

6 Addresses on Psalm 23

Part 2

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[00:00:00] Wiederholen Sie bitte Psalm 23.

Psalm 23 und wir lesen von Vers 1. der Lord is my shepherd I shall not want he maketh me to lie down in green pastures he leadeth me beside the still waters he restored it my soul he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for thou art with me thy rod and thy staff they comfort me thou preparest the table before me in the presence of mine enemies thou anointest my head with oil my cup [00:01:04] runneth over surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever for those who were not here on Saturday evening we were considering this psalm and particularly the first verse the Lord is my shepherd I shall not want we endeavor to refer to a few scriptures that brought before us the greatness of the Lord and this of course gives the greatest possible confidence to the sheep as he considers how great his Lord is and able to provide for him and do for him all that is necessary and so I believe as we said on Saturday evening the body of the psalm can be appropriated in confidence as we understand the greatness and ability and power and skill of the Lord he is infinitely great he is God he's [00:02:08] possessed with a limitable resources for each of his sheep and again I say this gives us the greatest possible confidence that all that is said in the body of the psalm will be fulfilled and will be for our present and our eternal blessing we also said that the psalm is distinctly Jewish one thing that occurred to me I'm not aware of any quotation from this psalm in the New Testament if I'm wrong then please correct me but many many of the Psalms have quotations in the New Testament but not from Psalm 23 but while it is intensely Jewish we can apply appropriate it as we do many other passages in the Old Testament for our present blessing so we want to go tonight to verse 2 he maketh me to lie down in green pastures he leadeth me beside the still [00:03:05] waters David being a very efficient and reliable shepherd himself could use the imagery of the sheep and the shepherd because of his own personal experience in this and could say well this is exactly what the Lord will do for me what I did for my sheep you will remember that David didn't leave the sheep when he went into the valley of Elah when there was this great confrontation between Israel and the Philistines he left them in the care of others that showed he was very very reliable indeed and he just didn't leave the sheep to their own mercies he left them in the care of others that they might be well cared for and then you remember he tells that the bear and the lion came against the flock and he delivered the sheep out of their out of their paw and out of their out of the grasp of the lion showed he was courageous and deeply concerned about the [00:04:06] welfare of the sheep now he transfers that to the Lord he says just as I did for the sheep the Lord will do for me in a far greater way of course and so here he's remembering what he did for his flock how he led them into lush pastures for their benefit that they might be properly fed and also he led them beside

the still waters that they might have their thirst assuaged and that they might be healthy sheep now it's this that we find in relation to ourselves this is what we want to apply to ourselves to see how the Lord provides for us in our need today there's a beautiful expression and one of the Psalms I forget which one it is I think it's 65 or 67 I'm not sure but it speaks about the pastures in the wilderness now I think that's a beautiful expression that pastures in the wilderness convey the idea of a little portion of land where there [00:05:05] is plenty of grass and plenty of water for the encouragement and sustenance of the sheep all around is arid and dry and barren but in this particular portion that is provision for the sheep now we find ourselves in a wilderness and we all know this perfectly well that this world cannot provide one iota of blessing for us indeed it can hinder us if we allow it into our lives but in the midst of this wilderness condition the Lord prepares for us ample provision ample sustenance ample refreshment indeed an abundance and it's there for our appropriation and for our blessing and so he says the psalmist he maketh me to lie down in green pastures I think most of us have seen sheep in a field and if we have approached the sheep they scamper away they [00:06:04] don't know us we're strangers to them and they're frightened but when we see sheep lying down it indicates two things they've been amply fed and they're perfectly at peace and so I think this beautiful picture of sheep lying down in the midst of lush pasture is a beautiful picture that we can appropriate for ourselves and think of the abundant blessings that we have in Christ that bring peace to our souls and confidence and satisfy us and if you're not doing that there's something wrong with our Christian appropriation something lacking in our understanding of the blessings that we have in Christ in the 34th chapter of Ezekiel I think we referred to this on Saturday evening God indicts the under shepherds those who had the care of the flock of Israel and how sadly they failed in their service indeed they exploited the flock for [00:07:05] their own benefit rather than look after the flock for the glory of God but God says the day is coming when I'll bring them into pastures and he says there will be one shepherd over them my servant David and all that the under shepherds never did he will do and they'll be blessed forever but he says three things about the pastures God does in that portion he says they're good pastures and he says they have fat pastures and he says they're safe pastures and I think we could well appropriate these things in relation to the pastures that we have brought into today if we can just go over them very very simply we understand the figure every day of our lives when a thing is good it meets the need if we go into a shop we have a few articles there set before us particular things we want to buy we reject this and we reject that and we choose this that's good that's just what I need so I'll have that and you purchase it and I believe this [00:08:06] is the idea in scripture too when a thing is presented as good in scripture it meets the need of those who require help and blessing and also coming from the hands of God it's perfect and so when God says they'll be good pastures they have pastures that are fitted to meet the need of the sheep in every sense when they have fat pastures it means that the pasture that is there is rich it's calculated to build the sheep up in their strength and in their fatness of course and so we think of the tremendous richness of the blessings into which we've been brought and then of course when it's safe pastures that's a very very vivid picture too the shepherd guides his sheep into a field he locks the gate he sees that the sheep are safe and there they can lie down no intruder will come and they can feed and then they can lie down in satisfaction safe now I [00:09:05] think all these figures can be applied to ourselves with great profit indeed we find some of them in the New Testament first of all sustenance now we know that this figure is used a great deal in scripture indeed in John 10 is mentioned by the Lord himself that the sheep shall go out and in and find pasture that is under his direction and under his care there will be ample provision for the feeding of the sheep now I'm not going to concentrate on the figure of grass I'm going to use the wider figure of food and the building up of our souls and there are many many allusions to this in scripture one of the best I think is in the Old Testament where every day when the [00:10:03] children of Israel went through the wilderness there was a rich provision of manna for them every morning it was there now that's a most remarkable thing it tells us about the

