

# Chicken House Religion

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Take your Bibles and turn to Matthew 23 and I'll read a couple of verses and tell you that everything I preach tonight I learned as a boy growing up in the red clay hills of Choctaw County, Mississippi, and so that would make me an expert on this, okay? All right, Matthew 23:37 Jesus said,

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. 39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

And so for a few minutes now I'm going to try to preach to you this "Chicken House Religion."

*Heavenly Father, we're glad for this place and we're glad for the good singing that's going on in the people of the King and the preacher that's lived this and prayed, the people have prayed and I pray you'd bless all their efforts. I pray you'd help us tonight by the power of the Holy Spirit of God and I pray, O God, that there would be something in the sermon that would help somebody in their Christian life and heart. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

Now let me start off right from the bat, first of all, if you're going to have chicken house religion you've got to be born a chicken. Now I'm using the word "born," it's really I'm not totally dumb, it's the word "hatched," but being hatched and being born is the same thing. Hank Williams, the singer, had an old song about how things went so bad in his life and he was going to get an inheritance and they went to court and the preacher proved that he wasn't born, he was hatched, and so the preacher, I mean, the lawyer, and so anyway don't listen to what I'm saying, just listen to what I'm thinking, all right? And so anyway, I know that you've got to be born a chicken.

So a chicken comes about [unintelligible]. You've got to have a rooster, you've got to have a hen, and you have to have incubation. Now you can have all the old hens you want but if you want eggs to hatch, you've got to have a rooster around. And even though you may have old hens and a rooster, you have to have old hens that are willing to sit. I got

some fresh scars on my hand this week where I was taking some old hens off the nest and ploppin them in jail. And so if you don't want them to hatch the eggs and have a bunch of old biddies, you put the old hens until about 4-5 years, then you let them out and they're over that urge to sit. But they always don't like you messing with them and they'll peck you.

Now when I was a kid, I was scared of the old Rhode Island Reds. You reached in their nest, they nailed you every time, and so when I'd get the eggs, I'd get a stick and I'd go down there and I'd press their head up against the edge of the nest and then I'd reach in there and get the eggs. How many of you ever did that? Oh, my goodness, not very many. Wow. Well, at least there are a few smart people in here. Well, I didn't come up north to be a missionary but I might be through the end.

But anyway you have to have those three. Now we know that salvation is the work of three in the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit according to 1 John 5:7 and 8, and so, and by the way, these all these new Bibles and all that, they leave that verse out of their Bibles and it's the greatest proof of the Trinity in the Bible. But nevertheless, we know that there's a work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in our salvation and so we're glad for that and the Bible said these three agree in one. There never has been just the plan of salvation by the Father. There never has been just the plan of salvation by the Son. There never has been just the plan of salvation by the Holy Spirit. Throughout the Bible there's always been one plan of salvation and the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are in complete agreement on it. And so it takes the work of those three in our lives just as it takes a rooster, a hen and incubation to make a chicken.

Now an egg in a chicken house does not make a chicken. Now you take an egg, you go to the chicken house and go right in the door and set it on an ledge and you leave it there for a while, but it never does become a chicken. Now you can take it, you can take one of them pretty Easter eggs, you can go and put it in another place in the chicken house and wait and wait and wait and it never will become a chicken. It takes the incubation of a mother hen sitting on that egg to produce life and bring it into the world. Just because someone goes to church and sits there for years does not mean that they're a Christian. Just because they show up every time does not mean that they're a Christian. You can have people in a church house but that doesn't mean that they're in Christ. And so anyway, I just said that it doesn't work that way, that there are some things you have to do. [unintelligible] old hens and we never would set them on Sunday. The Browns were real strict Christian people and so we'd either set them on Monday or we'd set them on Saturday and so we never set them on Sunday and, of course, how many days does it take for a chicken egg to hatch? You look pretty smart. Well, he looks. All right, you'll never forget this because I'm going to tell you straight out face-to-face: 21 days. A hen has to sit on those eggs for 21 days before they hatch, okay? Got that, okay?

