done for you because what he will do for you is lift you far higher than you could ever even conceive in your fallen mind, in the fleshly mind, what God is capable of doing.

Now I'm going to call your attention to some things here in the book of Colossians 2:18, "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels." The Apostle Paul said, "There are those who worship angels." Let me say this right now: there are those who are worshipping angels and I'm not absolutely certain that I understand the mindset of the apostle as to what he's dealing with because he may simply be using simple terminology in the use of the word "angels" but it may imply far more than on the surface meets the eye. Why? Well, first of all, an angel can be a created being. Michael and Gabriel are angels, archangels. An angel can be a manifestation of God: the Angel of the Lord. An angel can be a manifestation of a spirit being: for Satan can be transformed into an angel of light. An an angel can be a manifestation of a human being before God: the angels that behold the face of our Father which is in heaven in reference to a child. When Rhoda went to the door and they were having a prayer meeting in the house for Peter who was locked up, Rhoda went to that door and there stood Peter and she was amazed and she went back into the house and said, "Peter is at the door," and they didn't believe her. They said it was his angel. So what in the world where they talking about? When Scripture uses the terminology "angel" it may be referring to something far deeper than we understand angels to be. In plain words, let me say this this morning: an angel in the Bible is far more than a simple created being so therefore when the Apostle Paul says in Colossians 2 that they are worshipping angels, he may very well be making a reference to worshipping spirit beings that are masquerading as an angel but something far more sinister in what they are doing.

We had better be very careful as to what we worship. Worship is a very powerful thing because worship motivates your life and moves you in your soul and in your spirit. There is something about a human being when it comes before God to worship God that is different from anything else on the face of this earth. I don't know that you could ever find from Genesis to Revelation where it ever says one time that an angel ever worshiped God. Go find it; go look it up and you will not find it in Scripture. That's not saying that they can't, but the Bible does not say specifically that they do. But a creature like you of dirt that has been brought forth from the dirt, from the dust of the ground, that will one day rise into the presence of God, you can worship Almighty God. So that's a big deal.

I want you to notice what it says in the book of John, chapter 12, verse 32. He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." That drawing power of

the Lord Jesus Christ is to bring you unto himself. I'm a messenger, that's all I am, that's all I will ever be. My job, my calling, my purpose in life is to open the pages of the word of God and to preach God's word and to preach and proclaim the truth of the living word of the living God but I cannot draw you to Christ. That is outside of my hands. God did not give a human being that kind of power and authority but he said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." There is a spiritual world, folks, whether you admit it or not, there is a spiritual dimension that you need to understand. It's more real than that body that you're sitting in right now. What's hungering for God is your spirit. What's hungering for God is your soul. What is empty today is your spirit. What is empty today is your soul. That part of you that needs a touch from God is that inner man, the real man, the living man, not that body that you're in but that one that sits here this morning.

And here is what I have to say: the Bible said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." That is certainly a direct reference to Calvary. He was lifted up from this earth at Calvary, there suspended between heaven above and earth beneath. Our Lord Jesus Christ gave himself so that we could be saved. Hallelujah to God! He was lifted up on the cross and that draws men for at the cross of Calvary, have you ever stopped for a moment and looked at that crucifixion and asked yourself a simple question, "Why did he die at Calvary? Why did an innocent man, a sinless man, a perfect man, a holy man, why did he die at Calvary?" If you can answer that question truthfully, if you can get a concept of what the crucifixion is about, then you are a step closer to God. If you can understand why he went to the tree, you can begin to understand the heinousness of sin and the righteousness of holiness and understand who we are and our place before God.

But to be lifted up means more too than Calvary for he can be lifted up by preaching as I'm preaching this morning. I'm lifting him up. I'm telling you about Jesus. Not me, I can't save you. I'm nothing. I'm here today, I'm gone tomorrow but the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, is worthy to be exalted, lifted up, praised, preached. His name is above every name. I hear these people all the time, I spent some time this week reading when they say the name of Jesus is not the right name, we should call him Yeshua and all of this in the Hebrew and into the Latin and into this and that and so forth and so on. Let me tell you something: you can be tied up with a name and never know the man. It's not about a name, it's about the man, Christ Jesus. You may spend all your life and you can spend your whole life crossing t's and dotting i's, splitting hairs and never meet the Christ that died at Calvary. Folks, I'm lifting up Jesus because I speak English and Jesus is the English name of Yeshua. Amen.

