

The prophets - Ezekiel

Part 2

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[00:00:30] Nun, son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a repentant's nation, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me, even with their guilt. For their insolent children have transgressed. I descend thee unto them, and thou hast been slain unto them, thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they are here or whether they are there, for they are in a famous house, yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

[00:01:03] And then the next chapter, chapter 3, in verse 22.

And he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will report to you.

Then I arose and went forth into the plain, and I heard the voice of the Lord still there, the voice that I saw when I was a kid, and I fell on my face. Then the Spirit went unto me and said, Take up all thy things, and face with me. Then he said to me, Go and shut thyself within thine hand. For thou, O son of man, behold, hast put bans upon me. Now shall I abide with thee there, and thou shalt not do anything against me. Now may the tongue cleave to the loop of thy mouth, and thou shalt do nothing against me. [00:02:01] For thou art a beggar's house. But when I speak with thee, hear me.

And I shall say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. Hear, hear, let him hear.

And he that forbeareth, let him forbear.

For thou art a beggar's house.

Hear, hear, let him hear.

You'll remember that I took as my text at the beginning of this series, concerning the Lord's Sermon.

And if you've read the Sermon of the Angel, you've probably read it before. The words that Paul spoke in the 22nd of the Acts, when recounting his conversion, how Ammonites came to him and said, The God of our fathers has chosen thee, and thou shalt know his will. He looked back on him.

And see that just one.

[00:03:04] He looked back on him and sat again. And shallest hear the voice of his mouth.

This was the teaching of Pantaleon, brought to this book this evening. And thou shalt hear the words of his mouth.

There are three essential things for the servant of God. First, we notice, to know his will. We can't serve as we thought God wants us to do. The first thing is to know his will. We saw how God made his will known, concerning the nations, concerning his own nation, we said, and then concerning the individual servants.

Then we saw, too, how God enables Ezekiel to see that just one.

First as the righteous judge, judging the nations. And then as one that was mighty and glorious, the glorious one.

[00:04:01] We saw the vision of the glory of the Lord, we find in the first and the last chapter as well. And then finally, we saw him as the God of all grace, the gracious one. Not only glorious, but gracious.

Now we find this further sign of all so tremendous, the prejudice that children take, because it's something that goes right the way through it. To hear the voice of his mouth.

And this would be right at the very beginning. We noticed in the first chapter, we read in chapter one, the prophet saw the vision of God, and then we find in verse three, the word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest. The word of the Lord.

And he heard the voice, we find later on in this chapter, verse 24 of this, which has a mention of the noise of the winds, [00:05:03] like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as noise of the host.

The voice of the Almighty.

The voice of the Almighty.

What a voice it must have been to think of the sound of great waters. Think of the revelation John had in the first chapter of the Apocalypse, the Revelation. We find there the voice of the Lord Jesus, the sound of many waters.

In the last chapters, too, of this book, we find a similar expression there. The 43rd chapter, we find almost the same expression.

The voice of the Lord.

Chapter 43, verse 2.

The old joy of the God of Israel came from the way of Jesus. His voice was like the noise of many waters.

The earth shined for his glory.

[00:06:02] Many waters.

The sound of waterfall is so tremendous, you can hear the thunder of it, miles away.

Many waters.

And if you think of the voice when God spoke from Mount Sinai, people tremble. Even Moses said, I exceedingly fear the quake. The people begged Moses to let God speak to them. No more.

They couldn't bear that voice that spoke. And we read, too, that Sambaath, that spoke again, is going to speak another time, shake not only the earth, but the heavens as well, going to shake at the voice of him that spoke. The Almighty.

This title goes right back to Genesis. We know how God revealed himself to Abraham.

The Almighty.

How do you think of the Almighty? We think, of course, of his power and creation. We think of the words coming later on.

[00:07:03] I know that thou canst do everything. We think of the words spoken of Mary.

We've got all things. Of course, we've got nothing. It shall be impossible. And so on.

But that's not even the meaning of this word, Almighty. It means all-sufficient.

And this has come up so many times in this book of Ezekiel. The Almighty One.

It is the same word, I understand, that is used of a mother's milk.

It's sufficient, in it, the baby has all it needs.

It is not a kind of food. This milk is sufficient. And the word is connected with that. It's all-sufficient. It's on top of sin.

So God meanwhile is once avowed and filled with all-sufficient one. Wonderful to hear the voice of the one who is all-sufficient. And this was the privilege of this man, to hear the voice of the all-sufficient one. [00:08:01] We read chapter 9.

