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<u>Acts 16:31</u> And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

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Title: 60-0518 — Adoption #2

Now, let me just drop on a little token here that I touched on the other night, to you mothers.

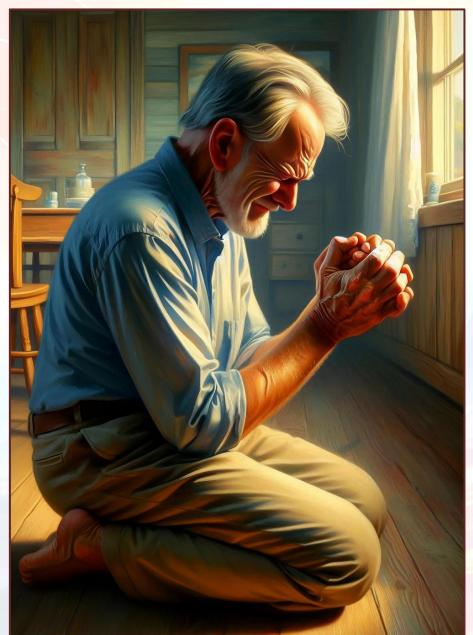
How many here has prayed for your loved ones, lost? All right. There you are again, see, "Your inheritance." See?

17 Paul told the Roman, said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou and thy house shall be saved." If you've got faith enough for your own self to be saved, have faith enough, no matter how wayward that boy is, or that girl is, they'll be saved anyhow.

God, somehow! If He has to lay them on their back, laying there in a hospital, dying, they'll be saved. God promised it. The inheritance! Oh!

"And they shall be there," said Isaiah, "and all their offsprings with them. They shall not hurt

nor destroy in all My holy mountain, saith the Lord."



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Title: 55-1004 — Come, Let Us Reason Together

56 A dose of medicine almost killed my boy, Billy Paul. About two years, three years ago, Billy Paul got into a habit, got running around there, and that's the reason I had to send him to Waxahachie, to the school. Our public school, with the bunch of little boys and things, all smoking cigarettes and things. And Billy come up home one day and said, "How you getting along, daddy?"

I seen a vision pop over him. I said, "Come here a minute, talk to you."

He said, "What is it, Daddy?"

I said, "What are you doing smoking cigarettes?"

He said, "I'm not."

I said, "Don't you lie to me, Billy." He commenced to crying.

Well, he said, "I-I won't do it no more, daddy." And he went on out. He kept on doing it. He wasn't hiding it; he can't hide it, no, no. So—and I seen a vision, and the Lord showed me that Billy, had disobeyed me, and had jumped through a window, and was going laughing, head over heels, like that, down, on through eternity, turning over and over. And when I come out of the vision, I was screaming to the top of my voice, "Oh, God, don't take my boy. Only boy I have, don't take him, Lord." And I was screaming to the top of my voice. I told Billy.

57 And so, Billy, that day, he went fishing. Been hanging down on the river a lot. There was a man from India, there to see me, and some more ministers. And we went down into New Albany with my wife. She had to go down there to get something another. And so, we went down, and I was setting talking to the ministers, and all at once,

something said to me, "Get out of the—here, right quick." I thought that was just my imagination.

And I—I said, "Well now, brethren, we're fixing to go to India as soon as we possibly can."

Something said, "Get out of here, and get to yourself."

And I got out of the car, and I said, "Excuse me, brethren, just

a minute, I want to go around the corner."

And I went around there, and I looked, nobody was looking, I said, "Father, what is it?"

Said, "Go to Billy Paul at once."

58 And I run back real quick, and Meda was coming up the street, my wife, and I said, "Hurry honey, hurry. Something's wrong with Billy." And we run, jumped in a car, and took out to Jeffersonville, about five or six miles. When I went into the yard, my mother-in-law, standing in the yard, screaming top of her voice, said, "Billy's dying, got him in the hospital."

So I said, "What happened?"

