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Foreword

The Privilege of Belonging to God's Earthly and Heavenly Family is one of those messages.

Pastor W.F. Kumuyi does not merely speak about belonging to the family of God; he calls the reader to examine what that belonging means, what it demands, and what it makes possible.

Who are Christ's true brothers and sisters?

What does it mean to do the will of the Father?

Can a believer remain neutral when Christ has called him to stand?

What happens when faith gives way to unbelief, when conviction gives way to compromise, or when God's people forget that they are part of something greater than themselves?

*These questions run through this message with a clear and urgent answer: **belonging to Christ is both a privilege and a responsibility.***

The message begins with the words of Jesus:

"Behold my mother and my brethren!"

It then takes us from the earthly family to the heavenly family, from conversion to consecration, from faithfulness to the danger of unbelief, and finally to the confidence of those who continue with God.

But perhaps one of the strongest calls in this message is the repeated command:

March forward.

The Red Sea may be before you.

Pharaoh may be behind you.

Mountains may appear to surround you.

But the presence of an obstacle does not mean the absence of God.

The sea that looked like the end became the pathway forward. The same waters that opened for God's people became the judgment of their pursuers.

*This is the faith that Pastor Kumuyi brings before us: **do not retreat when God has commanded you to move forward.***

Do not allow fear to determine your future.

Do not allow evil reports to define your destiny.

Do not allow affliction, sickness, opposition, disappointment, or impossibility to convince you that the journey has ended.

There is still a promised land ahead.

There is still a purpose ahead.

There is still a work to be done.

And above everything else, there is still a heaven ahead.

For LivingSermons, preserving this message in book form is more than preserving words spoken at a particular gathering. It is preserving a spiritual exhortation so that someone who was not in the room can encounter the message years later and still hear the call:

Do not look back.

Do not stay on the fence.

Do not give up.

March forward.

That is the enduring value of a sermon preserved as a book.

A spoken message may last for an hour, but a carefully preserved message can continue speaking long after the congregation has gone home.

May these pages strengthen the discouraged, awaken the committed, restore the wandering, challenge the neutral, and encourage every true believer to remain faithful in the family of God.

And when the reader comes to the final page, may one command remain ringing in the heart:

— Wisdom Epsi

Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Opening Prayer

Let's pray together.

Father, we thank You, and we bless Your name for what You are, who You are, and what You have been to us.

We thank You, Lord, for bringing us out of our past into a redeemed present.

And Lord, we're praying that that redemption and the work of grace You have done will be manifest everywhere we go, everywhere we are, wherever we live, in Jesus' name.

We're asking today that Your Word will enlighten us more, enrich our lives more, energize us more, and make us go in the direction we ought to go, in Jesus' name.

Manifest Yourself and magnify Christ in every life today.

We thank You because we know You have answered.

In Jesus' name we pray.

And the whole church said, "Amen."

Thank you very much. You can sit down.

Introduction

Today we're coming to **Matthew chapter 12**, and I'm reading the last five verses there, beginning from **verse 46**:

"While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him."

And then in **verse 47**:

"Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee."

Verse 48:

"But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?"

Then in **verse 49**:

"And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!"

And then **verse 50**:

"For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Look at that verse again:

"For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

— Matthew 12:46–50 (KJV)

We're looking at those verses today. Those verses are very familiar.

I'm sure if you've been a Christian, a Bible-believing, born-again Christian for some time, you have read those words before.

And now we want to think about **the privilege of belonging to God's earthly family and heavenly family**—here, the family of God on earth; there, the family of God in heaven—and the privilege we have to belong to such a family.

Three things we're looking at:

1. The faithful brothers and sisters of Christ
2. The faithless brethren not subject to Christ
3. The full blessings of saints in Christ

The Family of God

Let's come to number one. We're looking at the faithful brothers and sisters of Christ.

We come back again now to **Matthew chapter 12**, reading from verse 46:

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"But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?"

I need to clear something for you here.

The question that Jesus asked—*"Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? Who are my brothers and sisters?"*—must be understood in the light of who Jesus is.

I read about a believer, a new Christian. He had just been born again, and he was in love with the Bible, in love with Christ, and in love with his new faith.

He had been reading the Bible and reading the Bible, and he read John chapter 14, verses 8 and 9.

In that passage, **John 14:8** says:

"Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us."

Then verse 9:

"Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?"

This young Christian read that, and he was fascinated. He memorized it:

"Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?"

Then he went for an interview.

The person interviewing him was Mr. Phillips.

The interviewer began to say, "Now you want a job here, and you want to have this position."

He said, "Yes."

"Can you tell me about your schooling, about your certificate, about this and about that, and about what you are bringing to the company?"

Remember, the young man was a new Christian. He loved the Bible. He looked at the interviewer and said, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?"

The interview came to an end.

He lost his chance. He lost that opportunity. He did not get the job.

