PEOPLE NEED THE LORD

Text: John 15:1-5

Intro: Jesus teaches us that His will is for His people to bear fruit, much fruit, and more fruit. We are to be fruitful people for the Lord's honor and glory. He teaches us that we can't do anything without Him. All of us know this by experience. What preacher hasn't preached in his own strength and power? What saved person hasn't tried to handle things his or her way?

As we think of ministering, we can't be effective without Jesus. We need the Lord. People need the Lord. The sooner you realize it, the better off you will be.

I. PEOPLE NEED THE LORD IN SALVATION.

A. The sinner

1. Lost sinners are dead in trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1 This means they have no life before spiritual God.
2. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23 All simply means all or everyone.
3. The sinner is lifeless to God: He has no appetite for God and spiritual things.
4. The lost sinner is separated from God and if he or she dies in this condition, it will be forever. The lost sinner will be separated from God and saved loved ones.

B. The separation

1. When a person dies physically, the spirit or soul separates from the body. The body is the house or tabernacle the person lives in.
2. When a person is dead spiritually, he is separated from God. He has no life before God. Paul stated it plainly in Ephesians 2:1
3. Study very carefully Romans 5:12 and 6:23. It can change in this life, but cannot in the life to come.

4. The wages of sin is physical death. The wages of sin is also spiritual death. Lost sinners will die eternally because they rejected Jesus as personal Savior.

C. The Savior

1. Jesus Christ is the only Savior of the whole wide world. Acts 4:12
2. John the Baptist pointed Jesus out as THE lamb of God that takes the sin of the world away. John 1:29
3. If you reject Jesus, you will reject the only One who can save you.
4. Jesus said, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36

D. The salvation

1. In Jesus we have redemption or the forgiveness of sins. Ephesians 1:7
2. In Jesus we have everlasting spiritual life. John 3:16,36 Everlasting means without duration or endless duration.
3. In Jesus we have peace with God and are justified by faith. Romans 5:1
4. In Jesus we become the spiritual children of God. Galatians 3:26

II. PEOPLE NEED THE LORD IN SIN.

A. The fact of sin

1. All have sinned and come short of the glory of...
God. Romans 3:23 Even the saved sin against the Lord.
2. The truth of this statement is seen in light of the fact everyone will die, Romans 5:12 James gives us the process of sin and the outcome of sin in James 1:14,15.
3. We know, God knows, and others know, we sin. Sin is a known fact.
4. The book of I John was written to saved people. Study what John wrote in I John 1:6-10. We do sin against the Lord.

B. The foolishness of sin
1. Sin is foolish because those who sin wrong their own souls. Proverbs 8:36 Although Satan has a way of making us think doing wrong will make things right, sin is always wrong.
2. Sin is foolish because God punishes sin. Hebrews 12:6; Ephesians 2:1-3
3. Sin is foolish because it can't satisfy and it brings about our death. James 1:14,15
4. The Bible is an illustration book on what sin is and what sin has done to people. Sin will always bring heartache and pain.

C. The forgiveness of sin
1. In redemption man is forgiven and cleansed of his sin. Ephesians 1:7
2. When the saved confess their sins, the Lord is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse of sin. I John 1:9
3. The model prayer teaches us to ask for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 6:9-15
4. We will sin, but we do not have to stay in sin. To confess our sins is to admit sin is wrong and experience sorrow over the fact we have sinned against God.
5. The song goes, SIN WILL TAKE YOU FARTHER THAN YOU WANT TO GO, KEEP YOU LONGER THAN YOU WANT TO STAY AND COST YOU MORE THAN YOU WANT TO PAY.

III. PEOPLE NEED THE LORD IN SORROW.
A. The honesty about death
1. Each of us have an appointment with death. Hebrews 9:27 No one will escape this appointment. We may think we will, but we won't.
2. People around us are dying and it verifies to us that one day, we will also die.
3. We may struggle with how and why we die, but die we will. The oldest man was 969 years old, but he died.
4. Recognizing this fact will help us to live the best kind of life knowing we could die any time.

B. The help in death
1. Paul talked about death and the resurrection and told us to comfort one another with these words. I Thessalonians 4:18
2. The Lord is with the one dying and the family of the one dying.
3. I have sensed His presence in the hospital and funeral home. Many have worshipped the Lord in the hospital and funeral home.
4. We want to offer you help when we or our loved ones face death. Hebrews 13:5,6 is true in death also.

