I. Review

We've been in Psalms 14, and I wanted to take the time and develop it into a really good study for you based on verse one which says *the fool hath said in his heart there is no God*. In dealing with people, I want you to be able to answer questions that both saved and unsaved people will throw at you who really don't have any understanding of the Bible. They'll question the word of God and the things that God has for us. We spent a lot of time going through the material based on Psalms 14:1 dealing with the fools of life.

Lessons you Learn from Working with People

You're going to find in dealing with people, regardless of what you can or cannot do for them, each one will be a lesson for you. Obviously, I want you to be able to help people, invest your life in them, and get them through their issues and problems; however, we know that does not always happen. Some of the people you're working with simply aren't going to make it despite spending lots of time trying to help them and give them good advice. If you don't look at it right, when someone you're working with doesn't make it, the tendency is to think you did something wrong or that you didn't do everything that you should have done. In most cases, that's certainly not true. The thing that you'll always want to remember is that when you work with people, whether they make it or not, it's invaluable for you to learn how you deal with human nature. Nothing has taught me more in dealing with people than the people who I worked with that didn't make it. It shows you the cause and the effect. Where you really learn to deal with people is when you deal with the issues that they don't want to fix, can't fix, or in some cases are unfixable. It forces you to go deeper, understand more, and broadens your ability to understand what they're going through. They will, in time for you, form the art of dealing with people.

➤ Dealing with People is an Art Form

Dealing with people is an art form. There is a specific way that you do it and there are specific things that you look for. It's just like a painter painting a picture. He has a picture in his mind of what he wants to paint, but that doesn't get the job done. He must spend many hours blending the paint, working with it, and forming it into a picture. It's like dealing with people. You know what you want to do and what you want to accomplish, but then you've got to put the paint on the canvas. In the world we live in today, you're not going to be able to help everybody. You just save as many of them as you can. You do what you can do to help the ones that you can.

➤ People get an Indifferent Attitude Toward God and the Things of God

The study of Psalms 14 started out by God looking down and looking at the sons of men here on earth. He wanted to see if there was anybody that had any understanding about God. The Bible says there was no one. Nobody was interested in seeking God or finding out about anything that God had for them. That is so true today, and that's what you're up against. Praise God if you're

sitting here this morning or listening online, and you got the truth. You allowed God into your life, and the truth changed you. It gave you everything and made you everything that you are today; however, you're up against an indifferent attitude toward God and the things of God.

You're going to find out, in dealing with people, that indifference is going to be your biggest challenge. You've got to understand how to deal with it, and you can't get an attitude about that or them. Just like everything else in life, there are certain things you must follow. There's a certain protocol in dealing with people just like there is in getting your driver's license. The key to it is following the Biblical protocol. You're going to find an indifferent attitude toward God, and it's not just with the unsaved world. God's own people today have a real attitude toward the things of God in many cases. For you and for me, it boils down to our ability to transcend into a person's world and be able to show them the truth of the word of God. They may do nothing with it or even reject it, but that's between them and God. It's about showing them the truth of God's word and then letting the Holy Spirit deal with them on it.

Turning the Questions of Fools Around to Present the Gospel

I've given you the lessons that I've learned over the years, and I gave you the questions I felt you're going to run into the most. We covered 22 key questions that I have been asked and tried to show you how you use these very questions to show people Christ. The key in dealing with people, especially when they're adverse to something, is to turn it around and present the gospel. I want you to be prepared. You're going to find that wherever you go, God can drop somebody in your life who needs what you have. The question is if you are in tune with God enough to see it.

