

Let's open to the 16th chapter of John. The overall subject for discussion this morning is this: Why Did JC after His resurrection leave planet earth and go back to Heaven. We had a good thing going. God's Son was living on the earth. Well, why did He go back to Heaven?

The Jews had been looking for thousands of years for Him to come. This was the desire of man, to have the Messiah come in their midst. And yet, He comes and He stays only 33 and a half years at the most and after His Resurrection, only 40 days. If God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son TO the world, why did He not love the world enough to let His only Begotten Son STAY IN the world, once He'd sent HIM to the world?

There is, indeed, a very great reason for this and sometimes we have not thought of this. And we've missed one of the greatest truths of the Bible, when we fail to realize this. Why didn't JC set up headquarters in Jerusalem? And someone has asked why didn't He have a television program? Well, that would have been a little before television time, but suppose He DID have television and He could have got on television and preached to the world.

*Why didn't Jesus have TV pro. of 800 no. like Ross Perot, an office in Jerusalem?*

And someone has suggested that He could write a column - a syndicated column somewhat like Billy Graham and He would call it God's Answer to Any Problem and you could just write Him. Say 'give me the answer'. Humanly speaking, looks like if Jesus had stayed in the world and could have traveled from city to city, could have advised us and preached to us, that that would have been a marvelous thing.

*Title for Jesus newspaper art: "God's Ans. to Any Problem"*

And yet, that would have been the most disastrous thing that has ever happened. You and I would probably never have heard of the Gospel at all.

And that's what He talks about today. He had to ascend and this was the whole plan of God. Had He not ascended, He wouldn't be with us today, like He is at all. He had to ascend in order to be nearer to us. He's much nearer to us than He was when He was in the world. He says that. And this is the amazing thing about the teaching of the HS.

That JC is neither dead nor gone. That He's more real today than He ever was when He was in the world and He had to leave this world, after His Resurrection, to carry out God's great plan. Now we'll get to that in the middle of the discussion, but the first five verses continue this thing that we were doing with last week: the hatred of the world toward the believer and in the lesson today, Jesus predicts that they'll do two things to His followers. Let's look at Ch. 16:

V.1(read) that ye should not stumble and <sup>go astray</sup> lose heart. You see, to be forewarned is to be forearmed. What are these things He's been talking about? He's been saying 'the world is gonna hate and they gonna persecute you and they're not gonna like you'. The greatest strength that I have ever received in my life, is to know what God has said about something so when it comes, I'm not knocked off my feet.

If you know the Bible and what the Bible really teaches, you will almost never be caught by surprise, at anything that can ever happen to you. And so when you KNOW it's in the Word of God and God's already warned you of it, when it happens, you're not upset about it. You say 'well, yes, I know this is gonna come to pass.'

5n Just like when I got ready to go to college, my father told me some things. He says 'now I wanna tell you something. People at college; the professors



at college are not gonna teach you everything that I've told you. They're gonna deny some things that are true. You just get ready for this. There's some people that you're gonna study under that won't believe the miracles. They will not believe the Bible and they're gonna SAY that, ~~fx~~ blatantly, in class. But you don't have to believe this. Have as much sense as our old cow. We can go out to the cow and we can throw down some good grass and hay and the cow eats that.

'But you go out there and you throw some wood and some sticks for that cow, the cow's got sense enough; she doesn't eat wood and sticks. You're not under obligation to eat wood and sticks and you're not under obligation to believe everything that everyone tells you'. This has been a tremendous help to me.' My father warning me. And this is exactly what happened.

EXACTLY what happened. Jesus says 'I'm warning you before hand, so when it comes to pass, you won't be knocked off your feet.' This is the reason we need to know the Bible. Ninety-eight percent of every problem you have grows out of the fact that you don't know what the Bible says. When you know the Bible, you got an answer to everything that will ever face you in life. And to have that answer is to have your feet right on the ground and go to pieces. That's exactly what Jesus is saying.

He says V.2(read) He mentions two things they're gonna do to them in the way of persecution. He says one of them: <sup>1</sup> they're gonna put you out of the synagogue (they're gonna put you out of the church). YOu say 'well, what's the big deal there?' Well, indeed, it was a big deal. If you were thrown out of a church today in Ft. Smith, it wouldn't be such a big deal.

