

## Harry Wildblood - Moses' Part

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The talk is entitled Moses part in reference to Leviticus 8. 29. But before we get to Leviticus 8, I'd like to emphasize that I think we all know that God has taken an incredibly active part in the outworking of his plan. Is there anybody who's not aware of that? Okay.

An incredibly active part in the outworkings of his plan. The creation of the Logos, the heavenly host, the universe, the creative days, mankind and all the rest were all either directly done by God in the Logos or according to God's foreordained plan in every respect. Now when we look at the enormity of God's plan with respect to mankind, we see that God has designed it in harmony, with harmony and beauty and precision, all without interfering with man's free moral agency. Now a demonstration of that, of this beauty and harmony. We'll briefly show brother, one of the last kings of Israel.

They're up there. Brother Ikim will show this. This is a picture of God's day of rest, the 7,000 year, his day of rest. Do you notice any symmetry there? Do you notice any precision?

Do you think this happened by chance? Absolutely not. Absolutely not. This is God's overruling for all mankind to eventually see. But we have the privilege of seeing this now.

Let's go to the next slide. Here are the Dominion parallels. You notice some symmetry there. Some just overwhelming evidence of design, of harmony. That's what God wants us to know in his plan.

We see that in the enormity of God's plan. You know, on that day of rest, that seventh day, Genesis 2, 2, when God ended His work. Could you go back to that first slide again? Yeah, there it is, and on the seventh day, God ended his work, his direct creation.

That's why, by the way, we're called the new creation. We're not part of that old three dimensional creation. But he rested, he sanctified it, he set it apart. He's going to do mighty things. He's been doing it and he's doing it now.

So these charts show this, reveal this incredible symmetry, but not by chance, by design. If anybody like a copy of this, these are redone by brother Rod Hugo in AutoCAD. So it's very precise. If anybody would like a copy of that, I'd be happy to send you that file. Well, our purpose is not to go into detail about these things, about these charts, but to show God's incredible active role, his active role in his plan, which is now seen by, by his children and heirs.

But it's almost Completely unseen by mankind. Has anybody ever knocked on your door and said, oh, wow, look at everything God's doing. It's just incredible. No, it's not going to happen. Because the big thing that God is doing now is being done quietly in the gathering and the completing of the body of Christ.

As in Psalm 50, verse 5. Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

So God makes this same covenant with each, each one, each individual who will become a member of the body of Christ, of the Christ head and body, and this is shown in Leviticus. This. This covenant is shown in Leviticus 8, 14, 36, and I think you've all studied this at length.

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And we're going to go through not every part of it, but when we do, we don't want to fixate on the animals. Yes, there are animals that are shown, but we don't want to fixate on the animals that were used to illustrate the concepts. Rather, we want to focus on the concepts themselves, because those concepts apply to us.

Well, notice that the phrase Aaron and his sons is mentioned five times in those verses, and this shows that we. That each one of us enter into exactly the same covenant that Jesus himself did. Absolutely. Exactly the same covenant in every respect.

Aaron and his sons, five times, as emphasized five times. Notice how the heavenly Father repeats things. So we get it, you know, he says, I'm gonna, you know, do you get it? Well, Leviticus 8:14, and feel free to follow along in Leviticus.

Leviticus 8:14, and he brought the bullock for the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin offering. Laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for a sin offering, and Brother Russell, on page 41 of the tabernacle shadows, he says that God was saying, this represents us.

So you might say, well, why did Brother Russell say that? Where does he get that? Well, in Leviticus 1, verse 4, this says, and he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him. So this scriptural principle of laying the head being accepted, that that animal is being accepted for you or representing you, that's not something that Moses or Aaron came up with. This was given directly by God.

This was given by God in Exodus, in Exodus, and we see the working of it in Leviticus. Now, this bullock, keep in mind, a bullock represents perfect humanity. Perfect humanity. We know that because eventually all mankind will offer perfect bullocks when they have reached human perfection.

Well, this bullock represents Jesus and all his Body members. Now, Jesus, he was a perfect human being, and of course he should be pictured in this bullock. We are fallen human beings, so how could we possibly be pictured in that same bullock? We have no standing before God.