I talked with a young man this morning who is dealing with a person who keeps throwing out verses claiming that you can lose your salvation. When you deal with somebody who believes they can lose their salvation, you've got to start with a place that wherever they go, they're defeated. I would tell them that I would be glad to go over the verses with them, but first they need to understand that if it is true that you can lose your salvation, you're going to lose yours. You're going to die and go to hell. If it's possible to lose your salvation, at some point in your life you're going to lose it. The greatest men in the Bible were nailed by the devil once he found out their weaknesses. There is only one man in the history of the world who was tempted in all points like we are yet without sin, and that was the Lord Jesus Christ. Once you lay that out, they've got nowhere to go. You don't answer the question until you give them the context that they cannot deny. The art of dealing with people is the ability to take their situation and, through transcending into their world, show them through their problem the truth of God's word.

It all goes back to the story that I showed you a few months ago in II Kings 4—the story of Elisha and the dead boy. I showed you that the dead boy was a picture of unsaved people and how we get the picture of giving life back to dead (unsaved) people. Elisha crawls on top of the boy and puts his mouth to his mouth, his eyes to his eyes, and his hands to his hands. Then the Bible says the boy's flesh waxed warm, and God brought him back to life. That dead boy is a picture of unsaved people, and it's your ability to understand why unsaved people say the things that they do (mouth to mouth), why unsaved people look at things the way

they do (eyes to eyes), and why unsaved people do the things that they do (hands to hands). When you understand that and can look at an unsaved person and not judge them, love them but understand why they are the way they are and why they do the things that they do, then you have the ability to really deal with people and to help them.

➤ Bad Choices give you a Bad Attitude about the Things of God & the Longer you're out of Church the Harder it is to get back

All through this I've tried to give you two great lessons to have in the back of your mind as you're dealing with people. The first is the bad choices which in time, if you make enough bad choices, are going to give you a bad attitude about the things of God. The second lesson is the fact that the longer somebody is out of church, the harder it is for them to get back. We all saw this during the Covid-19 pandemic. People in general paid a terrible price for the fallacy of Covid. Some people were so afraid of getting Covid, they quit coming to church. Covid lasted for a long time, and many never got back. God designed the New Testament local church as a foundational institution for everything in New Testament Christianity. A lot of people don't see the value of that.

I talked to a lady a few weeks ago about getting back to church. I cut to the chase by telling her that if she went to the doctor, and he told her she had cancer and would need a chemo treatment every week or she would die, would she miss it for anything else? No, she would make sure she was there so she wouldn't die. Well, if you don't get what God has for you in God's structure, you're going to die spiritually sooner or later.

And this is the problem you're going to find today. I don't mean indifference in a bad way, but just in a non-understanding way. The world has so much that glitters out there; there are so many things to do and get involved in that going to church becomes something you'll do if you have time—forsaking the very thing that the Bible says Christ loved and died for: the church.

II. Psalms 15:1-5—Doctrinal Application

Today, we're going to move into Psalms 15. In this Psalm, we will see the doctrinal context, and then I'll show you the inspirational side to it. This is a Psalm of David.

Psalms 15:1-5. Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

- 2. [He that] walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
- 3.He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
- 4. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. [He that] sweareth to [his own] hurt, and changeth not.
- 5. [He that] putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these [things] shall never be moved.

Now this is one of the shorter Psalms; it's just five verses, but it's loaded with material that will be invaluable in learning your Bible. I have to laugh at this, but it's much like people who think that the minor prophets have less to say about things than the major prophets. That's certainly not true. They're known as the minor prophets because the books are shorter in length. In fact, even in the shorter books, you're going to find that there is just as much, if not more, in them.

> Psalms 15 is a Millennial Psalm

The first thing I want you to see is that this Psalm will be a millennial Psalm. We know that the millennial reign of Christ will be a key event in the Bible. It's one of the upcoming events in our future which includes the rapture, the tribulation, the second coming, and then the millennium. The millennium is the 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ on this earth. The millennial reign of Christ will be the establishment of God's government.

There are four places in the Bible where you can see what I call the four understandable stages of the millennium:

- 1. Isaiah 9:6-7 The establishment of God's government.
- 2. Revelation 20:1-10 This lays out that it's 1,000 years.
- 3. Ezekiel 40-48 The complete inner structure of the millennium and just about everything that's going on. (To really break it down, get Clarence Larkin's book on *Dispensational Truth*).
- 4. Zechariah 14 This shows you the people and the style of worship in the millennium.

