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7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

Just a couple of things before we get started; in the last several weeks, we've been talking about the end time events. We've been talking about Tribulation. We just skimmed over things. There is no way that we could have covered all there is to cover in six weeks, six years, or sixty years, but some things that's happened in the last couple of days that are very exciting to me.

I don't know whether you've watched the news and sometimes you don't listen to a lot of things unless you are actually listening. Some of our smartest people in the world, as far as military, not only in this country, but also in other countries; in the last couple of days they have made the statement that Israel is about, any day; they use the word eminent. What they are talking about is that Israel is about ready to strike Iraq. Their nuclear facilities that Iran has that they are working on now. They have been testing their ballistic missiles. However, our smart military are saying that Israel is very near, and they use the word eminent; some are saying before the end of the year that Israel would hit Iran. You might say, "What's that going to do?"

If they go there with their missiles and with their planes; we are not going to do anything as a nation. We are not going to do anything with them and neither is France or the other countries; they are just going to go ahead and get their nuclear stuff. So, if Israel is going to survive; in other words, when they look at what is going on in Iran, they know that if they become a nuclear nation then their president has already said, "We are going to destroy Israel anyway. That's the first thing we are going to do. But Israel is going to go. I don't know when, but they will drop a nuclear weapon up there; if I understand things correctly. However, when that happens then everything will escalate quickly. It won't take long for when we start seeing some of these things like that the world opinion will turn against Israel. This will start some things in motion. When is it going to be? I don't have any idea. Whether you and I see that; we may be in heaven before any of that takes place. I don't know.

I do know one thing. Jesus Christ is coming real soon. I know that when we hear things like this that should excite us. That should tickle us because we know that our redemption is drawing very near. When we hear things like this is about to take place, when we hear very intelligent people—people who are war strategist people—talk about these things; it should excite you and me. We are getting ready to go home. It's great to be on our way today.

Mark 14

1 After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.

2 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.

Keep that in mind. We are two days away, as we have been talking about for many months, actually; as we studied through the book of Mark. Jesus is just two days away. The Bible says "...two days before the feast..." We know that He is very near the time that He is going to die. We know the feast they are talking about is the Passover. Jesus is going to die on Passover. This is going to happen very near the time that Jesus is going to die.

The Bible uses the word "feast" or "Passover" of unleavened bread. So, we know that as we read history and as we look at things; a few weeks ago, we talked about Passover in our Sunday school hour. We talked about that some and what it meant. It has to do with the great celebration that the Hebrew people celebrated once a year because they had left the land of Egypt and how God brought them out with a mighty hand. It was a great celebration. They were required, as we learned a few weeks, to come. God was going to appoint a place they were to come and worship. They were to come to Jerusalem. As we look at what is happening here; there were probably at least two million people in and around Jerusalem. There are people everywhere.

Here is what is going on. It uses the word "scribes" and it also uses the word "chief priests." These were religious people. This was not a bunch of hoods. This was not some gang from somewhere. This was not a bunch of folks that loafed in the allies. This was religious people. These people were religious people. They were what we would call religious. As far as them knowing a lot of things religiously; they knew a lot of things. However, they did not know the God of heaven. They did not know Him. They had

all kinds of rituals. They had all kinds of man-made traditions that they went through. They held them higher and more esteemed than the Word of God. These folks, while the preparation for the Passover is taking place; they are all sitting around thinking of how they can get rid of Jesus Christ.

That doesn't make sense. Does it? You are about to celebrate the most Holy day here; the day of deliverance, the day that the children of Israel have left the land of Egypt—a wonderful time of deliverance, liberation, freedom, and independence. You are about ready to celebrate all of that, but on the other hand you are also sitting around having meetings and discussing how that you are going to murder somebody. That makes no sense to me; does it to you? I don't get that. This is what they are doing. We know they are sitting around talking about these things. It is so sad to see what they are doing.

They are discussing how they might take Him. The Bible uses the words "by craft" here. In other words, they may come and get Him. They may come and steal Him away, or trick Him into coming. What they really want to do is come and get Jesus and kill Him without the whole crowd knowing what they were doing. Again, it was a great time; a great time for the nation. It's a great holiday for these folks; a great celebration.