And he said, "I can't understand. I'm just quoting the Bible to the man. 'Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?'"

There are things Jesus will say, and then we don't carry them properly. We say, "I'm a Christian. I'm a believer, and therefore what I'm saying is what He said."

Understanding What Jesus Meant

Young people, born-again children of God, lovers of the Bible, here we are today.

Jesus said, *"Who is my mother? Who is my brother? Who is my sister?"*

If you go out with that understanding, "Who is my mother?" I'll tell you what your mother is. "Who is my brother?" I'll tell you what your brother is. "Who is my sister?" I'll tell you what your sister is.

You cannot go from here having memorized that and think it is enough simply because it looks interesting that Jesus said, "Who is my mother? Who is my brother? Who is my sister?"

We cannot quote that same thing without understanding who Jesus is.

Remember, Jesus is God, the Son of God, the Saviour, the Redeemer.

Jesus is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

And when it comes to the divine, when it comes to the supernatural, when it comes to what He came to do, and He was listening to the Father and did everything the Father sent Him to do, a mother compared with the heavenly Father—He could say, "Who is my mother?"

A brother, a sister, compared to the heavenly Father—He could say, "Who is my brother? Who is my sister?"

I cannot repeat that.

You cannot repeat that.

Who Is My Mother?

Young people, who is my mother?

My mother is a moulder, a mentor, a monitor. My mother is the one who is looking at me and is to develop me.

Mary was not to develop Jesus. He is God incarnate, God in person.

But my mother—your mother—who is my mother?

Mentor. Moulder. Monitor.

Who is my mother?

Observer, inquirer. She is the one who is always asking, "Have you done this? Have you done this? Have you done that?" And she is doing that so that she will encourage you to go in the will of God. And when you are discouraged, your mother is the one observing you, the one that develops you.

Who is my mother?

My mother is my teacher, my trainer, my coach.

So you cannot come and say, "Who is my mother?" in that language that Jesus spoke.

Who is my mother?

My mother is my helper. She's my hearer. Anytime I'm crying, anytime I'm weak, she's the one that hears me out. She's the one that holds me up. She's the one that helps me.

That is my mother.

My mother is my encourager. My mother is the one who is saying, "You can do it, baby. You can do it, my child. That was how I was at the beginning when I was younger. When I was as young as you, you can do it."

Who is my mother?

My mother is my refresher. She's the one that refreshes my life. She feeds me and she takes care of me. She's my carer and she's my lover. She's the one that makes me and wants to make me what I ought to be.

So when I say, "Who is my mother?"; that's my mother.

I cannot talk like Jesus said. Who is my mother?

He was talking as the Son of God.

He was talking as God.

He was talking as the One sent by the Father on earth to do a particular job.

Who Is My Brother?

“Who is my brother?”

You're born in the family. You belong to the family, and here is your brother and here you are.

If he's your senior brother, he's been here before you, and he can tell you, "This is how we do that. This is how we say that."

Who is my brother?

He's my burden-bearer.

Who is my brother?

He is my refiner. He is my repairer. When you start learning language and you say the word this way, it's your brother that says, "They don't use the word that way," and he repairs you.

And when you are falling, you're playing a game outside and you land on your face, he's your restorer.

You say, "I'll never play again, that kind of game in our compound."

He's the one that says, "If you're thinking like that, you'll never grow in your life." I felt like that many times.

He's the restorer. He's the repairer. He's the one that brings you back up.

Who is my brother?

He's one among many. One among many. You'll never find anybody else like him. You need him. He needs you. And you need to walk together. You need to wash your hands together. He's one among many.

Who is my brother?

He's the team builder. You join together, and then you are better than one. He's the team builder, and you're going ahead together.

Who is my brother?

He is your holder-up of the head. When you look down and you don't know how to look up because you made a big mistake, a big failure in your life, your brother is the holder-up of your head.

Who is my brother?

He's my ear. He's my eye. The things I don't hear that people are saying about me, the things I don't know that people are thinking about me.

Who is my brother?

He's my ear.

Who is my brother?

He's my eye, and he sees farther than I see.

And who is my brother?

He's my refiner.

My refiner is the one that says, "If you talk like that, you'll think you are a dummy. This is the way to speak." He refines your life.

And so what I'm saying is, we cannot just take the words of Jesus and not understand His position, not understand His deity, and not understand what is peculiar and unique about Him.

Then I say, "Who is my mother?"

Don't talk like that. Your mother is significant in your life.

"Who is my brother?"

Don't talk like that. Your brother is significant in your life.

Who Is My Sister?

And who is my sister?

She is my supporter. My supporter.

You know, sometimes when you've done something below the perfect and everybody is shooting at you, everybody is talking against you, your sister knows that really, you blew it. But your sister says, "If I stay on their side, my brother will be lonely. My sister will be lonely."

And so she comes around, and she tries to find something good about you and says, "You don't know him. You don't know her. I know him. I know her."