We find there how he spoke to him.

Beginning of chapter 9, verse 1. He cried also in my ears with a loud voice.

He cried in my ears with a loud voice. Has anyone ever cried in my ears with a loud voice? It can be painful.

And I say to the children, don't say that to me in my ears. It is painful.

And God had a message he wanted this man to miss. He cried into his ears with a loud voice.

And if you know anything about the service of God, when God cries in your ears with a loud voice, it can be a painful experience. It was a painful experience for Ezekiel. The thing that God required him to do. There wasn't to be any mistake about it. God cried in his ears with a loud voice.

And what?

What do we do when we hear what God wants?

[00:09:02] First of all, to hear.

To hear the voice.

And we notice here that we have just read in the third chapter the expression.

It comes in the New Testament.

He that heareth, let him hear.

And he that forbeareth, let him forbear.

Forbear for there are and there is task. Whichever task it was for him. He wasn't going to be sent to a foreign country. God said, well, he didn't understand his speech. He was going to be sent to his own people. They knew the language. He was going to speak to them. And he had a task.

God says twice here.

We notice we read it twice. Thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God.

You'll notice the word God, if your Bible's like mine, is in small capital letters. The Lord God.

You know why it's translated like this? [00:10:02] Because it means the Lord.

The Lord.

Because it's usually translated the Lord in capital letters. It means Jehovah.

It is the covenant keeping God.

The Lord said to Moses, By my name Jehovah was I not known.

His people hadn't yet come into that relationship with him. And this is the title that he was to use and he was to say to them, Thus saith the Lord God.

You know that there's a lot of talking today. I've just a little about my SSI report.

It only falls like it.

In particular, why Paul is singled out. Because I suppose the writings of Paul are so applicable to ourselves. They're so important and vital that once we say that's only Paul and forget about him, [00:11:01] we can just please ourselves and carry on. But you know what Paul said? If any man be spiritual, let him acknowledge that these are, the things I write are the commandments of God. Commandments of the Lord.

What Paul wrote were not his own words. What Ezekiel had to bring to these rebellious people were not his own words. He was to say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah.

Not his own authority, not his own ideas or thoughts.

And if you're going to serve God, saying, I like to think, or I always think, or I, in my wide experience of great wisdom, have decided.

No. The servant of God must hear the voice of the Almighty. Speaking, thus saith the Lord God.

So obedient, you'll see, that this comes in, I've counted, 202 times. [00:12:05] I may have missed a few, but I've counted 202 times in this book of Ezekiel that he said, Thus saith the Lord God, or saith the Lord God. See how obedient he was. He not only heard the voice, shouted that at the end of his ears, but he did just what he was told. He said to these people, Thus saith the Lord God, again and again. It comes into this book.

And God says, Whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, they shall know that the prophet has been among them. That's the point.

If people don't listen to us, even if we find that our words go against them, Paul said, I have not shunned to bring unto you the whole counsel of God.

I have warmed you day and night with tears. Whether they would listen, whether they would forbear, his conscience was clear. [00:13:03] And we get this when we come to chapter 33. God says, I have made you a watchman. I have sent you as a watchman over my people. You are to blow the trumpet. If the enemy comes and the watchman doesn't blow the trumpet, he is guilty. And God will acquire his blood, the blood of his hand. If he sounds the trumpet, the people will not listen. God says, I fear him.

The people are guilty of not listening to my warning. So he was to set the trumpet to his mouth. So thus saith the Lord God. And we notice here how again and again he says this.

And the word of the Lord, he mentions this again, 49 times I found it. It speaks, the word of the Lord coming to me. The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel. The word of the Lord came to him. The word of the Lord.

My purpose is to know.

To be acquainted with the word of the Lord, isn't it? [00:14:02] And to young and old, I would give good advice.

Paul gives it to Timothy, give attention to reading. Give attention to reading the word of God. Give attention to it.

Like the man who brings charity.

Understand yourself what that means. Yes, if we really seek God's help in this.

God will give us understanding because he gives us his spirit. In order we may know what his will is and to read his word of intelligence. And so here it says.

This prophet was able to say, Lord the authority of the almighty God. The Lord God. Thus saith the Lord God.