Now she sits there, so we would mark the eggs with a pencil where we'd set them, and so we never set them Sunday and we never would count Sunday as one of the days, so I never figured out how that worked but nevertheless that's the way we always did it. And so we'd mark it on the calendar that we had and our calendars came from the funeral

home and they were always free. Now these were good calendars, they told when the sun came up and when the sun went down. It told the days where it was good to cut hogs and days when it was not where the signs were wrong. It told the days the fish were going to be biting. It told all those things on there and so the funeral home gave it to us and it would be up there and so we'd put a mark so we'd know the day when the eggs were going to hatch.

Now we had a funeral home calendar at the house. When you went to church you also had a funeral home fan and so, and then once a month a man came walking by our house with fingers cut off, couldn't work at the sawmill anymore because he'd gotten in the saw and I don't know how he could handle one but he did a good job and he collected money for the funeral home. When I was a kid, I thought the funeral home was the most important place around and so we were reminded of it all the time.

So anyway we'd mark on the calendar those eggs and so we would wait for a period of time and, of course, because of this work that went on in there, it was a wonderful thing. Now [unintelligible] right? Why did we mark the eggs with a pencil? Oh, man, oh, preacher, pick on somebody else. Ah, okay, I bet you ladies know why did we mark the eggs with a pencil? Aha! You marked the eggs because when the old hen is sitting, another old hen would come and get in that nest and lay an egg in there so you would check every day, you'd like under that hen and if there were eggs under there that didn't have pencil marks on them, you took them out and you ate them, otherwise you would be guessing. Say about 10 days went by and you'd gotten an egg and you'd forgotten to mark them but it looks good and fresh, and you'd take it to the house and your mom would take it and she cracks it and opens it up and it's half egg and half chicken. Now when I ate chicken, I want chicken. When I eat eggs, I want eggs. But I don't like that in between stuff.

So that's why it's so important to mark them, and then after a period of time went by, 21 days, you couldn't force it, give you another test, I'll try you, okay? I'm striking out over here. We'd go and look and the eggs would be tipped. Do you know what a tipped egg is? No. How many of you here know? Same people. All right, the time for that egg to hatch, that chicken that's in there warm and it's dark, has never seen the light of day, it doesn't know anything but somehow something comes upon that chicken and it's time to be born and all squeezed in there, tighter than all get-out, somehow he raises his beak back and he hits that egg on the inside and then the shell pops outside and that's called being pipped. And so after that, after they pip, that little chicken in there goes around 360 degrees in that egg and then pushes it apart and it's hatched. And so that chicken that never has seen the light of day and knew about the light of day, there is something that went on within him that made him want to seek the light. There was something in him that made him want to be born and when people that hear the gospel and hear about Jesus Christ and are in darkness and lost and undone that hear the word of God and God begins a work in their heart and in their mind, and so they come to the place where the work of God is going on in their life and they are born again and they see the glorious light of the gospel which is in Jesus Christ. And it's not by works of righteousness which they have done but it's according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the

Holy Spirit. So that chicken gets life and you and I when we came to Jesus Christ, we were in darkness when you're lost, we were bound up in the shell of sin but thank God Jesus Christ set us free.

So you've got to be born a chicken. Secondly, you've got to be fed chicken food. Now every year we would order baby chicks. We would [unintelligible] in Cincinnati, Ohio and they would advertise it there and you'd get 100 for \$2.98. They sold [unintelligible] \$2.98. They sold pills to take away pain \$2.98. Now you see it on tv and it's \$19.95, right? Same thing. But anyway they'd sell them and so we'd order them and most of the ones you got in the mail were roosters. You might get 3-4 hens out of 100 and the mailman [unintelligible]. He'd go, he'd stop at the mailbox, he'd blow the horn, and we'd go scrounging and look under the couch and everywhere else to try to get \$2.98 together plus shipping and handling, run out there and so I'd bring them little chickens on the porch just like this right here. I'd open the box and see if there were any dead ones in there. Sometimes there were. So I'd reach in there and pitch them out in the yard and the dogs would be able to eat them. So then I'd go in the house and I'd get newspaper and spread it over the porch. Then I'd go in the house and I'd get some meal and I'd get some mayonnaise lids and so I'd pick the mayonnaise lids and put it in that and pour water in it. I'd take the meal and I'd spread it there on that paper and I'd get them little chickens out and place it there. And they would kind of wobble a little bit and then all of a sudden they'd see that meal and they'd start eating, and I don't know if you've heard little chickens eating their first time but, man, that is a wonderful sound that they make when they're eating that cornmeal. I mean, it's wonderful.