She's your supporter.

Who is my sister?

My sister is my inspirer. She inspires me. She talks to me.

And when I bring my report sheet back home and mommy says, "Is this all you got?." And daddy says "Is this all you got?"; my sister inspires me.

My sister says, "I was like that before. I was at the bottom of the class. But you know something happened, and we have the same blood, and we know that the same thing will happen to you."

My sister inspires me to move on.

When I say, "I will not go there again. I will not go to school again. I will not try that again," it is my sister who comes to inspire me.

Who is my sister?

My sister is my sustainer. She says, "You're doing well. Keep on doing that. You're doing good. Keep on." She says, "I'm happy for you. I'm happy for you, and your success is my success." And she inspires you on.

Who is my sister?

My sister is my treasure.

Anytime I come home and I don't find my sister, I don't even think I want to eat. I want to wait for my sister. My sister is my treasure.

My sister is my eye and my ear.

My brother is here; he hears and he sees. But my sister, in a different way, is my eye and my ear. Whatever is going wrong behind my back, she holds that for me. She has even defended me before she came back home.

Who is my sister?

My sister is my reminder.

She is the one always telling me, "Remember that thing that happened the other time. You were sorrowful. If you do that again, sorrow will come back."

She's my reminder.

"And when that thing happened the other time and you were on top of the world, you were happy." She brings that back to my memory. She's always reminding me of the pitfall. She's always reminding me of the ladder I can climb.

What I'm saying is that what Jesus said, He said as Deity, as the Son of God, as the Saviour, and as the One sent by the Father.

I cannot take those words exactly and repeat them in the same way.

I am not Deity.

I am human.

I am not God in the flesh.

I am human.

I am not the Saviour.

I am human.

And so, mind your words.

Mind your language.

Don't take something out of the Bible and just repeat it without understanding.

The Faithful Brothers and Sisters of Christ

Point number one: **the faithful brothers and sisters of Christ.**

Three things here:

1. The conversion of repentant sinners and backsliders.
2. The character of recognized sisters and brothers.
3. The commitment of renewed souls as believers.

1. The Conversion of Repentant Sinners and Backsliders

What makes us the brothers and sisters of the Lord Jesus Christ

What brings us into the family of God, that we can be referred to as the sons and daughters of God, the brothers and sisters of Christ?

Number one: **the conversion of repentant sinners and backsliders.**

In **Acts chapter 3**, we're looking at verse 19:

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

— *Acts 3:19 (KJV)*

We repent and we turn to the Lord, and He cleanses our lives. He sets us free. He forgives us.

That's what He tells us in verse 26:

"Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

— *Acts 3:26 (KJV)*

When the Lord has done that and He turns us away from our transgression, from our sin, from our iniquities, we come into the family of God. We become the children of God.

Look at **James chapter 5**, verse 19:

"Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;"

The backslider has gone away from the truth.

He errs from the truth.

And now, if that backslider would repent, he'll be restored.

Look at verse 20:

"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

— James 5:19–20 (KJV)

2. The Character of Recognized Sisters and Brothers

Number two: **the character of the recognized sisters and brothers.**

We were converted. We came into the kingdom.

Jesus stretched forth His hand toward His disciples in **Matthew 12:49** and said:

"Behold my mother, and my brethren!"

Look at verse 50:

"For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

— Matthew 12:49–50 (KJV)

We are converted, and because of that, we now act like Christ acted. It brings us into the same heavenly family.

He is the Son of God. And then:

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

— John 1:12 (KJV)

And the Lord Himself said:

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

— 2 Corinthians 6:17–18 (KJV)

The Almighty God affirms it. And so, as we come to the Lord, we turn away from sin and we turn to the Saviour. Our character becomes different.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

— 2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

Amen.

The Will of God Determines Our Character

1 Thessalonians chapter 4, reading from verse 3:

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."

— 1 Thessalonians 4:3 (KJV)

It tells us, "Who is my brother? Who is my sister?"

The one that does the will of God is my brother. The one that does the will of God is my sister.

The will of God—what is the will of God?

The will of God is our salvation.

The will of God is newness of life.

The will of God is our sanctification.

The will of God is that we abstain from every appearance of evil. That we abstain from the flesh. We abstain from all the degrading things of the world. We abstain from all the evil of the world.

That is the will of God.

And then, in verse 4, he tells us:

"That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour."

— 1 Thessalonians 4:4 (KJV)

Look at Romans chapter 12. I'm reading from verse 1:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

— Romans 12:1 (KJV)

You have the grace of God by His mercy.

You have conversion by His mercy, and you have a new life by His mercy.

Look at verse 2:

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

— *Romans 12:2 (KJV)*

3. The Commitment of Renewed Souls

Let's come to number three.

Number three is: **the commitment of renewed souls.**

As believers, our commitment now is to do the will of God.

Know the will of God.