*why had to be put of ch.?*

But to be thrown out of the Syngagogue was to lose your total social, polit-



ical, business, family standing. You lost your job. You couldn't get a job. You'd never get another promotion. You were ostracized. You were hated. You're regarded as an outsider, that you couldn't even pray. That you're outside of the pail of God; that you were on your way to hell. There was no help for you. What a terrible thing it was.

He says they're gonna do that. Well, did they do that? Well, of course they did that. They surely did. And sometimes, people are turned out of the church today. And sometimes, they are turned out for the wrong reason. They really are. There are people asked to leave churches because they have an experience with God that the preacher or the deacons don't understand. It's rather a terrible thing, in my judgment, for that to happen.

But they don't lose their job generally. And they don't lose their standing in society, but they did, in those times. But He says something else, even more there, in the latter part of V. 2. <sup>(2)</sup> He says 'yes, the time cometh that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God a service.'

*"Service" - min. of priest at altar*

The word 'service' here is the same word that's used for the ministry of the Priests at the altar. He'll think he's doing the most Holy service. Was this true? Did it happen? Do you realize that the apostle Paul killed Xtns believing he was doing the will of God? He tells us in Acts 26:9 (read).

Paul offered to a Holy God the offering of dead Xtns. You say 'has this ever happened in history?' It's happened in history.

*Acts 26:9 - Paul thought he was doing God's will in killing Xtns*

You read the history of the middle ages; it's a sad thing. You think of the inquisition who killed people, murdered them, believing they were doing God a favor. It happens all the time, in our world today. Not in this



country so much, but there are Xtns being killed all the time. People say 'this is just the right thing to do'. And people can become so blinded by satan until they believe just killing God's people is a service unto God.

Did this happen to the early Xtns? It certainly did. The early Xtns were persecuted; they were hounded and do you realize that the trumped up charges against the early Xtns - there were about five of them:

*5 charges*  
1. They said 'you're a traitor because you won't say Caesar is Lord. You're traitors'.

2. They said 'you're cannibals because you talk about eating the flesh and drinking the blood of Jesus. You're cannibals'. They quoted that Scrip. in John 6 'ye have to eat My flesh and drink My blood'.

3. They said 'you folks are immoral because when you meet, you exchange the kiss of peace and that's not a thing in the world but sexual ~~xxx~~ relations going on'. They accused them of being immoral because they had such love and exchanged the kiss of peace, in their services.

4. They said 'you're arsonists because you talk about a big fire that's coming'. They talked about the fire that's coming at the Second Coming of Christ and do you realize that Nero set the city of Rome afire and he said 'yeah, you see, the Xtns did it. They been talking about a ~~gxx~~ big fire and now they've set Rome afire'.

5. They said 'you've tampered with our family ~~xxx~~ relationships'. And, of course, when one became a Xtn from a pagan family, that created problems there.

So they trumped up these charges against God's people and they were persecuted

and they were killed. And this is still happening. Still happening in the world. I was over in Glorietta this weekend - I was over there to meet with the Board of our Convention and our President just come from Russia and he gave a report and he said 'listen, you just won't believe what's happening. Our people are scared to death. They won't even talk. ~~They~~ You can't draw them out in a conversation.

'They're so afraid the secret police will murder them'. We understand that thousands of Xtns are being murdered every year in Russia and Cuba and Red China. There's probably more Xtns being killed today than at any time in the history of the world. You better pray for America. You better pray for Old Glory. You better pray that we'll be able to keep the Communists from taking us, my friends.

This is one of the last spots of freedom on the face of the earth. Where you're free to meet like we are. Even England and France are losing their freedom. Italy. We live in a world where freedom is shrinking and where God's people live in danger. Danger. Of their very lives. If we live long enough, it may be that you and I would be in danger and actually claiming Christ right here in the U.S. At the rate things are going.

Say 'well that's impossible;' but they thought that was impossible in many places in the world. They thought it was impossible in Cuba. When I was there in 1957, they thought this, but today you don't talk in Cuba. My friends, are in prison, in Cuba today. Right off the Florida coast.

Jesus said these thing were going to come. They've happened and they're still happening, to God's people.



V. 3(read) I think that's self-explanatory. People who know God don't persecute the people of God.

V.4 (read) of course that mean everything in the world to them. To know that Jesus had already told them. Latter part of this verse: there was no need for Him to say this when He was WITH them. Because He could protect them and encourage them. But since I'm leaving, He says, I must tell you these things. They're going to occur.