But Jesus had said in John 14:6, I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father in consecration but by me. So at the moment of consecration, we have vitalized justification fully imputed to us. We are seen, legally seen by God as perfect human beings for the purpose of this consecration. That's what it's for.

Through the blood of Christ, fully imputed to us, and we are also properly pictured in that same bullock. Aaron and his sons lay the hands on the bullock, saying, this represents us, each one of us. You were saying, this represents me as I make my consecration. So the bullock was taken and Moses slew it and took the blood and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger.

Now the question is, this blood, this life, this will sacrifice, whose blood is that? Was it Jesus blood? Well, yes. When he made his consecration, that was his blood. Perfect human being.

Brethren, when you made your consecration, that's your blood. You're recognized as fully justified perfect human being, and you are laying down your life and your consecration. That is blood is going on the horns of the altar, and brother Russell says the horns were symbols of power, showing that the altar of earthly sacrifices is acceptable by reason of the shed blood.

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Because when we lay down our life, God says, now I can accept the rest of your life as a sacrifice, and then everything that goes on the altar during our walk in the narrow way, he can accept it. But if that blood doesn't go on the horns of the altar, nothing we do could be acceptable. In fact, if somebody came in this church right now and says, I'm sacrificing unto the Lord, we'd say, that's wonderful. Tell me, when did you give up your life?

When did you give up your humanity forever? And they said, well, I never did that. Well, I got news for you. Nothing you do. Now God may appreciate some of the things you're doing, but he can't accept you as a sacrifice because your self will is not dead.

Once it's dead. Once that blood is on the horns of the altar. Now, what goes on the altar is acceptable. That's the picture.

Leviticus 8:16, and he took the fat which is upon the inwards and the caul above the liver and the two kidneys and their fat, and Moses burned it upon the altar. Well, this fat Shows the heart, devotion, the zeal, our best powers. Now, all barbecuers, I mean, if you go like to cook a steak, all the barbecuers know that the fat in the meat is what gives it the flavor. If you get really super lean meat, that's not going to barbecue very well, but it's the fat that gives it that wonderful smell.

But the barbecuers also know that if the fat itself goes into the fire, the flames raise up, they consume everything, and they ruin the meal, and the world would say that fire has gotten out of control.

Brethren, this is exactly what the Heavenly Father wants. He wants our zeal and our sacrifice to be so intense, it's going to look to the world like you're out of control. What are you doing? We go to church one hour a week. What are you doing?

He wants this. He wants that. Well, in Leviticus 8:17, the bullock and the hide and the flesh and the dung, he burnt with fire without the camp.

This is how the world sees it. This is. We are a fanatical stench to the world. What? You are nuts.

What are you doing? What are you doing with your life? In fact, from Brother Len Chesney at his memorial service, some of the worldly folks who are there, I heard one say he just wasted his life. All he ever did was go to church. I mean, there it was.

Hide, hope's tongue, outside the campus stench. But what does God see? Well, in the bullock for the burnt offering, and he brought the iron for the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on it. It's representing their sacrifice as God sees it. This feature shows God's acceptance of the Christ's head and body in one sacrifice.

Now, when a ram is burnt whole to the human senses, there would be some fragrant parts, but there would be some pretty smelly parts, too. But in God's estimation, this is all a sweet savor. No matter what you do, if you're doing it because of the love of God and you feel it's the right thing to do, and it's his will, whether it works out or not, he's going to say, that's my son. He's trying. I accept that.

Well, then in Leviticus 8:22, and he brought the ram of consecration. Now, this is very special, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram of consecration. Now, this shows the effect that our consecration will have on us. It's the effect.

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In other words, it's going to change us. God's intent is our consecration will change us. It Must change us. We will be different than we were before. Consecration in Leviticus 8:23.

And he slew it, and Moses took of the blood, put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, his thumb, the great toe of his right foot, and he brought Aaron's sons and it put the blood on the tip of their right ear, their right thumb and the toe of their right foot. Beautiful picture showing this big change, this ear, this miraculous hearing ear, to gain the knowledge of the holy, as in Proverbs 9:10. To understand God's will, his plan, and to be able to do that will, his thumb, Aaron and his sons, both Christ and all his body members, whatsoever our hands find to do, we'll do it with our might, as unto the Lord.