How important it is to have authority. And then Ezra came along and said, who gave you authority to build this house? And they had to look back and see in the register how Cyrus the king had given his authority. [00:15:02] There was the word of steel in this document. We have the authority of the almighty of the Lord God himself.

We have his word here. The authority.

And how important it is to know this word. So that when we change we are able to give an answer to him that asks a reason concerning the hope of forgiveness. The first thing is then to hear his voice.

One of the characteristics of the sheep is that he hears the shepherd's voice.

My sheep hear my voice.

And it's not only that we hear the word too. As we listen to his voice we realise that the word is for us.

For me personally.

That's hearing the shepherd's voice. Because he goes on sale and I know them and they follow me. If we hear the voice we listen to the voice of the shepherd.

[00:16:03] We should follow him. This is important to know. Obedience follows the reading of the word. So we find here the first thing God does is to give him the power to listen. In the second chapter we read there. He said unto me son of man stand upon my feet and I will speak unto thee. I will speak unto thee.

Stand on your feet.

And we see that the spirit enters when he said unto me.

Very similar to the experience of Daniel. Upon the door speaking to him the spirit entered into him so he was able to be set upon his feet so he could hear.

I heard him that spake unto me. Isn't it important to hear? To hear the voice of the shepherd.

How could he give the message? How could he say thus of the Lord? Unless he listened attentively.

He listened. He was given the power to listen. [00:17:01] And that's why it's important here to see that he was given the spirit. The spirit entered into him. I read that here.

What a wonder God gives to his children, his Holy Spirit, so they are able to stand on their feet and to hear the voice of the Lord.

Do we make the most of it? I'm sure we don't.

He gives us the power to stand on our feet. To stand in the right way.

As we stand upon our feet we are able to hear his voice and follow his steps. We can't be sitting down. We can't be lying down. He sets us upon our feet so that we can hear his voice and follow it. I'm reading here.

Thou shalt speak my word sometimes. Make thing of words.

The words.

Not only to hear the voice of my parent, but also to be able to hear the words that he spoke.

The very words.

[00:18:01] It's important that God's chosen words to reveal his will.

He chosen words to express that in this Bible.

This Bible is composed of words. My words.

And again and again.

These chapters.

You read chapter 2, chapter 3. Again and again. Speak my words.

Son of man, all my words I speak unto thee. Chapter 3 verse 10.

All my words I shall speak unto thee. Receive in thine heart and hear with thine ears. Receive my words into your heart.

Receive them.

Listen to them and receive them into your heart. With attention to the words.

You see, often we misread.

So often we loop things into the Bible, but not really there. So it's important to know the very words of Scripture. That's why we don't need a paraphrase, but the very words. [00:19:02] Hear and get. It's wonderful we have those who have laboured to give us the word of God in our language. What a

privilege it is. To have the very words of God. I know you tell me they're translators. Of course they are. But the translators have done their best to give us the very words of God. And again and again.

These next chapters.

The words.

Speak with my words unto them. Not our own words. Not our own thoughts. Speak with my words unto them.

And notice the chapter again.

He said unto me.

How important is he?

He said.

If people say, why did he do such a thing? Because he said it.

Where?

Point to the chapter and the verse. He said it.

It's good enough. He said it.

Remember the Lord Jesus when he was 10 feet? Three times. It is written.

The devil didn't say it. The Deuteronomy man has a wonderful book. The devil knew it better than anyone else. [00:20:01] It wasn't a disputed book. The devil didn't dispute it. He quoted it three times in the book of Deuteronomy. And there was no question. The authority of that word. He fled of the expression.

It is written.

It is written.

We have the same tool.

The thought.

The word of God.

In our hands. How important it is, isn't it? So, to be able to say.

It is written. He hath said. It will be in the New Testament. In the Hebrews entry.

He hath said, I will not leave thee. He hath said. The authority of God.

A garden cannot lie.

It will hang on to his promises. It will hold fast to his commandments. He hath said it. If he commands me, let's do it. In his promises. Let us enter into the fullness of his promise that he has made. He hath said.

And again we saw. I will speak unto thee.

He has special revelation. [00:21:02] He saw the glory of God. He was a chosen vessel. But now.

Every one of us has got a pride in his trust. This is a word God has given to every one of us. God's love letter to the world.

To those who will hear. If any man will hear.

Let him hear. Whosoever.

Yes. Whosoever will hear. So, this word is for every one of us. Personally.

The word is to me. You. Today.

As much as it was to him in that letter. Words.

The very words of God.

As though we find.