Give yourself. Submit yourself to the will of God, and do the will of God consistently. Do the will of God happily and joyfully, knowing you're a member of the family of God now.

Your character and your commitment, your delight and your joy, are that you will do the will of God.

Your delight, your joy, your aspiration, and the thing that makes you really happy is that you know the will of God. You reach the will of God. You believe the Word and the will of God. You accept the will of God, and you live in the will of God, doing the will of God consistently, happily, joyfully, and honestly.

Everywhere, you're doing the will of God.

Look at that again in Matthew chapter 12, reading from verse 50:

"For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

— *Matthew 12:50 (KJV)*

Look at Hebrews chapter 10, verse 7:

"Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God."

— *Hebrews 10:7 (KJV)*

In the volume of the book, it is written of Christ.

And now, if we are brothers and sisters to Christ, if we are converted, if we have a new life, if we have a new nature, if we have a new mind, and if we have the mind of Christ in us, what He took delight in, we take delight in.

And like He said, He came to do the will of God happily and joyfully, honestly and wholeheartedly.

The same thing can be said about us:

"Lo, I come to do thy will, O God."

We're looking at Romans chapter 8, verse 29:

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son."

— *Romans 8:29 (KJV)*

He came to do the will of God. He delighted in doing the will of God. His joy, His meat, His life, His happiness was doing the will of God.

And when we are conformed to the image of His Son,

"...that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

— *Romans 8:29 (KJV)*

That's the faithful brother.

That's the faithful sister of Christ, committed to doing the will of God.

And that cannot happen except there is conversion, then the character, and then the commitment.

I pray the Heavenly Father, by His grace and by His power, will reproduce the life of Christ in every one of us, in Jesus' name.

Did I hear a good "Amen"?

Amen.

The Faithless Brethren Not Subject to Christ

Let's come to point number two.

Point number two: **the faithless brethren not subject to Christ.**

Already we have read it in **Matthew 12:46.**

He was still speaking. He was still teaching. He was still ministering. He was still preaching and calling the people out of darkness into the marvellous light of the gospel.

And then these brothers and sisters dragged their mother along.

"You must come with us because you are the authority. If he knows that you are with us, he will pay attention."

And so the mother followed after them.

What do we know about these brothers and sisters?

Look at John chapter 7. I'm looking at verse 3:

"His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest."

— John 7:3 (KJV)

Wasn't that an encouragement?

Not really.

Wasn't that telling Him, "Do more of this and let the people know that You can do this"?

Not really.

Look at verse 4:

"For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world."

— *John 7:4 (KJV)*

The real thing is in verse 5. Look at verse 5:

"For neither did his brethren believe in him."

— *John 7:5 (KJV)*

Even when He was still alive, His brethren did not believe in Him.

He lived a perfect life, a holy life, a righteous life, a miracle-working life.

Yet neither did His brethren believe in Him.

He brought the good news, the glad tidings, the gospel. He preached like no man had ever preached before.

Yet neither did His brethren believe in Him.

He healed the sick. He raised the dead. He cast out devils.

Yet neither did His brethren believe in Him.

That's why, as He was teaching and preaching, they did not actually accept what He was saying.

They did not accept that He was the One He claimed to be.

They were faithless.

Neither Did His Brethren Believe In Him

If there was anybody that ever had a perfect brother in the family, a sign-working, miracle-working brother in the family, it was Christ. And yet, with all He said, with all He lived, and with all the good things that He did, neither did His brethren believe in Him.

That's the reason why they came. That's why they said, "We need you now. Stop what you are doing. Stop all that preaching and stop all that talking and come over here." And somebody went to tell Him.

He knew them.

Even the people He didn't live with, He knew their thoughts. The Pharisees that He didn't even talk to, He knew their thoughts. And the people that said they believed on Him, He knew their hearts.

How much more the people that came from the same dwelling, from the same house, from the same building?

He knew them.

That is the reason He said, "Who is my brother? That one. Who is my sister? That one."

But they that hear the Word of God and do the will of my Father in heaven, that's my brother and that's my sister.

These ones were false.

Three things here:

1. The Evident Reaction of False Brethren
2. The Evil Report of Fallen Backsliders
3. The Eternal Rejection of Faithless Blasphemers

1. The Evident Reaction of False Brethren

Number one here: **the evident reaction of false brethren.**

We're looking at Mark chapter 3, and we're reading from verse 20:

"And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread."

— *Mark 3:20 (KJV)*

Look at verse 21:

"And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself."

— *Mark 3:21 (KJV)*

They couldn't see His perfection. They said, "He is beside Himself."

They couldn't see His commitment and His vision. They couldn't see His commitment to the heavenly vision. They said, "He is beside Himself."

They couldn't hear of the joy of the people who were getting healed and the people who were getting saved. They couldn't see the names that had been written in heaven.

All they could see was that He was doing too much.

And they called themselves friends.

