

# How God Saves Sinners

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*God saves sinners through the gospel, which is the only way to salvation, and He does so in a way that is both sovereign and personal.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes that God saves sinners according to His own timing and when the sinner repents and believes in the gospel. He explains that in the New Testament, there are five essential elements for salvation. These include a sacrifice (Jesus Christ), an altar (Jesus Christ), a high priest (Jesus Christ), an honest and good heart (the sinner's responsibility), and identification with the sacrifice (acknowledging one's sinfulness). The preacher also highlights the conversion of Paul, where he experienced Holy Ghost conviction and heard a voice from heaven, leading him to repentance and surrender to Jesus. The sermon concludes with the preacher encouraging the audience to have a new song in their hearts and trust in the Lord.

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## Transcript

On how God saves sinners. First Timothy chapter 1, verse 15 and 16. He said, This is a faithful saint, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to do what? To save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Albeit for this cause I obtain mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all the longsuffering for a pattern, wanted underscore a pattern. You know what a pattern is? That's what you use to cut something out by. And the conversion of the Apostle Paul is how God saves sinners.

Acts chapter 9, you have his conversion. And you have two things. You have a light from heaven.

That's a Holy Ghost conviction. Second, you have a voice from heaven. That's a risen, ascended Lord on the throne of the universe, speaking with sovereignty and authority.

Paul fell to the ground, and he said, Lord, what will you have me to do? In that statement he admitted that he'd been wrong in the past. That's repentance. He said, Lord, I will do right in the future.

That's repentance. And third, he said, I bow my knees to King Jesus for time and eternity, and that's salvation. And God will never lift the white flag of peace in no man's soul till all rebellion has been conquered.

That is for a pattern to them which had earth to believe on him to life everlasting. As we come tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and fellow citizens, and fellow travelers, pilgrims, strangers, and sojourners, I'm coming to deal with the most important subject that perhaps could ever be brought from this pulpit on how God saves sinners. The other day I had an inspiring experience.

A man said, Mr. Carwell, I want you to meet a Christian doctor. I said, God don't save doctors, brother. Well, I thought he did.

I said, no. God don't save doctors. He saves sinners.

That old doctor slapped his hands together, said, Glory to God in the Lamb forever. For the first time I've got a little glimpse on what is the gospel. God don't save good people.

He sends them to hell. The only kind of people he saves is sinners. And we're going to look at that tonight.

So I want you to see tonight that we are shut up to three things. And if I can shut you up and shut your mouth and keep it shut, there might be some hope of you getting saved. But if I cannot successfully shut your mouth and make you sit still and listen to the gospel, then there'll be no hope for you.

God just has to reprobate you and send you to hell. How God saves sinners. I want to point out that we're shut up to three things.

First, God will save all. If he does, that'll be universalism. Second, God will save none.

That be the case, that would be fatalism. And third, God will save some. Now which of the three is right? I'm going to aim you up tonight, and I want you to listen to me, and I repeat it.

There is a threefold situation that you've got to face. God will save all. If he does, that's universalism.

Second, God will save none. That's the case, that's fatalism. And you're not saved tonight, and I'm not eating.

And third, God will save some. That is the gospel. That God will save some.

Now the question is, how will God save those that he's going to save? That's what we want to find out tonight. And did Christ die to make salvation possible, or did he die to make it certain? Now you've got to shut up tonight. I'm going to shut you up, and shut your mouth, so you can sit still and let God the Holy Ghost talk to you tonight.

If God's going to save some, that's according to the gospel. Then how will he save those that he saved? And did Christ die to make salvation possible, or did he die to make it certain? If you say he died to make salvation possible, then there's something you're going to have to do. And pray tell me, what is it? And take the Bible and let me see it.

And if he died to make salvation certain, then to whom is it certain? Ladies and gentlemen, that's logic. And you and I are coming tonight to face something that you have never seen before in all of your life. The

atonement is unlimited in value and sufficiency.

But it's limited in design and application. You could not put a limit upon salvation as to its value. There's no value to be placed upon it.

And you could not put a value on the sufficiency of the gospel. But it is limited in design and application. Did God design to save all men? If he did, he's the biggest flop, the biggest failure that's ever been in this world.

A man argued to me the other day that hell was a monument to God's failure. For God started out to save the world, and he couldn't, so he just built hell as a monument to his failure. Ladies and gentlemen, that's blasphemy.