Couldn't do that before. Tried. But now we actually can. Now we actually can on the toe to walk in newness of life. We're living for a totally different reason than we were before.

We're laying down our life. We're laying down our life. As brother Rick had mentioned, if we lose our life, what's wrong with that? That's what the consecration is all about. Well, in Leviticus 8:25, and he took the fat and the romp, and all the fat was upon the inwards and the caul above the liver and the two kidneys and their fat and the right shoulder again, showing our best powers, you know, these organs showing the best powers to be continually consecrated to the Lord.

It says, and he took one unleavened cake and an unleavened cake mangled with oil, and one wafer, and put them on the fat and upon the right shoulder. Now this unleavened cake shows purity. So in this covenant, God is saying, I see you as pure. I see you as sinless.

You know, the new creature. You're sinless. Unleavened cake mingled with oil. You're going to have the indwelling of this Holy Spirit. I'm going to give you that.

It's shed forth by our Lord at Pentecost. I gave it to him. He's going to give it to you. So we're going to have his Holy Spirit. So we're going to be able to understand things and have a different motivation.

And the wafer, now this is special. This is our faith in the exceeding, great and precious promises. Now, it's interesting. This is where they are in this wafer. This is where they are, including the promise of glorification.

Now, I think one thing I like about the wafer is that if you think of a person who's hungry. They're hungry. They're really starving. Do they want to eat a little thin wafer? No, they want a big meal.

Give me the whole loaf of bread, you know, give me a steak, something. But the wafer is usually for a strong flavor, to excite the senses. You know, the little. What is the little chocolate thing? Mint chocolate they put on the pillow in the hotel?

That's not a meal. It's just. Oh, that was tasty. Well, I think what this is, this is to excite the senses, but it doesn't fill the stomach. Well, this wafer, the exceeding great and precious promises, is appreciated only by the new creature, not by the flesh, as in 2 Peter 1:4, whereby are given unto us as new creatures.

Exceeding great and precious promises that by these ye may be partakers of the divine nature. So here's a lot of our motivation. These promises that God gives us, and then this is waived in Leviticus 8:27, and he put all upon Aaron's hands, upon his son's hands, and they waved them for a wave offering before the Lord.

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And they waved and they waved. Well, what is this picture? Well, on Tabernacle, page 44, Brother Russell mentions, we consecrate to continually keep our affections and powers uplifted, never ceasing until accepted of him as having finished our course. In other words, we use our power, our might, our attention, our focus to fulfill our consecration vows. This shows that we are doing, we are active.

This takes strength. It takes effort. Think of the Brethren in their 90s or even older. It takes effort every day. It takes effort to continually keep that sacrifice on the altar and to do as much as the Lord will allow you to do.

This is not once saved, always saved. I was just at the Indiana State Fair and, oh, I'm saved. I'm saved. Oh, well, that's nice to know.

But Jesus said, if any man will come after me, let him take his. Let him deny himself and take up his cross. Well, just once and follow. No, that's not what he said. He said, take up his cross daily and follow me.

It's a continual thing. It's effort every day, and Moses took off this off their hands, picturing God saying, it's enough. Come up higher, and we're all aware of that.

Well, this ram of consecration shows how we are seen by God. It shows what he gives us in terms of special capabilities, special opportunities, and how he reckons us. This is all part of this contract, this covenant. It includes the promises to us and our final acceptance, and that we must maintain constant effort to fulfill our vows. But now we come to a verse for which Brother Russell has made no comments whatsoever.

No comments at all. But we're going to talk about this at length because I think what we've just talked about, Brother Russell has actually shown us. Here's what this should be about. This has to do exclusively with Moses. With Moses.

Leviticus 8, 29, and Moses took the breast. This is of the ram of consecration. Took the breast and waved it for a wave offering before the Lord. For of the ram of consecration.

It was Moses part, as the Lord commanded Moses, so it was Moses part. That's what he was doing. Again, in Tabernacle 45, he says, the ram of consecration showed what effect the sacrifice will have upon us. So what's Moses doing waving this? Well, the breast is a powerful muscle over the heart.