All through the book of Psalms you're going to find Psalm after Psalm devoted to the millennium. I'll point those out as we go.

The Millennium is one of the most Misunderstood and Mistaught Subjects in the Bible

In Christianity today, the millennium will be one of the most misunderstood and mistaught subjects in all the Bible. I saw a segment on television about a new book by Dr. David Jeremiah. He's probably what you would classify as a national pastor. Anybody who's anybody in the neoevangelical world knows who he is. His new book, a best seller, is called *The Coming Golden Age*. In the television interview, he explained that it was a book he had written about the millennium. He was telling people that life was going to get better, and that the millennium is going to be the golden age...giving the impression that we are all just going to go into the millennium and things will be like they are right now. I checked the online breakdown as to what his book is all about. The first thing that I saw was the fact that he has no clue about the millennium. He never talked about the different people groups that go in (and there are five), and he never talked about the worship in the millennium. He gave the impression that the millennium is just a glorified church age. The reason he doesn't get into it is because he doesn't understand it.

He said people ask him about the earth and the heavens being renovated by fire (see Bible study question from 11/14/2024); however, he said it wasn't true. He said that when you go to the "Original" Greek, the word fire is not like fire burning but like a desert or desolation. Dr. David Jeremiah is the only man in the history of the world who has ever held the original Greek in his

hands. No wonder he's so popular! The original Greek—the original books written by Paul and the apostles! However, it didn't help him much when it comes to understanding the millennium. That's typical of what you'll find today. They know the terminology, but they don't understand the structure of how it works. They don't want to know; they're satisfied with the terminology because going past the terminology would require them to get into the Bible and study. People don't want to do that today.

The real structure of beginning to understand the millennium as far as what we would call its constitution, or its religious structure, is found in the book of Matthew. Matthew is the book where Christ is portrayed as the king of the Jews, and it plays out the kingdom of Heaven which is the millennium. When you get into Matthew 5, 6, and 7, you have the famous sermon on the mount. Everybody gets that and tries to make it for Christianity when the sermon on the mount is clearly the structure to the nation of Israel, what we're looking at in Psalms 15, in the millennium.

➤ The Context of Psalms 15 is the Millennial Reign of Christ Dealing with the Nation of Israel and NOT the Church Age

It's places like Psalms 15 that are key millennial Psalms, that once you get a base understanding, you will add to your understanding of how it all kind of goes together. Now you know me when it comes to context. **I don't even open my Bible without the word context in my brain**. For Psalms 15, the first thing you must do is establish the context, and you find that in verse one. Everything else we're going to read here will come back to the original context in verse one.

Psalms 15:1. Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

Now if you read that and understand the context of what you're dealing with, you can see at a glance that the context of Psalms 15 most certainly is NOT going to be the church age. If you would do a little comparison, Psalms 2:6 and Psalms 24:3, you would see that the context of the holy hill will be Christ as king (Revelation 19-20) on the throne in Jerusalem.

All this doctrinally will deal with the millennial reign of Christ dealing with the nation of Israel, not the church. Now, I'm not saying that the church is not part of the millennial reign of Christ. It most certainly is, but not in Psalms 15. The church has a whole different framework of activity within the millennium. I don't have time to get into that this morning, but **for you and me as born-again believers in the millennium, it is not going to be our golden age. It will be Israel's golden age, it will be many of the gentiles on earth's golden age, but it won't be ours if you're saved here this morning. Do you know where our golden age started? It started the day you trusted Christ as your personal savior... old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. God intended for you to live in a golden age with Him within the word of God, yet God's people allow it to get tarnished.**

The world, if you haven't figured this out yet, is headed for the day of the Lord. In everything you're seeing going on around you, God is using the devil in the midst of the confusion to set up the rapture, then the tribulation, the second coming, then (Psalms 15) the establishment of God's

government—the millennial reign of Christ. I showed you, in the Bible, the day of evil. There are two evil days. One is for Israel and the other is for you and me out of the book of Ephesians.