In the twelfth chapter, for example. Where he's been to do something very strange.

And he's a living cannibal.

He had to gather up all his belongings. And he got hold of the wall.

It was a picture that kept him. This is just going to take place. Very shortly. He was a living cannibal. Verse 8 in text 12.

And in the morning came the word of the Lord unto me. [00:22:03] Saying.

Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, or David's house, been unto thee? What doest thou?

In the morning.

Came the word of the Lord unto me.

He was up.

He was up in time to hear.

The word of the Lord.

It's good, isn't it?

To use the morning time to listen to his voice. The Lord gives it in the fiftieth verse. Isaiah says. And I awakened morning by morning. I opened my ear to hear what God the Lord would speak. Yes. He was ready in the morning to hear. And here again he says. In the morning came the word of the Lord unto me. David.

Son of man.

Hath not the house of Israel. What doest thou? He could do it because he's in a position, in a state of readiness to listen to the word of God. It's very important, I think, to begin the journey. [00:23:01] Begin the day with listening to the voice. The words of God.

Read the word of God. See what message he has for us. To rest upon that word. See what comfort there is. What enjoyment in that word of God.

We pray now. May we go in peace and sleep with our Lord. May we sleep well and safely. Because we have his word here recorded. And then later on in the same chapter. Verse twenty-five. The people were saying here. It's not going to happen. It won't happen yet.

It's a long time yet.

What does God say? I am the Lord. I will speak.

And the word that I speak shall come to pass. It shall be no more prolonged. For in your days of rebellious hours will I say the word. And will perform it.

Says the Lord God.

If God speaks the word.

[00:24:02] It shall surely come to pass. It's good that we know this. I shouldn't dare serve him if I didn't have his promise. I shouldn't dare pass on the word of God. If I didn't know that everything that God has said will come to pass. These people are saying. Oh it's not yet.

Oh not yet.

It will be a long delay. Everything goes on through the New Testament. As it always has since the beginning of time. God has said.

Shall I not perform it? A rebellious house. He said when I say the word. I will perform it. When God speaks.

His word will come to pass. What's important is this word of God. Chapter 13 verse 6.

These people say they have seen vanity and lying divination. Saying the Lord said.

The Lord has not sent them.

They have made others to hope that they would confirm the word. [00:25:03] These people said the Lord said.

But you notice. They didn't say the Lord God said.

These are the lying prophets. These are the wicked people. These are the perverse prophets of Israel. He says here that God was against them. By prophesying he says.

Lying divinations.

Let's beware of this.

The devil was alive from the very beginning. And the devil has his agents to deceive us as much as ever. More than ever.

And it goes on and on.

False prophets. They say they are all false prophets now. They say the Lord said so and so. People are telling all sorts of things. It says in the Bible this and that. They can prove all sorts of things by falsifying the word of God. How important it is to know. To have the touchstone. Doesn't the Bible say that? You show it to me. How many times people have said to me. It says in the Bible. [00:26:01] Why don't you show it to me? Where is it?

It's somewhere around here. You know where it is. I've never heard it.

All right.

We'll get concordance about it. We'll go through the concordance. We'll get a dozen concordance. You can't find it there. You won't find it there. It was their own idea.

They wanted to find it in the Bible. It would be very nice to find it in the Bible and prove their point. But it isn't there. God didn't say it. It's no use understanding what the Lord said. Because he says here. Their own beginning. Their own faults.

And they make others to hope that they will confirm the word. They're making other people hope that it will come to pass. How terrible it is.

There are false prophets just as there were then. And the thing is.

We're to know.

To know what God said. How important was this man here? And we read in the further part of that chapter. How these people were lying awake.

They were hunting. Sneering souls for their own profit.

[00:27:02] They were grabbing for a handful of barley.

They were giving people. Telling people they're fortunate. We might say today. Giving them some kind of stargazing outline of what was going to befall them that day. Hoping it would come true. Don't tell me this isn't happening today. It is.

I wrote to the local newspaper. I said well I've been very glad that it happened. Perhaps it's now you.

But what people are putting there. Weekly.

Watching the stars.

And I was very polite that day. Saying nobody takes any notice. It's only a bit of fun. It isn't a bit of fun.

There are people that take it seriously. There are people who buy the rate. Because they go to see what's going to happen to them today. And they believe that whatever is written there is their fortune. These people are looking at horoscopes. And going to fortune tellers. And consulting witches. As much as they were those of Saul. [00:28:05] And here the warning is against it all. These people are doing it. Hunting souls for a handful of barley. Hunting souls.