The fact that this is waived by Moses shows that God is also giving tremendous effort in this covenant. His part is not just to sit back and say, well, you know, I see you made a consecration. That's very nice. Let's see how it all turns out. No, he is actively involved.

He is actively doing. He is actively overruling in our lives.

And he wants us to see this and acknowledge this. You know, in the tabernacle, in this verse, he didn't say, well, hold on a second, I got to do something, and take this out where nobody could see and wave it. No, this is in front of everybody. He was waving it in front of Aaron and his sons.

And they saw it. They saw it. God wants us to acknowledge he's taking an active role in our consecration. His part is not just legally how he's looking at us, but he's doing in our lives.

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Now, if we look at Jesus, we can see that God overruled again and again and again in Jesus life so that all the prophecies about Jesus could be and were fulfilled. Jesus didn't say, well, you know, I was supposed to do this, but it didn't work out. You know, something happened, I couldn't be there, and, you know, they did that without me, and I guess, no, everything he did was overruled.

So he could be at the right place at the right time and do the things that he was supposed to do, and he did. Many of Jesus miracles were not by Jesus power. Now, when he healed somebody, yes, he took his own strength. We see that.

But walking on water, the transfiguration vision, and this was six days after. Six days after the earth of Christ The Son of the living God, and they said, oh, oh, but I must go and be sacrificed. Be far from thee. Says, well, how can I show them this is not going to interfere well, this transfiguration vision, this is overruled of God.

So they could all see that it was God's voice. This is not Jesus being a ventriloquist. This is God's voice saying, this is my beloved Son. Hear ye him. The resurrection of Lazarus.

Jesus prayed to God right before so everybody could see this. The Stilling of the Storm. Reprint 4162 Brother Russell mentions so that all those who stood by might take knowledge that not by his own power, but by the Father's power as the finger of God, he worked these miracles. He was showing, I'm the Son of God. In fact, my Father is going to show that to you.

Flesh and blood hasn't revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven of who I am, because his power is being used. I mean, very clear. The apostles were given to Jesus by God. John 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the man which thou gavest me. Me out of the world.

Thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept my word. God was overruling. You know, when Peter says, get away from me. I'm a. I'm a sinful man.

Jesus was going to help him see, we're going to fix that. We're going to fix that in your character, and here's a one Peter. I have a. I love Peter.

The trial of Jesus was according to prophecy. Isaiah 53:7. He was oppressed, he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. Did that actually happen? Absolutely.

He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before his shearers was done. So he opened not his mouth. He didn't try to defend himself.

Jesus could see that his death by crucifixion, although extremely difficult, was overruled to God. To be hung on a tree, to be a curse for the nation of Israel. God was actively doing all throughout Jesus walk, the blessings, the encouragements and even the final hardship when Jesus said, quoting David, my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Was because he had to fully take the place of Adam, and this was done at the final moments.

All these things overruled of God. Well, Jesus was resurrected part of three days later because he fulfilled his consecration vow, his part of the sin offering. He did it. He did it so that wafer the exceeding great and precious promises of the Divine Nature. God says, that's a promise.

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Now, if we look back at the work of creation, the creation of the universe, it's really small by comparison to what was done for Jesus. You ever think about that? It was small. It's a big universe. Last time I looked in Psalm 83, when I consider Psalm 83, when I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon, the stars, which thou hast ordained.

Fingerwork of God. But the resurrection of Jesus to the divine nature was the ultimate creative act of God. It doesn't get any bigger than that. In Ephesians 1:19, according to the working of his mighty power. That's more than just fingers.

The working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead and set him at his own right hand in heavenly places, there's. When God's mighty power. Think of that wave offering, that wave breast that he's doing, and this doing is what the Heavenly Father really wanted to do at the end for his Son, his only begotten in Colossians 1:18, and he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he may have the preeminence.

This is what the Heavenly Father finally wanted to do for His Son.

Well, we'd now like to look at David. David is a picture of the church, and I think the brethren are very familiar with David. So when we look at how God nurtured David in his upbringing, in his experiences with his family, with the lion, the bear, Goliath, later with Jonathan, Saul and many, many others, we can see God overruling. It's a picture of how he's going to be overruling for the Church.