Ah, that's rebellion against the high court of heaven. And you and I are going to look at the sovereignty of God, and how God saves sinners, and then you're going to find out whether you're saved or not. Wouldn't you like to know that? I know that I know.

Shut up and sit still. When I get through, you might be lost as a jackrabbit. Oh, listen, the people that know so much know so little.

I believe you can know it. But how can you know it? All right, now I'm going to ask several questions. Question number one, what kind of sinners did God save? Paul in the scriptures I read said Jesus Christ came to save sinners.

He never came to save good people, they're all sent to hell. He came to save bad people. Good people don't need to be saved, do they? Are you listening to me tonight? Well, stay with me.

If you study the four Gospels, you will find that the Lord Jesus Christ sent good people to hell, and he sent bad people to heaven. But what did he do to them, and how did he do it? That's the thing that we want to look at tonight. What kind of sinners does God save? First is he saves outrageous sinners.

You like that? I was an outrageous sinner about almost fifty years ago here in Hayworth County. Second, he saves respectable sinners. There is such a thing as a respectable sinner.

He saves respectable sinners. And third, God saves religious sinners. That's the hardest sinner to get saved in the world, is a high-brow religious sinner.

The Apostle Paul was religious. He had all the religion that the theist could give him. Yet he's on his way to hell just as quick as he can go, plumped full of religion.

If you've got religion tonight, you're certain to hell as you're in it, unless you conjunct your religion and make Jesus Christ the way of life. Not only that, but God saves and satisfies. If God saves you tonight, how come that he's going to take the ball games and the picture shows and the television and all the rest of that stuff to satisfy you? What kind of a desire do you have? Are you listening? God's able to save and to satisfy.

Not only that, he's able to save and to sanctify. If you haven't been sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, it's time for you to find out that this Bible not only teaches holiness of spirit and mind, but teaches holiness of the flesh. I didn't know that.

Well, the book of Leviticus is God's manual on holiness of the flesh. Well, I didn't know that. Well, I'm not responsible if you are.

Ladies and gentlemen, read the book of Leviticus, and it's God's manual on holiness. And the reason most of us are sick is that we just absolutely let these demons make inroads on us, and they defile the flesh and the spirit, and we're a sick bunch of Baptists. Are you listening? Hear me tonight now.

Good people get sick, good people die, but they don't have to. Ladies and gentlemen, you don't have to get sick. You and I could be well if we look at the gospel.

Not only that, but he saves and glorifies. Do you like that? Glorification has to do with the body. Romans chapter 8, verse 29-30, For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate, marked off ahead of time.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate, to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called. Get it? And whom he called, them he also justified.

And whom he justified, them he also glorified. Now as far as God's concerned, he sees his family already saved, sanctified, and glorified, and on the other side. Do you like that? Oh, listen tonight.

This will shake the very devil out of you. This will shake the mudsills of hell, and we're going to have to have that kind of preaching if we're ever going to be able to shake this day and generation. Alright, now we see the kind of sinners that God saved.

Well, the other day, said Mr. Caldwell, how can I know whether I'm one of the left or not? I said by the call. John chapter 10, verse 3, says he calls his own sheep by name. God makes them a proposition.

He calls them by name and leads them out. Do you like that? Almost 50 years ago, he called me, and I heard his voice, and I said, Lord, I'm coming. Great God, I've been waiting 27 years for that call.

Hallelujah, glory to God in the Lamb forever. When he called me, I said, Lord, I'm on my way. I'm coming.

I'm coming home. I'm coming, Lord, and I've come, and I've been coming every since. Alright, another lady in Greenville said, Mr. Caldwell, about the matter of election.

I said, are you running for anything? I said, I never heard a fellow get an election, didn't run for nothing. Are you running for anything? Well, I hadn't thought about that. I said, it's time for you to wake up and to look in and lift up a flag and say, Lord, if I'm not one, I sure would like to be.

And I said, he might talk to you. Question number two, how did God save sinners in the Old Testament? Now, we have a crazy theology over the land, that God saved the Jew one way and the Gentile another, but there's not a word of truth in that. And they teach that God saved sinners in the Old Testament one way, and he saved sinners in the New Testament another way.

But we're going to blast out all the preachers tonight and let you see that God never has had but one way of saving people. That's the way he saved Adam and Eve, if they got saved, but you can't take the Bible and prove that they did. Hebrew chapter 11, the heroes are faced out with Abel and not with Adam nor Eve.