greatness of the creatorial God that he could provide for this nation marching through the wilderness a supply of manna that met their need that sustained them satisfied them indeed it says this in one of the Psalms he satisfied them with the bread from heaven so dear friends the manna was tremendous now I often say this that if we want a proof that the manna was good nourishing food we just need to take a long look at Caleb for 40 years he ate manna every morning and when he got into the land he says I'm a strong today as I was 40 years ago his strength was not impaired it had [00:11:03] not diminished he was strong and healthy because the food that he ate day by day provided by God was nourishing and strengthened him the same was true of Joshua the same was true of the new generation that was taken into the land they all fed on manna and they were all blessed and of course we find in the numbering just before they went into the land there was a large number of warriors and they certainly wouldn't be weaklings and they too had been brought up on manna what does it mean aren't we reminded about the wonderful life the humble life of our Lord Jesus Christ isn't that the best kind of food for us to feed upon as we feed upon him and appropriate him in the power of the Holy Spirit so that we do find our way through the wilderness to be strengthened with our appropriation of that man that is we become like him in the [00:12:01] Spirit's power we take on the features of humility and grace and compassion and truth and righteousness all the things that mark him in perfection can be seen in us in some way or other as we feed upon him how do we do this well I believe simply by reading our Bibles and praying about what we read and what we have read may be wrought into our hearts and into our lives in the Spirit's power because we know perfectly well we can't do it in our own power but we can do it in the Spirit's power marvelous thing again I'm going to pass on what I sometimes do in speaking like this if you want a real good feast and people say oh mr. Darby's too deep mr. Darby's too difficult to understand well just get the synopsis and read his remarks on the meat offering or the meal offering see well that's too difficult no it's not too difficult you read it it's as lucid as possible it's perfectly clear and he speaks about the wonderful pathway of the [00:13:03] Lord Jesus he makes a remark like this that tells us something of the heart of the servant blessed master I would willingly take the lowest place but that belongs to thee beautiful expression of a man of God and also he says who could be proud who walks in the company of the humble Jesus and this is what it means in appropriating him the priests that was part of their food they were privileged to eat the oblation the meat offering and they were privileged to partake of it it was their food and so in figure as we appropriate that we become like him marvelous thing and this is rich pasture indeed I remember visiting a dear brother Jimmy Tate and fin dock day many years ago and he said Frank have you ever thought that the children of Israel when they ate the roast lamb that was strength for them to enable them to go out of Egypt in power [00:14:04] and he says you remember when they went into the land they ate the old corn of the land and he says they never got weary of the roast lamb and they certainly never wearied of the old corn of the land but they did weary of the manna they loathed the manna and he says that's just the test for us we like to think of the death of Christ and all that he's accomplished for us in delivering us out of Egypt the world we like to think of Christ in glory where all our blessings are though how reluctant we are to appropriate the humble man who walked here in this world they loathed the provision that God made for them though how wonderful to think of our Shepherd bringing us into the rich pastures that he has prepared where there's an abundance of food available for all it's not some sheep in one corner grazing nibbling munching whatever term you use and some particles of grass and others not having much to eat no that's not the picture [00:15:06] it's an ample supply for all and they would all partake of it and I believe if we can appropriate this way it would indicate the sphere of blessing that we have brought into in Christ marvelous vast range of blessing that Paul's epistles present to us and what a wonderful scope of blessing we find in them we haven't time to go over them sets them out the many many references we find to ourselves being in Christ in a position that he has prepared for us and given to us in the sovereign grace of his heart and goodness and ensures it's mine it belongs to every Christian it's