Said, "Well, he come up down there, and he had a sore throat. And he was afraid you was going to catch him with that sore throat, and tell him, he was still smoking cigarettes. And he went down, and your good friend," the best doctor there is in the nation, one of the best, "Dr. Sam Adair, gave him a shot of penicillin, and he swelled up about that big, in just about three minutes. And he run up there, and they wrapped him

in blankets, and rushed him to the hospital."

59 And I run out real quick, here come the doctor down like that, took off his hat, said, "Bill, I've killed your boy."

And I said, "Oh, Doc, surely not." And I run into the room; they had oxygen over him and everything, and pumping, and giving him adrenalin over his heart. And he was just...Heart going on down, and down. I said could I be with him a moment. And so he just walked out of the room. I knelt down, put my hands upon him; I said, "Dear God, please. Hasn't my heart been broke enough in my days? Please, Jesus, oh, God, give the boy another chance. Don't...

Lord, please, I ask you with all my heart, as Your servant, if You'll spare the life of my boy. He's so good to me, and helps in the meeting, and he's so loyal to me. I need him. God, please don't take him. I—I ask You not."

60 And I looked, and I saw a vision of him falling like that, turning over and over, like it was a couple nights before that, when I seen him in the vision. And I seen two big arms come out and catch him, like this, and start bearing him right back up, going right back up, like that. I raised up, and Billy turned around, just as black as he could be. And his lips swelled way out, and his eyes turned real red, and turned back.

He said, "Daddy, where are you. Where are you, daddy?"

I said, "I'm standing right here, honey. It's all over now." Amen.





Title: 55-0123A — The Approach To God

21 When Job was the oldest Book in the Bible...And when Job, an old man...And just before that disaster happened to his home, he got kind of worried. He had a bunch of children, and they were worldly, going out, mingling with the things of the world.

And all of we parents know what a feeling that is. When your children, your very heart, begins to mingle with the world, get out among the unbelievers. I don't suppose Billy is present at the time; I think he's out maybe talking to Brother Wood. But in our city, we do not have a Christian school. And there's a bunch of worldly children, girls and boys too. And when I thought of sending my boy to that school, knowing that every thing that I drilled into him,

he becomes really unless converted, really come to Christ, that is, all of his nature would be changed, he'd be swept out from under my hands, as soon as he got with this worldly bunch. Because the very nature in him, no matter, being a good boy, that doesn't... Having a minister father, a religious home, where we don't approve of any of the worldly things in our home...We try to live by the grace of God, like Christians ought to live, the influence set before him. I

knowed if he was lost, he'd certainly walk over a righteous home, to be lost by. And I want him to have to walk over my life. And he'd have to walk over the Bible. He'd have to walk over the Blood of Christ. Because I'll certainly, by God's grace, present it in front of him.

22 But if his nature isn't changed, he will go right on just the same. And how I think of the day that Billy entered high school. And how I thought, "Oh,

my." And knowing that he yet... He had, oh, he'd been baptized, certainly, but had never made a full surrender, consecration to Christ. Knowing that the nature of a child yet was in him, how my heart yearned for him, and how I'd pray, go out in my car and ride around and say, "God, don't let my boy get wrapped up in that kind of a stuff out there." How that I said, "God, I-I hope, I pray, his mother's dead, and I've been both daddy and mother to him. So please don't let him get wrapped up out there, and get in trouble. Some way, will You just protect him?"

23 And oh, if I had the time this afternoon, it would take hours to explain that how God has throwed the red light across Billy's path, time after time. Yes, sir. I've seen him...Here not long ago, I was sitting in New Albany. The baby was getting her teeth filled, the little fellow at school hurt her teeth. And then, Billy had been out a fishing, and come

in and got a bad cold, or something. And I was with some ministers, and we were sitting in New Albany. And the wife was up with the little girl, getting her teeth worked on. When I...I was setting there, and Something said, "Get out of the car and start walking."