V.5 (read) what is He talking about? He's talking about going to the cross and to death but through resurrection, will go right back to the Father. Latter part of V.5: now Peter has already asked the question, in Ch. 13:36. Thomas in Ch. 14 said 'Lord, we don't know where You're going'. But now He's been talking about going and He says 'why you don't even ask Me where I'm going now.' Why?

*too worried to think to ask a question*  
Well, there are two reasons. Maybe He had got through to them by now that He really was going to leave but I don't think that was the chief reason. They still don't understand what's going to happen. They were so overwhelmed with their sorrow and their fear that they couldn't even think and this often happens to us today. We can get so worried until we can't even think and many people are so worried that they just can't think.

You lose a loved one. You get so overwhelmed with your sorrow, that you can't think. People say this to me all the time. It's a very natural thing. I say 'just wait. You can think better tomorrow'. You see? And these disciples got their eyes on their trouble rather than the glorious thing that was about to happen to them and they couldn't even think of what was happening. Were just so overwhelmed with their trouble. And yet, they were within an inch of



the greatest thing that's ever happened in the history of the world and was the soon-coming of the HS and the reality of the power of God in their lives.

And often it's that way. Often there's a dark hour and when the dark hour comes, the thing to do is to hold onto Jesus and the promises of Jesus. It happens to everyone of us - when you can't see your way clear, when the hour is dark, don't make decisions; don't despair; the sun will shine, just beyond this - more glorious than it has ever shown. I don't make a decision in a time of 24 or 48 hours, when things don't seem to be going too well.

The most glorious time may be just beyond this. God does not want us to despair but to hold on to Him. Hold on to Him.

Now this, of course, was before the cross; ~~x~~ is before the resurrection. Do you realize just a few days later - less than a month and a half - these same disciples who are depressed; they're filled with joy. They're victorious. They're conquering. You just can't -- you have to wait on the Lord sometimes. He can't reveal it all in one hour or in one day. Jesus knows this but He can't do much about it because their understanding is so limited.

V. 6 (read) sorrow should not have filled their hearts - JOY should have filled their hearts. Because the victory is gonna come through His death, burial and resurrection and the soon-coming of the HS.

V.7 (read) <sup>where</sup> ~~they~~ 'nevertheless'? 'Despite your sorrow' (in other words)... 'I tell you the Truth' (I've got to do something). God has to do certain things, even though it brings sorrow to our hearts for the time. He just has to do that. He says 'nevertheless' or 'despite your sorrow' I tell you



the truth'... Jesus is saying 'I TELL you the truth. I, who love you so much' and a person who loves you will tell you the truth. I say a preacher, if he loves his congregation, will tell the congregation the Truth. He won't lie to them. He won't deceive them, to get their plaudits. But he will tell them the Truth.

Jesus says 'I am going to tell you the Truth'. 'Expedient' - what does that mean 'to your advantage'. Really: 'it is to your advantage that I go away'. 'You are filled with sorrow but really this is for YOU. I'm going for your advantage. It is for your advantage that I go away'. 'Comforter' - we've already met Him - that's the HS. The 'perrocleitos' we talked about it at length - the one who has been called 'alongside of' the believer to represent Jesus and be all that God is to us.

He says 'IF I go NOT away, the Comforter will not come UNTO you'. Is that true? It's true. If Jesus had stayed in the world, the HS would never have come like He did on the day of PEntecost. Jesus had to die, be buried and be raised again and be enthroned in Glory before the HS could ever come, in the personal transforming way that He came on the day of Pentecost.

Now, the HS was in the world. And the HS did marvelous works in the O.T. BUT not in the sense that He has, since the day of Pentecost. Why did Jesus leave Planet Earth and go back to Heaven? So the HS could come. Well, what's the advantage there? When Jesus was in the world, He was localized. He was in a body. He could not be everywhere. He was in a physical body.

Sometimes He was with the disciples; another time He was not with the disciples. <sup>5M</sup> He was not even with Mary and Martha ~~wh~~, as we've seen in Ch. 11, when Lazrus was sick and died. He was localized. But He's no longer localized.