They said, "We love Him. He's doing too much. He's running too fast. He's going too far. And we need to rescue Him from this load He puts upon Himself."

They said, "He is beside Himself."

These are the people that came to Christ while He was preaching. And He was told, "Your brothers and your sister, they are waiting for you. Your brethren are looking for you."

That's the reason He said:

"Who is my brother? Who is my sister?"

These that do the will of God, they are my brother, my sister, and my mother.

False Brethren Who Bring Bondage

Look at Galatians chapter 2. We're reading from verse 4:

"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage."

— *Galatians 2:4 (KJV)*

False brethren.

When Jesus was talking to the multitude, it was like He was freest whenever He was doing what the heavenly Father had sent Him to do.

Free to talk, free to preach, free to prophesy, free to heal, and free to deliver.

Nothing bound Him.

Even the traditions of the Pharisees and the Sadducees had no hold on Him.

When they saw Him, they came to spy out His liberty, and they said, "He is beside Himself."

Can you see how He's moving up and down? How He's walking, throwing up His hands? Can you see how He's looking at everybody and pointing to this and pointing to that?

"He is beside Himself."

Such false brethren were brought in secretly to spy out the liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage.

Look at verse 5:

"To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you."

— *Galatians 2:5 (KJV)*

What Jesus had done was that He didn't give any chance to those brothers and sisters to take Him away from the ministry the Father had given Him to operate in.

He didn't give them a chance for an hour.

Paul the apostle also said, with all the companions around him who were preaching the Word of God, that they didn't give them any space of subjection, no, not for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with them.

The truth will continue with you.

The gospel will continue with you when we who are ministers and preachers, and you who are hearing, will not allow anything or anyone to hinder you and bring a barrier between you and the gospel we're preaching.

This work of God will prosper in your life.

When Preachers Preach Christ for the Wrong Reason

Philippians chapter 1, we're reading from verse 15:

"Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will."

— *Philippians 1:15 (KJV)*

If you stop there, you think every preacher is a friend. Every preacher is a supporter. Every preacher is an encourager. Every preacher is a lifter-up of our heads.

But read everything.

Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife.

They say they are Christians.

They say they are ministers.

They say they are preachers.

And you want to listen to them. They want to catch your attention.

But from what they say, from their utterances, from the things they put out for people to see, and from their actions, you know that they are talking because of envy, because of jealousy, and because of carnal, worldly, unrighteous competition.

Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife, and some also of good will.

Look at verse 16:

"The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds."

— Philippians 1:16 (KJV)

The one preaches Christ of contention, not of conversion.

The one preaches Christ not to turn people's minds unto Christ.

The one preaches Christ not to prepare their hearers for heaven.

The one preaches Christ not to show the love and grace of God available for whosoever will.

But they preach Christ of contention.

It's like they want to say something that the other preacher will hear, and the other preacher will say, "You said that about me."

And then, "I know you too." And then they throw another stone back.

When the stone hits him, he says, "That's what I expected you to do. I wanted you to fight. That's why I'm pulling you out of the ministry. I'm getting you to the arena where you will fight."

And then he throws something back.

People are gathering as spectators in the stadium, and they're watching two preachers fight.

Somebody started it.

But if you are saved, if you are sanctified, if you know your calling, you will not reply them because you know there is envy and there is jealousy in their camp.

It says:

"The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds."

Those are the people whose actions and reactions, whose utterances and preaching, whose ministry and insulting language reveal that they are false brethren.

You will not be a false brother.

I will not be a false brother.

You'll not be a false sister.

You'll not be a man or a woman of contention, in Jesus' name.

2. The Evil Report of Fallen Backsliders

Look at number two here.

Number two: **the evil report of fallen backsliders.**

Nehemiah, chapter 6, verse 3:

"And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?"

— *Nehemiah 6:3 (KJV)*

Here is Nehemiah. He was building the fence that surrounded Jerusalem, and he knew that what he was doing was important.

When you're building the surrounding fence of holiness, the surrounding fence of righteousness, the surrounding fence of security and preservation of the gospel, of the truth of the Lord, there are people who want to divert your attention and pull you out of that important work.

They are envious. They're jealous. They are evil, and they are trying to speak evil. They oppose you.

Now Nehemiah said, "I know the trick, and I know the game they're playing is to make the work stop."

The work of God will not stop in your life.

The grace of God will not stop in your family.

"And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?"

Look at verse 4:

"Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner."

— *Nehemiah 6:4 (KJV)*

They spoke and spoke for the public to hear, and the man did not answer.

They said, "Maybe he's not paying attention. He's too engrossed with what he's doing. Maybe he has not even read that thing. He has not seen that thing."

They spoke again, and the man would not answer.

He kept on doing the work he was doing.

Keep on with what the Lord has called you to.

When they talk and talk and talk, one day the air will finish in their balloon. Everything will deflate.