The souls of my people. I'm glad.

How important it is then to know the word of God. Know what he says.

And then there's the most important thing about it all. What is the response of this man? We notice in verse 2 how... In chapter 2 I mean.

The spirit entered into me.

Chapter 2 verse 2.

He said before that I heard him spoken to me.

We notice at the end of that chapter. He is hearing. Let him hear.

Chapter 12 again.

The beginning of the chapter. [00:29:02] The word of the Lord came unto me saying. Some of them that dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house. Which have eyes to see and see not. They have ears to hear and hear not. For they are a rebellious house. Which ones do we not?

I heard the words of him that spake. They have ears and hear not.

Lord Jesus said take heed. What do you hear?

Take heed how you hear. Then sometime in Revelation 2 and 3.

He had ears. Let him hear.

What the spirit said to the churches. The two kinds of people. Two kinds of Christians do.

Those that hear.

He says I heard the voice of him that spake to me. Can we say that?

I heard the voice of him that spake to me. We cannot serve God acceptably unless we do hear.
[00:30:03] And hearing means obeying too.

You know sometimes we do hear somebody say something.

But we just don't take any notice. We go on.

You know sometimes when he died in a car and someone said he turned left here. We just don't take any notice. He goes on.

He did hear. But he goes on. What's the good?

He might as well not have heard it. He goes on.

Gets hopelessly lost.

But there was a voice that said turn left or turn right. As the case may be. He heard it.

With half his voice.

I came to a crossroad and I said turn left here. My friend was driving me. Oh yes you're there.

No it wasn't. It was right. And there he was. He was always saying he was going that way. But he just went. Automatic way. Always went. Oh did you turn left? It was too late. The crossroad was on the wrong street. It was traffic. [00:31:02] I'll be all right then. Here. But do we obey?

What's the good of hearing if we don't obey? Now this.

This one.

This wonderful character. Poor Ezekiel. He was highly favoured. Yet on the other side.

So he had to suffer.

As we see his grief.

Chapter 9 where he was grieved. We noticed that the other day. Grieved because of the sorrow that was coming upon his people. Chapter 25 when he heard that the city had been set.

All the grief that he caused him. The grief.

Chapter 24 when God said I'm saved for the night. I was from them. He says in that morning. I spoke to the people in the evening. My wife died.

It cost him something to obey.

It will cost us something to obey. Don't think it's an easy thing to obey the word of God. It isn't.

Jeremiah found that.

Look what Jeremiah had to say. [00:32:02] Look what the disciples had to suffer.

Think of James.

Almost at the very beginning of his testimony. Just cut off like that. What a waste. Was it?

Was it a waste?

No testimony was there. And the time has come for God to receive him. And to employ him.

Steal him.

Remark him.

What a short period of service it was.

It cost a great deal didn't it? Think about it in other manners. It cost him a great deal to listen and to do what he said. A servant can do nothing else. We have no mind of our own. No thoughts of our own. No authority of our own.

We need to listen. This man needs to hear. I've heard.

They have heard. They hear not. Which category do we belong to?

We go on to the thirty-third chapter.

Notice that. We have turned it again for us.

[00:33:02] We see the responsibility of the one that knows the will of God.

Knows the will of God.

We have to make it that, don't we?

Chapter thirty-three, the first verse says, Again from the word of the Lord came unto me, Saying, Some of men speak to the children of my people. And then we go on.

Now God said, I set you for a watchman.

In verse five, he heard the sound of the trumpet and took no warning.

So then he says, if the watchman hasn't sounded the trumpet, they can't hear it.

How important it is, you see here, when we've heard that sound, to make the message heard by others.

How important the responsibility is. I set you as a watchman, he says here, Therefore thou shalt hear the word of my mouth and warn them from me. [00:34:03] Hear the word of my mouth and warn them from me. Oh, how gracious God is. These people are so rebellious. He knew from the start they were rebellious. Again, he says here, Hear the word of my mouth and warn them from me. A message from God to the world. A message from God to a generation of wicked people.

A message from God to our neighbours. To the people we come in contact with in our work day by day. We first have to hear the word of his mouth.

And then, warn them from me, God says. Warn them from me. Isn't it lovely how kind God is? He was teaching Christ's step.