*Math. 18:20 -*

After the HS came, there is no restriction on the activity of Jesus or the work of Jesus. Jesus, Himself, said that where two of you are gathered in My midst, there I am. There I am. Jesus is nowhere absent. And He can be here in mighty power; He can be in N.Y.; He can be in Rome; there can be revivals going on all over the world - He indwells ALL believers; He's doing His work worldwide, whereas if He'd a stayed in His body, He'd a lived in Palestine and His spirit would never have spread to the ~~xxx~~ ends of the world

The HS had to come and when the HS came, this thing became universal. And do you realize that during the lifetime of Jesus that there not many people who received Jesus. As a matter of fact, when He died, He had only 120 followers. What happened on the day of Pentecost? Three thousand people were saved in one service! What happened immediately after Pentecost? Five ~~thous~~ thousand men and women and I would say that would put it to ten or fifteen thousand - there were about twenty thousand believers there in the matter of a week.

And we're told that in just a matter of a short time, a hundred thousand had come to Christ. How? Through the work of the HS. This wouldn't have happened if Jesus had stayed in the world. His ministry is through the HS! That's the way He carries on His ministry. And that's the reason He left Planet Earth. Not to leave us; but so He could be closer to us! Jesus is more real to His people today than He ever was when He was in the flesh.

*Read 16:12-16 to show "advantages" mentioned in 16:7.*

You say 'how is that possible?' YOU never experience God until you experience Him in the heart and the inner man. They have not experienced the depth of Jesus - not even the disciples. Until the HS came. That's what the Bible teaches. The HS is the One who brings Jesus in all of His fullness and ~~all~~ all of His Glory, into our experience.



Now He says in V. 8,9, 10,11 He says what the HS will do, once He comes.

V.8(read) 'come' where? Come unto the believer. Where does the HS come? He comes to believers. We've already seen in Ch. 14:17 (read). To whom did the HS come on the day of Pentecost? Did He come to the unbelieving multi- tudes? No. Who was the HS? God's believing people. Only those. Only those who've been washed in Christ's blood and who've received Christ, they are the ones who receive the HS.

The world cannot receive the HS. So Jesus says 'when He's come' (implying when He's come unto YOU). How does the HS work? He works through God's people. Now, many people think that the HS works independently and that He is just working apart from us. The HS can work - He's Sovereign God and we cannot rule out the possibility that He would deal directly with a soul. But listen, I find no example in the Bible where the HS spoke to another person, except through the instrumentality of a Xtn.

God wants to use you and me as the transmitter of the HS's power in the life of others. That's the purpose of the church of the Lord - is that it might be a link between God in Heaven and the lost world over here, that He might transmit that power; that ~~conviction~~ <sup>5/11</sup> conviction. I've been a pastor more than twenty years. I can't recall but one man in my ministry, who ever came to me and said 'I'm under conviction of sin and I want to be saved' who had not been talked to personally or could not point to some definite human instrumentality that had confronted ~~with~~ him with his need for Jesus Christ.

*When He comes to you*

<sup>5/11</sup> This man came to me in Greensboro, N. C. I never could determine. He said it was the sovereign work of God but when I got down to it, I really think it was someone he saw on television. That the HS had used. This is a tremen-

*the H.S. comes to lost world not directly but indir. thru the saved*



dously important thing. This is all in this thing of Peter being the first pope of the keys of the Kingdom. God has given His people the keys to the Kingdom. And He says 'what's loosed in Heaven you can loose on earth'.

It's one of the most serious things I've ever studied. I may deal with it next Sunday. We haven't dealt ~~xx~~ with this. The responsibility that God's people have of being channels of God's power whereby God can speak to a lost man and show him his need of JC. If I ask you today, how you came to the Lord, I suspect that every one of you would say that somebody was used in bringing you to the Lord.

That's what Jesus is saying. V.8 'he will reprove'. Now this word 'reprove' is quite a ~~xxx~~ word. You can't even translate it, in one word. You see this word 'reprove' in the KJV - this is the work of the HS through His people to an unbelieving world. This word is this word, in Greek: 'elegcho' and this doesn't only mean to convict a man of his sin and his need of Jesus, but it means to convince him.

*convince = legal wr, to cross examine*  
It's a word taken out of the law courts: it means 'cross examination'. To cross examine a person to such an extent that he will admit that he is wrong and admit the truth. Now this is the ministry of the HS to the unbelieving world. There is no power on the earth that can do this, except the HS. Now you have a conscious. You say 'well, what does my conscious do?'