C. The hope in death
1. Death is a victory for the saved of the Lord. I Corinthians 15:57 The saved pass over to the blessings and reality of God and His promises.
2. Death of the redeemed is precious. Psalm 116:15
3. Death of the redeemed is a homecoming. II Corinthians 5:8,9
4. Death of the redeemed is a rest. Revelation 14:13
5. Death of the redeemed is gain. Philippians 1:21

IV. PEOPLE NEED THE LORD IN STRESS.
A. The problems in life
1. Man is of few days and full of problems or troubles. Job 14:1 This is the truth that we need to realize.
2. Man will deal with temptations which causes problems in daily life. I Corinthians 10:13
3. You will have problems that are personal, marital, family, job, church etc.
4. In stress and pressure we can lose our perception in life. Problems are only a small part of life and living.

B. The pressures in life
1. With problems come pressure or stress. Most of this is mental and bears upon the mind until it is a great load.
2. Jesus invites those who labor and are heavy laden to come to Him. Matthew 11:28-30
3. This pressure drives some people to alcohol and drugs. The Lord wants us to handle it with His help.
4. Our troubles should direct us and drive us to the Lord. He helps those who realize they can't make it without Him. John 15:5

C. The preserving in life
1. Job said of the Lord. "Thy visitation has preserved my spirit." Job 10:12
2. The Lord will never leave us or forsake us
Hebrews 13:5,6 This is a precious promise indeed.
3. The Lord invites us to come to Him for the help that we need. Matthew 11:28-30
4. The Lord is the one that sustains us in all of life even when we go to sleep at night. Psalm 3:5

V. PEOPLE NEED THE LORD IN SITUATIONS.
A. The troubles
1. We will have troubles and problems in our lives. This is only part of life.
2. We may not like it, but there is nothing that we can do about it.
3. The Lord wants to help us in our troubles. He is there for us and wants to be.
4. The saved are not exempt from troubles and problems. Troubles are a part of life.

B. The trials
1. Our faith in the Lord will be tried. James 1:3
   Troubles are necessary for us to grow in the Lord.
2. Troubles will get us to putting ourselves and the Lord in the proper places.
3. You may never know why some things happen, but you can know the Lord is with you.
4. David said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes." Psalm 119:71
   Times of trouble should be times of learning about the Lord and ourselves.

C. The testimony
1. We have a hope in Jesus that is sure, steadfast, and an anchor to the soul. Hebrews 6:19,20
2. Each of us can give our personal testimony of how the Lord has been with us.
3. We go through some things for the benefit of others that we can share our testimony with.
4. We go through some things so we can grow and learn more about the Lord.
5. Paul wanted to know Jesus more intimately. Philippians 3:10
   He wanted to know the power of the resurrection and the fellowship of the suffering.
6. We go through some things so God will receive the glory due His holy name.
7. We go through some things so we can have a testimony of the Lord and His wonderful power.

MISTER PRESIDENT

Mr. President, I respectfully say,
Have you too, turned God away?
Do you stand for abortion, like some say you do?

Or is that just a lie, they tell on you?

And your stand for homosexuals, I don't understand,
If Mr. President, you are a God fearing man.
In God's Word you'll surely find,
That God turned them over to a reprobate mind.

This is a lifestyle, they all choose,
And by God's standards they will lose.
And every day for them I pray,
That God's Holy Spirit will show them the way.

But Mr. President, its time to take a stand,
If you are interested in saving, this God fearing land.
Not just for money and extra votes,
Please don't let America be the scape goat.

You are from Arkansas, just like me,
And God's Word there, is preached loud and free.
So I know, you've known, all the while,
God loves the homosexuals, but not their lifestyle.

As our President and leader, each day I pray,
God will prick your heart, and show you the way.
Bring America back to God, and you will see,
You will be loved and remembered with great dignity.

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BEWARE

Text: Ezekiel 3:117

Intro:
A. A watchman's job was to be on watch and to sound the alarm if he saw an enemy coming. During times of battle the guards or watchmen must be very alert and on the look out for the enemy.
B. We have an enemy. He is sneaking, crafty, and looking for a break in our protection to seek a way in and the opportunity to destroy. As a watchman it is my duty to warn you. Be aware that the enemy is on the loose.
C. Pay attention and learn about the enemy so you can be on guard.