I thought, "What was that?" I got out, and started walking down the street. And the Holy Spirit met me there, and said, "Turn home quickly. Billy's at the point of death."

And I left him on his bicycle, going fishing. Well, he got down there, I think, and fell in the river, a fishing, and got wet, and he got a bad cold, hanging around the river. Instead of coming on back up home, he goes right over by Sam's, and ask him (That's a...my Doctor friend.), and said, "Doc, give me a shot of penicillin. I'm...I got wet today. I-I don't want to get any bad cold," said.

And the doctor give him a shot of penicillin, and by the time he got home, his toes were that big around, fell out...

24 My mother-in-law there called him right quick, and he run up there and called a specialist out of Louisville, had the ambulance up there real quick, took him to the hospital, laid him in there, and give him two shots of adrenalin over his heart. And his heart gone plumb on ten over twenty, something like that. I

rushed home real quick. Them ministers with me said, "How do you know Billy?" I said, "You watch and see." We entered into the gates, and there stood my mother-in-law in the yard, screaming to the top of her voice. Said, "Billy's dying in the hospital." I just dumped them all out, as quick as possible, and got out to the hospital.

25 A couple of days before, I said, "Billy, you're treading on dangerous ground. Get out of the

company you're in." I said, "The Lord Jesus showed me last night, just before I went to bed, while standing in the room there, after prayer, I seen you not listen to what I was saying. But you jumped from a window, and I seen you turning, head up, and heels up, like that, going over, and over, going through space." I said, "You must stop running with that kind of company." Well, a kid, he just kept on.

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26 Then I rushed to the hospital out there, and here come my little doctor friend down the hall, threw his hat down the hall said, "Bill, I just believe, I just almost killed your boy just a few minutes ago." He said, "We got two specialist here." Said, "We give him two shot<mark>s o</mark>f adrenalin, over...right over his heart," and said, "and still he's laying there unconscious."

27 Me, trying to be as a father, as a minister of the Gospel, straighten up, start walking slowly. I said, "All right, doc, you—you're my friend. You done the best you knowed how."

Said, "I didn't know he'd be allergic to it, Billy. I've give it to him before." He said, "I don't know what happened." And he was ringing his hands, 'cause we're bosom friends. And the little...

He started down the hall, I said, "Can I see him, doc?"

He said, "Well, we got tubes in him," said, "go ahead."

28 And I slipped in real easy and watched where he was...?... to pull the door down behind me, and there Billy just...face just black as it could be, and his eyes set back. They was pumping respiration to him, and gurgling, and a tube through his nose, and everything. His tongue out, his mouth way back, and his eyes set; just as black as he could be, I thought, "There he is." I knelt down, I thought, "God, will You take my only boy. Will—will You take him, Lord, since I've packed him on my arm. And I—I know, Lord, children You understand. I pray that You'll help him." Just as quietly as I could before God.

29 And Almighty God, Who is my Judge, here before this sacred desk this afternoon, approaching Him through Jesus the Son of God, His own Son, Who died to save mine...And while I was in prayer, here repeated that vision again. I seen his feet and head flying around and around, as he was going down, down, turning like that in the vision, which was a few nights before. And I seen two arms reach out and catch him, like that, and start bearing him back up like that. In a few moments, I looked up; Billy looked, and he said, "Daddy, where are...where am I?"

I said, "Everything's all right, son. Everything's all right." 30 I went around there, and Doc was standing there talking to the intern. I waited till he left. I put my arm around doc, I said, "It's all over, doc."

He said, "Do you think he's going to make it?"

I said, "He has done made it." Christ...Amen. Talk about an approach.

Yes, Job, thinking maybe, that his children might sin, peradventurally, he said, "That they may sin, and I don't—I don't know about it." So he only had one way that he could make the approach. And that was under a burnt sacrifice.

31 So he took the burnt sacrifice and made an offering for his children. He sacrificed for each and every one of his children, that maybe... Listen, see, maybe they had sinned. Maybe they never sinned around Job. Maybe he didn't know nothing about it. But knowing that they were out in the world alone...