We celebrate all kinds of different holidays. Families get together and you have all kinds of different things. We can understand that a little bit. It's like Christmas, Easter, or Thanksgiving. There were people everywhere.

They come here to worship. They come here to remember what God had done for them. Here their spiritual leaders, instead of getting prepared, spending some time praying and getting right with God; they were planning on how they were going to kill Jesus.

That rolls around in my head a lot sometimes. You wonder what people are thinking sometimes. You see people do one thing, but they say something else. They go through the motions of doing one thing but their actions prove something else.

These people are saying they were religious, but they were not religious at all. They didn't know what religion was. They didn't know anything about Salvation; none whatsoever. They wanted to take Him, but they wanted to take Him without people knowing what they were doing. They were contemplating pre-meditated murder. That's what they're doing. They were contemplating pre-meditated murder, but yet they were religious people.

Do you know what the sad part about that was? The sad part was that people were following them. People were listening to them. That was the sad part and that is still going on today.

2 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.

They were worrying about their image. They were worrying about what people were going to think. If we come and get Jesus here; we get Him and kill Him and we put Him to death on the feast, on Passover then all these people are going to see us. They are going to see what we are doing. Let everybody leave

Jerusalem. Let this couple of million people get out of here. Let us get back down here to where it is just us and then we can take Him and it won't be any big deal. That is what they are thinking.

I want you to keep all that in your mind because the Spirit of God does something here that is really quite remarkable. As we read about what the chief priests and scribes are doing; they are about ready to kill Jesus. The Holy Ghost inserts something in the story here that is just completely the opposite.

3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she broke the box, and poured it on his head.

When you read that, you would automatically think that happened the same day, but it didn't. When you read the other accounts; if you read Matthew 26, and John 12, you will find out that this happened last Saturday. This is happening probably on Wednesday. These events that happened in Bethany happened on Saturday.

I was thinking today, there is a reason that the Spirit of God did what He did here. The chief priests, scribes and the elders are planning on killing Jesus. They are planning on getting rid of Him. They hate Him. They don't want anything to do with Him. He is going to insert something into the story here that is completely the opposite of that. A very beautiful story here about a woman, about faith, about love, about caring, about devotion, and about a lot of different things; this is just completely the opposite of what the chief priests and scribes were about to do here. It's a lovely story.

This is the story of Bethany. Bethany was just a short distance from Jerusalem. This is where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. We know that don't we? Do you remember if you read John chapter 11; we know that Jesus had been there and stayed with Mary and Martha on different occasions. Lazarus had died and Jesus raised him from the dead. He loved this family. This particular time in Bethany, He wasn't at Mary, Martha and Lazarus' house. He's at the house of Simon the leper.

We don't know anything about Simon the leper. Probably, he was an individual that came to one of Jesus' meetings when he was preaching and teaching somewhere along the line here. He was probably an individual that God saved here and has probably been cured of leprosy. His leprosy is gone. Since we are looking at him and it says that he is Simon the leper then there is no doubt in my mind that he's been cleansed. The reason that I say that is because they would not have been having a big banquet here in the house where someone had leprosy because leprosy was very contagious. Isn't it great what God can do for His people?

Isn't it great what God can do, even though we may have had some kind of infectious disease? We were sinners. We were dead. We were dying. Yet, Jesus Christ saved us. Do you know what? He has no problem going to my house now. Does He you? Does He have a problem being at your house? If He does, then you might need to clean up your house. Truth? That will preach anywhere. That's the truth. If Jesus is not welcome at your house, or if He is not comfortable at your house then there is something going on at your house that He is not pleased with. Truth? It may be in the morning. It may be in the evening. It may be in the night. It may be when you are the only one there. There may be a lot of

different things going on, or a lot of different times but if Jesus is not comfortable at your house then you need to clean up your house. I'm not talking about with a Hoover vacuum cleaner either. I'm talking about this house. (Pointing to self, one's body.)

Here they are in the house of Simon the leper.

3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she broke the box, and poured it on his head.

