First Appearance of Christ

Disclaimer: this is an automatically generated machine transcription - there may be small errors or mistranscriptions. Please refer to the original audio if you are in any doubt.

Date: 07 December 2002 Preacher: Bro. Van Ashton

[0:00] But I still get excited, man, when I get in the Word of God. Haven't seen anything like it. You know, you think after a while it'll get kind of old, you know. But, honey, it's like peeling off a skin off of an onion.

You just get down to another layer and you get more truth. And with that more truth, you get a greater blessing. How many likes to be blessed? But God blessed me with new set eyes.

Hallelujah. Praise God. I want to read a portion of Scripture here. I plan to.

The Lord might change my mind. But every time I minister between now and Christmas, I'm going to be preaching on something about Christmas. And I'm not preaching against Christmas.

I'm preaching for Christmas. But for the real reason. Jesus is the reason for the season. Amen? Not Santa Claus. Amen. I'm not knocking that.

But let's all bow our heads. Let's just go to the Lord in prayer even before I read tonight. Lord Jesus, we thank you, Lord God, for your great love and your great mercy and your great grace, Lord God, that you have saved us by.

Thank you, Lord God, for your great outpouring of your Holy Spirit upon us tonight. I wish, Lord God, that we'd all came in here, Lord, in one mind and one accord like they did on the day of Pentecost, Lord Jesus, ready to lift up your name. And, Lord God, ready to really magnify and glorify you.

But, Lord God, until we, Lord, can come into that unity of the faith, we thank you, Jesus, Lord God, for what little word we got. Lord, we sat around here last night, Lord, to one or almost two o'clock this morning. God, just getting your word. God, it was precious, Lord.

It was just, oh, it was just like pouring oil and wine, Lord God, in that old hungry, beaten down soul. Lord, we ask you tonight, Jesus, to bless your word one more time. Bless the ears that hear it. Lord, God, you said he that hath an ear to hear.

Lord, you're speaking of a spiritual ear. Give us a spiritual ear to hear your word tonight, Lord God, that it might be able to take root down inside of us, Lord God, to be able to bear fruit upward. So that when you come by us, Lord, we won't be like the fruit tree.

[2:04] Lord God, that's waving our leaves. But, Lord, no fruit there on. But, Lord, you'll be able to partake of us, Lord, because your word says by your fruit you should know them. We love and we praise you in Jesus' name. And everybody say amen. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. I kind of started out in the form of a question. When's the first time that Jesus Christ appeared on the scene in the Bible?

And I'm not asking you for you to give me an answer because I already know what the answer is. That's why I ask you the question. Everybody knows when Jesus was born in a manger?

Nobody was born in a stable, laid in a manger. I'll never forget how shocked I was when I went to Israel. And I wanted to see a manger. And I saw a manger. And it was just a cave.

Then I wanted to see where they buried Jesus. And that was another cave. A hewed out place and a rock. They don't dig it hole in the ground. They ain't got enough ground to bury them all.

But they dig out a place in the rock. And they put them in there in that rock. And so Jesus Christ, first time he came, that we see him in the flesh, we see him as a babe in a manger.

But that's not the first appearance of Jesus Christ. The very first appearance of Jesus Christ is in Genesis 1 and 1. And the Bible says, and God said, let us make man in our image.

Oh, no, no, no. God didn't say that there, did he? God said, God created the heavens and the earth. In the beginning, God created. Can you say in the beginning? God created.

Genesis 1. 1. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form and void and darkness upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of the Lord moved upon the face of the water.

And God said, let there be light. There was light. Amen. In the beginning, God. But go over to the book of John 1 and 1. And it says, in the beginning was the word. And the word was with God.

[4:08] And the word was God. And all things were made by him. And without him was not anything made that was made. You mean this same Jesus that I'm reading back in John 1 and 1 is the same Jesus that was back there in Genesis 1 and 1.

The exact same one. Can somebody shout amen? Amen. Amen. And that's just a couple of the scriptures that the Lord wanted me to go to tonight. Hallelujah. Just a few months ago, scientists discovered somewhere up here in one of them frozen countries up north, a meteorite.

And on this or in this meteorite, they discovered some bacteria. And they claimed that this meteorite came to Mars, from Mars. And it was in all the papers.

Life from outer space. There might be. You know why everybody got so excited about life from another world? Maybe there really are little green aliens out there and flying saucers going around.