But he can also be lifted up in beauty. Why? Because the apostle said time and again, "that you might be filled with the knowledge of God, that you might understand God, that you might know him and the power of his resurrection." There is a spiritual knowledge that can only come from God. He must give it to you. It comes by revelation. You can read until you are blue in the face and your eyeballs pop out of your head but as long as you read it intellectually with a fallen mind, the mind, my friend, of the flesh, and most of us operate most of the time with a fleshly mind. Let that settle in: most of us

operate most of the time with a fleshly mind. Here and there we'll have a divine spark of the soul from God Almighty where the light floods into us and the mind of Christ takes over and we begin to see things as God sees them so we see him in his beauty. Let me tell you something about beauty: beauty is not the filth that we wallow in; beauty is not this ungodly world and the condemnation that men live under; beauty is not sin as it is broadcast before your eyes day in and day out. Beauty is holiness and there is beauty in holiness. What is it? His purity. Some of you that wallow, drink, eat, slop sin day in and day out, deep, deep down inside your soul, you have a desire for something better but you don't know how to get there, you don't know what to do, you have no way to touch it, you can't reach it and you can't reach it, you can't touch it, you can't do it but you can cry out to him and asked for mercy and say, "Lord God, I believe. Help my unbelief."

God gives us what we need. It's always that way. He will be lifted up by the Holy Ghost. You can always tell what a man's motivation is and who he loves by who he talks about. The Holy Spirit of God will always talk about Christ. He will lift him up. He said, "When he the Spirit of truth is come, he will not speak of himself," and this is where I fall out with the Pentecostals and charismatics for all they do is go around singing and praising the Holy Ghost. There is nothing wrong with the Holy Spirit, praise God, but it is not our place to praise the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will praise Jesus. If it's the real Holy Ghost, his purpose in this world is to exalt the son of God. Let me tell you one of the reasons why: because when you get into the spirit world, we don't even half understand the Holy Spirit. None of us know the essence of a spirit. We're getting into a realm that is so obscure that we don't fully comprehend what we're dealing with but we know Jesus. We know who he is. We know why he came, why he died. He was buried and he rose again the third day. We understand that. My friend, as he becomes alive in my soul, more beautiful to me every day, I exalt and lift up the Savior. That's the holy ghost working in your heart.

So he said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw men to me." I'm trying to show you a contrast between worshipping angels and worshipping God. Worshipping God is not an orchestrated thing where you come together and somebody leads you. You don't need anybody to lead you, all you need is to be born again. The first thing that he did when he brought them out of Egypt, they'd been there for 400 years, not a whole lot of worshipping took place in Egypt but when he got them out of Egypt, he gave them a priesthood and a tabernacle. He gave them a sacrifice and an offering. He met them at Sinai and the mountain burned and the smoke blew and it shook and they died but they got a hold of his holiness. Israel began to understand that the God that they served was far greater than any God they had ever known in Egypt. This is a God that cannot be seen. He's invisible but he's Almighty. He's all-powerful. And when they were brought out, they were redeemed by an outstretched arm and the first thing he gave them was a place to worship. "Why, Preacher?" Because if you are born again, you're going to worship. Amen. Amen.

I want you to notice what it says in Colossians 2:9. The Bible says, "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." The Greek word translated "fullness" there is "pleroma." The Apostle Paul is confronting the Gnostics and the Judaizers. He's

confronting those who said they had so much more knowledge than we do, they were so much smarter than us, so much more spiritual than we are. The Apostle Paul butted heads with them. He butted heads with them. He said, "Let me tell you who Jesus Christ is." And when you use the word "pleroma" here he's not talking about fullness in the sense that you fill up a glass full of water. You look at that glass and it's full of water, that's not what he's talking about. "What is he talking about, Preacher?" He's talking about every divine attribute, every divine glory, every divine person, every divine ability, everything of God. Each one the individual to its fullest extent is found, filled up, in the Lord Jesus Christ. That's what he's talking about. Hallelujah!

The occult world teaches us there are part here and part there. This god has that. This god can do that. This god can do this. This god can do that. But the Apostle Paul said, "My God has it all." And that's a big deal for when it says, "in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily," he was saying in the body 2,000 years ago this man who walked among you, this man is the God-man and in him dwells the absolute completion of God, the manifestation of God, the Incarnation of God. You need joy? It's Christ. You need holiness? It's Christ. Are you hungry? It's Christ. Do you need forgiveness? It's Christ. Do you need mercy? It's Christ. Do you need grace? It's Christ. There exists absolutely no divine attribute outside of the Lord Jesus Christ. He's everything and all things. Amen.