Here's what is happening. He is going to be dying. The events of Bethany happened on Saturday. He is going to die the next Friday. Here He is in Bethany. There are people everywhere. Jesus has been invited to come here. The disciples have been invited to come here, to eat here. No doubt, Simon was very appreciative of what the Lord done for him. If we are not thankful for what God has done for us then He has not done anything for us.

3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she broke the box, and poured it on his head.

As He is sitting at meat, here comes a woman and the Bible will tell us when we go over to John chapter 12; it tells us who this woman was. It tells us her name over here.

John 12

3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

It tells us the woman was Mary; the sister of Martha and the sister of Lazarus. This tells us who we are talking about. As you read here, she takes this bottle of ointment, this bottle of perfume and we read about it being a box here but when you read it in some of the translations, in the original; it brings out the idea of being a bottle. Spikenard is a mineral. It was mineral that was like gypsum, it has a lot of calcium in it. It is soft. During this time, they made all kinds of vessels out of it. They would make their jars and bottles and so forth out of this particular material. This perfume that she had, or this oil that she had in this box, or bottle or whatever you want to call it; the Bible says that it was very costly or very precious. When you read and study a little about what this was; spikenard was a perfume or oil that only the kings had. It was oil; it was a perfume that actually came from India. It came there and like I say, it was something that was very costly, very precious. It was a thing that only the very wealthy had. When they used it, they would just use it a drop at a time. If you use perfume, and you gave a lot of money for it; you just don't put it on at one time. That's how they used it. The Bible says its spikenard and it's very precious.

When you read on down here about what it says about it; they are griping about it. They made the statement should not it have been sold for 300 pence and given to the poor. Three hundred pence would have been what an individual would have made in a year's time. This bottle of ointment, this

alabaster box here of spikenard that she is about to pour upon the head of Jesus here; it cost a year's wages. That's a lot of money. We don't think much about that sometimes. We don't think much about what we give. Most generally we are blessed here, but occasionally we hear people griping about what they give. Sometimes we hear people bragging about what they give. However, Mary is not having any problem here giving something very precious to the Lord.

As you read the story here; Jesus is eating. They are at a table. There have probably been some other things going on. I think that Mary sees something here that a lot of other folks didn't see because of what she is about to do here. If you were going to be dying in five or six days and you know that you are going to be dying and you know that you are going to be suffering as Jesus knew He was going to be suffering. I promise you that would have been a lot of weight on your shoulders. Jesus; we know that He was God, but we also know that He was human. He knew what it meant to feel pain. He knew what exactly the pain was going to be, the suffering, the humility and all that was going to take place; Jesus Christ knew that. I don't know to what extent that Mary understood some things, but I do know that here is a woman in the crowd of a whole bunch of people that saw some things here about Jesus Christ that I don't think anybody else saw. She is going to anoint Him here. She knows that He is going to die very shortly. Had she not knew that, and then she would not have been doing what she was doing. Jesus made the statement that "she did this for my burial." In other words, Jesus says, "She has done this because I am going to die." Jesus would not have said that had not that been the motive of what Mary is about to do.

She takes the ointment, the spikenard here and the Bible says she breaks the box and pours it upon His head. Do you know what she understands? First of all, she understands that Jesus Christ is about to die, but not only that, her worship of Him and what she is doing is not selfish at all. In other words, self has nothing to do with she was about to do. When she broke the bottle and poured it upon Jesus; it was completely and totally selfless and not only that; it was very costly.

I wonder sometimes, in our worship, in our relationship with God, in our walk with Him; what's it worth to us? What is it worth to us? In our relationship with God and what God has done for us; what is it worth to us? What really does it mean to us? We give because we are compelled to give or we think that we are compelled to give, but the Bible tells us about giving our tithes and offerings. The Bible talks very plainly about that and we understand that. However, a lot of times when we do that, when we give our ten percent, we think we've done God a favor. What she gave was very costly and she is doing this out of love. She is doing this because she wanted to worship Him. She is anointing Him here because she knew He was about to die. She understood who that He was. She was doing these things out of love for Him.