See? Now, that'll shake the devil out of you, brother. God's no more obligated to save Adam than he would be a Hutton talker in Africa, brother. You'd better wake up and find out what is the gospel, and it's the gospel of God, and God's the one that's running the show.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, are you listening? How did God save sinners in the Old Testament? No sinner could be saved without having five things. Now, there's a kill you go about it, it's so winning, and it's from hell it ought to be killed, and here tonight that sinner couldn't get saved in the Old Testament unless he had five things. I challenge anybody, take the scriptures and find that that is the case, and you can't get saved in the New Testament unless you've got five things.

Now, again, that'll kill you, go about it, it's so winning. Ladies and gentlemen, listen to me tonight. We want to take this book and cut out from under you every false hope that you may have.

I'm bringing you this book, and I'm pleading at the feet of a sovereign God that can save you or damn you as it may please him to do so. How did God save sinners in the Old Testament? They must have five things. Here they are.

First, you must have a sacrifice, and that sacrifice must have divine specifications on it. Second, he must have an altar. He couldn't be saved without an altar, and that altar had to be one that God built.

Third, he had to have a priest, and that priest had to be one that God had ordained. You couldn't get saved under the ministry of a false prophet or a false priest. Not only that, but he had to identify himself with the sacrifice.

He had to bring that animal sacrifice to an altar and put his hands on the head of that animal and identify himself with that sacrifice. He had to do that. And no work can you find where anybody ever got saved any other way.

And the fifth thing he had to do was to have an honest and good heart. Now, the priest that functioned here, he knew that first four was all right. Well, that old sinner had an honest and good heart, and that the priest didn't know.

He said, God, you'll have to look down from heaven and look into his gifts and see whether he means business or not. He said, then the priest would kill that sacrifice and cut the jugular veins and cut the blood and carry it into the hollies of the hollies and lift up his hand. That priest would stand there with that heart.

He said, O Lord God, as far as I know, the altar is right, the sacrifice is right, the priest is right, he's identified himself with the sacrifice, but I don't know what kind of a heart he's got. O Lord God, let me know. And God would let that priest know that he had an honest and good heart.

See, he meant absolutely business with God. And that priest would stand there. He wasn't allowed to move.

He was glute-stunned, and I couldn't move. When God communicated to him, yes, sir, he's got an honest and good heart, the priest could move. And glory to God, when he moved, little bells on the fringes of his garment began to dingle, dingle.

Great God, that old sinner out there said, Hallelujah. Glory be to God, I'm accepted, for I hear the bells ringing. Now listen, if God hadn't rung the bells in your soul, I'm here to tell you, a lost as a hot and hot in

Africa, you may have been baptized enough to let that post count your social security number.

But you better get right with God and see if that priest can ring his bell. That old priest began to move, that old sinner said, Great God, I'm accepted, I hear the bells ringing. Follow me? Luke chapter 8 and verse 15.

The Lord is amen in all of this, sir. Listen. But that on the good ground, are you listening? On the good ground are they which in a good and honest heart, having heard the word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience.

When that old sinner came, he could come to the right altar with the right sacrifice, the right preaching, all of it, and still die and go to hell, unless he came in repentance and faith. Well, preacher, what did do so in the Old Testament? That was a false prophet that done that. Now I'm here to tell you tonight and go on record between heaven and hell tonight, this old woman is from hell and is by the false prophets.

And tell them I said so. If they don't like it, they can meet this old man and we'll talk it over. Are you listening? Question number three.

How did he know that his sins were forgiven? He had five things to let him know that his sins were forgiven. Now ladies and gentlemen, if there is in some way that you can know that you are saved, then brother, you could lose it and wouldn't know you'd lost it. How could you enjoy something unless you knew you had it? All right.

There are five ways that the Old Testament sinner knew that his sins were gone. First, he knew he had done what God told him to do. Second, he heard the bells of the high priest.

Third, he heard the words of the high priest. The high priest would come out. He still grew to the sacrifice.

He couldn't move. Put his hands on his head and say, Oh my sinner, arise! Our sins are covered by the blood of the animal. On into Calvary when the Son of God would come and take away his sins, the animal's sacrifice could only cover it.

Come and take away his sins. He had the words of the high priest. And fourth, God has given him a new heart and a new spirit.

In all of that, he didn't understand it. God took out that old stony heart, took out that old mean, wicked, hellish, ungodly spirit, and God gave him a new heart and a new spirit. And he knew that.

If you don't know it tonight, you ain't got it. Are you listening? And the fifth thing was, he knew that God had given him a divine nature and a new song. Have you got a new song tonight? If not, something's wrong.