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32 Looky here, boy or girl, this afternoon. If you've got a mother or dad like that, the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart, that's your mothers prayers you're walking over the top of. Remember that. And you'll never prosper at all till you turn and surrender yourself to Christ. That's right.



He never doubled his children, He just restored his children to him. Amen.

Why? How did He do it? Through the approach, the burnt sacrifice. That's right. Yes, sir. They were all in glory, waiting for him to come. God restored Job his children after they were dead.

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Now, Job said, "They may have sinned." So he offered the best that he had, all that he knowed, because that's all the approach he had to God. So he killed one lamb for his own approach. He killed another one for one boy, and another one for another one, making a burnt sacrifice for each one to have a way of approach to God. God seen the honesty and sincerity.

33 Oh, you say, "Now, Brother Branham, now wait a minute. I don't believe that the influence of the father...I believe it's an individual affair." True. But we are commissioned to pray for one another (That's right.), and to offer up our loved ones to God, that He will save them.

Now, notice. In all of this Job kept his mind on God in offering the sin offerings, that if they did sin, maybe the approach...You say, "Well, was that in the New Testament too?"

Yes. Certainly does. Well, he said, "If I get saved in my house, should I leave my house?"

34 Not unless you have to. I'd stay right there. For Paul told the Philippian jailer, said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy and thy household shall be saved." That's right. The sanctified wife sanctifies the husband. Live like a Christian. Be like a Christian. Pray all the time. Believe that God is there, and is going to answer your prayer. Offer it through the provided approach.

35 That's the way Job did; he had an approach; that was through the burnt offering. So he taken a burnt offering, and went out and offered it, and approached God in behalf of his children. You see it? He had an approach. So he used the approach in behalf of his children. "Now, God, here I come

with this lamb, I'm offering it for John. Now, if he has sinned, Lord, I pray You forgive him." See? See? Through the approach of the burnt lamb, because that's the only thing he had to approach in.

36 Now, if you ever notice, how that when the disaster struck Job's home, and the children was all killed and everything...And all Job had was destroyed. God wasn't rebuking Job. He was only purging Job. Amen. I like that word, a purge.

The branch that bears fruit, then God purges it, that it'll bring forth more fruit. The trouble of it is, we think sometimes God's angry with us. But He's only trying to purge us that we'll bring abundance of fruit, giving us a few trials. The Bible said that they're worth more to you than precious gold.

37 Did you ever know, that every son that cometh to God,

must first—first be tried, whipped, child whipping correction? It's not easy. When God gives you a whipping, you go out here and say, "Well, I'll mingle around a little bit." God will give you a real old fashion spanking for it. And I tell you, if we had more of that in the natural today, we'd have better children. God wants His household straightened out. So He gives you a little whipping, so you can get straightened up. Makes you love Him more.

My father used to give me whippings, and I thought, "Oh, my." I wished I could call the old gray-headed brother, father of mine, back from the other lands today. I would respect every whipping he ever give me. I never got even as much as I needed. I thought so then, but I don't now, because it corrected me. Though he didn't do right himself, yet he wanted me to do right. Amen.

38 He wants us to. If the earthly parents wants us to do well, what about our heavenly Parent the Lord Jesus? He has to correct us. And the Scripture says, "If we cannot stand chastisement, or a whipping, child-correction, then we become illegitimate children and not the children of God." See?

If you're really born again, get it now, if you're really born again, there's nothing can separate you from God. That's right. "Neither starvation, perils, trials, suffering, death, nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus."

You say, "Well, I started to be a Christian one time. Everything begin going this way, and that way, and I thought, 'My, I was better off the other way." You never did come to God, brother. If you ever really come to God, and got a taste of the heavenly gifts of God, partakers of His Divine nature, why, you could no more become a sinner again, unbeliever, than a stalk of corn could become a cocklebur. That's right.