I. A DESCRIPTION OF THE ENEMY
A. He is described as a wild animal. I Peter 5:8
   1. Trying to get the prey to run scared.
   2. Springs out and runs down the weakest.
   3. Rips and tears the one caught.
B. He is described as a serpent. Rev. 12:9
   1. Sly, he creeps in unaware and strikes when unexpected.
   2. In the Middle East, they were common and
deadly, often striking at unguarded moments as when Paul put wood on a fire in Acts.

**C. He is called a deceiver. John 8:44**
1. Satan is the father of lies.
   a. He convinces people that they are not happy and need something else to make them happy.
   b. He is the one who whispers lies into the ear and tells people that the truth is a lie and the lie is truth.
2. Satan is the father of all false religion, the lie that kills for eternity. 2 Cor. 11:13

**D. Beware of Satan and his demons, they are powerful and dangerous to our spiritual welfare. Eph. 4:27** Neither give place to the Devil.

**II. THE ENEMY’S METHOD OF ATTACK**

**A. As a lion, he seeks to scatter the flock.**
1. There is safety in numbers. If a sheep gets off by itself, it is vulnerable.
2. If a believer gets out of church and fellowship, he becomes vulnerable.
3. The sick and weak are at risk. Be strong in the word and in fellowship with God and church.

**B. As a serpent, he seeks to slip in and attack when least expected.**
1. When a church has a victory, then Satan is ready to rear his head and strike.
2. He cannot get in unless we bring him in with us. WE invite him in by our sinfulness and our gullibility.
3. Search your heart to see if Satan’s poison is at work in your heart.
4. Church, beware, remember what happened to Israel in Exodus 32?
   a. Moses was up on the Mount getting God’s instructions.
   b. Israel allowed sin to come into the camp by doing their own thing.
   c. God wanted to destroy them, but Moses interceded for them.
   d. Joshua when coming down the mountain with Moses said, “I hear the sound of war in the camp.” But it wasn’t war, it was defeat. And Israel paid dearly for it.
5. Another tactic is causing us to leave our allies.
   Psa. 66:18 God leaves us to Satan’s devices when we choose sin over Him.

**III. HOW TO OVERCOME SATAN**

**A. Be a child of God. Without salvation we are the children of wrath and Satan.**
1. I John 4:4
2. When we are children of God, we have the ability to say no to Satan.

**B. Be close to God.**
1. If we stay close to the Master, the enemy cannot get his hands on us.
2. James 4:7

**C. Keep a short list of sin.**
1. Confess quickly, you may forget about it in time, but God doesn’t.
2. I John 1:9

**D. Pray for protection.**
1. Job had a hedge.
2. Guardian angels.
3. Call upon the power of God.

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**From Malawi**

Thank you very much for the books that you have been sending. WE have now received 6 boxes of assorted books.

We received the books just in time. We have been delighted by your books. We are really blessed through your books. Many souls have been saved through reading your books. Drunkards have repented, witchcrafts have accepted Jesus Christ.

Indeed, 347 have been baptized as the result of reading your books. Please pray for 783 people whom we have reached with your messages found or written in your books. At the moment they want to make decision and that they may make good decision by choosing Jesus Christ.

As the need is so great please, send us 6 boxes of your books in each mailing. We can prayerfully use 10 boxes each week. WE are praying to God so that according to His richness may finance your work to meet our demand.

We have no other resource to get spiritual food. We depend on you to accomplish His work to meet the lost and hungry souls.

**From Malawi**

Thank you very much for I am really blessed through reading one of your books titled LESSONS ON PRAYER by Mike Daniel.

It is really a book on good guidance in prayer. Right now it have brought much awakening in our ministry and all the churches in Malawi. It is our prayer to reach Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Kenya in East Africa.

As the need is so urgently needed in many areas of life. Would like prayerfully the following books.
THE BENEFITS OF SPIRITUAL BATTLES
Text: Ephesians 6:10-18

I. SPIRITUAL BATTLES CONVINCE OF TRUTH. V12 II Thess. 2:12,13
A. Satan is the true enemy.
1. He is behind all the pain, sorrow, and suffering experienced.
2. He is not a friend nor one to want to spend eternity with.
B. Unseen forces really exist.
1. There is life beyond the physical.
2. Human life is not the only form that God has given life to.
C. Evil is present everywhere.
1. Satan has a presence wherever human life exists.
2. The presence of evil extends from the highest heaven to the lowest part of creation.