And you know, people come to the light and get saved and they go to church and start listening to the word, it's a wonderful thing. I was 17 years old when I got saved, went to church now and then but I started going every time and so I went to prayer [unintelligible] Sunday night and they gave me one of those booklets that Southern Baptists always do, but it had a Bible reading thing in the back and so I started following that and reading my Bible where it told you to read every day. And it was a great help to me and, you know, as I read the Bible, sometimes I read scripture and I'd go to church and the preacher would preach on it. Isn't that amazing where you're a young Christian all the helps that God gives you along the way? Isn't it amazing God puts things before you that help you and the deeds that you have in your life.

But anyway, they'd come out and so then some would go over to the mayonnaise lids and put their beak there and get a little water in it and race back and swallow it like that. And some of them would have to wade in the water first, then they would drink. And then some of them you'd have to pick up and poke their bill down there and get them to catch all. These are the ones that were imported from Poland. [laughter] But anyway, anyway we would feed them chicken food. Now that's what they had to eat because they couldn't, you'd give them grain and corn and they'd starve to death. They couldn't swallow grain and corn and, you know, when you get saved it's good that you learn the simple things of the Bible about, you know, being saved and getting assurance and serving God and being faithful to God, but so people get saved and the first thing they want to understand is predestination. You'd choke to death on that. You've got to start with those little things

and grow in grace and knowledge in Jesus Christ so you'll be stronger, and like them little chickens, you put on feathers to help you against the cold and all that was going on.

So anyway, that's what we'd feed them, we'd feed them chicken food. Now as preachers we are called to feed the sheep. We give them sheep food. We're not called to slop the hogs. Now in the Bible sheep is a type of those that are saved and hogs are a type of those that are lost. In our kitchen we had a big five gallon metal bucket where the women would wash in a dishpan, everybody is too young to know what a dishpan is. That's where we washed the dishes, you didn't have a sink and you didn't have running water. You had to bring it in, heat it and put it there. But when you're done washing dishes they'd pour that old soapy water in there and then if you had anything that had spoiled, you put that in there, and when you peeled your taters, you put it in there, and then if you had rotten tatoes, you'd throw them in there. Now you may talk different than that but I'm talking Southern to you right now so I'm talking proper. But anyway, everything went in there. I used to love when people that smoked would chew it in there and I'd like to hear that sizzle when a cigarette went out. And I had an uncle that he could take a pack of stuffed tobacco and stick it all in his jaw at one time and he held that in there until lunchtime and he'd come in there and he'd go [spitting] and throw it in there.

So at the end of the day it was my job to take that out and slop the hogs and so I'd get it and I walked real careful through the kitchen, I walked real careful through the dining room, and then I walked careful across the back porch, and then I started down the steps and when I started down the steps that stuff in that five gallon bucket started moving and by the third step spilled out on my leg. Have you ever had slop on your leg? It feels awful. It feels terrible, all that stuff on your leg. But no problem, by the time I got to the barn, the dogs had licked it off my leg.

So anyway, I'd get out there to the barn and we had what was called a [unintelligible], a lot of people wear but in some kind of refuse of wheat or something, and I had a coffee can, I'd dip it and I'd put the slop bucket and stir it up real good with a stick. Then I'd go down to the hog pen and I'd pour it in the hog trough and they would come running and squealing, hog slop better than anything ever invented. And they would come up there and I'd always watch them because they'd stick their snout down in there and blow bubbles. They were trying to get the solid food that was down in there and some days it was they'd get to spitting the bubbles, you would think you were watching the Lawrence Welk show. But anyway, anyway that's the way hogs are. Hogs eat dead chickens. Hogs eat snakes. Hogs eat your eggs up, whatever because they're a hog, but God never called us to slop hogs, he called us to feed sheep and so to give people what sheep need and that is sheep food.