In getting a proper context in verse one, we must ask ourselves the question who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? What follows will be five areas that a millennial saint (not you and me) will have to follow to stay in the millennium. This will be the constitutional structure that we talked about in Matthew 5, 6, and 7. You'll now see, for anybody with a trained eye and paying attention, a total difference between the age of grace (which we're in during the church age) and God's system that's found in the millennium.

In the Bible, there are two great wars yet to come. One of them is going to be the second coming of Christ, and the other one is going to be at the end of the golden age (millennium). The golden age is not as golden as you think it is. We like to think that because we reject the Bible, or we don't understand the context of what we're trying to lay out here.

The Greatest Difference fundamentally between the Church Age and the Millennium

What is the greatest difference, fundamentally, between the church age and the millennium? In the church age we have a system of faith. We believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross. You weren't there. Somebody preached the gospel to you in I Corinthians 15 that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day. We exercise faith in that during the church age, and we believe it. The thing that sets the church age apart from every other dispensation is the aspect that we operate solely by faith.

In the millennium, there is no faith. You don't need it. You know why? Jesus Christ is sitting on the throne in Jerusalem. He's right there. You can walk up and speak to Him. For us it was 2,000+ years ago. We weren't there. We must take it on faith that the word of God is what God says it is; we see the infallible proofs, but it's still by faith. In the millennium, there is no faith involved. Jesus Christ is sitting on the throne visibly. It's a whole different system.

Right now, 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, For we walk by faith, not by sight. In Revelation, it says that there's no faith to it. Christ is on the throne, and He literally rules the world with a rod of iron. You either do what He tells you to do, or you're going to get nailed.

Here's what you have in these five areas for a millennial saint (not you):

- 1. They must walk uprightly and speak the truth inwardly.
- 2. They must worketh righteousness and hate vile people (Zechariah 14).
- 3. They cannot backbite or do evil to a neighbor (Matthew 5-7).
- 4. They must not back out of an oath that they have made before the Lord.
- 5. They cannot charge usury (interest) or take bribes in a court of law or against somebody else.

Simply put, the millennial reign is a governmental system just like you see today in governments around the world. The difference is that today you have different kings, presidents, or monarchs over different countries while in the millennium you have one

king—Jesus. He's on the throne in Jerusalem, and He reigns over the whole world. He's in charge, and it's a righteous reign; there's no corruption. There's no dishonesty. It's all run by the word of God and enforced by the sons of God (I don't have time to get into that today). The capital will be in Jerusalem, and the nations on earth must follow that. That's why in Zechariah 14 every year the nations come into Jerusalem to worship the Lord and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

These five areas are the conditions of their abiding in the tabernacle and dwelling in the holy hill (Jerusalem). As you can see, it's a completely different structure than what we have in the church age. None of this applies directly to anyone in the church age although I'm going to show you in a few minutes how you can make an inspirational application out of it.

It's the difference in understanding the two key fundamental areas of the Bible—the literal kingdom of heaven which is in Jerusalem and the spiritual kingdom of God which is in every one of you.

III. Psalms 15:1-5—Inspirational Application

Now I want to show you that in any passage, when the doctrinal teaching is clearly different from the church age, there will always be a spiritual application. You may not be able to line it up across the board, but you're going to find within that passage, there's an element of things we can take out of it and apply to the Christian life. I get asked all the time how you learn to do that. It's really simple. The more time you spend in the Bible (reading, studying and laying it out), the quicker you're going to learn how to do that.