Do we do it because we love Him? The things that we do; do we do it because we love Him? Do we want to worship Him? Do we want to praise Him? Or, do we do it just because we think we have to do it? Do we do it because if we don't do it, somebody is going to talk about us? I promise you something, anytime that we do anything, not every time, but a lot of times when we do things that is going to bring glory to God; when we do things out of love and out faith—she was doing this by faith, He wasn't dead yet. Not only that but what she is going to do here, she is doing it because she loves Him. Many times

when we do good things, sometimes when we do costly things, people murmur, people complain and they have indignation. Don't they? That happens.

One thought and we are going to move on here. I'm going to tell you how much Mary loved Jesus and I'm going to prove it to you. She loved Jesus more than she loved her family. Do you know how I know that? How do I know that? Lazarus died. Her brother died. She could have took the box of ointment and put it on Lazarus. She did not do that. She is taking it and putting upon Jesus.

I hear a lot at different times about a lot of different things and we make a lot of excuses about why we don't do or why we do things or why we don't do things. Many times family is brought up. Well, I would do this if I didn't have to do this for my family; or I would give this if I did not have to do this for my family. I would come if I didn't have to deal with my family. Because of my family I can't.... Don't use your family as an excuse. Do you know why you don't do it? It's because you don't want to. That's why you don't do it. We do what we want to do. Don't ever use your kids for an excuse or your grandkids for an excuse; shame on you if you do that. Don't use your wife or your kids; I know sometimes we are sick and sometimes we can't...I understand all that. But you know what? The kids are outside hollering and screaming and having fun and turning flip flops and then somebody calls or asks why we wasn't at church. Do you know what we say? Well the kids were sick. However, they were turning flip flops in the yard and swinging from the trees and all that stuff. Do you know why we don't do? It's because we don't want to do. Don't use your kids, wife, husband or anything else for an excuse. Just own up to and fess up to it; I didn't want to.

She is going to do this out of love.

Mark 14

4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

The word indignation means to ache within. When they saw, some of the disciples, not all; but when they saw that what she had done—when she took the bottle, opened the box and poured it on His head—they absolutely ached on this inside. They got so upset that actually on their inside they were aching. That's getting upset. Isn't it?

Did you ever get that upset? I have. You have too.

It also means to be vexed or to be disturbed. Therefore when they saw, especially Judas, when Judas saw what she had done; when she took the spikenard and poured it upon His head, she is anointing His head and anointing Him all over with the ointment then he gets upset. He is vexed. He is disturbed. He is aching on the inside. We go on down here just a minute and the Bible is going to use the word murmur, it means to growl. It means to rebuke. It means to scoff or to scold. So, when Judas saw what was going on; he gets all tore up. He gets absolutely all tore up. Why in the world would anybody that really loved Jesus Christ get upset when somebody was doing something to worship and to praise Him? We shouldn't get upset about that, should we? When somebody is actually singing, testify, or whatever

they are doing; their life is worshiping and praising Almighty God then that should not upset us. Should it? If God's blessing them for what they are doing, that should not upset us. If we are getting upset because somebody is getting blessed more than we are then we need to straighten up. God is no respecter of person. God won't bless me any more than He blesses you if we live right and do right.

It tells us here that there is something wrong with Judas. Of course we know that there is. It tells us something here that they are wrong. He is aching on the inside. The Bible tells us that he has indignation within himself. In other words, he is aching. He is all tore up. He is on fire on the inside because of what he calls a waste.

5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

If you look over at the other accounts in John and also in Matthew; it uses the word "waste." Judas made this statement, "This is a waste. We are just wasting stuff here." Even though that she was worshiping the Lord and praising Him and doing what she was doing; she was recognizing that He was the Messiah, the King of Israel and what she was doing was worshiping and praising Him. Judas says "Hey, this is an absolute waste." Waste is a word that Judas should have been acquainted with because he says here that Mary is wasting something but it is Judas that is actually wasting things. The word waste is actually used here is the word that has to do with the abyss. It has to do with judgment. It has to do with perdition; when you look at what that means. What that means is this. Judas is saying she is just absolutely wasting this stuff. It is just wasting. When you look at the same word for waste here that is translated in John 17; it means perdition, abyss. What I am telling you tonight is this. Judas was complaining and murmuring and he was inflamed on the inside because of what this woman was doing in her worship to Jesus. He says it is a waste. He says this woman is just wasting things; wasting something that is very precious. Do you know what Judas was wasting? Judas was wasting something a whole more precious than a bottle of perfume or a bottle of oil. He was wasting his life. He was wasting his life. He was throwing away his life. Do you know why? It was because he was not worshiping Almighty God.