But if you leave your work and then you confront them, you will be defeated.

You know why?

God has not given you grace to fight against those envious, jealous people. He has only given you grace to do the work.

And if you leave the work and go to another thing—self-defence, self-exaltation, self-contention, self-deceit—the grace you had in doing the work will not be there, because God did not give that grace for self-defence.

That grace will not be there.

You'll be beaten and battered.

But your protection lies in the fact that you do not listen to those who criticize and those who want to trip you. They want to make you fall. They want to bring you into contention.

Your victory is that you do not listen to them.

You keep climbing and climbing. You're not listening to them.

You've been succeeding and succeeding. You were not listening to them.

He said:

"Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner."

"I'm doing a great work. I have no time for debate, for criticism, or for contention."

The Lord will see you through.

Do Not Listen to an Evil Report

Look at Numbers chapter 13. We're reading from verse 32:

"And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel..."

— Numbers 13:32 (KJV)

The children of Israel had come out of Egypt, and they were going to the Promised Land.

Where are you going?

I said, where are you going?

The Promised Land.

And instead of the children of Israel getting back to the Book, looking at the Book, and hearing what God had told Moses, they said, "You know what? Send spies to the land. Let them go and look at the land and bring us back a report."

Don't deviate from the Book.

Anything you want to learn about the Promised Land, about heaven, about the place of glory, about the pleasant land where Jesus Christ has gone to prepare a place for us—all the information we need is in the Book.

It's in the Book.

If you ask other people who are not students of the Book, who are not servants of the Lord, and who are not committed to the Book, they'll give you an evil report.

I will not listen to an evil report.

I said, I will not listen to an evil report.

They brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying:

"The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature."

— Numbers 13:32 (KJV)

There's a contradiction there.

Watch those people who bring an evil report. You'll see the contradiction if you pay attention.

They said, "It's a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof."

If it eats them up—no courage, no stamina, no might, weak and fallen—how can it be a land where all the people are men of great stature?

Look at the next part of verse 32:

"And all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature."

That's a contradiction.

If the land eats all the people, how come that all the people there, without exception, are men of great stature?

Those who are envious and jealous, they don't think. They cannot think.

They say one sentence, and then the next sentence is a contradiction. But the people who listen to them, the people who pay attention to them, hear those contradictions and don't see the contradiction.

Look at verse 33:

"And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."

— *Numbers 13:33 (KJV)*

They shouldn't have seen the giants there if the land eats all the people there.

They said, "We saw the giants which come of the giants, and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers. And so were we in their sight."

Because of that evil report, the children of Israel began to cry, and they turned back. They were not ready for the Promised Land anymore.

I am ready for the Promised Land.

Don't hear what they say. Don't listen to what they say out there. If you have heard it, just wash it off your mind. There are too many contradictions in what they are saying.

Evil report will not stop you.

Evil report will not stop me.

Evil report will not stop your family.

Evil report will not stop the global crusade.

Evil reports will not stop the work of God.

The conversions, the healings, and the miracles are yet to come, in Jesus' name.

3. The Eternal Rejection of Faithless Blasphemers

In **Matthew 12:30**, Jesus said:

“He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.”

That means you cannot stay neutral.

You cannot say, “I’m not opposed to the global crusade, but that’s not where my mind is. I will not pray about it. I will not pray for its success. I will not wish it success. I am neither here in support nor there in opposition.”

Look at what Jesus said:

“He that is not with me is against me.”

You cannot say, “I’m on the fence. I stay neutral. I hear what they say. Maybe they’re right, maybe they’re wrong. I cannot judge. I’m going to be neutral.”

No. You cannot be neutral.

You’ve been with your pastor for more than 40 years. You know him. You know everything about him. You know his goals, his desires, his principles, his sacrifices, his consecration. You know everything. You can write a book about him all by yourself, and then you say, “I am neutral.”

No, you cannot be neutral.

You know the origin of evangelism: door-to-door evangelism, friendship evangelism, spiritual evangelism, prison evangelism. You know what the two things were known for from the earlier years: holiness and evangelism.

You’ve been here for 25 years. You’ve been here for 30 years. You know that this is at the very heart of your pastor.

And now, the global crusade is still the same evangelism.

We are simply using social media and everything available to reach more than two or three people—to reach 300, 400, 5,000, even 500,000 people at the same time.

It is still the same thing.

How can you stay on the fence and say, “Whatever they are saying, well, maybe they are right. I don't know. Maybe they are wrong. I don't know”?

You cannot act like that.

“He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.”

Then, in **Matthew 12:31**, He said:

“Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.”

And verse 32 tells us:

“And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.”

If they are not forgiven in this world, and they are not forgiven in the world to come, what does that mean?

Look at **Matthew 25:41**.

Jesus Christ is talking about the people who will be on the left hand, the people who will not enter the pleasant land, the promised land, the glorious land.

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”

I will not be on the left hand.