II. SPIRITUAL BATTLES INCREASE FAITH. V13 I Cor. 10:12,13
A. In God
1. As He responds to the believer's call for help.
2. As He leads to victory through the most mysterious ways.
B. In God's provision
1. As His means of victory sometimes occur in unusual ways.
2. As His provisions come from truly unexpected places.
C. In the ultimate victory promised.
1. As victories are experienced over Satan and wickedness in current battles.
2. As realization of complete victory grows with each current victory enjoyed.

III. SPIRITUAL BATTLES DEVELOP A CLOSENESS WITH GOD V14-18; James 4:7,8
A. As His truth is embraced.
1. When put to the test, it does not fail.
2. When seriously looked into, it provides a better understanding of God.
B. As His ways are engaged.
1. Knowing God's way necessitates knowing God Himself more fully.
2. Following God's way calls for keeping close fellowship with Him.
C. As His promises are entrusted.
1. Trusting what a person has said means trusting the person himself.
2. Believing outcomes before actually experienced requires complete confidence in the ability of the person having guaranteed the results.

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SERIES: BUILDING FOR GOD!
FOCUS: PITFALLS TO AVOID!
Text: Nehemiah 13

Introduction:
A. The REVIEW of this series. (This is the last message in this series.)
1. REBUILDING the STRUCTURE.
   a. Passion - Neh. 1
   b. Preparation - Neh. 2:1-10
   c. Procedures - Neh. 2:11-20
   d. Participation - Neh. 3
   e. Persistence - Neh. 4
   f. Problems (internal) Neh. 5
   g. Perception - Neh. 6
2. REVIVING the SPIRITUAL.
   a. Pattern for worship - Neh. 8
   b. Productivity - Neh. 9,10
   c. Principles to ascertain. Neh. 11,12
B. The REVELATION for our consideration in this lesson embraces the PITFALLS to avoid.
C. The REASONINGS.
   1. In compliance with the king's request, he had returned to the palace.
   2. Nehemiah had an unswerving loyalty to God and His Word. He realized God's purpose.
   3. While Nehemiah was gone, the people got themselves into a pitfall condition.
   4. They had forsaken the house of God.
   5. Notice some of the things which are pitfalls and will cause the house of God or the work of God to become forsaken!

I. UNFAITHFULNESS IN THE AREA OF SEPARATION. Nehemiah 13:1-3
A. The SPECIFICS
   1. As it related to this text.
   2. Compare the text with Deut. 23:3-5 and Numbers 22:5,6.
B. The SPIRITUAL profit derived from this text - the separation principle.
   1. The principle proposed. II Cor. 6:17
   2. The principle perceived - We are to be
separated in a two-fold way.
  a. Doctrinally
  b. Morally

C. The SENSE - If our testimony doesn't back up the truth we present, our message becomes meaningless and ineffective. People will decide that you don't have anything to offer them - result - the house of God is forsaken!

II. UNCLEANNESS: Neh. 13:4-9
   A. The SITUATION
      1. What had happened?
      2. Who was Tobiah?
   B. The SPIRITUAL profit
      1. The church must be clean.
      2. Get the proper balance of this fundamental truth.
      3. There are some people who have done some things that the Lord has told us not to fellowship with.

III. UNRESPONSIVENESS IN THEIR GIVING!
     Nehemiah 13:10-14
   A. The SITUATION - Because they had refused to give, the priests and singers had to go and seek employment to take care of themselves. Thus, the house of God was neglected.
   B. The SPIRITUAL profit
      1. I Cor. 9:9-14
      2. God's work is supplied by the tithes and offerings of the people.
      3. Mal. 3 with Eph. 3:21
      4. II Cor. 9:6,7

IV. UNLAWFUL USE OF THE SABBATH DAY!
    Nehemiah 13:15-22
   A. The SITUATION
   B. The SPIRITUAL profit - Hebs. 10:25,26

V. UNSCRIPTURAL MARRIAGES! Nehemiah 13:23-31
   A. The SITUATION
   B. The SPIRITUAL profit II Cor. 6:14-16

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A SINGLE FOOT PRINT

The man was over taken
By sweet sleep to rest his soul
Then he strolled in dream land
And this story he has told.
He viewed his many foot prints
As in life he walked about
When the road was smooth and nice
Christ had been there without a doubt,
But when he viewed the many cliffs

And all the rough, rugged terrain
Only one set of prints were found
So, he ask the Lord to explain.
"Oh, I have kept my promise
Let me tell you what I do
When the path becomes too rough
I just simply carry you!"