So the Apostle Paul laid that down and the reason he did is because he compared him in chapter number 2, verse 15, "Having spoiled principalities and powers." In the book of Daniel, chapter 10, you read about a confrontation that took place in the Old Testament. Daniel 10, he'd been praying and God sent him an answer. Daniel 10:10, Daniel was praying for his people. This is the world of principalities and power. Daniel 10:10, "And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent." Now, listen carefully, "And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling." Just a mere angel brought Daniel to trembling. "Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia." For a brief moment in the book of Daniel, it opens up for us what goes on in that unseen world, that invisible world of combat with angelic beings, spiritual beings, principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places, demons, cherubim, seraphim, angel, Archangel. For a brief moment, Daniel pulls back the curtain and says that, "Michael, an Archangel from God, was hindered in coming to me because he had to confront a being, a spiritual being that tried to stop him from coming and the battle raged for 21 days."

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against spiritual powers, principalities, powers, spiritual wickedness in high places. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty and to God the pulling down of strongholds." We go to battle but were not doing anything. If we're not fighting the battle, we've already given up and we're floating

downstream with the refuse. Have you ever noticed that the garbage never fights against the stream, it just flows with it. That's easy and everybody takes the easy path but if you're going to see your family saved, if you're going to live a Christian life, if you're going to have power in your life, if you're going to have your prayers answered, if you're going to have a testimony for God, it's going to cost you something. You're going to have to go against the flow. You've got to find out what the spirit of the age is, get spiritual discernment from God, find out what the spirit that motivates this age is, and go against it. That will get you step one in the right direction.

So what we have here is the spirit world and the Lord Jesus Christ is contrasted with the spirit world and with this battle that rages. The Bible says that at the cross at Calvary, they put a title over his head, a title that said a Latin word for the charges brought against him. When he was nailed on the tree, here for public consumption, was a charge brought against the Son of God. The Bible said that contrary to the law, the commandments, all this that could only bring fetters and bind us was put in that title and nailed to the tree. So the Apostle Paul is saying, "Listen you Judaizers, listen you people who judge men by what they do instead of what they are," there is not a man in this house that can judge righteous judgment when it comes to the life of an individual human being. There is not a one of us that can walk in another's shoes. Every last one of us is in dire need of grace. I need grace daily. I need grace hourly. I need grace moment-by-moment. Grace. Grace. Grace. The grace of God. I can't live your life and you can't live mine. You think you know me but you don't know me. You think you understand, but you don't understand. We all fight our battles. We all have our problems. The difference is, do we come to him and get what we need or do we turn to ourselves and principalities and powers and get what makes us feel good? It's a lot easier to get feel-good religion than it is to get right with God. It's not easy to get right with God but when you get right with God he puts you down at his table again and gives you something to eat and puts a robe on your back. He'll kill the fatted calf and put a ring on your finger. There is no better place in the world than a place where you get right with God.

You say, "What does it take to get right with God?" God will let you know. That's out of my league. That's not my place. I'm not your judge. Amen. I'm not your judge that took a huge load off of me. For the first 15 to 20 years of my ministry I figured God called me to be the high Sheriff and the judge of heaven. Amen. I did the best job I could being God's high Sheriff and judge and then I had my system and my list drawn up and I pretty well polished it and worked it out and thought I had it made, thought I had it perfected. I then came to find out that there were some issues going on that I didn't have any idea about, especially in my own life, some things that I needed grace for and didn't even know. God began to reveal to me progressively my situation and my condition.

Your salvation is a twofold thing: the Bible said to work out your salvation, your own salvation, to work it out with fear and trembling. That has absolutely nothing to do with the salvation of your soul in eternity, that has to do with the salvation of your life in this world. Salvation in the New Testament is used in a number of different ways: one way has to do with eternity, has to do with the new birth, but other ways have to do with your life. He saved us from the wrath to come, the Bible says. That's not eternal salvation,

that's judgment here. Some of you are dying. You are dying. You're dying. Your marriage is crumbling. Your children have given up. You're dying. Why? You're losing your salvation in this world, not your eternal destiny but your life here and the only way that you can get any strength and help to defeat it, is by grace. And the only way you can receive grace is to give grace. And the only way to receive forgiveness is to give forgiveness. It's that law of God that is one of the hardest things to learn and understand. If I give mercy, I receive mercy. If I forgive, I am forgiven. If I can receive grace, I can minister grace. Hallelujah God! Do you understand what I'm saying? Some folks work out of their ivory towers and their ivory palaces and they look down upon everybody else around them and judge all and the sad thing about that is, look at yourself. But the problem is you're using your own mind to look at yourself. You can't do that. You have to have the mind of Christ to do that and that's not an easy thing. That's not easy.