David maintained his humility and servitude even after this tremendous triumph over Goliath. He may have said, oh, I did that. But he said, the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into my hand. He knew where his strength was coming from. Later, when Jonathan realized what had happened, Jonathan knew he'd been cast off because of Saul.

He'd never be king. He wasn't bitter. He wanted to know who is the Lord's anointed. So when he saw this tremendous victory of David over Goliath, he said, this young man, this David, he's the Lord's anointed. That's clear.

So in 1st Samuel 8, 4, 18 4, he stripped himself of the robe, he gave it to David, his Garments even to his sword, his bow, and to his girdle. So Jonathan knew that David was the Lord's anointed and he was going to be the king of Israel. So he gave David these royal vestments that were his. He says, now, I give it to you. But Saul, we know, wanted David dead.

He was jealous of David. In fact, Saul had. When Saul was told, you can have my daughter, Michelle Mike, however you pronounce it, but all you have to do is kill 100 philistines, bring me evidence of their death, and you get her. He thought, all right. Well, of course, Saul thought, oh, well, of course.

Surely out of a hundred men, somebody's going to slay David. He's going to be gone. But Instead, David killed 200. 200 brought him. Saul wanted to destroy David.

He made it that apparent to David many, many times. But David would not kill Saul, even though he was twice given the chance, because Saul was the Lord's anointed, and David knew from Psalm 75, 7, God is the judge. He putteth down one and setteth up another. He says, I've got to wait for God to do it.

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God even overruled that David was kept from fighting against Israel. At the very end, when he was with the Philistines under Achish, where the Philistines were fighting against Israel and Saul was killed, David was conspicuously kept out of that battle. To me, this is amazing. Well, after David was king over Israel, he was told how his life had been overruled by God in 2 Samuel 7, 8, 9. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheep coat from following the sheep to be ruler over my people.

And I was with thee, whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name. I did this.

So God was overruling David's experiences, as in a laboratory. As in a laboratory, but allowing David to fully and honestly express himself in response to all of his experiences. God showed David David's future with respect to his house, his family. In 2 Samuel 7, 12, 13, God says, Now, when your days are fulfilled, when you're dead, you're going to sleep with your fathers, but I'm going to set up your seed after you, and his throne will be established forever. Now, what did that really mean?

Well, anotypically, David was a picture of the church in the flesh. He's a picture of us, and just as David was told that one of his sons would be on the throne we are informed that when we finish our course as perfected divine beings, we will share in the throne with the resurrected Christ. Is this amazing? The deliverance and exaltation of the church that was never known before the Lord's return.

They never knew this. This was pictured in the initial reign of Solomon and the completion of the temple, this reign of the Christ head and body. Now, other denominations out there, in fact, perhaps this one, this church, for the Seventh Day Adventists, who were kind enough to let us be here in their various denominations, they have hopes of being in heaven with earthly enjoyments. You know, they're seeing their relatives going fishing or golfing, playing with the dog, things like that. That's fine.

God wants them to desire earthly things because that's what they're going to have. We, on the other hand, can now say to our Father as David did in two Samuel 7:18 through 21, who am I, O Lord God, that thou hast brought me hitherto? I'm echoing what Brother Rick had said, who am I? Who am I? And what can I say more to thee?

For thou, Lord God, knowest thy servant, you know me. For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things to make thy servant know them. We have been privileged to know what we'll be doing after death, after glorification. Isn't that amazing? For millennia, the body of Christ did not know this, but we do.

So God has shown us his plan in this respect, and we can say just as David said, what can I say more unto thee? For thou, Lord God, knowest thy servant, you know that we're weak, that we're fallen, at best, we are unprofitable servants, and even after you're looking at David, even after this wonderful promise was given to him about his destiny, David failed miserably and terribly with Bathsheba. But why? I'll quote Brother Rick again, actually.

Because in 2 Samuel 11:1, this was at the time when the kings were going to go forth to battle. But David didn't. He stayed back in Jerusalem. He was not fighting the battles of the Lord that spring. This is when David was distracted by Bathsheba's beauty and desired her.

