

The Greatest of These! 05b

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**“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another.” John 13:35**

Enduring Temptation

James 1:12 “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”

Why should we endure temptation? Why should we remain faithful in temptation when we are tried? We want the crown of life—it’s a good incentive, a good motivation but if you continue reading the text it says, “He shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.” We should be enduring temptation because we know that God loves us. Amazing love of Jesus, He emptied Himself of all but love. We also ought to be willing to empty ourselves of all but love. So because he loves me with an everlasting love, self-sacrificing love, yes, if I have that same love it will motivate me to want to endure temptation.

Yes; I’ll receive the crown of life but it’s not just about the crown, it’s because I love Him and I don’t want to be separate from Him. I don’t want to break His heart; I don’t want His sacrifice for me to be wasted and in vain so I have to endure temptation. So how can I remain faithful and loyal under temptation when I am so prone to wander, so prone to leave the God I love, and to be drawn away of my own lusts and enticed? Charity is what makes the difference; self-sacrificing love.

It has to be that motivation; because even though God has promised you a crown, that still for some people is not enough for them to endure temptation. It has to be something more than the rewards of heaven or even the destructions of hell-fire. What’s going to move us and motivate us to want to be with Him and to overcome all things that would stand in the way of being with Him and be separate from it? It has to be sanctified, heaven-born love; self-sacrificing love. That love then leads me to renounce myself and the world and the devil that I may be obedient to God.

Here is an example that the Bible points to as enduring. That’s what I love about God; He allows human beings, men of like passions such as we are, to have their testimony on record in order to encourage us, to give us an example of endurance.

James 5:11 “Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.”

God says, “Look at the example of Job. Look at what he endured; look at what he went through.” Job is a type of the Remnant of the last days. We go to Job 1 and we see four major events in the life of Job.

First, the Sabeans come; the Children of the East come and attack Job’s wealth and his economy and possessions. For us, that represents the events of September 11, 2001.

After the Sabeans came, all of a sudden the ‘fire from God’ fell, and all the sheep and livestock are burned up. What’s that fire? Who is the power that Satan works through to bring fire down from heaven, working miracles to deceive people that they might make an Image to the Beast which had the wound by a sword and did live? This is combination of church and state, the United States, Image of the Beast, coming into play after 9-11.

Then, after the fire falls, the three-fold band of the Chaldeans comes together. The Chaldeans in the Bible are Babylon. Babylon in the last days comes as a three-part entity; the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet. What happens when the threefold union is together? The National Sunday Law; the Mark of the Beast is enforced.

Then after that takes place, the wind from the wilderness falls upon the house, the structure, and destroys those elder brothers and sisters that are eating and drinking wine in the house, in the structure. Probation begins to close. The structure is swept away by storm and tempest; these things increase and they grow until Michael stands up; the winds are fully let loose and there is a time of trouble such as never was.

You see; Job's experience of enduring is pointing to our experience today; those who are living from the events of September 2001, all the way to Michael standing up; where is that in the Bible? In Daniel 11:40-45.

How are we to endure all these things, in the time of the Latter Rain, in the time when the husbandman is waiting for the precious fruit of the earth? At a time where money has depreciated, the world is in a crisis; businesses are struggling in vain to keep business operations on a more secure basis? The world is stirred with the spirit of war and soon the prophecies spoken of about a time of trouble will soon take place. The 11th of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment and are we ready? Verse 40 is in the past and verse 41 is in the process of fulfillment and we know who is coming in September. Are we able to endure?

With many of us it seems like we won't be able to endure; but I will tell you how we will be able to endure these things. Charity is able to bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things. Why does the Bible say, "Faith, Hope and Charity, these three, but the greatest of these is Charity"? Why is charity so great? And it is interesting that it would be three things, why three things?

Faith is the First angel; Hope is the Second angel; Charity is the Third angel. Faith, Hope, and Charity, these are also the same three heavenly wares that Jesus wants to give to Laodicea. Faith; gold tried in the fire, represents faith that works by love and purifies the soul. White raiment that the shame of your nakedness does not appear, this is the hope of righteousness by faith. Also He wants to anoint our eyes with eyesalve that we might be able to see and have spiritual discernment—this is Charity, self-sacrificing love.

Why is Charity the greatest? Why is Charity the crowning virtue of the fruit of the Spirit?