You know, I see them now. They got big round face shape. And they got these little things out here. And they got these great big eyes. But you know, they're real weak and feeble. You know, you ever seen them? Why did the scientific community get so excited because of some bacteria that's been laying down around on a rock that's been down our floors for a few thousand years?

And the answer is because if that rock really had bacteria on it, and if that bacteria had really came from Mars, then it would do away. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The heavens and the earth. Amen. But scientists is continually and always trying to disprove the origin of man and the origin of the beginning of everything.

Anybody ever heard about the Big Bang Theory? You know what happened? God got mad and he caused the Big Bang. But that was in so far in the eons of eternity past. That was in eons before God said in the beginning.

God created the heavens and the earth. That was before that. In the ad. God created the heavens and the earth. And they had eternity that's in the past. Way back there. Time out of mind

That all that happened. Isn't it funny? Isn't it funny? That they claim right now that our universe is expanding. They watched the stars. Now, the stars that aren't expanding are the ones that are in orbit.

[6:30] The sun, the moon. Do you know how they set the celestial clocks? They got a clock that is within one fraction of a second every 365 days.

But yet, they have to adjust it because God's clock of the stars and the planets are perfect time. Isn't that amazing? That God can put them stars out there and put them on perfect timing.

But we can't take all of our technology and make a clock that will give you perfect time. Kind of amazing to me. But honey, it just didn't happen. But God caused it to happen.

Can somebody shout amen? Amen. Now, what's happened to the people today is there's a scripture here in 2 Timothy, the third chapter, five through nine, that kind of explains what's wrong with people today, these scientists and everything.

2 Timothy, 1 Timothy 3, five through nine. It says, I'm in the wrong place. Hold on. 2 Timothy, 2 Timothy, 3, five through nine.

[7:32] I'm sorry. This is what it says here. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away.

For of this sort are they which creep into houses and lead captive silly women, laden with sins, led away with divers' lust, ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Now, as Janice and Jamrays which stood in Moses, so do these men also resist the truth. Men of corrupt minds reprobate concerning the faith, but they shall proceed no further, for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as Janice and Jamrays also was.

Can somebody say amen? Amen. Now, I want to talk about the appearing of the Messiah in the Bible. What's he want, hon? Give it to him.

Well, let him down. Give it to him. You think I'd rather hear him cry or do I let him down? Somebody say amen.

[8:45] Amen. Turn me to the book of Hebrews, the first chapter. I've studied this for years and it still just blows my mind every time I read it again. The Bible said God.

You got there yet? Page 245 and you dig. God who had sundered times, sundered, that's not a word we use all the time, and it means different times, and in divers manners, which means different ways, spake in the time past unto the people and to the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.

Now, what's that tell you? See, there's a spirit here tonight that don't want us to worship God, and it don't want us to get the Word of God.

Amen? So why don't we all stand up right now and reach over and take somebody by the hand and just rebuke the devil because God's got something for us tonight, and if we can come out of here with one little seed of the Word of God and nourish it, it will grow, and God will give us the victory.

Amen? Let's all pray right now. Mighty God, I come to you. Lord, in the name of Jesus, I rebuke the devil. I rebuke this old spirit of Santa Claus. Lord God, that's coming into the church.

[10:05] Lord God, to try to drive back your Word. But, Lord God, we take power. We take authority over it. Lord God, you said one would put a thousand to flight. Two would put ten thousand to flight. Lord, as the body of Christ tonight, Lord God, we can set the devil out of this place.

Father, we ask it in Jesus' name, and we give you the praise and the honor and the glory for it. And everybody said amen. Woo! Somebody shout, woo! Praise the Lord.

Amen. God, who at different times and in different ways spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.

That kind of confirms what I said about Genesis 1-1 being the same thing as John 1-1. Can you say amen? Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Who being the brightness of his glory, I wish I had time to preach on all this, but I don't.

Who being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high, being made so much better than angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, sat thou on my right hand? Or this day have I begotten thy son. And again I will be to him a father, and he shall be to be a son. And again when he bringeth in the firstborn, first begotten into the world, he saith, and let all the angels of God worship him.

And the angels, of the angels he saith, who maketh his angels, spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son of God, he saith, thy throne.

But unto the Son of God, he saith, thy throne, O God. But unto the Son of God, he saith, thy throne, O God, is forever and ever.

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity. Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

And thou, Lord, in the beginning hath laid the foundations in the earth, and the heavens are the works of thine hands. Can somebody say amen? You need to read all that.