God's people think that you get saved, you go to church, then after about four or five years you go to sleep at night and then God looks on His big clipboard. If you're on the list for that particular night, the angels with "Bible stardust" come down, roll back your roof, and while you're there sleeping in your little jammies, they sprinkle down the knowledge of the word of God, and you wake up in the morning and know the Bible. It doesn't work that way. You must study to shew thyself approved unto God. You must work in the Bible—a workman that needeth not to be ashamed (Judgment Seat of Christ), rightly dividing the word of truth. This is what people don't like today. The want easy Christianity. They don't want to study the King James Bible because it's old Elizabethan (archaic) English, so instead of learning what those words mean when they were pure words and then matching them up today, they take that from you. They make it easy for you. They just give you a new modern translation that puts it into your gutter language, and now you really like it.

> Exercising your Senses in the Word of God

In this Psalm, I want to show you how you're going to learn a great lesson for all of us even though doctrinally and directly it's the millennial reign of Christ to the nation of Israel. In everything God has something for you. You just have to learn how to see it, and that only comes by exercising your senses in the word of God and growing to the place where God shows you. Don't think I just woke up one morning and could do it...it took me years and years and years and years, but you'll get there.

Now in verse two, we'll just take those three areas that they, in the millennium, must do. And I want to show you how you make the spiritual application to us in the church age without violating anything. The difference is we do these three areas because we are saved, but they do it because they have to do it to be saved (in a millennial sense). The difference is that we don't dwell in a tabernacle in a temple on a holy hill. In the church age, your body is the temple in the tabernacle, and it's spiritual and not literal. You see how you begin to break it down?

➤ Walking Uprightly, Working the Work of Righteousness, & Speaking the Truth in his Heart

Now these three areas are what we are to be doing because we are saved. They are three key foundational areas in our Christian life. These are the three fundamental goals. If you're a parent here and you have little kids, these three areas will be the target areas you'll want to build into your children—and they're all in verse two.

Psalms 15:2. He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

As I said, this will be a great model for the Christian life—putting these three areas in our lives. This is what we are trying to build in you no matter what we're doing, whether it's Discipleship, Patterns of Human Nature, Sunday morning church, or Thursday night Bible study. Whatever somebody is doing with you in the word of God, the goal is to get these three things established in your life. The Godly man or woman today in the church age will have these three areas in his or her life.

The last couple of weeks I've talked about wanting the best for you, like your parents. Any pastor just wants the best for his people. Well, these three are what I'm talking about. If I can get these three in your life and get them working, I've done my job. The real Christian life is simply found in these three areas. Let's look at them.

1. He will walk uprightly. You should know by now that the key to all of Psalms is David's walk with God. In your Bible you have only three men out of all the people in the Bible that you are told who walk with God. Now I'm going to tell you right up front that there are a lot more that did, but why did God just single out three? You've got Enoch in Genesis 5:24, Noah in Genesis 6:9, and David in I Kings 8:25. The reason these three are singled out is because if you want to really understand what it takes to have a walk with God, study these three men. God does that. He'll draw your attention to a handful of people. Your Old Testament is built around seven guys, and they are the key to your Christian life also.

So here he's talking about three men. When you begin to study their lives then you'll begin to understand the process that you've got to have in your life. When we got into the book of Psalms, which is probably the greatest devotional book in the Bible, it started in Psalms 1 with a man walking with God or not walking with God.

Psalms 1: 1-3. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But I want you to notice the alternative. If you don't walk with God, then you're going to walk with the ungodly. The progression you find here is that once you start not walking with God and you start walking with the ungodly, then the next part of the verse says you're standing with them. The last part of the verse says you're sitting with them. Now you're one of them. There's a progression when you leave God and start hanging out with the wrong crowd or doing the wrong things. Your delight changes, your meditation changes, your fruit changes, and now your leaf begins to wither and whatever you're going to do doesn't prosper.

Life is choices. You get to choose whether you're going to walk with Him or not, and if you're going to walk with God uprightly, you have to walk with Him through the light of the word of God. I John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. In life, every Christian must make that choice: I'm going to walk with God, or I'm going to walk with the world. We get in our minds that we can have one foot with God and one foot with the world. No, you can't! You're either one or the other. We need to have a walk that is based on the word of God and our walk with God through the word of God.