their title to go in and enjoy these wonderful things feed upon them well the next thing is sustenance first and then satisfaction I believe that's conveyed in this idea of the sheep lying down he makes me to lie [00:16:02] down in green pastures absolutely satisfied they've had their fill they can lie down now they are perfectly content my that's a wonderful thing to be satisfied we read a great deal in the Bible about contentment godliness with contentment is great gain and it's a wonderful thing in a Christian to be contented this contentment is a very very bad feature in a Christian always striving after something else always covetous always wanting more that's a bad bad spirit but the contented spirit the contented spirit that's really feasted upon the things that they have in Christ is a most wonderful thing to see and very often we find this in humble people who have really appropriated the things about Lord Jesus Christ absolutely contented with what they have there is a man in the Bible or should we say a tribe in the Bible and of course the tribe [00:17:04] bears his name nafta lie and it says of him that he was satisfied with favor and full of the blessing of the Lord what a beautiful thing to be said of any man that he was satisfied with favor and full of the blessing of the Lord now a Christian is a most favored person and perhaps the greatest favor that he has is seen in Ephesians one when he's accepted in the beloved my that's a wonderful thing that we are accepted before God in all the worth of his beloved son not only because of the death of Christ that in one sense is a negative thing I'm careful what I say it means the clearance away of all our guilt and shame and all that was offensive to God but on the other hand when we are accepted in the beloved we are accepted in all the worth and glory of that [00:18:03] wonderful person God's Son imagine being accepted in him oh how marvelous that is that God looks upon us as he looks upon his beloved son we are accepted before God in him there isn't any greater favor that we possess than that accepted in the beloved and full of the blessing of the Lord well then who can speak adequately about the blessings of the Lord the scriptures are full of them we find a man like Jacob for instance he certainly was full of blessings too and not only was he full of blessings but he could impart blessings and that's the great thing I think we would have to say this that a shepherd doesn't look after sheep simply to say I've got a nice flock he looks forward to a return from the flock he's going to get the wool he's going to get the meat he's going to get the price if he sells them he gets a return from the flock after all the care [00:19:03] that he is bestowed upon them he gets a return from them that's only right and so it is with our shepherd he's bestowed a tremendous amount of care and compassion and kindness towards us well then there should be a return on our part to him and of course very often we can do this in the way we show blessing to others no dear friends what a marvelous man Jacob was he blessed the two sons of Joseph he blessed his own sons and he blessed Pharaoh what a man at the end of his life full of blessing and we talk about Jacob and all his failures and all his shortcomings why we couldn't tie shoelaces what a man he was a man of God and God calls him by that name the mighty God of Jacob that's how God describes himself in relation to this man and so blessing full of blessing yes marvelous thing to be full of blessing and satisfied in it and when we are full of blessing [00:20:06] we can pass it on to others satisfied satisfied with favor and full of the blessing of the Lord I don't need to tell this company that very often we strive for this that and the next thing and we feel now if we can only get that we'll be quite happy quite contented and then we acquire it whatever it might be and we discover well it just hasn't provided what we thought it would no it's not just the thing it just doesn't fit the bill there's just a lack and that's always true of things down here doesn't matter how good they are but if we're full of the blessing of the Lord we are never disappointed everything that the Lord gives to us is worthwhile it's lush pasture it's something that we can feed upon and build up our souls build up our affections towards God and towards Christ and satisfying ourselves and bringing contentment into our lives wonderful [00:21:04] thing and I think to see the sheep lying down is a marvelous thing indicating as I've already said this feature of contentment and the third thing I want to speak about is safety sheep lying down they are not afraid they're not scampering away because of some intruder they're lying down peacefully they've been satisfied in their eating and now they're