*Conscience accuses you. The Bible informs you. H.S. convicts*  
Your conscious accuses you. If you're not seared your conscious, it accuses you, but it doesn't convict you in the way the HS does. It accuses you.

The Bible, if you have a Bible, and you'll just read the ten commandments, the Bible will tell you you're wrong; if you lie, the Bible'll tell you that's wrong. But that's not the same thing as conviction. There are many



people who sit in churches every Sunday and they SEE these things but they're not convicted. Consequently, they can't turn to Christ. Conviction is the work of the HS of showing us our need; convincing us, convicting us, until we do something about it. You see how dependent we are upon the HS?

I'm totally dependent upon the HS for convicting a man of his need. I can't do that. I know a man who's - oh, he's so brilliant - far more brilliant than I am and far more brilliant than 98% of preachers that I know. He can preach a sermon and you never heard anything like it. Illustrate it and everything. But that's as far as he goes. That's as far as it goes. He gives an invitation - nothing happens.

What's wrong? The HS is not convicting. And you know, in many churches, the HS is so grieved and it's such a low level, there's very little going on. You see, it's not oratory; it's not my words; it's HIS voice in the soul and what a wonderful thing it is. The HS working through His people to get to lost man. It's beautiful. Beautiful - how God does this. And how humbling it is. Now He goes on to point out what the HS really convicts of and cross-examines about.

V.8 still: 'He will convict (cross-examine) the world concerning SIN; concerning RIGHTEOUSNESS and concerning JUDGMENT. And having listed these three things and this is what the HS always does, He gives a little commentary on them. He says OF SIN: because they believe not on ~~xxx~~ ME. OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: because I go to My Father and you see me no more. OF JUDGMENT: because the Prince of this world is judged (V. 9, 10, 11).

Now here's the great work of the HS in the world. Now let's look at it.



① It says that He will convict and convince the world of Sin. Notice, He doesn't say ~~S~~-I-N-S - but He says S-I-N! That's the first thing! SIN. Why? What sin is He talking about? He tells us in the next verse. Of SIN, because they believed NOT on Me.

What is the sin ~~XX~~ the HS? convinces the world of? Unbelief. Unbelief in relation to whom? JC. Now, do you not see how important this is. You say, ~~xxxx~~ 'well, why doesn't the HS really convict a man of murder or convict a man of adultery or convince a man of lying? Why doesn't He deal with these little specific things?' That will not bring a man to Christ. I man's got to see more than the fact that he has just committed a specific sin.

*Lost man's prob. is not basically immorality, but his rejection of Jesus*  
A man must see that he has committed the sin of all sins, that he has rejected God's ~~xxxx~~ great love gift in Jesus. And, therefore, he's dealing with God. His problem is not, primarily, his lying or his adultery, but he has rejected God. He's rejected Jesus. And that's what so terrible about unbelief. You see, we have a world full of people who say 'I'm all right, you know. I don't murder; I don't commit adultery; I pay my debts - but that same person has committed the world's greatest sin - rejected Jesus. The only One who can forgive of sin and the only One who can save.

And until a man realizes he's rejecting Jesus and God's only Son, he can go on. God comes right to the heart of it and says 'you've rejected My only sacrifice; the only Saviour. Now when a man sees this, he's got to do something. He's either got to come to Christ or he's got to put it off and stifle it in his soul. But when we're convicted of unbelief, we've got something on our hands we can't live with. Rejecting Jesus. That's the FIRST thing the HS does is to show us we're unbelievers; that we've sinned against



Jesus; we need Jesus. We need Jesus. Is the HS convicting you today?

Showing you that you need Jesus? Don't talk about your morality; don't say 'I'm good'. Are you an unbeliever? Have you failed to bow before Jesus? And make Him Saviour and Lord? But not only this, He goes on. He doesn't only stop with a conviction of Sin, but in the

SECOND PLACE: OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. Now notice He doesn't say 'Un--=  
righteousness'. We've already dealt with this here. Sin. But He says 'the  
HS will convince you of righteousness'. What's He talking about? The HS  
will not only show that you're guilty of the great sin of unbelief against  
Jesus but He will go on to show ~~xxx~~ you the only source of Righteousness.  
What is Righteousness?