[12:31] I was trying to read it and I even, there's no good place to stop when you get into the word of God that God is revealing to you and he's showing you all these different things. I want to talk about ever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth.

How many people do we know sit in churches all across the land? You got dead preachers sitting in dead churches with dead people sitting in the pews getting a dead message.

From a dead God. Can somebody say amen? We even come to this church which is a live church and I'm a live preacher preaching a live message with a live word and we still did.

Amen? But God is wanting to bring us to the light and to the life. You know what the third chapter of John says? The third verse.

In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. All things were made by him and that him was not anything made that was made. In him was life and the life was the light of the world.

[13:33] The light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. Amen? Somebody shout amen tonight. Hallelujah. In verse 10 through 12 I want to read this again. And thou, O Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundations of the earth and the heavens are thy works of thy hands.

They shall perish but thou remainest and they shall wax old as of thy garment and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up. What's he gonna fold up? Huh?

What's he gonna fold up? The heavens. Let me read it again because you're missing it. Maybe I'm going too fast. Listen. Verse 10.

And thou, Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundations of the earth and the heavens are the works of thine hands. They shall perish but thou remainest and they all shall wax old as doth a garment.

What shall wax old? The earth and the heavens. And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up. What's he gonna fold up? The earth and the heavens.

You see, a lot of times I try to preach all this to you but there's not enough time to preach everything so I preach a little bit and then you know, you can preach on a new heaven and a new earth and a new city and a lake of fire.

White robes, white raiment and white linen and being naked. And all these things there are so many scriptures to back them up that it is actually mind-boggling. But you know, unless God has given you a spiritual mind to perceive the spiritual things of God you can pass it right on by.

How many of you have read that scripture before that I just said there? But yet you never understood that God is gonna fold up like a vesture the heavens and the earth. Amen. That's exactly what his word says right here.

Listen to what else he says. And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up and they shall be changed. But thou art the same and thy years shall not fail.

Somebody say amen. Hallelujah. Now, God has a master plan. God has a purpose. He will. God has a program. Somebody brought me a program the other night from a church somewhere and it had all the songs that they already had up.

[15:59] It had written down the opening prayer and who's gonna pray it. I'm surprised they didn't put what they were gonna say in it. And what song was gonna be sung and what offertory prayer was gonna be prayed and then who's gonna do that and then what message a preacher's gonna preach and how long it's gonna take and then it's gonna pray a concluding prayer at the end and then they were gonna sing a song and give an altar call and then tonight they're gonna do and have this so-and-so opening prayer and so-and-so doing this.

They had it all laid out. I mean, just they had a form. They had a program. Well, programs are good especially if you're trying to impress somebody and you're trying to look good.

But honey, we're Pentecostal holy rollers. Programs don't suit us too well. We like to be led by the Spirit of God. Amen? When I walk out here I don't know what song we're gonna sing.

I don't know who's gonna pray or who's gonna dance or who's gonna shout. The only thing that I know is that I'm gonna sing and I'm gonna dance and I'm gonna shout and I'm gonna preach I'm gonna jump and hoop and holler. Amen? You know why?

Because the Bible said love the Lord with all your heart all your soul all your mind all your strength everything you got. I tell you what when I play golf that's the only thing I'm able to do anymore because I can't run play basketball.

[17:19] Too old to play baseball all those other things. But what I do I do it with all my might. I try to be my wife always said Vance you just can't you know you just can't play the game you gotta play to win.

Well that's exactly right and it's just like going on for God. I'm not just playing this game to be playing this game. I'm playing this game to win. I don't wanna come in second or third.

Amen? I wanna come in at the new city. I'm gonna be walking through the doors. Amen? I want the doors to swing open wide and say welcome in thy good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Amen? Amen. Hallelujah. And I said all that to say that but God does have a program. This thing just didn't happen in the corner. Revelation 13 the Bible said the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world.

What's that telling you? That God had a plan before the foundation of the world. Also it says and the saints' names were written in the Lamb's book of life from the foundation of the world. You were in God's plan before He ever created the world.

[18:22] As seeds. We're all just seeds in God's hands. We start the same but where we land. Sometimes fertile soil and sometimes sand but we're all just seeds in God's hands.

Can somebody say amen? Amen. Saw a man the other day I hardly recognized. He'd done a lot of living since I last looked in his eyes. He told the tale of how he had failed.