quite content and there they are in safety now the Lord Jesus said this this is outside there are thieves and there are robbers there are hirelings there are strangers and all those persons are against the sheep calculated to upset them or cause them fear but he says in the one flock there is my power my presence my guidance my control my direction and then he says some of the most wonderful words that the Lord Jesus ever spoke calculated to give us the utmost confidence and assurance he says I [00:22:03] give unto my sheep eternal life and they shall never perish neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand my father who gave them me is greater than all and no man can pluck them out of my father's hand I and my father are one there we have the safety of the flock each sheep safe in the shepherd's hand each sheep safe in the father's hand no one can possibly pluck them out of the shepherd's hand or the father's hand they have eternal life they're in connection with the father held in his hand who is who has a greater power than any other power my father who gave them me is greater than all and that's a very very embracing word all you think of any power that's against the Christian today and the father's power is greater than that power mention any kind [00:23:05] of power you like father who gave them me is greater than all and no man can pluck them out of my father's hand I think of these capable hands the father loveth the son and have given all things to be in his hands everything has been put into the hands of the son he's so competent he's so great he's so able and there all things are placed into his hands because the father knows he can administer them look after them control them and use them for the father's glory that's why he places them in the hands of his son and those are the hands that are holding us indeed one of those hands holds the sheep no man can pluck them out of my hand oh how tremendous you think of that hand that was stretched out in grass Peter when he was sinking in the wave how often that hand is stretched out and saved you and me and in temptation and trial and difficulty [00:24:04] when we might have succumbed to the difficulties and trials and pressures and temptations and sins of this world and he was there and he held us and he's never let us go and never will let us go no man can pluck them out of my hand there we find the safety of the sheep oh that's tremendous that we're held in his hand we're held in the father's hand and in the enjoyment of eternal life we can enjoy this place of sustenance safety and and satisfaction tremendous and we owe it all to the Lord Jesus then he says he leadeth me beside the still waters or another rendering gives the waters of quietness if you like waters of peace not a loud sounding waterfall or a raging torrent but quiet waters where the sheep can satisfy their thirst and peace and quietness without [00:25:06] any fear danger beautiful picture I was looking through the epistle to the Ephesians and I noted how often in that epistle the Apostle speaks about peace and first of all the Lord Jesus Christ himself he is our peace and he made peace by the blood of his cross and he removed all the enmity between Jew and Gentile brought them together into one body so making peace my what a tremendous thing that is for Christians to enjoy peace oh what a wonderful thing it is we live in a world of this peace all around us there are upheavals of various kinds individually domestically nationally business Oh upheavals everywhere not a peaceful world that we live in and yet here the shepherd he can lead us beside the still waters where there is peace I believe a little company [00:26:01] like this nothing to speak about as far as the world is concerned few elderly people and some not so old and gather together listening to the Word of God but we do have in our souls a sense of peace we're apart from the world and all its affairs and sorrows and strivings we're here together gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus and we're quite happy we're quite restful we belong to the Savior we belong to the shepherd we're bound for glory we have many blessings how wonderful to be at peace what a marvelous blessing we can lay our heads in our pillows tonight knowing that come what may we are ready to go we belong to him wonderful thing to have this peace peace of conscience peace of heart peace of mind yes he leads me beside the still waters the waters of quietness now we want to use this figure of water because it's a very important one in scripture if we think for a moment in relation to Israel what an important [00:27:02] place it had we think first of all when they came out of Egypt and then they crossed the Red Sea a