And so you have chicken house religion, you've got to be born a chicken, secondly, you've got to be fed chicken food. Then, thirdly, you must grow before you can produce. Now as chicken get older, you feed them food and corn and corn was our basic food that we would give them, and some would grow up to be layers which remember the roosters I talked about? We'd put them up when they were about half grown and then one day my mom would say, "Come out here and help me. Crawl up in that chicken pen and hand

them chickens up to me." I'd go out there, I'd crawl down there and hand one to her. She'd wait and I'd hand her another one to her and she had them around the neck, and my grandmother would do this...that will not kill a chicken but that sudden stop will take its head off every time. They would run and squawk and spill blood everywhere and just do everything, I mean, talk about fun to watch. There isn't anything more fun to watch than a chicken with its head cut off.

And they were young and so we'd skin them. Those old roosters, the old hens, you know, they were so old you couldn't skin and you'd have to put them in hot water. Oh, I hated that smell. Pull the feathers off and then they had some kind of hair sticking out and we'd always set paper on fire and put it in there and singe them. That always stunk too. That was a smell I really don't want to smell again. I hated it. So we'd singe them and then take the innards out and keep the liver and keep the gizzard and then we'd bake them in the oven. Now I liked it when we killed the young ones in the early spring and when we did, we were going to invite the preacher over. And so we'd have fresh fried chicken and so people would say, "Well, preachers eat chicken all the time and they don't like it." I ain't never met a chicken I didn't like if it was in the pot. I don't care how you fix it, I like it. Chickens were born to be preacher food.

So anyway, he'd come over and we'd have a wonderful time. Now listen to this, young fried chicken, fresh tomatoes, gravy and biscuits. Wow. I think that's why we have the marriage supper of the Lamb myself. But get the grill. Now as Christians you need the grill, you need to learn things as you grow up like, you know, kind and being faithful to the church, loving the preacher, and helping take care of the preacher and all those kind of things that are very important, and so they must grow up before they produce.

And then some of them wouldn't roost in the chicken house, especially [unintelligible]. We had an old cedar tree by our chicken house and they'd fly up and roost in that cedar tree when they could be in the chicken house with the door locked at night. But they'd go up there and we would go out one day and guess what? Some were missing. The varmints got the ones that would not roost in a chicken house. Now people that won't be loyal and faithful to the local church, it used to be Herbert W. Armstrong got them but, no, he's dead and gone now and his program has too. But hey, he's been on every station every night throughout America, "The World Tomorrow" with Herbert W. Armstrong. So a lot of people get involved in that, listen to that, in our day and time a lot of people. I had a guy I'd known for years and he got saved and I baptized him, he didn't come to church because he is a tv Christian. He watches all them nuts on tv and I call it the [unintelligible], so I just turn it over there and go down through there and watch it and I'm telling you, [unintelligible]. He said, "Listen folks," he said, "I have a financial problem and I need you to send me \$1,000 this week and God will bless you 100-fold. If you don't have the money, go put it on your credit card and send it to me." That is wicked. That is ungodly for him to ask the Christian to go in debt so he could have his whatever you want to call his, I can't tell you the good name, it's almost like the bad ones so I'm not saying them. But to keep his program going. Preacher, you and I would never do that in our life, ask somebody to borrow money to help us do whatever we were doing. That's not right. Besides that, God is not in it and you ain't getting it back from God. You

just lost it and so maybe you get smarter if you do that. But I'm just saying that the chicken house is like the local church. You try to live outside of it and the varmints will get you, false doctrine will get you, false prophets will get you, false religion will get you.

Here a while back, I was out in the yard and I was forking and I was hot and here come two Jehovah's Witnesses and it was a man and a woman traveling together which I had never seen that before and reckon they changed some things. But anyway they said Dayton, Ohio they're have a convention and wanted know if I'd be interested going and I said, "I am not a prospect of yours." I said, "I salute the American flag. I believe that there are wars that are necessary and I had three uncles and step dad in World War II. And I had somebody kin to me in the Korean War. And I had friends in the Vietnam War and a first cousin in the Vietnam War. I had a son that was in Desert Storm. I've got two boys in the Army right now." And I said, "And I vote so I don't think I'm up for it." So she took her thing back like that and left. You know, I don't have much use for religions that are against the American flag and the American way and the [unintelligible]. I just don't. [unintelligible]

But anyway, if you don't roost in the chicken house, the Jehovah's Witnesses are liable to get you. It's the local church, God put it there one reason so it'd be a place of safety, a place of safety. And besides that, Jesus Christ is the founder of the local church. He founded the church and it was founded before Pentecost and it was empowered at Pentecost, the church was already here, the 120 that met in the Upper Room was the church that was already here, and so we're glad for the church that Jesus died for church and he's coming for church one of these days and it'll be a hallelujah day.