Judas was a thief. He was an absolute thief. He did not care anything about the poor, as we are going to learn here in just a minute. He did not care anything about giving something for the poor. He was concerned—that could have been sold for three hundred pence. We could have put that in the treasury. He was a treasurer. He could have put that in a bag and he could have helped himself with it. What he was doing was accusing her of being wasteful, wasting some oil here; but he was wasting his whole life.

Let's don't waste our lives. We only have one of them. We are only coming through planet earth one time. We are going through here very quickly. Let's don't waste it. Let's don't throw it away. Let's don't do that.

God wants to bless us. God wants us to be happy here. God wants us to enjoy living while we are here. Let's don't throw that away because life is way too precious. We are going to wake up one day if we live that long and things work that way; we are going to wake up one day—we are going to go to bed one

night for the last time. We are going to put our shoes on for the last time. We are going to kiss our kids for the last time sometime and that may be today. Let's don't go through life bitter, hating everything, not satisfied with anything, whining and complaining about how bad we have it; our lot in life. Let's don't waste it. Life is too precious to waste.

All you have to do to learn and prove what I am telling is just go up and spend some time at the nursing home or go over to the hospital and walk through the intensive care unit over there and see some of the those folks. Do you know what you can learn very quickly? Do you know what they will tell you if they could talk to you? They would tell you if they could talk to you that life is real short. Don't waste it.

That is what Judas was doing. However, Mary wasn't doing that. She was doing something because she loved the Lord. She was giving something very costly. She was doing something that she wanted to worship him. If you read the other accounts it tells that Judas is the one that is complaining. The sad thing about that is when Judas starts to complain about this stuff being sold, and then he also drags some others in with him because it says down here "and they murmured against her." That means more than one. Even though Judas was the one who brought up the problem or made a problem out of it but there was more gathered into or started murmuring or started complaining against her.

We need to be very careful. When people start to murmur or complain about something or someone, you had better watch what you listen to. We learned a little song years ago little ears we need to pay attention to what we hear and our eyes to what see and so forth. There is a lot to that. If we are not careful, negative people breeds negative people. In other words, people who are negative and if we are around people who are negative we will become negative also. Most generally an adult person who is negative—you are not going to change them. You are not going to change an adult person who is negative. If they are negative, you are not going to change them. If the God of heaven, what in the world makes you think that you can change them? Watch yourself because you can get in trouble there.

When they are murmuring and complaining against Mary; Jesus looks at them and says "Let her alone." Isn't it great that He defends us? When people murmur and complain against us, and they do, they can murmur and complain against anybody that is living in the will of God and doing what is right. There are going to be those who are going to murmur and complain. If you think that everybody loves you; you're wrong. If you are living in the Will of God; not everybody likes you, not everybody is going to speak good things about you. That is not going to happen.

6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

Jesus Christ is the Son of Almighty God and if everybody didn't speak well about Him do you think they are going to speak well about you, me or whoever?

6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

The Bible uses the word "good" here. First of all, Jesus said, "Let her alone." The Greek word here for "good" means "so good that it's striking." In other work that Mary has just done here, the worship that she has just done was striking. In other words, when Jesus looked at it; it was something that really

touched Him. Not only that but also it was appealing; it was attractive and it was very pleasant. Jesus says, "You guys just shut up and let her alone because she has just done something that is very attractive, appealing, beautiful; the worship that she has just done and you guys are whining and complaining about it. You are all mad about it but what she has just done is something that is actually very good and great. That's a good lesson for you and me.

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

Get that.

So many times in life we miss opportunities to worship. Mary grabbed hold of this opportunity because she was never going to have this opportunity again. Jesus was going to die. She was not going to have the opportunity to do this service or this worship to Him again.