beautiful type of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ then we find they move on and they're in the wilderness and they're brought to the place where there was 70 palm trees and also 12 springs of water I remember a brother in Yorkshire telling me that he asked an old Yorkshire brother in one of the meetings how are you getting on in the Bible reading oh he says we're at that place where they're drinking water and gooseland dates well that was the 12 springs and the 70 palm trees well it's a beautiful picture of refreshment the 12 springs of water living water there to encourage them and to be a blessing to them then they move on and they come to the bitter waters of Mara and then the wood was thrown in you remember and made the water sweet and we have that in our hymn death's bitter waters met our thirst our sight rather thy cross [00:28:06] has made them sweet maybe I didn't quote that correctly but then we find that they come to the Red Sea and sorry the Jordan and come to the Jordan and they cross over and a beautiful type of our death and resurrection with Christ and passing over into the land with all its blessings and then in Deuteronomy 8 my what a description of the land a land of brooks and fountains and depths that spring up an abundant supply of water it all has a typical reference to the greatness of the work of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit that's what I want to speak for a few moments about now a tremendous gift that we have in the power of the Holy Spirit the person of the Holy Spirit brother Willie was saying something about this this morning at breakfast time and John chapter 14 15 and 16 what we have in the Holy Spirit and the blessings that we have in [00:29:08] him I think it's right to say that we are in Christ in glory marvelous thing there and we are in the spirit here in this world and Romans 8 so you're not in the flesh you're in the spirit and so if in the first part he make it me to lie down in green pastures we are occupied with the greatness and fullness of the blessing that we have in Christ I think we could happily say that when we are thinking of the still waters we're thinking of the tremendous position that we have now in the spirit and also as Paul says the spirit in dwelling us he says both of these things in that verse in Romans 8 we are not in the flesh we're in the spirit if so be it the spirit of Christ dwell in you now here is a tremendous consideration the water is used in John 4 and in John 7 as a type of the Holy Spirit in John 4 a well of water springing up and to our unto [00:30:10] eternal life and of course connected with the great matter of worship I don't know how you feel dear friends but in the Christian world today there seems to be a movement towards a great deal of noise the great deal of activity and I find in these figures that the word of God brings before us we have brought a spirit of quietness well of water springing up and to eternal life and I appreciate quietness I'm sure you do too as we gather together to the Lord's name to worship oh how wonderful it is to be quiet and just to meditate sometimes it's ding dong bell as if we cannot have a moment of silence and silence can be a wonderful thing [00:31:01] as we meditate and contemplate the Lord Jesus and his greatness and empowered by the spirit and the spirit is a quiet influence the still small voice that Elijah heard if you like not the thunder not the waterfall not the earthquake but the still small voice and I believe this is the spirits activity oh how he delights to have us in quietness before him as our minds might be focused upon the Lord Jesus well he said this this morning the spirit desires to glorify Christ know how we rejoice when we gather together in simplicity and quietness we think about him and so the spirit is in us springing up and we often had this brought before us springing up to the father in worship those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth not so much the clamor and activity and whatever way this clamor is presented but in the quietness of the spirits power and [00:32:03] influence engaging us with the perfections and greatness and glory of Christ and this being presented to the father as true worship and also occupied with the greatness of the father himself and all that he is worshipping the father in spirit and in truth and as we appropriate the spirit and I say that I use this word humbly as we appropriate the spirit or if you like make use of the spirit we allow him to take control of us and guide us in appropriate scriptures and appropriate hymns and appropriate contributions then our spirits are led into this area of worship and praise that is in quietness and yet in power don't need to make a lot of noise if any of you have read Spurgeon's lectures to my students

he says nonsense doesn't sound any better when it's shouted at the top of one's voice and so that's the kind of thing that we have to guard against that we don't try and impress by a lot of noise a lot of activity it's rather the quietness of [00:33:07] the spirits control and guidance and leading us into the enjoyment of the worship of the father the spirits bringing up marvelous thing in your heart and in mine and then in John 7 we find the Lord Jesus speaking about the gift of the spirit as water flowing out from us a river flowing out from us you remember he says he that thirst let him come to me and drink and he says it shall be John chapter 7 says he that believe it if any man thirst let him come unto me and drink he that believeth on me as the scripture said out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water but this speak he of the spirit which they that believe on him should receive for the Holy Ghost was not yet [00:34:05] given because that Jesus was not yet glorified I see the Lord Jesus first of all speaks about thirst and that's why the shepherd led the sheep to the still waters that they might have their thirst satisfied now the Lord Jesus saying many months if any man thirst let him come to me and drink and I find all through scripture that this is the way we receive the spirit through believing Christ there's no other way consequent upon believing in him we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and says the Lord Jesus it should be like a river a river flowing out not so much this time springing up in worship but flowing out with all its freshness and with all its blessing you know that when the Nile overflows in Egypt then that helps all the area around and the vegetation is watered and things spring up and without the overflowing of the Nile there would be a great [00:35:05] deal of poverty in the area but this annual overflowing of the Nile means a great deal to that country and the same is true in many many countries the rivers provide the irrigation and the refreshment the watering that is necessary for cultivation so here the Lord uses this figure of a river of living water flowing out from us and he says he's speaking here about the Holy Spirit now the Holy Spirit wasn't given yet the Lord Jesus had to die he had to rise out from amongst the dead he had to ascend to God's right hand and then and then only the Holy Spirit was sent as a gift and in Acts chapter 2 we find the Lord Jesus received the Holy Spirit for the second time and he bestows it upon his own upon earth the first time he received it was when he was in the banks of the Jordan and he was anointed with the Holy Spirit in view of his public service Peter says this that you're seeing now he has received from the Father the Spirit which he had [00:36:05] bestowed upon us and so the Lord now receiving the Spirit from the Father bestows it upon his own upon earth in view of their continuance of a testimony a testimony that was a reproduction of his life for the benefit of others what a tremendous thing the Holy Spirit glorious person go equal with the Father and the Son and he indwells you indwells me he indwells every true believer in Christ and all the talk that we hear sometimes about the precise moment of when one is sealed and that kind of thing it seems to me is wrong kind of talking the sealing of the sealing by the Spirit is in the Father's prerogative it's his right he does it but I believe it's consequent upon believing in Christ no one can pinpoint a precise moment we can say that if a person believes in Christ they are sealed with the Holy Spirit and we find this in [00:37:03] Acts chapter 19 that's the proof of it it's the proof of the verse that we find in Ephesians 1 and you remember Paul went to Ephesus and he found some disciples and he says what were you baptized to oh they were baptized to John's baptism well says Paul that's not enough we've moved on a long way since then haven't you heard that Jesus was here the Son of God and he died and he rose out from amongst the dead and after he ascended he sent down the Holy Spirit why they said we've never heard anything about that and so they accepted what Paul says they believe they got baptized and they received the Holy Spirit consequent upon believing in Christ that seems to me the explanation of Ephesians 1 after you heard the gospel of truth you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise and so dear friends that's true for you it's true for me it's true for every believer but first of all we've got to thirst and as we thirst then the Holy Spirit [00:38:02] comes into our lives that is we thirst in relation to Christ we come to him he satisfies our thirst the Holy Spirit comes into our lives and then we are a blessing to others marvelous thing he leads us beside the still waters I believe that using this expression it simply means that today