Do you believe that the end of all things is at hand? Do you believe that the Judge is at the door? Do you believe that Christ is coming sooner than when we first believed? Probation is soon to close and we are not always going to have time to develop a character after the similitude of Christ? We need to be getting rid of all the spots, wrinkles and blemishes—do you believe that?

1 Peter 4:7 "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."

What does that mean? 'Charity covering the multitude of sins', what does that mean? You believe that the end of all things is at hand; are we sober and watching unto prayer? And above these things have fervent charity. It is saying that Charity, self-sacrificing love, is to be fervent; that means ardent; enthusiastic; passionate—it is not a passive virtue but rather an eager, whole-hearted attitude and we have to have that because it is going to cover a multitude of sins—what does that mean? This is speaking of the blotting out of sins.

We know Charity is not going to cover sin as it were; when it talks about hiding a multitude of sins, this is talking about your sins being removed; they're being blotted out by the blood of the Lamb. These are sins that have been confessed and forsaken; these are not sins that you are holding on to, and God's love is just covering and excusing—No! Charity will hide the multitude of sins—in other words, without Charity, your sins can't be blotted out.

Remember Charity is sanctified, heaven-born love. Charity in 1 Corinthians 13 is an expression of those that are obeying the commandments of God. If you are obeying the commandments of God—love to God—love to man—then Charity will blot out your sins.

Colossians 3:8 "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

Now this is the second time that after there's a description of things, God says, "Above all these things"; what does that mean? In other words, put off that old man; crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts; put on that new man. It says put on humbleness of mind, mercy and kindness; forbear each other; forgive one another—somebody has a quarrel, forgive as Christ forgave you, do the same, but "above all these". You have to do all these things, but above all put on Charity. So charity is likened unto a garment—it's the character of Christ. Put it on—why?—because it's the bond of perfectness. What does that mean, 'bond'? What is a 'bond'? Something that binds, glues together, or seals. Charity is the Seal of perfectness!

When you have on the new man, you put off the old man, you are fully converted; you put on Charity, you are putting on the bond of perfectness—you're putting on that which is going to Seal you, and Charity hideth a multitude of sins. When you have reached Charity this is where you have your perfection. You have done all things that the gospel requires, but above all—put this on now. It's the bond of perfectness; you can't be sealed with Christ's perfection without charity.

We are talking about why Charity is the greatest; it is the greatest because it will hide a multitude of sins; it is the greatest because it is the bond of perfectness; it's the finishing touch of our character development. You can't be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect, you can't be perfect in Christ, without Charity.

1 Timothy 1:5 "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: 6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm."

The Bible says, "The end of the commandment", what does that mean? That means the commandments have been done away with, right? They have been nailed to the cross, right? No, No! Now the end of the commandment—the goal, the end result, the conclusion of the commandment is Charity. In other words, what is the purpose of the Law? What is the Law trying to work in you? When the Law's work is done, the end of the commandment, the very goal, the very design, the very purpose, the expected end of the commandment is, that we will have Charity.

How can Charity be the 'end of the commandment'; it's the end—it's not the beginning, not the middle—it's the end; it's the bond of perfection so that your sins can be blotted out; when you have crossed that finish line—Charity; it's the end.

2 Peter 1:4 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith. . .

What is our 'faith' here? It is the faith once delivered to the saints; it is the faith of the Three Angels; it's the faith that has been made plain upon tables. That's the faith; so we have to have this; but this is just the beginning of the journey. We've just arrived at the base of the ladder; it's time to climb now. You are at the head of the trail and, yes, you see that you are at the head of the way, but when you are on a hiking trail, if you go to a national park and you are at the beginning of the way, does everybody now just pull out their chairs, pull out their tents and sit down and get excited because you are at the head of the way; you're all happy and everything is done, it's finished? You might take pictures and say, "Hey, I'm at the beginning, I'm ready to start," but now what? The arrow points that way, you now have to climb, you've got to trek it, you've got to hike it; you've got to keep on going!