He said, be reconciled to God, it is impossible. So, verse 32 of this then, chapter 33.

We see what the effect was upon these people.

[00:35:02] He didn't warn them.

Verse 32, Lo, God hath given them a very lovely song of one pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument. For they hear thy words, but they do them not.

One of the most tragic things is when we speak in a very earnest and solemn way. People say a very nice sermon.

I join people in a very nice way. Go away and crack jokes on the street and go back. Go back to grovelling in the mire.

Like one sings of a pleasant voice, one can play well upon an instrument. For they hear thy words, but they do them not.

How solemn it is, isn't it? To know the word of God.

Not to do it.

For he is man.

This man is faithful.

We come to the last verse. Verse 33 of chapter 33. And when this cometh to pass, [00:36:01] it will come, then shall they know the prophet hath been among them. What a terrible day to await, and find the prophet has been among them.

What a terrible thing, for those who have not heeded the word, to know that there has been a prophet among them, walking among them, day by day, and yet they did not heed.

The day that comes, and there is no redemption any more. And the day of grace is finished. How important it is that we, that this man, warn them from the Let us take chapter 43, before we find the end. The attention that man gives.

Chapter 43, beginning.

Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate building toward the east, [00:37:01] and behold the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice has outgone the noise of many waters, and the earth shines with his glory. Then, in verse 5, So the Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court, and behold the glory of the Lord filled the house.

And I heard him speaking unto me of the house.

And the man stood by me. You notice now here where God took him to hear his word.

The Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner court. Glory of the Lord filled the house. He brought him right into the great house where he was himself. And there he was and I heard him, I heard one speaking unto me out of the house. I heard.

I heard him speaking unto me.

And this I believe [00:38:01] shows the importance of coming together with God's people to the place where the Lord is in the midst. Collectively hearing the word of God. How important it is to come together when not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the Lamb of God.

But to exalt one another. And that's the more as we see the day approaching. As we come nearer and nearer to the day when the Lord Jesus comes. How important it is to be found together around the word of God. To be found together in the place where God's word is read, expanded.

And we see how here was a place where the glory of the Lord filled the house. You notice this at the beginning of the the glory of the Lord, the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

The glory itself it has today. Not just the vague appearance of the glory of the Lord, but the glory itself [00:39:01] because we've opened a place to behold the glory of the Lord today.

In the face of Jesus Christ we see God's glory. And the place is there.

In the midst of His own that gathers His name. Where His word is revealed. Where His word is read and expanded and loved and arrayed.

How important it is then to come together around His word. How important it is to listen there. I heard Him speaking to me out of the house. And the place of nearness.

The place of glory too. The place where He is glorified.

A privilege it is, isn't it? And so we find the result of this that we saw how the later chapters give us the place that God has chosen the details of putting this wonderful house. I can see how in the last chapter there was their place when [00:40:01] they all had their allotted territory given to them. In the very centre there was to be this place. And we see the service that was to be in the temple the centre and then we find at the very end. I'd like to read us again the last verse of the whole book because we see how important it is. It was round about 18,000 pages. And the name of the city from that day should be the Lord is there.

The Lord is there.

We'll come back to where we began actually in the first verse. We hope that the thought of the will of God being made there. Where shall we come together? We come to the place where the Lord is there. And this is a wonderful day for Israel when Israel is going to [00:41:01] be head of nations. When all the nations are going to come up, send their emissaries up to the east of Kedav in Jerusalem.

We will go to Zechariah. But above all the glory of that place is the Lord is there.

Sometimes over I don't go to meetings very often because I don't get much. It's not the point.

The Lord is there.

I hope you're in the right spirit to get much.

There may be people present. There may be unlearned ones. But if there's a heart of the Lord who will wonder to go away. Because the Lord is there. In the midst of his gathering of people. He's promised it. He's assured us.

If we're in a place where two or three or the lowest number possible are gathering he's assured us he's in the midst. There where the Lord is there is a place where we can listen to his voice and obey him.

And not least obeying him [00:42:01] and doing just this very thing being found in the assembling of ourselves together as we wait for his return. May his few scattered thoughts be some help to us as we serve him and wait for his return. So, Senator Florence Hogan in 202 202 What will it be to dwell above with the Lord's glory vain since the blessed knowledge of his power so bright has always been his claim. No heart can think no tongue can tell what joy it will be with Christ to dwell.

The last two lines of his last verse To hear his voice to see his face and know the fullness of his grace. 202