

Holiness Unto The Lord
The Prince Of Life

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I want to pray that the Lord will bless us in all that we go to do. The Bible tells us that whatsoever a righteous man doeth shall prosper. It's like I have said so many times, that if you don't do anything, you can't prosper, because He said that whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. If we'll do something, then we can be sure that it will prosper. So, let's do something for God!

I think we will read a little something from the book of Revelation. If you've got your Bibles, you can turn over to the book of Revelation. I want you, first of all, to turn over to the very first chapter. We're always talking about the revelation of Jesus Christ. Paul said, "I've begotten you in the gospel," and just as God had a begotten Son, so have we, for I have begotten you in the gospel. Paul spoke of the revelation of Jesus Christ. Not very many men in the Bible refer to it because they did not understand it. They did not know about it, but John refers to it as the revelation of Jesus Christ. This is why we have it on the video. When the film first comes on, the only thing you see on the screen is, in big letters, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ."

Here, in the first chapter, the first verse, the first five words, it says, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ." That's why we talk about it like we do. John calls it the revelation of Jesus Christ. So then, that's what it is. Why should I call it something else if it is the revelation of Jesus Christ? A lot of people say, "Brother Pike, why do you refer to it as the revelation of Jesus Christ?" Why should I refer to it any other way? If that's what John called it when he saw it, then the only title or name that I know to give it is the biblical name, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ."

In the first chapter of the book of Revelation, notice the first five words: "The Revelation of Jesus Christ." Now, this is why we refer to it as we do, because we believe that there is a revelation of Jesus Christ, because the Bible says so. Now, if the Bible did not refer to it in those terms, then I would not declare it unto you in that way; but in that the Bible states it in such biblical terms, and it is outlined here as the last part of the New Testament, then I believe the teachings of the Scriptures concerning it. I also believe that there is such a thing as the Spirit of revelation, because I don't just have to read about it, I am personally acquainted with it. It has been made known unto me, showing He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He made it known to Paul; He made it known to John; and He made it known to me. Because of that, it makes my heart happy. My heart was happy even when I served God many years ago, but my heart was not as happy then as it is now, because He has made known to me His will and the revelation of Jesus Christ, and it thrills me on the inside. My cup runs over! It's ever enlarging itself, and like the new wine that's put in the new bottles, it is ever stretching out. I really, from the bottom of my heart, thrill at the thoughts of the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Paul spoke to some of them that had been converted to Christ Jesus. He told them how magnificent and wonderful it was to be a Christian, but he said that what they needed to do was pray that God would grant unto them the Spirit of revelation. That's what you need to do, folks. If you don't have the Spirit of revelation, then you need to ask God to give it to you. Then the Spirit of revelation will talk with you and reveal to you the desire of God, the mind of God, and the ways of God. In receiving these things from God, you become greater and stronger and more powerful than ever.

I want to remind you that in the world to come, there are going to be people who are kings that will reign upon beautiful thrones. Somebody would say, "Well, I feel like that is wrong. There is one throne and Jesus is going to reign on it, and that's the only throne there is." That's wrong, because that isn't what He said. The disciples said, "Lord, we've forsaken all to follow Thee. What then shall we receive for this?" He said, "Because ye have forsaken all, when I sit upon My throne, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones beside Me." Isn't that right? There are twelve more that the Bible speaks of. Then the Bible speaks in the book of Revelation of the twenty-four elders. Not only did they sit upon thrones, but it is obvious that they were also kings, because the Bible says that they would fall down at the feet of Him that sitteth upon the throne and cast their crowns down at His feet.

I want to read just a little bit right here.

[Revelation 1:1-2: The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophesy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.]

Now, the signs of the times that we see all around us make it quite evident that these statements are true, so please, just listen to what I am saying. Listen real carefully and give the more earnest heed to things that you have heard, lest, at any time, you should let them slip. Pay close attention and put it down into your heart. The Bible says, concerning those things that were said to Mary and the others, that they put these things within their heart and held close to those things. They did not let them slip because they knew that every word of God had a positive meaning, and that God did not just say things to be saying it.

What God has said is very important. It's not like you or me, that might say something just talking and not having any meaning or specifics about it; but when God speaks, there is a specific meaning to it and a reason why He said it. When He said, "Let there be stars!" then there were stars; "Let there be a moon!" there was a moon; "Let there be sunshine!" and there was sunshine. God said, "Let there be a man!" and there was a man. When He said, "Let there be a child!" then there is a child in the world today. So then, when He speaks, there is a specific reason for saying the things that He says and for doing the things that He does, because He is God, and He does everything just right. Hallelujah!

As they walked on the way to Emmaus, the Bible says that they said one to another, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us by the way?" Somebody would say, "Well now, if God talked with me, my heart would also burn within me!" But, did you know, that when the minister is speaking, the Bible tells us that it is not the man speaking, but it is the voice of God? It is God speaking within us, and if He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, should not our hearts burn within us? His words are so great and mighty. That's