Praise God, we have faith! Praise the Lord—but that's just the beginning. We've been treating this as if it were the end; as though this was going to bring us perfection; as though this was going to blot out our sins; as though this was the end or goal of the commandment—no, brethren, it is just the beginning. We continue on:

5 "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

Where is Charity? It is at the end; you've finished your hike now; you are on top of the mountain—now we get excited; now we praise God; now pull out the cameras and take selfies and groupies. What do we see everyone liking to do? Take their pictures next to the charts; like we made a major accomplishment. Praise God, I have faith; it's the faith of Adventism, but...virtue; knowledge; temperance; patience; godliness; brotherly kindness; charity—that's the end.

We've got to start somewhere, but some of us have just stayed here—stayed here for years. We haven't gone on to virtue; knowledge; temperance; patience; godliness; brotherly kindness; charity. We haven't gone anywhere. You are only saved as you climb and progress and advance, you can't be at a standstill on the ladder. You can't say, "I'm just going to stay at faith and I'll be OK here. I'll just stay at knowledge; I'll just be temperate and I won't go any further." Come on! Let's keep going!

2 Peter 1:8 "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

So I can have faith and still be barren and unfruitful? We act as though somehow faith gave me the ability to be godly. Just because you have faith doesn't mean you are godly; and if you are godly you need to have brotherly kindness; and at faith alone, certainly you don't have charity.

This is our problem; we have just stayed at the same rung and have not advanced and progressed. We are supposed to be reformers, but we have stopped reforming at the first round. You have eight more rounds to go. You are rejoicing and excited like you are on your way to glory; you're not going anywhere if you don't keep on climbing!

2 Peter 1:9 "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

Is it possible to have faith and still fall? We've all experienced it; we all know it. God is saying, "You don't have to fall; I can keep you from falling. You don't have to be a barren fig tree; you can be fruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can have the fruit of the Spirit, but you have to go to virtue; knowledge; temperance; patience; godliness; brotherly kindness; charity. You'll never fall if these things are in you, and heaven will be opened up to you."

11 "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth."

You are not established in the Present Truth until you get to the top; until you get to Charity—that's when you have the fullness of the Divine nature. You better keep climbing; faith isn't good enough, virtue isn't good enough, knowledge; temperance; patience; godliness; brotherly kindness; charity; you have to have them all. Charity is the crowning virtue of the Fruit of the Spirit, it shows you are ready for glory; you're fruitful; you're ready for heaven; you are established in the Present Truth. That is why Charity is the greatest. When you have Charity, you've reached the full maturity of what it means to be in Christ. That's sanctification, the work of a lifetime.

1 Corinthians 13:11 "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

What does the Bible mean? Some of us are still children and have not become adults. When we should be men, we are still acting like children; thinking like children; understanding like children. It's time to become men and put away these childish things.

1 Corinthians 14:20 "Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men."

What does that mean? When it comes to maliciousness and wickedness, evil, hypocrisy, and deception, we're supposed to be children, but in understanding be men. A child represents purity, innocence, there are just certain things that children have never experienced, they don't understand certain evils because they've never experimented with these things, they're innocent to these things—they don't understand. That is how we're supposed to be spiritually. But when it comes to understanding we're to be men. But unfortunately we're men, we're adults, we're mature and experienced when it comes to maliciousness, wickedness and corruption; and we're children in understanding.

What's the problem; why are we still children when we should be men? Why are we still acting like a child, thinking like a child, when we should have put away these childish things? Some people just do not want to grow up; they want to be children when they should not be.

1 Corinthians 3:1 "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ."

A babe is a child; Paul is saying, "I am speaking unto you as unto carnal, not spiritual because you are babes in Christ.

3:2 "I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able."

Paul says, "Look, I want to give you meat but I can only give you milk because you are a babe, a child, you are not a man spiritually.

3 "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"

When we have charity, we're fully grown up. We don't act like children anymore and play games; but as children, there is envy, strife and division. He says, "You're carnal; you're not converted; you are not men, you are children." How do we act like children? "I'm of Apollos; I'm of Peter; and I'm of Paul."

"I like Paul; you know he was a theologian. He was educated; Paul dealt with justification and sanctification and he always dealt with the cross. Paul spoke more tongues than all of them."

"But I like Peter, because he actually walked with Jesus. He ministered with Jesus. When he talks about the gospel, he makes it simple, he was just a fisherman, so when he talks about end-time events, I can understand his messages better than Paul's."

"But wait a minute; I like Apollos because he was an eloquent man; he was mighty in the scriptures. But he only knew the baptism of John."