we as believers are led into the knowledge of these things that are for us in New Testament scriptures plainly distinctly led that we might appropriate them and have them in our hearts and our lives for our own satisfaction yes first of all and then because we are satisfied it means glory to God glory for Christ and also blessing for others may we be encouraged by his name and [00:39:20] und unsere Gäste, und du, unser Schöpfer, bleibst uns bei dir. Lass uns nicht unsere Füße aufstehen, um in den krukiven Weg zu wandern. 228 Ich bin ein glücklicher Schöpfer von Gewissheit, Liebe und Macht, die die Mörder jemals wussten, die Engel jemals geboren sind. 229 [00:40:02] Ich bin ein glücklicher Schöpfer von Gewissheit, Liebe und Macht, die die Mörder jemals wussten, die Engel jemals geboren sind. 231 Ich bin ein glücklicher Schöpfer von Gewissheit, Liebe und Macht, die die Mörder jemals wussten, die Engel jemals geboren sind. 232 [00:41:04] Lass uns nicht unsere Füße aufstehen, um in den krukiven Weg zu wandern. 233 Ich bin ein glücklicher Schöpfer von Gewissheit, Liebe und Macht, die die Mörder jemals wussten, die Engel jemals geboren sind. 234 Gott, Jesus, wir danken dir, dass du unser Schöpfer bist. Wir danken dir für all die Glücke, die du in unsere Leben gebracht hast. [00:42:10] Wie glücklich wir uns in deiner Präsenz fühlen. Wie glücklich wir sind, dass wir dir gehören. Wie sicher wir sind, dass wir in deiner Hand bleiben werden. Wir erinnern uns oft an das Stichwort des Apostels Paulus, als er sagte, der Gott werde mich von jedem bösen Schicksal ausgeben und mich in sein himmlisches Königreich bewahren. Nein, Gott, Jesus, das ist unser humbler Wunsch, dass wir so weitergehen können, wie es dir wert ist, dass es dir Glücke bringt. Und Gott, Jesus, dass wir auch mehr sein könnten und die Fähigkeiten zeigen, die wir in dir in Perfektion sahen, die so glücklich für deinen Vater waren. Also bitten wir, dass unsere Aufmerksamkeit dieses Abends, dieser alten Testament-Skriptur und ihre Verwendung zu uns, ein Glück für alle unsere Herzen sein kann, sodass wir mehr und mehr wissen, dass wir uns auf dich fühlen und dass wir zu dem, was wir in dir finden, zufrieden sein können, [00:43:07] und nicht wieder zurückkehren zu den ungewöhnlichen Dingen und trivialen Dingen dieses Weltes und unsere Freude und Zufriedenheit in dir finden. Und so, Gott, Jesus, geben wir dir Dank für unsere Aufmerksamkeit deines preßlichen Heiligen Werkes, das uns zu dir führt.