You will not be on the left hand.

Your family will not be on the left hand.

Your converts will not be on the left hand.

Your local church, your group, your region, your state, and your national church will not be on the left hand, in Jesus' name.

I'm on the right hand side.

I stay on the right hand side.

I live on the right hand side, and I consecrate and commit myself to abide on the right hand side.

My goal is heaven. My final place is heaven. Amen.

The Full Blessings of Saints in Christ

Now, look at point number three.

We are looking at: **the full blessings of saints in Christ.**

He tells us in **Matthew 12**, reading from verse 49:

**“And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said,
Behold my mother and my brethren!”**

Do we have disciples of Christ in the house today?

I said, are there disciples of Christ here today?

Where are they?

He is pointing to you. He is stretching forth His hand toward you. He said:

“Behold my mother and my brethren!”

And then verse 50 says:

**“For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven,
the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.”**

Whosoever, by grace, by personal decision, by personal commitment, by unending and unchanging consecration, has made up his mind that he will continue in the Lord, in the Word, and in the will of God forever—that person is in the family of God.

**“For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven,
the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.”**

I pray you will be in the family of God.

You will remain in the family of God, and nothing will jolt you or drive you away from your decision, commitment, and consecration, in Jesus' name.

The Whole Family in Heaven and Earth

Ephesians 3:14–16 says:

**“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.”**

The whole family.

Part of the family is on earth. That's who we are.

Part of the family is in heaven—those who have gone to the great beyond.

But we are all in the same family: the earthly family of God and the heavenly family of God.

What was the prayer? Why was Paul bowing his knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the whole family?

Look at verse 16:

“That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.”

He will strengthen your inner man.

Every discouragement will vanish away.

Drooping and becoming discouraged will vanish away.

Tiredness will vanish away.

Every negative utterance—"I cannot go on. I cannot move on. I cannot move forward"—all those negative thoughts and words will pass away from you, in Jesus' name.

March Forward

They were at the Red Sea, and Pharaoh and his chariots were coming behind them.

They saw the Red Sea in front of them, and it was as though they were finished. They could not imagine what would happen because a sea like that had never been parted.

Mountains were here, mountains were there, the army was behind them, and the deep sea was before them.

They thought, "It's finished."

Your life is not finished yet.

Let your crying stop. God is still on the throne.

These Egyptians that you see, so confident, galloping and coming after you—they will not have the final word. God will show them.

They were crying, and Moses too was praying. He was overwhelmed.

Nothing will overwhelm you.

And God said to Moses, in effect, "Why are you crying? Why are you praying like that and screaming as if everything is finished? Didn't you remember My word? I brought them out so as to take them in."

He said:

"Stretch out thine rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea."

And then tell the people, “**March forward.**”

If you didn't hear anything today, hear this one: **March forward.**

If the sea has intimidated you and you think, “As we look at it, we're drowned. We're gone. Either we drown in the sea, or the army and the chariots of Pharaoh will get every one of us,” that's not true.

The sea is not for you to drown in.

It is for Pharaoh and his chariots to drown in.

And so Moses stretched out the rod, and the sea parted.

The hindrance in your life is taken away.

“Pastor, can I see you after the service today?”

“What do you want to see me for?”

“There's an ocean before me, and I'm drowning. An ocean of sickness, an ocean of oppression, an ocean of affliction. Pastor, I see them in the dream. I see them in that day. They're coming. If I don't see you after the service today, I don't know. You may never see me anymore.”

Ah, I will stretch the rod on your behalf.

And I will tell you, Moses did not have to come to them one by one.

I don't have to come to you one by one for your difficulty or your challenge.

I stretch the rod, and the sea parts.

And the children of Israel crossed over. You will forget your crying.

God said, “Tell them to march forward.”

I came to tell you today: **March forward.**

Move forward. Go higher. Go toward your promised land.

And they went over—every one of them without exception. The men, the women, the young, the old, the boys, the girls—everybody marched forward.

Then Pharaoh said, “Ah, the sea is parted.”

Mr. Pharaoh, it was not parted for you. You cannot claim a registered mail that was not sent to you.

He said, “If they can do it, we can also do it.”

My friend, that's not true.

And so they came into the sea. They would not give up. The children of Israel had escaped and gone beyond the Red Sea, but Pharaoh said, “We will pursue them to the very last minute.”

That's right.

Their last minute came because they kept pursuing.

I pity your enemies.

They said they are after you.

They said they will catch you.

They said they will do it until their last minute.

After their last minute, you will still be alive.

The God Who Makes a Way

They came into the middle of the Red Sea.

And God said to Moses, “Do you see all the children of Israel, all that came out with you?”

And they came to the Red Sea.

“Anyone lost?”

“No, Lord.”

“Anyone drowned?”

“No, Lord.”

“Anyone perished?”

“No, Lord.”

“Anyone dying before their time?”