Psalms chapter 40, verse 1 to 3, David said, I waited patiently on the Lord, and he inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the marred clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth.

Are you listening? You quit singing the Jericho road. Bless God you ever get right with God, you go to sing in the songs of Zion. He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praises unto our God.

Many shall see it, and fear, and trust in the Lord. See it? Anybody ever got saved because you got saved? No, preacher, you're maddened. No, I'm still preaching.

Come to question number four. How did God save sinners in the New Testament? Are you listening? Man in the New Testament's got to have five things. Stay with me tonight, and I challenge anybody in Hayward County, the state of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, anywhere, to take the Bible and show anything else that they have five things.

Man in the New Testament's got to have a sacrifice, and Christ is the sacrifice. Second, he had to have an altar, and Christ is your altar. Third, he had to have a high priest, and Christ is your high priest.

And fourth, he had to have an honest and good heart, and that's your end of this situation. And fourth, he had to identify himself with the sacrifice. Ladies and gentlemen, the only way that any man can get saved today is to come to Jesus Christ, the hill-bound around sinner.

Put your hands on his head, and say, Lord Jesus, I'm an old, wicked, ungodly sinner. Identify yourself with him. Put your hands on him by faith, and confess your sins, and you'll be in line to have your sins forgiven.

What they say, all you've got to do is make a decision. Well, if that's so, the devil could make a decision, become a son of God, and what's the old God going to do? He couldn't put his son in hell, could he? Ah, listen, ladies and gentlemen. Hear me, under, hear me well.

When we lost the gospel 75 years ago, trying to keep up with all of this junk, we lost it. And we're in the worst shape you've ever seen under God. Our churches are filled with bastard converts, God-forlorn, low-young, and sitting there, froze to death, cold as a toad frog at the North Pole under a ton of ice.

You will die and go to hell from a church, people. Die and go to hell with a prayer upon your lips. Die and go to hell with a Bible in your hands.

Now, what I'm saying is so is not so, and you have no right to say it isn't so unless you can take the Bible and prove it's so. Question number five. How did the sinner in the New Testament know that he was saved? Are you listening? Because he knew he'd done what God told him to do.

What did Jesus tell men to do? Repent and believe the gospel. He never made a proposition to nobody. I challenge anybody tonight in the fear of the Lord.

He never made a proposition to a saint nor a sinner. Well, what are you doing making one, low-down, dirty, stinker you? He never made a proposition to a saint nor a sinner. He commanded the sinner, and he made a promise to the saint.

Ain't no proposition to him. What would you do with a proposition if you have no ability to do anything about it? What's used to go up to the tomb of the dead man? Now, Lazarus, if you get up and walk out of that tomb, God will save you. You're so pitiful, it's pitiful, isn't it? Lazarus is dead.

My God, he's plum dead. And if God don't quicken him, throw him out of that tomb, take the grave clothes off of him, he'll stink forever. And the second way, the sinner in New Testament knew he was saved, was that God had given him peace.

Peace. I had trouble with my salvation to start with. I wondered if I was saved.

When God said you have peace, don't you have to suggest you didn't have that before? Oh, glory to God. I lay down at night and look up in the face of a holy and a righteous God. And I said, God, how could you forgive an old sinner like me? But I had peace.

Glory to God, I had peace. And the devil's peace won't last but about thirty minutes. I'd sleep all night with God's peace.

Now, there's a next thing that you know that you're saved in the New Testament, is that he had the witness of a new heart. God had done something. I had a new heart.

Not only that, but he had the witness of a new nature. I used to love sin like a hog eating, drinking slop. God saved me.

He didn't fix me so I couldn't sin. He done something better than that. Glory to God, he fixed me so I don't want to sin.

Hallelujah. And if I don't want to, bless God, I don't have to. Why don't you talk back to me? Bless God, if you don't want to, God or she tells you that you don't have to.

The other day he said, Carl, are you perfect? I said, no, but I'm headed in that direction. Not only that, but the old sinner in the New Testament had the witness of God's indwelling spirit. Hebrews 10, 14, and 15 says the Holy Ghost is a witness to us.

Now, the Bible is not a witness. Are you listening? The Bible is not a witness. This is a record.

Not the only evidence the ordinary Bible has got to be saved. Well, the Bible said so. I said, where did it say so? Ah, listen.

Listen to me tonight. The Bible is a record that God has given us eternal life and that life is in his Son. But the Holy Ghost is a witness.