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He lost focus. Isaiah 26:3, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

But David's mind was wandering. We know what happened. Willie tried to hide Bathsheba's pregnancy by having her husband, Uriah, sleep with her. Then, in desperation, David had Uriah carry the order for his own Murder to Joab, his commander. It doesn't get much lower than that.

As far as betrayal, well, David was not cast off like Saul because David maintained his reverence and respect for the Lord, and the Lord knew it. But the Lord realized that David needed and was given an incredibly hard lesson, which he needed for his correction. He says, my son is really messed up. I'm going to give him what he needs to fix him, to straighten him out.

So David's punishment would come through his own family and would be done before all Israel. Now, if this were Saul, we know Saul would really rebel against all this. But what about David? What was his response? Well, in Psalm 119, verse 23, David says, Princes, and I think this is Absalom also, did sit and speak against me, but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

Verse 51. The proud have had me greatly in derision, yet I have not declined from thy law. Oh, how I love thy law. It is my meditation all the day. Great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them.

David wanted his character to be cleansed. Psalm 19:12. Who can understand his errors? His own errors, he said, cleanse me thou from secret faults. Let the words of my mouth and a meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight.

O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Search me. Psalm 139 Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts. See if there be any wicked of me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 103 we won't read that. He knows that we are dust. He knows that we are dust. In 1 John 1:9 if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, because we have an advocate with the Father. So when we realize our sins, we've cleansed our robes.

This should and must effect changes in us so that we can continue in the narrow way. Well, we can see Moses wave offering God actively doing in the lives of the Apostles as well. When James was killed by Herod, he found that the Jews were happy about that. So he took Peter, cast Peter in prison. Well, the brethren prayed for Peter.

He was kept between two soldiers bound with two chains. I mean, bound to the soldiers with the chains. I mean, that's pretty amazing. But an angel of the Lord came upon Peter, raised him up, said, arise quickly, and his chains fall right off. Okay, what about these guys?

Well, they're not going to see it. They passed unnoticed by the 16 soldiers, the four quaternions who were guarding him, some who were even chained directly to Peter. Apparently, they were asleep and didn't wake up, and Peter went free. Now, the angel didn't say, here, let me pick you up and take you out. The angel said, I'll do what I can.

And then you do what you need to do. God was actively doing overruling on Peter's behalf. Later, Peter was given three visions of all this food that was normally against the law, and he says, hey, eat three times.

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Because right after that, the family of Cornelius was, hey, Cornelius needs to speak with you, and he was going to go. He was going to witness to them, to these Gentiles. He was going to see them come into Christ, and Peter needed to see this so he could accept that the call was now open to the Gentiles.

So God was overruling powerfully, not just in releasing him from something, but in his understanding. Later, Paul and Silas, they're in Philippi. They healed a woman who was possessed by a fallen angel. Her handlers could no longer make money from her being a fortune teller. So Paul and Silas, they're thrown into prison, into the inner prison.

Their feasts are fast in the stocks. They were singing praises to God, and there was an earthquake, and the doors opened and their chains fell off. Brother Wes Kramer said this was a smart quake. It didn't turn the building into rubble. It just did what had to be done.

Now, they were likely singing and witnessing for hours before midnight before this happened, and so when the doors open, you know, the keeper of the prison thought, oh, my word, they're all going to get free. I'm going to be killed. I'll be tortured. He was going to kill himself.

No, don't do that. We're all still here, and this man comes into Christ. So it wasn't about freeing Paul and Silas. That was part of it.

But here's a way for another one to come into Christ.

I'm sure all those prisoners were transfixed by the words of Paul and Silas. He said, we're not leaving either. We're not leaving either. God was again doing powerfully so that they knew that it was the Lord overruling on their behalf. Peter was later corrected by Paul.

He dissembled into Antioch. Bad influence on Barnabas. Peter was corrected. But Paul needed this and was thankful. Later, in 2 Peter 3:15, he refers to Paul as his beloved brother Paul.

Now it may be easy for us to see and appreciate these amazing overrulings in the life of David as a Picture of the church, certainly as of Jesus and of course of the apostles. But how about us? Does God actively overrule in our lives? Is he still waiving this Moses part? Is this still happening on our behalf?