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HOW TO KNOW WHEN YOU ARE SINKING
   Text: Matthew 14:22,23

Introduction: In this story we see:
   A. The power of the sovereign
   B. The problem of the storm
   C. The performance of the saints
   D. The peril of the sinking

I. WHEN CALVARY DOESN'T BREAK US.
   A. The vision of Calvary Galatians 6:14
   B. The voice of Calvary I Corinthians 1:17,18
   C. The victory of Calvary John 19:30

II. WHEN SIN DOESN'T BOTHER US.
   A. The language of the world Ephesians 5:29
   B. The leader of the world I Timothy 2:1-4
   C. The learning of the world II Timothy 3:1-7

III. WHEN THE PRESENCE OF THE SAVIOR DOESN'T BLESS US. Revelation 2:1
   A. They were not aware of His walk.
   B. They were not aware of His work.
   C. They were not aware of His will.

IV. WHEN SATAN DOESN'T BATTLE US.
   A. In our preaching I Peter 5:8
   B. In our praying Ephesians 4:29
   C. In our praising James 4:6,7
   D. In our performance Ephesians 6:11

V. WHEN THE SINNER DOESN'T BURDEN US.
   A. His destruction Luke 16:23
   B. His distress Luke 16:24
   C. His destiny Revelation 20:15

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GOD'S PERMISSIVE WILL
   Text: Acts 17:30

Intro: God has a permissive will, in which He permits man to commit sin to the end that he might learn better and repent, during the time which God has chosen to deal with the sin question.
I. GOD'S PERMISSIVE WILL CANNOT INTERFERE WITH HIS DECREED WILL.
A. God will allow sin to co-exist with His decreed will now.
   1. The reason being His grace.
   2. He wishes to save man from himself.
B. Even though sin is here eternity is sure.
   1. This sin, does not hinder or interfere with the plan of a sinless eternity.
   2. God has worked out a plan to forgive sin and eradicate it at the same time.
C. God may love and man may rebel, but God's will is sure.
   1. These two are opposites.
   2. Yet God can reconcile them by Jesus' sacrifice.

II. GOD ALLOWS CERTAIN THINGS BY HIS GRACE. (Permissive will.)
A. God did not end it with the beginning of sin.
   1. The thou shalt surely die, was speaking of separation from God's glory.
   2. But man has by grace a chance to repent.
B. God allowed you to sin and live:
   1. The wages of sin is death.
   2. Yet because of Jesus, God allows you to live.
C. God allows Satan to roam for now.
   1. Satan cannot be saved.
   2. Yet he is allowed to roam and tempt until sin has been dealt with fully.
D. He is giving us a chance:
   1. For the lost God is giving them a chance to be saved.
   2. For the saved, He is giving them a chance to repent.

III. GOD TEACHES US BY HIS PERMISSIVE WILL.
A. How big and good is God?
   1. We learn by His grace His goodness.
   2. Also the breadth of His divine person and grace.
B. God's goodness leads us to repentance.
   1. When we see what God has done, we learn to repent.
   2. We learn it is better to repent than to face His wrath.
C. God leads us by His grace.
   1. Paul said, "I would not have known God's will, but by the law."
   2. God gave us His laws to lead us.
D. His Word is part of His will.
   1. The more we study the Word the more we understand what God expects of us.
   2. The Judgment Seat will be made up of those things which God's wills.

IV. GOD TESTS US BY HIS WILL.
A. He tests us to see if we will obey.
   1. Adam is our example.
   2. The children of Israel at Sinai another.
B. He tests us to see if we love.
   1. Jesus said, "if you love me you, will keep my commandments."
   2. The opposite is if you don't, you will ignore my Word and do your own thing.
C. He tests to see if we are listening.
   1. God's will is free for everyone.
   2. Many will not listen, but they will be held responsible in judgment.

V. THIS WILL WILL END IN ETERNITY.
A. God will not always permit sin.
   1. In eternity man will not have a choice. God's will will be done.
   2. Nothing will be done that is not God's will.
B. God will not allow rebellion or anything that defies there.
C. Every man who has not been born again will be cast out.
D. The will of God is here for you today, Jesus His only begotten Son. Will you accept Him?