2. <u>He will work the work of righteousness</u>. For you and me, that's the work that God saved you for and called us to. They work to keep their righteousness. We work because we are the righteousness of God—Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21. For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

When we got saved, we now are made in God's righteousness. That's the new creature. So being made in God's righteousness, God called us to a work and for us, the work of righteousness is doing what God has called us to do: God's righteous work. Do you have any idea how many of God's people never get here? They have no work for God at all. I've seen God's people, and they're good people, but they never lift a finger to work the work of righteousness. They don't have a work for God. They go to church every Sunday, they talk about it, they carry the right Bible, they do everything they're supposed to do except there is no righteous work. I can guarantee you the reason why there is no righteous work is because there is no walking uprightly. These things kind of go together. This is the work that God has for each of us, and this is the reason that He has saved each of us. A work based on His righteousness that He now gives to us to do His work for Him.

² But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

> Your Little Red Check Engine Light

At Bible study (11/07/2024), somebody asked me about the evidence of salvation, and I walked you through that; however, at the same time, there is an evidence of your work. If there is anything that we as Christians need, it is a reality check from time to time. Think about your car for a moment. You drive it all over, but what happens when your little red check engine light comes on? Now you've got a reality check that not everything is as good as you think it is. It could be as simple as a fuse or as big as your oil or water pump; nevertheless, it's something that you don't want to ignore. Every child of God ought to have that little red check engine light in their life. I don't care how spiritual you think you are or how much you think you know the Bible. Reality checks are a part of the Christian life just like everything else. It's easy to ignore on the dashboard of life that your check engine light has been on for quite a while. The biggest deceptions I've found in Christianity in my own life are not somebody else deceiving me, but me deceiving myself. We must honestly ask ourselves, when we've been saved 20 or 30 years, what work are we really doing? When the Bible says he will work the work of righteousness, what does that mean in our lives? Life is about choices, but life is also about investments.

Life is About Choices, but Life is also about Investments

Now I know you young kids don't think much about investments, but if you older folks don't have a 401K or some kind of retirement, you're headed for some trouble. It's one of those things where you just need to look ahead and realize that in life as you get older, you're going to have to live on your investments. At the judgment seat of Christ, my dear friend, you're going to have to shine or not shine based on your investments. I used to hear my father in the Lord and other guys when they would preach on the judgment seat of Christ, and I was a young guy, but I've never forgotten it because it made such an impression on me. He used to talk about how at the judgment seat of Christ you stand there. What if nobody stands up and says that you impacted their life, or they're in heaven because of you? God's people see that little red check engine light and just go on with life. The word indifference is not just applied to the unsaved world.

3. He will speak the truth in his heart. God's people have a hard time with truth today. First off, they have a hard time with the King James Bible being the absolute truth of God's word. The second thing is that the people who do have the truth have a hard time speaking it, and the third thing is it's hard for people who don't have the truth to want to hear it. The truth will always start in our hearts. The truth in our heart will be the moral compass and the guide for everything that we do. The Bible talks about laying up treasures. The number one treasure in the church age, for you and for me in our hearts, ought to be the word of God. When we got saved, we laid a foundation in our lives. You know that (1 Corinthians 3), but it was a foundation of truth. The rest of our lives, we build on that foundation nothing but truth. Truth upon truth. This is what so many of you have done, and it is what made the difference in so many of you from what you once were to what God is doing with you now. As you build that

truth upon truth, we find that in time, because we have the truth, we want to take that truth to others who have no truth. That's the natural process of truth working in our lives.

Ecclesiastes 11:1. Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

The bread is a type of the word of God and the waters are people. And that's the job: we do the righteous work based on the walk and then we get that in our hearts, and the next thing we do is where we're at right now—we want to give the word of God to somebody else that doesn't have it.