No.

He said, “All right. Now Moses, that same rod that opened the way for Israel will close the sea for their enemies.”

Stretch out that same rod.

The people were still in the middle of the Red Sea, and the wheels of their chariots could not move again.

They said, “What are we going to do?”

The God of heaven was fighting on behalf of Israel.

“Let's turn back.”

Too late.

The sea was coming back, and all of them drowned.

But the followers of the Lord, the believers in the Lord, the members of the family of God, were saved on the other side.

Are those members here today?

Members of the family of God, are they here today?

The children of the Most High God, are they here today?

Brothers and sisters of the Lord Jesus Christ, are they here today?

Redeemed and righteous people, are they here today?

March forward.

Where are you? March forward.

Where are you? March forward.

Where are you? March forward.

Open your mouth and tell the Lord, **“We are passing over.”**

This Red Sea will not drown you.

This affliction will not drown you.

This predicament will not drown you.

God has ordained that you will get to the promised land.

You are getting there.

You are getting there.

March forward.

March forward.

March forward.

Sickness will have to leave you.

Infirmity will have to leave you.

Every sin that bound you, every sin that held you down—every sin will have to be removed.

March forward.

March forward.

Don't look back.

Pharaoh is nothing.

Egyptian armies are nothing.

All those people after your life are nothing.

Affliction is nothing.

Sickness is nothing.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ. We are brothers and sisters of the Saviour and the Redeemer.

And He says, “Don't cry. Don't look back. Don't look down. **March forward.**”

Victory is ahead.

Healing is ahead.

Provision is ahead.

Manna is ahead.

A job is ahead.

A husband is ahead.

A wife is ahead.

Children—miracle children—are ahead.

March forward.

Every good thing you desire is ahead.

Yours is the promised land.

Yours is the promised land.

Yours is the promised land.

March forward.

Don't look back anymore.

Tell the Lord, **“I believe. I believe. I believe. I believe.”**

And Moses stretched out the rod, and the sea parted for everyone—not only for some of them, not only for the strong ones, but for everyone.

And for you as well.

And for you as well.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Prayer for the Family of God

The Lord has registered your victory in heaven.

And the Lord Jesus Christ has pointed to you and said, “Look at him. Look at her. My brother, my sister.”

These are the ones who do the will of God.

Those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ—that is the will of God.

Those who love His Word and cherish His Word—that is His will.

Those who are even weak and say, “Lord, I am weak. I cannot do it by myself. Help me”—you are in the will of God.

And from this day, the way will open before you.

The Red Sea will open before you.

The miracle of dividing the sea of hindrance that has never been done in your life or in your family before—that miracle of the divided sea will come to you today.

Where are you?

Father, in Jesus' name. We call You Father because Jesus, Your only begotten Son, has converted us, cleansed us, and brought us into the family. Once again, we call You our heavenly Father.

And we know every good thing, Your purpose for our lives, from creation to the point of redemption, to the point of being born again. This is the time for You to arise and to act in every life.

Lord, I pray that everything that makes any of Your people fearful, I pray You clear and cleanse everything out of their lives, in Jesus' name.

We are redeemed.

We are delivered.

We are set free.

We are set forth.

And then there is the army coming behind to defeat us, to bind us again, to afflict us again, and to take us back to the land of bondage.

We pray that a wall of fire will be between us and them.

We see the light; they will see darkness.

They will not be able to find the way to meet up with us, in Jesus' name.

The rod, the promise, the Word, which is the rod—I point today to your Red Sea, to your sea of affliction, to your sea of sickness, to your sea of infirmity, to your sea of impossibility, to your sea of sorrow, and to your sea of suffering.

And the Word of promise divides that Red Sea before you right now.

Move forward.

Go ahead.

Make progress.

Climb your mountain.

Go over to the other side of the sea.

Be delivered, in Jesus' name.

Free, in Jesus' name.

Healed, in Jesus' name.

The original promise the Lord has given you—that this is where He is taking you to—every hindrance is taken out of your way.

Every word of partition is taken out of your way.

And all those enemies of your progress, you leave them behind.

They will never catch up with you.

They will never catch up with you.

Keep on looking up.

Keep on moving forward.

Keep on making progress.

Keep on.

Strength and energy and all the provision for the way, the Lord will provide for every one of you.

March forward.

March forward.

March forward.

Have the confidence that He is taking you to heaven.

Heaven is your way.

The Egyptians will not block your way to heaven.

The Amalekites will not block your way to heaven.

The flesh will not block your way to heaven.

Tears will not block your way to heaven.

Move on.

We will soon be there.

Success—you will soon see the success.

Victory—you will soon see the victory.

Joy unspeakable—you will soon see that joy.

Lord, I pray for everyone.

Confirm it, Lord, in Jesus' name.

Thank You, Lord.

Thank You, Lord.

Thank You, Lord.

It is done, in Jesus' name.



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