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LOVING HEARTS
Text: Romans 5:5

Intro:
A. God created mankind with a threefold nature. (Body, Mind, and Spirit)
B. This message deals with that part referred to as...
   1. Spirit John 3:6
   2. Heart Romans 10:10
   3. Hidden man of the heart I Peter 3:4
   4. Inner man II Corinthians 4:6
C. We observe each other, seeing only the outward appearance. God sees the heart! I Samuel 16:7b
D. When one is saved the Lord puts the same kind of love in our hearts that He has for us. Romans 5:5
   1. The demonstration or practice of this love toward others gives a TWOFOLD TESTIMONY!
      a. It tells others I am saved! John 13:3
      b. It tells ME that I am saved. I John 3:14

I. LOVING HEARTS ARE GODLY HEARTS.
A. Each one of us were born with a nature to sin. Each of us are sinners by practice. Our sins are marked before God! Jeremiah 2:22
B. Godly hearts have called upon God in repentance and faith. Romans 10:13; Luke 18:13
C. Godly hearts have confessed and repented! I John 1:9; Luke 13:3; Psalm 51:10
D. Godly hearts have been cleansed by the blood of the Son of God! Isaiah 55:6,7

II. LOVING HEARTS ARE GLAD HEARTS!
A. When the Ethiopian was saved and baptized HE WENT ON HIS WAY REJOICING. Acts 8:39
B. When King David had backslidden he prayed for the restoration of this joy. Psalm 51:12
C. When one is saved the Lord puts gladness in the heart. Psalm 4:7
D. His presence brings gladness to the heart. Psalm 16:8,9
E. His Holy Spirit inspired Word brings rejoicing to the heart. Psalm 19:8
F. Walking with the Lord by faith brings unspeakable joy even in the presence of the trial of one’s faith. I Peter 1:7,8

III. LOVING HEARTS ARE GOOD HEARTS.
A. Without being saved there is none good. Romans 3:12
B. Jesus taught concerning the heart.
   1. Matthew 12:34
   2. He also taught there are good hearts! Matthew 12:35
   3. The good heart is a work of God by His Holy Spirit in the heart of the believer.
C. When one receives Jesus into his or her heart that heart is made good inside! II Cor. 5:17

IV. LOVING HEARTS ARE GRATEFUL HEARTS.
A. Psalm 68:19
B. It all comes from God. James 1:17
C. I Corinthians 4:7
D. I Chronicles 29:11-13
   1. The proper heart response to God’s goodness is. I Peter 4:10; Gal. 6:10; Matthew 25:40
E. Let us always be observant of the SPIRITUAL GIFTS FROM GOD and be careful to show gratitude to Him for them also.
   1. The gift of His Son. John 3:16
   2. All the gifts that come to us by faith in Jesus.
      a. Repentance Acts 11:18
      b. Eternal life I John 5:11,12
      c. Forgiveness Ephesians 1:7
      d. Cleansing I John 1:7


V. LOVING HEARTS ARE GIVING HEARTS.
A. "One has given God nothing until that one has given God himself."
   1. God asks for one’s heart. Proverbs 23:26
   2. Some who did just that. II Cor. 8:1--2:5
B. Loving hearts give the sacrifice of praise. Psalm 107:8; I Peter 2:9; Psalm 111:1
C. Loving hearts give themselves in service to God and mankind. Romans 12:1; Acts 9:39; Epaphroditus
D. Loving hearts give of their substance. John 14:15; Luke 6:38; I Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 8:13,14

VI. LOVING HEARTS ARE GUIDED HEARTS.
A. We are not capable of directing our own selves. Jeremiah 10:23
B. Mankind left to himself goes away from the Lord and His ways. Romans 3:11
C. Jesus told of blind leaders of the blind. Matt. 15:14
D. Proverbs 4:14-16
E. The Lord’s sheep are led.
   1. John 10:4; Psalm 23
   2. Romans 8:14; Acts 8:29
   3. "My sheep know my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

D.B. Wright at home in glory!!!

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I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love; I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true, It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story -- 'tis pleasant to repeat What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet; I love to tell the story, for some have never heard The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest; And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory -- To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Go Tell The Story Of The Greatest Love Ever Known!

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