Righteousness is Jesus. You see, man will plead his own righteousness. I'm  
a good man but when the HS deals with a person's life, he realized he's not  
good any longer. He realizes that he's a lost sinner. He realizes that he  
can't meet the requirement of God because the requirement of God is Holiness.  
How can I stand before a Holy God? Through keeping the commandments? No,  
because I can never keep them good enough. I'd have to be absolutely per-  
fect. That's the reason Jesus came.

Jesus came, who was sinless, and took our sins and died on the cross and He  
IS our only Righteousness. And this is what the Bible teaches throughout.  
In II Cor. 5:21(read) when I come to Jesus, all the Righteousness that was  
His ~~com~~vers me and I'm clothed in His righteousness. AND that's the only  
way I can ever stand before God. I can never get there in my own righteous-  
ness. This is the realization that we're lost. We talk about being lost.



Lost. What does it mean to be lost - to realize we're lost? That we have no righteousness. That we need Jesus and He is the only Righteousness. Now this is what the Bible calls Justification. This is Justification.

And Paul says in Rom. 4:5 (read) now the natural thing for man to do is work. I'm gonna work; I'm gonna do more. I'm gonna go to church more. I'm gonna be a better neighbor. I'm just gonna DO more. Paul says 'if you're not been saved and your working, quit your works. Don't do anymore.' Why quit working? Because as long as you work, you cover up your real need. Recognize your unbelief. Recognize you need Jesus. And come to Jesus.

So he says in Rom. 4:5 - how was Abraham made righteous? Gen. 15 says he believed God and it was imputed to him as righteousness. How am I made righteous? By believing on Jesus. And that's my righteousness. That's the ONLY righteousness we have. You say 'but aren't we supposed to live righteous?' Yes, we are but that's not our salvation. That is but the out-cropping of this inward righteousness which we received when we received Jesus.

You will not get to Heaven on that kind of righteousness. Only through His blood and ONLY through HIM - and Him alone - nothing added - baptism-you don't add baptism; you add the Lords Supper; you don't add the church membership; you don't add tithing -- it's JESUS and HIM ALONE. The HS will always point us to Jesus. ALWAYS. Never to man. Never to a system of religion - always to Jesus.

Of Righteousness, He says 'because I go to My Father and ye see Me no more'. Well, what does that mean? All right, as long as Jesus was in the world, He was righteousness and they saw Him and in the 15th Ch. He says 'because



you've seen ~~the~~ Me, your sin is greater'. 'But now I'm going away. Who's gonna remind you of My righteousness? The HS. I'm not visible anymore, but the HS is here.' He reminds you. And He always will. You can always tell if the HS is working. If it's working, people are seeing that ~~that~~ they're sinners. They don't talk about being good.

*"I go to my Father & you see me no more, but the H.S. witnesses to my right."*  
They talk about being bad. They talk about needing Jesus. But, also, why was He received back into the Father? Because he was totally righteous and He pleased God in every way and the fact that God received Him back into Heaven is proof that He's the supreme righteousness. He's a never got back in to Heaven had He not been Supremely Righteous. Without any sin. But that was only Jesus.

But the HS doesn't stop there. The HS goes on to convince of

III THIRD PLACE: CONVINCES OF JUDGMENT. Does the HS go that? He certainly does. The HS shows a man without Christ, that he is facing Judgment. That he's got to answer to God. Have you ever seen people tremble? Did you ever tremble? Well, I've trembled. I've trembled under the convicting ~~power~~ power of the HS. I was afraid of the Judgment. You say 'is Xtn-ity a religion of fear?' No. But it's a religion of reality.

*Not a rel. of fear but a rel. of reality.*  
~~That~~ Does the Bible teach a Judgment? I was listening to the prayers at the funeral of Pope Paul. They prayed 'God save us from damnation'. Does the Bible speak of Eternal Damnation? Throughout. If we reject Christ, nothing awaits us except Judgment. Eternal Damnation. The Bible is strong on Heaven; it is just as strong on an Eternal Hell for those who reject Christ.

He goes on to say 'of Judgment (HS convicts of Judgment)' because the Prince



of this world is judged'. What does that mean? Who is the Prince of this world? Satan. Has he been judged? He certainly has. And I'll talk about this in the morning message. He's to be cast into the bottomless pit at the end of the Tribulation. H'es gonna be cast into the lake of fire after the thousand year reign. But he was judged at the cross.