I was out in Texas preaching some time back and one of those theologians jumped on me, didn't stay long, but he jumped on me and said, well, the only way I know I'm saved is by the Bible. I said, now, wait a minute. I said, wait a minute.

You sound like you're lost as a hobnob in Africa. The only way you know you're saved is by the Bible. Yeah? Well, I said, but the first 3,500 years in the Bible, in the world they have no Bible.

How'd them fellas know they're saved? An old bus saw his hand up a tree. The first 3,500 years in human history they have no Bible. How did Adam and Eve and Enoch and Noah and Abraham and Isaac and Jacob know they're saved? They have no Bible.

But they have the Holy Ghost. And I said, now, professor, you listen, professor. Well, they said you have to have the Bible to preach the gospel.

I said, this is not the gospel. Christ is the gospel, brother. Well, you couldn't preach without the Bible.

I said, now, wait a minute. You're just getting your feet in your mouth. You're getting in an awful shape, professor.

I said, in Hebrews chapter 4, it says Moses went to Egypt and preached the gospel, but he had no Bible. Boy, that's an awful rough one, that fella. Moses went to Egypt and preached the gospel, but he had no Bible, but he had Christ.

Christ is the gospel. Are you listening to me, Enoch? Christ is the gospel. He is your sacrifice.

He is your altar. He is your life. He is your justification.

You name it and He is. Are you listening? And then there was a time he didn't have Him. So the gospel started in the foundation of the world.

I'm coming right to you. I said, professor, you're the dumbest boy that I've ever listened to. He walked off, said, no use fooling you.

I said, well, as far as you're concerned, I guess that's so, but it's still right. Question number six. When does God save a sinner? Are you listening? When does God save a sinner? Well, there's three answers to that question.

First answer is, is when it pleases God. I was 27 years old when God saved me. How come He didn't do it before? He didn't want to, by the way.

I couldn't get saved until God moved. And it never moved before. He never crossed my path to land.

You can't get saved until God moves. I have a teacher in my country. Now, sinner, if you make the first move, God will make the second.

Isn't that true? Oh, how pitiful that is. If you make the first move, God will make the second. God makes the first move, rather.

God makes the first move in everything. You don't make the first move. God is the beginning, the in-between, the end, and everything else.

Are you listening? Did you ever read in John chapter 11 about poor Lazarus? The only thing he could do with the dead man was to bury him. And our poor preachers today, the only thing they can do is to go in the embalming pit and embalm these old sinners that stink so bad so they can sort of carry on. But wouldn't it be wonderful if we'd get the Lord in on the situation? When Lazarus was made alive, he stopped stinking.

He sunk up to the land. God made me alive, I stopped stinking. And you stop stinking.

As an old stinker, God made me alive and I stopped stinking. You come up to the tomb. I say, Lazarus, wonder why he doesn't talk to me? Are you that stupid? Lazarus, if you get up and walk out of that tomb, God will save you.

You're so pitiful, he's pitiful, isn't he? Are you listening to that? What does a dead man need? He doesn't need any rose water to paint his lips and fill out his eyebrows. He needs a resurrection. And nobody but the Lord can raise the dead.

Jesus said, Lazarus, I've made him alive, come forth. And the Holy Ghost floated him out. And stood him up on his feet.

And Jesus said, loose him and let him go. Great God took the grave clothes off of him and that's the feeling of the Holy Ghost. Not the only thing ordinary Baptists do.

They jump around like a burnt-toad chicken. You still got the grave clothes on you. Glory to God, get filled with the Holy Ghost and burst all of those grave clothes, not killing everything else.

And old Lazarus started walking, not talking, and he kept on until God took him home. That's the way God saves sinners. When did God save you when you got ready? When it pleases him.

Second, when does God save a sinner? When that sinner receives Jesus as Lord. When he repents and believes the gospel. You staying with me tonight? I have a sermon that's on tape, you ought to get in and listen to it.

But if you want to go ahead and sew in it, you'll get mad and tie up your machines. I have a sermon on who makes the first move. And I kill all of their gods.

And think about and let you see that it's God that makes the first move. He has ever made the first move. Are you listening? God made the first move when he sent Jesus here.

God made the first move at Calvary. Are you listening? God made the first move on my soul. I went to church, sitting there listening to a man preach, and I got lost.

You told me, Calvary, go to church tonight and you'll get saved. I wouldn't have gone. No man gets saved if he can do anything else.