39 It's your nature. You're made up. You've come the right approach. You come your own approach. You come God's provided approach one time, and see what happens. Yes.

Job was taking his children through every—the only provided approach there was, the burnt offering. And now, here's a little thing I want you to notice. After all the turmoil, and everything was over, and then, God had taken all of his sheep, and his cattle, and his horses, and things, then, at the end of his chastisement, or purging, God, doubled to him.

If he had ten thousand cattle, He give him twenty thousand cattle. See? Oh, isn't that marvelous? God purged Job for the purpose to bless him. 40 Say, "Brother Branham, I'm a Christian, and I got a sickness now. I wonder why it come." God may be purging you (Amen.), give you some trials, make you draw a little closer to Him, pray awhile, then heal you, that you can have a testimony.

Christ heals you. You say, "Well, I heard He healed others." Then you're a—you're a...The husband is the partaker of the fruits then. See it? ~ 18 ~

41 I thought it was awful hard when I was getting mine. And if it had just been me, I would've failed. But something in me, not me keeping It, It keeping me. The question is whether I'll hold out or not, it's whether He held out or not. And if He held out, I'm sure to be there then. The question isn't whether I can do it or not, it's whether He did it or not. I believe He did it. That settles it. Amen.

42 That's coming from my heart, which I trust to God that it is, then it's not whether, or at all what all I do; it's what He has done.

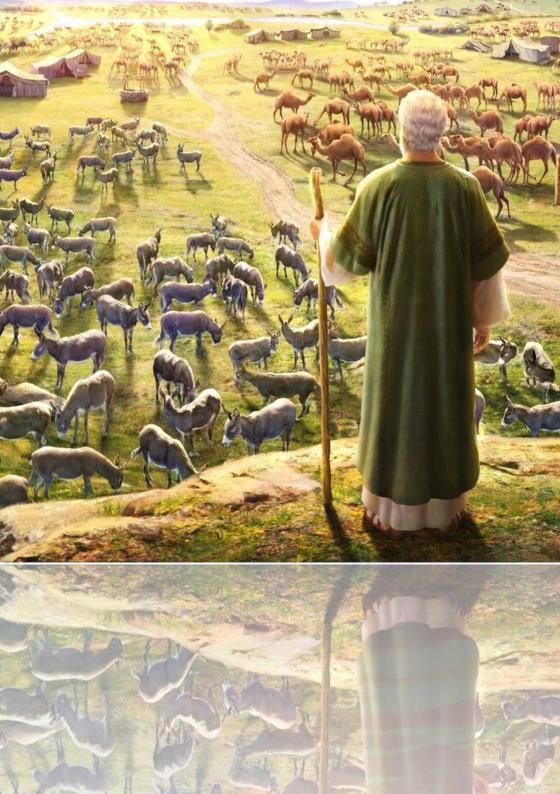
You say, "Well, then, what about...Does it give you license to go sin?" No, brother, certainly not. What does it do? If you sin, and go on out into, what we call sin, drinking, and carrying on, and doing things wrong. It shows that your heart's not right in the first place. It's got to come from here. Then when you come that way, God's way...And notice.

43 At the end then after Job had done everything laid in the way, these provided ways of approaches to God for all of his children, he approached for his children, praying in their behalf. If you ever notice, at the end of the road, Job restored back double. God gave him double what he had, purged him, and restored to him.

44 He had ten thousand head of cattle, he had twenty. He had ten thousand head of sheep, he had twenty. If he had thirty thousand head of-of a goats, why, he had—he had a—a sixty: God doubling to him. And then again, I believe he had seven children. And God restored his seven children. Did you ever notice? He never doubled his children, He just restored his children to him. Amen.

Why? How did He do it? Through the approach, the burnt sacrifice. That's right. Yes, sir.

They were all in glory, waiting for him to come. God restored Job his children after they were dead. He never restored back, making him fourteen children. He restored his animals and so forth back, but he restored to him. Because why? He become God's provided way of approach through the burnt offering. That's the approach.



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