His sentence is already fixed. And one day God's gonna grab him by the nape of the neck and just put him right in to an eternal hell. What is he saying 'because the ~~xxxx~~ Prince of this world is judged?' What is he saying? If you follow unbelief, you're following satan. And satan has already been judged and you, his follower, are gonna follow right in his footsteps.

It's amazing in the 20th Ch. of revelation, the 10th V., it says that 'the Lord taketh satan and casts him into the lake of fire' and IMMEDIATELY thereafter, it talks about the lost multitudes who will be called before God at the Great White Throne and they will be cast in to the same lake of fire.

*Rev. 20:10 - Devil cast into Hell*  
*Rev. 20:15 - Lost cast into same Hell*

*BM*  
The Italian nation followed Mussoleni and it looked like Mussoleni was doing pretty good for a while. But then Mussoleni went to his doom. They strung him up in the land and his head was down and his heels first. And when Mussoleni went down, the nation of Italy went with him. The unbeliever is going to go exactly where satan has gone.

The fact that God has judged satan is the proof that He's gonna judge every person who rejects Jesus, as their Saviour. Now I do not believe in giving people just a steady diet on hell. I believe in emphasizing Glories of salvation and of being a child of God and I've been teaching here for more



than two years and I have greatly stressed God's Love and God's Mercy, but you know there comes a time when we have to face exactly what the Bible says. And when the HS/<sup>is</sup>working, people will be brought face to face with the doctrine of hell.

And that they need JC. The HS does it. The preacher can't do it. But he can present the truth. Which brings this out. Here is the great work of the HS and what a work it is. Because it's that wonderful work whereby lost people come to see they are lost. Where lost people come to see they can't save themselves. That their righteousness is as filthy rags but where lost people see there's an answer in Jesus.

You don't have to STAY lost. And you don't have to worry about Eternal Damnation. I'm not worried about Eternal Damnation. I'm not! I know I'm not going to hell. I know I'm going to Heaven because I'm worthy? on NO. But because I received Jesus and He is my righteousness.

Now you say 'well, does the HS convict Xtns?' He certainly does. He doesn't only speak to the unbelieving world through the Xtn, but He speaks DIRECTLY to the heart of the Xtn. Has He spoken to you this week? He spoke to me so strongly last night until I had to get in my car and drive clear across town to knock at a door of a person. I couldn't get to bed. He spoke at me so strong Monday evening that I went to my home and i couldn't stay in my home more than ten minutes until God said 'go to a ~~xxxxxx~~ certain service in this town. Give your support and give your prayers'.

Does He speak? He certainly does. But it's contingent upon you listening and you learning His voice in your soul. Does He speak contrary to the Bible? NEVER. And when you hear a voice that's contrary to the Bible, you're listen-



ing to satan or psychic voices and not the voice of Jesus.

What does the HS convict us of? He'll convict the believer of wrong doing. Absolutely He'll convict you of sin. He'll keep you on the straight and narrow. He'll convict you about people. He'll tell you about people. He'll tell on people to you. He'll tell you things about your friends and He'll ~~xxx~~ tell you to do things.

But there's one thing He'll always do: He'll say 'always give Jesus the honor and the Glory'. And we're the transmitters of the HS. What a responsibility we have. What a responsibility the church has and that's the reason we ought to keep ourselves open to Him all the time. Listening; walking with Him; letting Him speak; obeying Him. And I find this so exciting, I can't begin to tell you today.

I've never experienced anything like the leadership of the HS and it's exciting! It's absolutely fantastic. There's no dullness in life. He's all the time speaking. He's all the time working. Sometimes, it's just hard to do what He says. Because He deals with Truth and not with fancy and sometimes, He asks us to do that which is a little hard for us to do. But we ought to obey Him. And if you're a Xtn today and you don't have this keen leadership, just start asking for it. Start following it and it will grow and grow in your life. He'll lead every one of us to lost people.

He'll absolutely do it. You can't be a Xtn and follow the HS, except He leads you to someone who needs Jesus. And He'll equip you with what you need when you get there, to speak to him -- you'll be amazed how He will use you. He'll do that. He'll send you to the hospitals to pray for healing;

He'll do all kinds of things. I tell you something else He'll do: He'll  
never let you admit defeat.

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