If God didn't choose some, they'd all go to hell. No man gets saved until God crowds him in. Now God doesn't save you against your will, but he makes you willing in the day of his power.

That's in the Bible, Psalm 110, verse 3. Thy people, don't believe you in number 7. How secure is the soul that God saves? You know, I feel sort of sorry for a person that believes you could be saved. I mean, you're not saved. Then get lost.

I don't see how you could enjoy and rejoice about heaven unless you're certain you're going to heaven. Could you? Could you? How secure is the soul that God saves? Well, I'll give you two things. I'll put some on your mind.

First, he is in Christ. And where is Jesus? He's in heaven and God. Then you're already in heaven and in God.

The only way the devil gets you to go up out of heaven and kick down the walls of Zion and come down and take you out of Christ and Christ out of God. Preacher, is that so? It sure is. You're in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5.17. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. All things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new.

One day, God's going to have a new city, a new heaven, and a new earth. He's going to have a new order. He's going to have a new people.

And they're going to be people that have been washed in the blood and put in Christ. Now, how are you going to get to Christ? By making a decision? No. Nobody but God can take you out of Adam and put you

in Christ.

How could that happen any other way? No other way. And the second thing that shows how secure is the soul that God saves. You're not only in Christ, but Christ's in you.

You like that? Christ's in you. Isaiah chapter 59 verse 16. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands.

Are you listening? I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands. Now, if he's going to write your name down, he'd have to know what your name is, wouldn't he? And names are a device that shows there's a difference. If ever God could be saved, he wouldn't need any names, would he? Names are a device that distinguishes something.

I've engraven their names upon the palms of my hands. When did he write your name in the hands of Jesus? Before the foundation of the world. Revelation chapter 13 verse 8 said he wrote your name in the book of life from the foundation of the world.

Now, you either believe that or you don't. And if you don't, God will send you to hell for being a non-believer. Now, don't try to make a goat out of God.

Just face the book and face it squarely. I've engraven thee upon the palms of my hands. Well, I didn't know God had hands yet.

Jesus got hands. And before the sun, moon, and stars ever shone, your names were written in the Lamb's book of life from the foundation of the world. And your names were in the palms of his hands.

They're engraven there. And the same hands that made the universe is the hands that's got your name. And the same hands that were nailed at Calvary are the hands where your name is engraved.

Behold, I have engraven thee upon the palms of my hands. Thy walls are continually before me. Walls is a picture of protection.

And before God ever made the sun, moon, and stars, he engraved in you upon the palms of his hands. John chapter 10, verse 27 to 29, Jesus said, My sheep hear my voice. He doesn't have any goats.

The devil's got some goats and goat preachers, but I'm not a goat preacher. I'm a shepherdman. I've got no goat food.

I've got food for God's sheep. My sheep shall hear my voice. And I know that.

I wanted to know you. The foundation of the world. And they follow me.

You're not following Jesus. You don't belong to him. Let's be honest tonight.

They follow me. And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish. Do you believe that? Ultimate children, do you believe that? They shall never perish.

Neither shall any man put them out of my hands. See the hands again. My Father which gave them to me is greater than all.

And no man is able to pluck thee out of my Father's hands. I'm persuaded to believe that that soul that's washed in the blood and sealed in the Holy Ghost, he's in Christ. And Christ is in him.

How does God save sinners? We see tonight that God saves sinners in the Old Testament. We see tonight how God saves sinners in the New Testament. And that's the way that God saves sinners today.

Lest there can be a recovery of the gospel and a restoration of the church. For as I'm able to see, I see no hope. I go to the ordinary church today.

I never make any proposition. Because you don't have enough power there to bring him through. You and I say, if you want to get saved, I'm staying at the motel.

We've got that room wholly sanctified. Come over there and I'll talk to you about the Lord's. Fifty years ago, rather than touch a revival, he would count it, you could come to the altar and meet God and get saved.

But I wonder, ladies and gentlemen, how far have we drifted? How far have we drifted? How does God save sinners? I've told you tonight. And if you're here tonight and you're a sinner, oh, a sinner, and God has accommodated you by letting you know that you're a sinner and that you would like to be reconciled to God, I'm asking Brother David Lawrence, if you will, come back and sing the same song with these two young men. We're going to stand, if there's somebody here tonight, that you're lost, plum lost, and you want to be saved.

We're going to sing. And I'd be glad for you to come forward and your pastor and myself, we'd be glad to pray with you and let you close in with Christ in this matter of salvation. Shall we stand, please?

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