So the spirit world in Colossians is laid out for us and bared so that we can understand it. In 2:18, he talks about worshiping angels and then he talks about in verse 23, will worship. Boy, that's a strange thing. Worshiping angels I can understand because you worship you know not what. The Lord told the woman at the well in John 4, he said, "When she was confronted with the fact that she had had five husbands and the man she was with now wasn't her husband," he told her that. What was the first thing she said to him? "I perceive thou art I have prophet." Then she moved right into her religion and said, "We worship in Gerizim, you say Jerusalem is the place to worship. We worship at how Mount Gerizim." Do you mean to tell me that she had never stopped going to church even though she had had five husbands? She was still an active member. And then he said to her, "You know not what you worship. Salvation is of the Jews." That my friend, is as clear as it can be: it's the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. If you don't know that God, you don't know the true God, his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation is of the Jews.

"God is a Spirit," he said, "and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." What does it mean to worship? What is worship about? Well, we come in here and we say we have a worship service, have you noticed the churches all around us, probably 9 out of 10, 99 out of 100, and they put up worship, "Come worship with us. Leave your fornicating bed and come on in and worship with us. Set your liquor aside for a while and come in and worship with us. Lay your dope in the corner and come in worship with us. Because it's all about the experience." No, it's not. The churches today, they have worship leaders, worship is orchestrated. It's like you go into a theater and from the moment you get there until the moment you leave everything falls exactly the way they say it's going to fall. You're going to be entertained and you're going to participate and your going to be made to feel good and you're going to feel good about yourself and you're going to feel even better about yourself and the first thing you know you're going to fall madly in love with yourself and you're going to be told that God Almighty is madly in love with you and the first thing you know, you're going to realize, "My goodness gracious, I didn't know I was so great." Is that why half the marriages are ending in divorce? If you're so great, why can't you keep a husband? If you're so great, why can't you keep a wife? If you're so great, why do your children despise you? If you're so great, why can't you keep a job? Somebody said, "The best way to find out

about anybody is to marry them or work with them." Well, I'm not going to marry you. Work with them or marry them. Amen.

Do you know what the problem is? The problem is that your focus is upon yourself instead of Christ. "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw men to me." When you come into this house, you come into here and you say, "Lord God, I don't even deserve to be here. Lord God, I'm a fallen sinner but by the grace of God I'm not going to hell. By the grace of God I've been forgiven. My sins are gone. My burden has been lifted. I've got joy in my soul. I'm so thankful for what God has done for me. I just want you to know that I love you, Lord." And you fall on your face and however you do it, and you start to pour out of your soul what he put in your soul. The true essence of worship is when God Almighty is able to look into your face and he's the only one that can do it, and see his own reflection in there as it comes back to him. He sees a soul that has received what he gave and when he saw a soul that received what he gave, that soul returns what God gave to him. That's worship. I can't worship God for forgiving me of my sins if they've never been forgiven. I can't worship God for the grace of God where he brought me out of hell and as I've been brought out of hell, I can't worship God because I've been changed in my nature is no longer what it used to be unless it has been changed and everything I've received, I've received from the Lord. Hallelujah. Satan doesn't like that. He hates it. God wants to see in us Christ formed in us and the Apostle Paul said over and over again, "Until Christ be formed in you."

Today, many children's leukemia are cured but this was not the case when Anna first became sick. There were periods of time that she was disease-free over the five years she received treatment but she faced the end of her life at the age of seven. Before she died, Anna mustered the final energy to sit up in her hospital bed and say, "The angels, those are beautiful. Mommy, can you see them? Do you hear their singing. I've never heard such beautiful singing." Then she lay back on her pillow and died. Her parents reacted as if they had received the most precious gift in the world. They had just lost their little girl but they knew Jesus had just come to get her. The hospital chaplain in attendance was more comfortable with the psychological than with the spiritual. He beat a hasty retreat to leave the existential doctor alone with the grieving family. Together we contemplated a spiritual mystery that transcended our combined understanding and experience.