Let me check the time [unintelligible].

A preacher asked me, he said, "What's the doctrine you've had more trouble with perhaps than any other?" And I said the rapture. He was shocked but that's true. I've read more people with arguments for me, I've had more people fall out with me because I believe in the rapture. Now say to this, how dumb can you be? When Jesus comes, you say you believe in the resurrection? Yeah. The resurrection, the rapture happens at the same time. The resurrection is for the dead in Christ and the rapture is for the living in Christ. We're all going up together to meet the Lord in the air. So how can you not believe in that? And it means we're transforming, we that are alive don't have to die but we're going to be changed and transported up to glory. And the ones in the grave, of course, they're going to rise first because they're a little bit lower than us and they have to have a little head start. But anyway I'm just saying that and I never could, some people cannot get it. You can't get it through their brain, you couldn't drive it in with a nail and a hammer, and they just won't play that, but what else can I believe? It's right there in the Bible. Right there in the Bible.

So anyway [unintelligible] but anyway I'm just saying that if you don't roost in the church house some old fox is going to get you. And then when one hen lays, they all cackle. She comes off the nest cackling and the other old hens around start cackling. Only one of

them did the job but all of them are trying to take the credit. Some people, you know, when things are going well in church, people try to take all the credit but when it's not going so well, they don't take any of the credit, do they? And so they try to stay away from them.

So but people are like chickens, they do that, and then they have a roosting order. Every night a chicken comes in the chicken house and they roost in the very same place. In most churches, the first time you come and sit, you'll probably sit there the rest of your life. There are people that sat in that pew so long it's kind of grooved out to fit them and that's all right, I'm not knocking that and I'm not saying that that is wrong. So my cousins and I used to go out in the chicken house and rearrange it. Do you know what happens when you rearrange them? They fight. Absolutely fight. And so, you know, you've been sitting there 25 years, you come in one Sunday and somebody has got your little place, what are you gonna do? What happened years ago, Mrs. Brown and I went to an intercity church to hear someone preach and our kids were little, one of them was walking but my second boy was not, and it's wintertime, February, and she had these, you know, winter suits on him and all that and carrying a diaper bag and holding onto holding her hand and what have you. And I would have helped her but I had to carry my Scofield Bible. [laughter] So we got in there in that building, the only place left was on the back and so she goes there on the back seat and gets all the stuff off of him, has James to sit there, and puts the diaper bag in the right place and all that.

So the preacher said, "All right, all you preachers can come up and sit and the choir." So I go up there. Well, like a lot of storefront churches, the register isn't always in the right place but it was straight with the back row. And so this woman comes out of the bathroom and sees Mrs. Brown there. She looks at her and said, "In this church you can't even go to the bathroom without somebody stealing your seat." Mrs. Brown said, "Well, I've move." She said, "No, I'm leaving," and slammed out the back door. Well, I don't know. I'm just saying though don't be that way. Don't be like chickens when you mess up their roosting order.

Then they have a pecking order and that is around the barn lot there is one old hen that can outpeck all the other hens. I mean, no matter what. If there's food, she'll go over there and get it. She'll run the others off. She's [unintelligible] all the other chickens and [unintelligible]. She pecks them, I mean, pecks them to death. Roll up your sleeve there. Oh, we've got company. Sorry to make it hard. That's what I figured. Some people think these are track marks where you've been taking dope but this is where them old hens will peck you up through. Now if you've pastored very long, you've got them too. But they have a pecking order and you can't mess that up or you're in trouble.

Then another thing, parasites flew off of them. My grandmother used to say, "You boys like to play in the chicken house, you get chicken mites in your hair." And chicken mites, you know, you have to dust them every year and [unintelligible] dust kill mites off. But there was no danger of chickens giving us chicken mites. We wore that old hair oil. I went to a little country school, white, tin roof, and in summertime, man, it was hot in

there, and by 10 o'clock in the morning that hair oil would start running out of your hair down your neck. I always hated that, hated it.