Taking the Word of God to People for whom Nothing is Prepared

Nehemiah 8:10. Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet (talking about the word of God), and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for [this] day [is] holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

We're getting to that on a level that we've never done it on before—25,000 copies of John and Romans which are part of a quarter of a million copies going to Peru where nothing is prepared. We showed a video in which you saw the actual hands-on work. Something was said in that video that I haven't forgotten. It was that **you may not be able to go to the foreign field, but you can send your fingerprints.** You moms and dads with your kids putting the word of God together, and everybody in the church praying over it. You can prepare your kids right now for what you're going to do. Show them these verses and let them know that they're a part of this.

In good churches you get to eat the fat and drink the sweet. You get more Bible here than you deserve. You get so much, and I don't know how to do it any other way. God didn't make me an eye dropper; he made me a fire hydrant. Did you ever notice that when they take the cap off a fire hydrant, you'd better get out of the way. That water shoots out 20 feet. That's me. My philosophy is, and I was taught and trained this way, that if you put enough of it out there, some of it will stick. It won't stick with everybody, but our next level, if we're going to continue the righteous work, based on the righteous walk, and what we've got in our hearts, is taking the word of God to people for whom nothing is prepared.

➤ He that Doeth These Things Shall Never be Moved

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. You know where you'll find it? It's at the judgment seat of Christ. And when we do these three things, look at Psalms 15:5. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

In Acts 20 Paul talks about all that he had been through in his work of righteousness, and he says in verse 24, but none of these things move me. It's an incredible thing to look at his life and see what he had been through. And he says here that if you do these things, you'll never be moved. It's the steadfastness of our Christian life. It's Paul saying he's going to finish the course.

2 Timothy 2:19 says, the foundation of God standeth sure. You know a sure foundation will lead to three sure things in a Christian's life.

- 1. A Sure Book—2 Peter 1:19
- 2. A Sure Calling—2 Peter 1:10
- 3. A Sure Reward (Judgment Seat of Christ)—Proverbs 11:18

IV. Summary

Now hopefully you can see how you can take a passage that clearly has nothing to do with the church age, and within that passage find something that does line up. This is why I preach and teach these things to you—to help you build a sure foundation. On that foundation you build these three things. You let us help you build a sure walk. Once we get the walk going, then we want to help you build a sure work, that is whatever God has called you to do. Then we want you to have a sure heart, so that you're unmovable. But you've got to remember that life is about the choices we make.

You can see now how places like Psalms 15 will not only give you tremendous insight into the doctrinal areas of the Bible like the millennium, but it will also give you the key to the Christian life today. Here's the difference: In the Old Testament, and also in the millennium, God will establish His holy temple in Jerusalem (His holy hill), and all the world will come to the capital of that world to see God's glory which is Jerusalem and the temple. This is the kingdom of heaven. It's the model for Solomon's reign found in I Kings 10 when the Queen of Sheba comes. You find it in Acts chapter 8 with the Ethiopian eunuch. When Philip intercepts him, the Ethiopian eunuch is on his way to Jerusalem to do what he's been taught which the Queen of Sheba did. He's going to Jerusalem to see it all; he didn't know that it had changed.

In the New Testament, your body is God's temple, and we now take the temple of God to the world. This is the kingdom of God. We as a church are standing on the threshold of an open door of Acts 1:8. God is going to open a door at the end of December and January the likes of which we've never seen. It's going to change everybody's life because it's going to make a difference, and you're going to walk away understanding things you've never understood more clearly.

Acts 1:8. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

That's where we're at. It started in our Jerusalem (that's your own family), then in all Judaea (that's in Kansas City), then in Samaria (that's in Missouri or the USA), and now, for the first time, God has opened the door that we're going to take it to the uttermost part of the earth. Maybe you all won't go, but we're all going to be a part of it. We're going to fulfill that verse back in the Old Testament that when one goes down to war, and one stays by the stuff, that they both part alike. This is the key to what these three things will do: getting the right walk, getting the right work, and getting the right attitude of heart.