"Wait a minute; Paul was the apostle to the gentiles, but I don't think we need to be going to the gentiles—I'm going to get with Peter, he's the apostle to the Jews."

"Apollos, well, I like him but he doesn't have such a big ministry and influence as Paul and Peter. After all, Peter only wrote first and second Peter but Paul wrote Romans, and Corinthians, and Galatians—he wrote all the New Testament."

"I'm going to be with Paul's ministry, and because I am with Paul's ministry, don't support Peter's ministry! Don't pray for Peter's ministry. Peter is going to the Jews when we are supposed to be going to gentiles; doesn't he understand we are to focus more on the cross?"

"No, I'm going to get with Apollos, he was mighty; let's support Apollos and forget Peter and Paul!"

"I like Peter, but he doesn't really preach the cross like Paul so forget what Peter has to say!"

"But Paul; he never saw Jesus, he didn't walk and talk with Him so we can't trust what Paul is saying."

"I'm a Peter-ite." "I'm a Paul-ite." "I'm an Apollo-ite."

Are you not acting like children? Are you not yet carnal? envy, strife, division. You want the meat but you need milk; you need the A B Cs of Christian experience.

1 Corinthians 13:11 "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

1 Corinthians 3:5 "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."

It's God and not man; why are we lifting up and exalting ministries and their teachings? "I'm going to get with Paul; he has the Midnight Cry!" "No he doesn't, Peter has the Midnight Cry!" "No, Apollos has the Midnight Cry!" Why are we pushing men and their ministries? We still haven't learned; we're still children. God gave these gifts;

Ephesians 4:11 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for

the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”

It’s carnal! We’re not converted; we don’t have Charity it is evidenced. But we’re ready for the Seal of God; we’re ready for the shaking; oh, yah—the Pope’s coming—oh yah, bring it on, we’re ready. “I have the fullness of the Divine nature”—but you’re still on level one! You haven’t even moved passed this, and you’re ready? You’re still barren, unfruitful; you’re blind. With this going on we’re not ready for heaven; we’re still carnal.

Was Paul crucified for you? Was Peter raised from the dead for you? These divisions and contentions—it’s carnal. And we glory; we exalt; we’re excited; and you see it all over; people that should be men in Christian experience that are still children. That’s how they are acting—just like a bunch of children. We know how children act; and it is fine when children act that way because that is what they are supposed to be; but not men; not women.

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.' The chosen people of God have lost their first love. Without this all their profession of faith will not save a soul from death. Suppose the attention should be turned away from every difference of opinion, and we should heed the counsel of the True Witness. When God's people humble the soul before him, individually seeking his Holy Spirit with all the heart, there will be heard from human lips such a testimony as is represented in this Scripture,--'After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.' There will be faces aglow with the love of God, there will be lips touched with holy fire saying, 'The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.'" {GCDB, January 31, 1893 par. 1}

Notice; the mighty angel of Revelation 18 when it comes down with power and great glory our faces are going to be shining, aglow with the love of God; lips touched with holy fire from off the altar. What is that love; that glory that’s shining on our faces?

“God's wonderful purpose of grace, the mystery of redeeming love, is the theme into which "angels desire to look," and it will be their study throughout endless ages. Both the redeemed and the unfallen beings will find in the cross of Christ their science and their song. It will be seen that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love. In the light from Calvary it will be seen that the law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth and heaven; that the love which "seeketh not her own" [Charity] has its source in the heart of God; and that in the meek and lowly One is manifested the character of Him who dwelleth in the light which no man can approach unto.” {DA 19.2}

So when we talk about lighting the earth with the glory of the Revelation 18 angel, our faces are going to be lit up with the glory of self-sacrificing love. Would you like to know when the work can be finished for you; real simple; real basic? How will I know when Jesus’ mission is accomplished for me?

“Love to man is the earthward manifestation of the love of God. It was to implant this love, to make us children of one family, that the King of glory became one with us. And when His parting words are fulfilled, "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12); when we love the world as He has loved it, then for us His mission is accomplished. We are fitted for heaven; for we have heaven in our hearts.” DA 641.

Well, how did He love the world? With self-sacrificing love; that's the love we have for the Truth; for our brethren; that's the love we have for souls that are in darkness—when that love is in us, the same as He had—not the love of the world as is manifested by the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and pride of life—not that love, but when you love the world as He loved it, then His mission is accomplished for you. You are ready for heaven because heaven is in your heart. The glory is shining on your face—self-sacrificing love.