Does God want us to see and acknowledge his overrulings for us? Do we have any direct evidence of this? Well, I emphatically say yes. Yes. So I'd like to share a few of my experiences.

So back in 1985, I made my consecration August in the summer, and I was an undergraduate student at the University of Illinois, a little older. I was 30, 32, and I had fall courses. Well, I loved our meetings.

We had a noon study, a volume study over noon across town away from the university, about a half an hour. But he had to go there, he had to come back. Well, I also had to take a lab course, a required course if I'm going to get my degree. Well, they had a 10am section, but that was closed, couldn't get in. Then they had a 1am one 1pm section and I could go there.

But if I had to go to that class, I couldn't go to the noon study. So I thought, okay, what to do, what to do? Oh, I know, I'll pick. See, I had a, I had a minor in mathematics, and by the way, you know the reason for taking an upper level math course?

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It's so you can take the next upper level math course. Okay. Anyway, so what I did, I thought, I know what I'll do. I'll sign up for a Math course at 1:00. So I'll create a time conflict and then they'll say, well, we got to put you in this 10am section.

And then of course, all I have to do is drop that math class after I got what I wanted and problem solved. How'd that sound?

So I met with the head of undergraduate programs with this bogus paperwork in my hand and he asked me, okay, now he is a very nice man, but he's a no nonsense guy, and he says, okay, Harry, what's so important that I have to let you into a closed class?

I was clutching that paperwork and I swallowed hard and I said, well, there's Bible study at noontime. It's very important to me, and I have to take that 1:00 class, I won't be able to go to that study.

So I took my solution and I threw it to the ground. So he said to me, Harry, Harry, look, I'm an official of this university and I can't accept that as a Valid reason to let you into a closed class, but I will.

So I was overjoyed. In fact, that was time when you had to go about a half mile away to register. It wasn't just, you know, wiggle your fingers and I don't think my feet hit the ground. But the Lord was overruling, and he's saying, I want you to see this. He said, my son, you got lots to learn.

Proverbs 3, 5, 6. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. Which the Lord clearly did. He was saying, this is for me.

Now, are you getting the lesson? Well, later that fall, I was at a testimony meeting, and Sister Karen, I think we had been married by that time, but she was coming. She was flying back to the airport for a business meeting. So I went to the airport to pick her up. You know, it's probably about 9:00 at night, and I go to the airport and I saw a former employee from four years earlier.

Four years earlier. Now, we had parted ways under very unfriendly terms, but he didn't see me at all. So I picked up Sister Karen. I took a wide path around this guy, and Camara slunk out. He didn't see me, but I felt dirty.

I felt, I'm a failure. The next week at the testimony meeting, I spoke about my failure, and I said I should be. I'm a consecrated child of God. I should be able to walk up to him, smile, look him in the eye and thank him for the experiences I had at his company.

Well, right after that meeting, I had to go and pick up Sister Karen again. Guess who was there? Yes, he was, and the Lord says, okay, out of your own mouth.

So I swallowed hard again and I went right up to him. I looked him in the eye, I smiled, I shook his hand, and I thanked him for the experiences. I had his company, and you know what? It didn't hurt a bit.

What I found is it's the tough experiences that build character. The easy ones don't. So if you have a tough thing you have to do, do it. The Lord wants you to do it. I felt so much better.

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He was teaching me Proverbs 29:25. The fear of man, whether it's real or imagined, whether it's big or little, it bringeth a snare. But whosoever putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. I really appreciated that we had. I'm going to bypass that one.

When Sister Karen and I were married, we took care of her mother, Ruth. Now, Ruth had profound Alzheimer's disease. I got Sister Karen, her mother and two cats, which I didn't understand cats at the time, but I certainly do now. Well, Sister Karen had promised to Ruth that I will never put you in the nursing home. But even with a babysitter 40 hours a week, we were just being run ragged.

I mean, there were a lot of problems. We put her in the master bedroom, took the door off the bathroom. Hopefully it'll all connect. Well, no, well, but we'd made this promise, so. Okay, and I'm the new husband.