So we were in there, she thought we would get chicken mites but that's not true. You see, back in those days you didn't wash your hair, you just changed the oil every 3,000 miles. How many of remember the old [unintelligible] hair oil? When you got hot [unintelligible]. Most of you folk had it too good in life.

Then they'll peck one another to death. Go down here and get a good volunteer. I won't volunteer. I do it up front so I can sit. [unintelligible] I know he knows something. Now let me ask the question. It's not hard so don't get nervous, don't go brain dead, all that kind of stuff. It's real easy, okay? All right, where are a chicken's eyes at? Where on the head? Y'all know better? You're laughing, does that mean you know the answer? No. Yeah, a chicken's eyes are upside their head right here and so when a chicken wants to look at something real close, they don't go up and look like that, they go up and look like that. [laughter] So Christians are kind of the same way and so, well, I hate to pick on these young boys but they're up here [unintelligible]. So if I were a chicken and I walk by you and I see the scalp on your head, I'd lean over and look at it and then I'd peck it. Well, that makes it worse. And another old chicken would come by and they'll see it further away because it's worse and they'll come over and peck it. And you know, them chickens will peck that chicken to death. They really will, they'll peck it to death and also they're cannibalistic. They'll pick it to death and eat it.

Now Christians notice something wrong with some other Christian and maybe they've got a [unintelligible] in their top shirt pocket, [unintelligible] right? A little chewing pack in a plug where you'd cut it off with your knife or [unintelligible] it off. Every old country store sold that, [unintelligible] and I forget all the brands. So he just starts coming to church, he got saved and you see that and you call Bill Smith up and you say, "Bill, do you know Joe Jones?" Yeah. "You know he just got saved, the preacher baptized him in church. I saw him the other day and he had a plug of [unintelligible] in his pocket." You don't say? So next time he'd see, he'd go up to [unintelligible] and he'd look in his pocket and see what he's got. And so he says, "You know, we ought to do something about that. We ought to tell him off real good, that he needs to throw that tobacco away. It's a bad testimony and all that." And so they go and they peck on him. Now listen real careful: if the Holy Spirit of God and the word of God and the preaching of the preacher from the pulpit does not straighten anybody out, you sure can't. You sure can't. But we're like chickens, we like to find faults in others so that we can peck on them.

Then some hens will lay but they won't sit. I mean, they might sit eight or nine days and they come off the nest and the eggs are ruined. That's always bad if they won't stay 21 days and hatch those chickens out. Christians are like that. They get saved, they start serving God, they [unintelligible], they pray for their family, they pray to God to save them, they're worried about them, they want you to go visit them and you go and visit them and you try to work on getting them to go to church and all that, and finally you get to the place that they say [unintelligible] preacher, and lo and behold just as that's going to happen, these people that prayed for their family and all that and had been sitting on

those eggs trying to get them hatched, they come off the next. They quit. They give up on God and quit serving God just about the time their family is going to come to Christ. Give up. Give up. We live in a give-up age, don't we? I'm not a give-upper. I still haven't come to a place to recognize the North won the war. I don't believe in giving up. I've seen young preachers have some what I consider [unintelligible] problems give up. If he'd stayed there, those eggs might have hatched. Stay at it. Stay at it. Well, we knew the ones that wouldn't stay sitting and [unintelligible] right quick. [unintelligible]. So you're not done when you've just laid eggs. You've got to sit until they hatch. You've got to keep on working and keep on praying.

Do you know those sitting hens especially in the South where I'm from, it gets hot in the summertime. There they are sitting on that nest under that tin roof, man, it's hotter than blazes there. These other old hens, they're running around dusting in the dirt, drinking water, flirting with the roosters, and there she is sitting on that nest day after day after day after day until the job is done. God saved us, called us, and he expects us to stay at serving him until the job is done.

Let's bow our heads.

*Heavenly Father, may the word of God touch some heart, touch some life, and I pray, O God, that you would help us to be better than we are and faithfully serve you. I pray now that you'd bless the sermon [unintelligible] and I'd pray that you'd use him in a [unintelligible]. In Jesus' name. Amen.*