Would you like to know how and when the Loud Cry of the Third Angel is going to be carried, the tidings out of the east and the north?

“God's plan is first to get at the heart. Speak the truth, and let Him carry forward the reformatory power and principle. Make no reference to what opponents say, but let the truth alone be advanced. The truth can cut to the quick. Plainly unfold the word in all its impressiveness.

“As trials thicken around us, both separation and unity will be seen in our ranks. Some who are now ready to take up weapons of warfare will in times of real peril make it manifest that they have not built upon the solid rock; they will yield to temptation. Those who have had great light and precious privileges, but have not improved them, will, under one pretext or another, go out from us. Not having received the love of the truth, they will be taken in the delusions of the enemy; they will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and will depart from the faith. . .

This is happening now but also in the near future.

“But, on the other hand, when the storm of persecution really breaks upon us, the true sheep will hear the true Shepherd's voice. Self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and many who have strayed from the fold will come back to follow the great Shepherd. The people of God will draw together and present to the enemy a united front. In view of the common peril, strife for supremacy will cease; there will be no disputing as to who shall be accounted greatest. No one of the true believers will say: "I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas." The testimony of one and all will be: "I cleave unto Christ; I rejoice in Him as my personal Saviour." “Thus will the truth be brought into practical life, and thus will be answered the prayer of Christ, uttered just before His humiliation and death: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." John 17:21. The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.” 6T 400.

The work can be finished; God has showed us how to do it, real simple and plain. It doesn't take hours upon hours, upon hours, no, it's right here. When 1 Corinthians 13 becomes a reality to us, and when we have this experience, we're ready for heaven; we're ready for the Sealing; we're ready for the Sunday Law crisis; we're ready to give the Loud Cry; we present a united front; we have our faces shining with self-sacrificing love.

Kneel with me as we pray.

Father in heaven; we've been searching so long for the missing piece, the missing ingredient. We have the prophetic warning message; we know the truth for this time; we've been studying it, we've been teaching it, we've been supporting it, we've been attending meeting that proclaim these things, we've been sharing it. But there is still a great lack—there's still a great work to be accomplished. If You should come right now many of us would be barren fig trees. We would be empty of the fruit of the Spirit; thinking that just because we have the faith of the Third Angel, that's all we need, not realizing that

Charity is the crowning virtue of the Divine nature, the fullness of the fruit of the Spirit, which prepares us for the Seal of God and the blotting out of sin, to allow us to give the Loud Cry of the Third Angel. This is the reason why there are people acting like children when they should be men.

We need to put away childish things, but you can't do that unless you have Charity—self-sacrificing love. We are not ready to enlighten the world with Thy glory; we are not ready to testify that Jesus has come and is coming again. We don't have a message to give to the world, even if we gave it to the world, it would only be sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. So in mercy and in your great goodness, You allow us to see what it is that we've been missing, along with these most wonderful and advanced truths of the Third Angel, that we may be able to prophecy again and we'll bring Christ and His self-sacrificing love into our experience.

Not only for Him but for one another, that we would no longer say, "I am of Paul; I'm of Apollos; I'm of Peter". The reason we do this is that we are yet carnal; we haven't been born again. You've given us the remedy; and if we could just receive it, the work could be finished for us. The mystery of God could be finished—we could be ready to go out and benefit the world. They've been waiting in anticipation for this moment. But why should they come out of Babylon—a place of strife, envy and confusion, only to come into a body of believers that profess greater knowledge; greater mysteries; greater prophecies and faith and yet have the same strife, envy, jealousy, and carnal tendencies. We're going to give the Loud Cry but have the carnal mind, not the mind of Christ—we are deceiving ourselves.

Father, I pray that You would impress these things upon our minds, our hearts, truly help us to read this chapter every day, help us to behold the life of Christ and the cross of Christ that we can be changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit. May Your refreshing come upon us; may we have rest in our Saviour; may we walk and talk and abide with our Creator and commune with Him and He with us, that we might be sanctified, that we might be made holy, and be partakers of Your righteousness. Bless each one of us, each family, and each ministry as well. In Jesus' name, Amen.