What's the rest of it brother Daryl? Huh? He told the tale of how he had failed and the lessons he'd been taught. I forgot how the song went now.

But it gets down to this. We're all just seeds. Matthew 13 tells you that the good seed are the children of the kingdom. The good seed are the children of the kingdom.

And the seeds the good seeds are going to bring forth some 34, 64, and 100 fall. 100 fall, 64, and 34. Amen. That's what the good seed are going to do. How many wants to bring forth something to God?

[19:32] Hallelujah. The Son spoke the universe into existence. He made the worlds. Then God in the person in the body of Jesus Christ incarnate gave human form and came down and was born and become a little baby.

And it was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Lord willing I'm going to preach on swaddling clothes tomorrow if Sister Becky don't show up. I'm expecting her to show up but she hadn't called me to confirm it. So in case she don't I won't be preaching on swaddling clothes.

God just opened my mind to something I've never seen before. Can somebody say amen? Hallelujah. And God was in the person of Jesus Christ incarnate. You know what the word incarnate means?

It means God manifested in the flesh. You know what the Bible says? It said that God was manifested great is the mystery of godliness for God was manifested in the flesh.

Seen of angels preached on the earth received up in the glory great is the mystery of godliness. God God God God can somebody say God?

[20:39] Behold what manner of love that the Lord has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God and if we're sons of God then we're heirs of God and join heirs with Christ Jesus heirs to everything and the Bible says that Jesus Christ is heirs to everything and we're a joint heirs with him so everything do you know what that means?

Can your mind comprehend what that's saying? is that this world is nothing compared to the worlds he created the worlds it blows my mind I can't understand I can't you go out there tonight and I see that big old moon up laying up there and you know they claim that they went up there and they brought some rocks back moon rocks and you know and one small step for man one giant step for mankind and you look out past them and all the stars and the planets there's nothing holding them up there's nothing holding them out there when they go out there in a spaceship and they look back at the earth and it's not sitting on anything then I understand that the worlds were framed and are held in place by the word of God you may not know this every one of us is a world inside of every one of us is a world some of us inside of us is a world of iniquity but honey inside of some of us is a world of praise and honor and glory because our body is a temple of the living God your body what know you not that your body is a temple of the living God and you're not your own but you're bought with a price therefore worship God in your body and in your spirit which are Christ which belong to Christ can you say amen hallelujah now

God became man why did God become man God had God had a precise reason to become man so that man could become God in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth in the beginning in the middle God came down and became man and then after he became man he lived this life he walked like a man he ate like a man he felt like a man he cried like a man when he looked at Jerusalem Jerusalem how often will I get he had all the same appetites the Bible said that he was tempted in all like manners you and I are tempted yet without sin and then when his life was done and he went into the garden and crying and praying with his perspiration his sweat became his great drops of blood and him crying out

Father if it be possible let this cup you got to realize it wasn't just a Father if it be possible let this cup pass but if you can hear a woman giving birth to a baby when that baby is coming out of that birth canal and that screaming that's carrying on that's the same way that Jesus Christ was screaming in that garden because you know what he was doing he was giving birth to humanity how to do it that man could be made God again amen hey if there had been any sin in him it wouldn't have worked but because he had no sin there's no guile found in his mouth Isaiah prophesied it 850 years before he was born there was no guile found in his mouth perfect he made a way that brother Van there ain't no way that me and you can become God well you're right there's no way that me and you can but there's a way that God can change us change us let me tell you something how many believe that once you're saved this gets kind of far out that you're always saved you see what is it to be born again what are you going to do to be saved

Acts says that whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved how would you like to be saved in hell do you believe that in hell they're going to call on the name of the Lord in hell they're going to say Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords to the glory of God the Father in hell they're going to confess David said Lord if I make my bed in hell thou art there the rich man was clothed in purple and fine linen Luke 16 clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day but he died you know why did he die and go to hell because there was a beggar sitting in his gate begging crumbs that fell from the rich man's table amen and he did not have compassion on the rich man on the beggar moreover the dog came and licked his wounds and in the process of time the beggar died you know what happens when a beggar dies you know who a beggar is a beggar is somebody that don't think they got it made a beggar is somebody that recognizes there's a need in your life and you get down on your knees and you begin to cry out to God change me God a beggar is a Christian that says