You and I, so many times, miss opportunities to worship Him. We failed to reach out and grab hold of the opportunities that we have to worship and to praise Him.

Jesus did not say here; don't give anything to the poor. He didn't say that. He said that you have the poor all the time. The poor is going to be here with you. The poor is going to be around. There is always going to be poor people. He says "I'm not always going to be here."

Mary grasped this opportunity on this particular day to do something very great, lovely and appealing unto Jesus Christ. It wasn't appealing to the people. It wasn't lovely to all those sitting around there. It wasn't something that most of them liked, but it was to Jesus.

Listen

The most important in our coming to church and worshiping Almighty God is doing those things that please God, those things that are pleasant and that are attractive in the eyes of Almighty God. It doesn't matter if people like it or not. If people don't like our worship to Almighty God then that shows that there is something wrong. If we are living in the will of God and doing what God has asked us to do and doing things that are pleasant, attractive in the eyes of Almighty God, that is pleasing to God and that brings glory to God; then there are going to be some who are not going to like it. Let's don't worry about that. We are adults. We should have put away childish things a long time ago. We shouldn't be worrying about what people are going to think about us.

If I thought about that—and there was some of my life I did when I first started preaching, many years ago—I worried about what people thought. There were things that intimidated me. There were people that intimidated me when I first started. Reading out loud intimidated me. Trying to read to people intimidated me. Trying to talk to people intimidated me. I've got over that.

What I am saying is this. We shouldn't ...Our Christian lives should please the Lord, not people. Let's grasp the opportunity. Let's grasp every opportunity that we have to worship Almighty God. Let's don't let one slip by. It may cost us something very valuable.

It did Mary. I may do that. Whatever our worship is, let's don't around blowing horns and beating drums and telling everyone what we have done. Let's don't do that.

The great thing is when we do those things that are very pleasant, pleasing and appealing in the eyes of Almighty God; people may not like it, but the Lord will defend us. He may tell some people to keep their mouths shut. Don't be gossiping about somebody. That's good. If you are gossiping, I hope He does. He will.

Here she did this. She did a good work. Jesus defended her. He says, "You have the poor with you always, but you don't always have me." The great thing is this. We are 2000 years from this event. It happened 2000 years ago. I'm going to tell you how great and how appealing it was. We are still talking about it today. That's how great it was.

Let me ask you a question. Just a little thought. Two thousand years from today, yesterday, or last week; or two thousand years from tomorrow; if God was writing a book and you were going to be in it, what would He have to say about me or you? What would He have to say? Would He say that we are complainers; like some of the disciples were? Would He say they were people who didn't really care about anything? We weren't worried about doing anything appealing, lovely, beautiful, or attractive as far as, worshiping Him. We weren't concerned about that. Would He say that we were just people that were just concerned about self? We were selfish and self-centered. Would He say that about us? Would He say that about you? Would He say that about me? Would He say, "Hey, that individual loved me? The reason that I know that is because of what this person did on this particular day.

That is just something to think about.

Jesus knows whether you love Him or not. He is not going to write another book and put you in it. That's not going to happen. I'm just saying; it's good for us to think. What does Jesus really think about what I am doing? We should think about that.

Every day of my life, I think about that. I want to make sure that what we are doing here at Campbell Chapel is things that are pleasant, attractive, and things that bring glory to Him. I know that everybody is not going to like that when we do that. Again, I'm not trying to be mean or smart allec when I say that. If He couldn't make everybody happy, then what in the world do you think I can? That's not going to happen.

We don't need to worry about that. We don't have to worry about trying to make everybody happy. What we should be thinking about is doing things that will bring glory unto Him. When we worship Him and do things that bring glory to Him, do you know what He does? He defends us.

Do you have a need in your life tonight? If you are listening tonight and you are unsaved; find a place to pray. You can leave a brand new creature in Christ. If you are listening to me somewhere else, do you know what Jesus Christ will do? He will forgive you tonight. He will save you tonight, if you just ask Him. Why don't you come this evening? Ask the Lord to forgive you of your sin and make things right with Him. Will you do that tonight?