I'm not gonna, I'm not gonna change this. Well, then Ruth's brother Uncle Vernon visited. He saw the situation. He said, you can't keep doing this. You can't do it.

You can't give her the best care. She needs to be in a nursing home. They can. They're, they got people 24 hours a day. They can take care of everything.

So we saw this as the Lord releasing Sister Karen from this promise, which certainly could not be kept. Well, that Friday I called the Champaign County Nursing Home. We'd been there many times, wonderful place, and they said, well, yeah, we can take your mother, but we have a six month waiting list. So I sighed and I said, well, put us on the list.

And then we called another nursing home that day. It was more closed. It wasn't the kind of place we wanted. They said, well, we can take her next Wednesday. This on a Friday, we can take her next Wednesday.

So all weekend we prepared. Well, Monday morning, Champaign County Nursing Home called and said, we can take your mother tomorrow. That's the day before the other place. We can take her tomorrow. I said, well, what happened to the six month waiting list?

They said, oh, well, seven of our residents passed away this weekend. That opened up a spot.

Our loving heavenly father simply put them to bed early. They were just waiting for the kingdom. God was overruling in our lives and he wanted us to know it. He wanted us to see it. He was showing us that he would take care of all the little things.

Like Brother Rick said, what are the little things? Well, every event that could possibly occur on planet Earth says he's got that. He says, you're going to take care. I want you to take care of the big thing. That's your consecration.

That's what you pay attention to. We love that. I mean, love that. Well, many years later, Sister Karen and I saw it was the Lord's will. We should open a business.

IT training, consulting. We had 16 employees. Everything was going fine. But when the holidays came, you know, we did training, consulting classes. When the holidays came, all of a sudden the business went dead because people had sugar plums in their heads.

They didn't want to go to training. So now I was working on a. Whoops. I was working on a project, and I was working, working, working, billing as many hours as I could to make ends meet.

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However, I was at that time supposed to be developing a study on the vine and the branches, which I was putting off. So the Lord lovingly said, let me clear your schedule. So January 10th, in the dark, I go out to the street to get the mail. I slip on the ice. Boom.

Can't get up now. I just bought a new flip phone, voice activated, called Sister Karen. Said, I think I dislocated my knee or something. She called Brother Jim McClugan, who was probably on his way home. Okay, great.

So I'm lying there on the ice, but garage door opens. Next door, they see me, this guy, girl and her boyfriend. He comes over. He was 6 foot 8, 6 foot 8.

Picks me up, gets me into the house, says, do you need anything else? I looked up to him and said, you know, you're much more than I expected. Got a cane. Got in Brother Jim's van, went to the hospital.

The orthopedic surgeon just happened to be there that evening looking for interesting cases. He looked at me and said, wow, you blew out your knee. I only see this about every. Every two years. Wow, this is great.

So he did the surgery. I came home, I was convalescing, and I had nothing in front of me but my books. Sources. There you go. Well, I got a wonderful, wonderful blessing because John 15:2 in this study.

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away. But every branch he beareth that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Well, what an encouragement. I was being purged of worldly cares and pursuits so that I could bring forth more fruit. This was like a love letter from my loving heavenly father.

I look back at all the overrulings, and I took this as a wonderful encouragement. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and everything else will be added to you. So, brethren, Moses part this wave offering being done mightily on our behalf, on each one of our behalf.

It really comes down even whether good experience is difficult. Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial that shall try you. But rejoice inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad with exceeding joy. I think. Oh, there was one other scripture we wanted to so, brethren, bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse.

That's what you have to do that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now therewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Psalm 37:4 Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. What are these? Well, the desire to do his will and to learn of him, and the blessing to see the transformation in our own characters.

So God is using oh, we just like to read. I know where time is running out here. We like to go back to the Ephesians 1:17. We read part of that. We'd like to read all of it.

That the Lord of our God, Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, that the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of your calling, and the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and the exceeding greatness of his power to usward to us who believe according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead and set

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him on his own right hand. God is using that same mighty power that he used to raise Jesus to the divine nature. He's using that same mighty power on our behalf to guide us, to correct us, to encourage us to the end of our course, and brethren, to me, that's what Moses part in Leviticus 8:29 is all about.