[25:48] God I'm not satisfied with my life the way it is I know I'm saved I'm not satisfied just being saved I want to be like Jesus I want to walk like Jesus Lord you said I go away and if I go away I'll pray the Father is going to send you and the Holy Ghost came down inside of me and then you said the works that I do shall you do also and greater works than this shall you do I am not seeing the works I want that power to do the works can somebody say amen how many wants the power to do the works that Jesus did I mean I'm oh I don't want to get in there hallelujah so to experience our basic needs of mankind Jesus Christ came down from his throne in glory took on himself the form of a man and the likeness of sinful man was tempted like you and I are tempted what are our basic needs anybody here got any fears the seven basic fears of men I'm not going to preach on the seven basic fears but the seven basic fears that men have one of them is a loss of popularity you want everybody that good of you one of them is a loss of health one of them is a loss of your job your position we had some folks here just 25 days before Christmas go to work and the door is locked up you think that don't scare you to death now we can all say well don't worry

God's going to take care of you but you know what the Bible says if you see your brother in need and shut up your bowels of compassion unto him brother D called me this week and we're talking about trying to do something for some folks in this church because charity should start at home that have lost their job and we need to be able to bless them this church needs to be able to bless them can't be no great thing but it can well I take that back it can be as great as what you're able to make it great amen so what we're going to do I'm going to start receiving a special offering a special offering after we receive our tithes and we're going to do that to Christmas and then at Christmas we're going to get the folks in this church that have lost their job and we're going to bless them with that offering and five dollars ain't going to do it and twenty five dollars ain't going to do it

I've done read in the Bible that Jesus said Jesus said it's more blessed to give than it is to receive amen if we want to be like Jesus we got to learn to give but if we see our brother in need and shut up our bowels of compassion then how dwelleth the love of God in us it's one thing oh man the Bible preaches a whole message on this it's one thing to see your brother in need and say oh well God's going to take care of it which is sad to say what we do most of the time and most of the time God does work out some miraculous way but for this Christmas also I'm going to ask you to do something special tomorrow too if I preach tomorrow come ready because I'm going to give you one week to get it done but I've got something special that I'm going to have you do for me for the Lord if Sister Becky and I expect her to show up tomorrow she don't I'll do it next week but I guarantee it's going to bless you it's going to bless you but if you give in this offering that we're going to start receiving for these folks in this church that got their job cut off right here before Christmas then God's going to bless you again because it is more blessing to give than it is to receive can you say amen alright let me hurry along here I'm just about through redemption means buying back he came to redeem us from our sins the redemption means to buy back to release from sin and Jesus bought us by dying on the cross for our sins amen he who knew no sin became sin that we who knew no righteousness might become the righteousness of God in him not by any righteous work that we've done but because we believe in him and because we have faith in him his righteousness is imputed unto us in the place of our unrighteousness can you say amen now that's kind of theological thing and it's kind of difficult to understand but that's just the way it is that that that seed that

God put down inside of you when he saved you is a holy seed and that seed cannot sin can you say amen what was that seed that seed was the word of God that word of God that's inside of you cannot sin but what if you take that body of sin and go out and sin with it you see after you've accepted and received salvation and then you go out and sin when Jesus said I'll never leave you and I'll never forsake you he didn't say if with no if to it I'll never leave you I'll never forsake you if you make your bed in hell you're going to be right there remembering that you didn't have to be here if you make your bed in hell you're going to be right like the rich man when he looked up and saw that old beggar laying up there in Lazarus bosom Abraham's bosom crying father Abraham send Lazarus down here that he might put his finger in the tongue you know why because there's going to be something down inside of you that's crying out still crying out in hell and it won't end it goes on forever and ever and ever where the fire is not quenched and the worm doth not preach the message here back warning signs on the way to hell big siren screaming out stop stop don't go danger bridge out bad road ahead people just drive on by wave at the preacher on the church step trying to get everybody to come in oh preacher

I can't come to church tonight I got something else I got to do only one day when the rapture takes place you're going to be coming out here looking for the preacher the preacher won't be standing on the front steps trying to get you come in you're going to stop the preacher there the church is going to be empty amen because Jesus Christ is getting ready to come and the church is getting ready to go can somebody say amen man man Michael 5 and 2 he said but thou Bethlehem Epertah and the word Epertah simply means fruitful and there's another name for Bethlehem of old he said out of this shall come forth out of this shall come forth Bethlehem the word Bethlehem means house of bread what did Jesus say when he came he said man doth not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God except you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no part with me but thou Bethlehem Epertah even though you're little amongst all the nations yet out of this shall come forth a savior can somebody say amen let me get over to Micah 5 and 2 and read it real quick for you somebody say praise the