For weeks to follow, this thought stuck in my head, "Have I found a reliable witness?" These are the words of Diane Christ., a pediatrician who had witnessed the death of many children, being a child doctor. This event got her back on the right road. It was like Maurice Rawlings, the cardiologists in Tennessee who was reviving a man who had had a heart attack and was giving him a diagnosis or whatever and every time they began to lose the man, the man would scream, "I'm in hell! I'm burning! Don't let me go! I'm in hell! I'm burning! Don't let me go! I'm in hell! I'm burning! Don't let me go! Dr., help me! Help me! Help me!" And Maurice Rawlings, being a physician, was dealing only with the physical part of the man and doing his job as a cardiologist but it got to him. It got to him and he went home, got his Bible out, dusted it off and when he dusted off that Bible and began to read the word of God, it changed Maurice Rawlings. So here are two doctors, Maurice Rawlings on one hand, cardiologist, got saved. Diane Christ. on the

other hand, a pediatrician, got saved. What saved them? The physical witness that they could not deny. She knew that little girl had seen something and Maurice Rawlings knew that there was something going on with that man that defied his understanding.

Just a few days ago, a retired detective from the New York Police Department, NYPD, a seasoned police officer. Undoubtedly, had been there 20 to 30 years and had seen everything you can see. In a city as big as New York, he had seen it all. He'd seen it all. But he went into a room and here was an individual that was wild. He couldn't explain it. He laid a cross down next to his head, a cross right next to the ear. The individual is flat on the floor and he laid the cross down. He said what he saw next defied anything that he had ever seen in all of the years as a detective with the New York Police Department. He said fear immediately went across the face of this individual like a caged animal, the fear was projecting forth from the eyes. He said one eye rolled over to the right and looked at that cross while the other eye remained fixed straight ahead. He had never seen that in his life. It was as if some spirit being had taken complete possession of the physical capability of the body of that individual and looked at that cross and when that eyeball looked at that cross, it shuddered. It shuddered. You see, demons say, "We know who thou art, the holy one of God." They know who he is. They know what happened at Calvary and you've heard me tell you so many times and now you're probably tired of hearing it, this boy walks up the wall backwards and goes through a complete flip and winds up on his feet standing in the hospital emergency room, not in some back alley. I got on the Internet after that happened and read what some of the atheists and agnostics had to say about it and to a man they deny that it ever happened. Do you know why they deny it? Because if they ever accepted the fact that that happened, it would introduce a world to them that their agnosticism and their atheism would be very uncomfortable with. If you're in this house this morning and you're not even sure if there's a hereafter, for your own integrity, I challenge you, go find out if these things are not true. And if they are true, then it's time for you to man up before God. It's time to quit hiding behind your so-called intellectualism and answer a simple fact: what lies beyond the grave? What lies beyond?

I had a woman say to me one time at St. Mary's Hospital, I was holding her hand, and she said, "Preacher, I've got to tell you something." I said, "What is that?" She said, "I looked across this field and there's a beautiful city right over there on the other side." She said, "It's so beautiful." She said, "It's beautiful, Preacher." She said, "It's a beautiful city. It has light all around it and I can hear singing." She was gone about a day or so after that. God came and got her. Down through the years I have been at the bedside many times when I've had people tell me similar stories. I've had them tell me about loved ones that came but remember this, Satan can transform himself into an angel of light. A lot of deathbed experiences are deceptions because they happen to people who are not born again but they see this being of light and they go off into this tunnel and then they come back to earth and nothing changes about them. They don't know the Lord Jesus Christ. That is a deception of an angel of light, in other words, Satan. But you cannot discount the truth. When it happens it happens.

Are you worshiping angels? Or are you worshiping God? Are you will worshiping? Or is your worship spontaneous? Do you have anything to be thankful for this morning? Is there any joy coming up out of your heart? Is there anything deep down inside your soul that says, "Lord, I thank you that I am not what I used to be." Is your transition, transformation so clear in your mind that you know that, "I used to be this and I'm not that anymore"? That's what it's about. Hallelujah to God.

Father, in Jesus' name, I pray now that you would use what I preached for the glory of God, that you'd use if for every soul that is gathered together here. And, Father, those people watching on the Internet, that lady in Australia I just got her email on the website this morning and I pray for her. She said there's a thing coming up in a few days where she has to go before some kind of committee or something, I pray for her right now, that lady in Australia. Father, I pray in Jesus' name. You know all things and, God, you can answer prayer. I pray for those who are burdened in this house today, the lost in this house today, the sick in this house today, bound up, Father, in this house. I pray for them in Jesus' sweet holy name I pray and for his sake I ask it. Amen.