Lord but thou Bethlehem Epertah though thou be little among the thousands of Judah yet out of this shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel whose going forth has been from old whose going forth has been from old from the ancient from eternity past who's going forth it didn't just happen one day but God foreordained it preordained it that he would come forth do you know that this one scripture right here is the root scripture of all the other 333 prophecies that prophesy that Jesus Christ is going to come and is going to be a Messiah if you can comprehend what I'm trying to say but thou Bethlehem Epertah though thou be little among the thousands in Judah yet out of these shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel whose going forth whose goings forth have been from old of old from everlasting from eternity past eternity past can somebody say amen hallelujah it just didn't happen this thing wasn't done in the corner he just didn't have an afterthought no

God planned this thing out before he created the world he said this we got a plan amen all we got to do is just follow the plan he gave us everybody got a copy of the plan don't you you ever try to have a play and everybody didn't have a copy of the plan they didn't know their part everybody's got a Bible we know our part this is our part amen our part is to be sons of God our part is to be more than conquerors and our part is to be overcomers and our part is to be as he was so are we in that's our part that's our job that's our ministry can somebody say amen hallelujah I'm going to finish this up sometime later if it's the Lord's will let's all stand up and lift up our hands and praise the Lord tonight Lord Jesus we thank you Lord God for your love and for your mercy thank you Lord God for your great grace we thank you for this precious word Lord this word

Lord God is Lord God don't let us be found naked standing before you tonight Lord God let us found Lord being clothed with the word of God Lord God it's a light into my feet and a lamp into my path help us Jesus to walk Lord in the light of this precious word that you've given us Father because we love you we praise you we magnify you in Jesus name and everybody say amen and amen and amen hallelujah hallelujah we got big plans everybody got big plans how many got plans I got plans brother D come up here please sir you folks can be seated for just a moment you think we'll start taking this offering tonight you feel that all right let's uh where's that offering pan here use this tambourine how many appreciate brother D and sister

Downloaded from https://yetanothersermon.host - 2025-12-15 04:17:35

Debbie now God has brought these people back to our church and they are such a blessing that you don't know how much a blessing they are and this was brother D brother D calls me up in the week and he said my wife been thinking about this and praying about this and and we just want to see what you think and I think man I think it's great that you're concerned about what's going on in our church and about the people in the church amen hallelujah you want to say anything before you take it yes I just like to what what we're doing or what we Lord's put on our hearts to do is we've got a box back here in the back that anytime y'all come to church if you would if you think of it bring vegetables I don't mean raw vegetables canned vegetables okay I don't I got a refrigerator bring up all of them not can would you stand up and help me she has helped me she has blessed me all week I want you to know that but seriously you know break break canned goods is what we're asking for you know we're going to receive an offering every time we have church like I said what we're going to do is we're going to try to divide it up as equal as possible and give this the week of

Christmas to to people that need it and the ones that's lost a lot of them lost their jobs let's face it you know the Lord has blessed us and we couldn't ask for I mean he just blessed me so much that I just couldn't even thank you brother he has blessed us so much that I just brought it on our heart he's brought it on our heart to do this and if it's nickels, dimes, quarters, pitties I don't we don't whatever just just whatever you can you know give it in Jesus name if you've got a dollar give it in Jesus name and he'll give it back to you well if you've got a dollar give it in Jesus name if you've got a dollar give it in Jesus name give it in Jesus name give it in Jesus name and he'll give it back to you well if you've got a dollar give it in Jesus name if you've got a dollar give it in Jesus name if you've got a dollar give it in Jesus name and he'll give it in Jesus name and he'll give it in Jesus name and he'll give it back to you give it in Jesus name and he'll give it back to you praise the Lord

I learned that from Dave Rich Dave Rich about 30 years ago I think it's that you're wrong [39:43] you're wrong you're wrong you're wrong all right announcements announcements bebe we're going to pray practice tomorrow at 5 you've been having ladies prayer meeting when mondays at noon but nobody's showing up yeah yeah we're not we're just talking about people that don't work honey when you can't take it no more then you stop amen okay any other announcements to make amen and for the rest of you who may not know it uh

> Howard Happy Goodman passed away this week passed away this week bearding about Wednesday somewhere down in Franklin, Tennessee funeral was at Christ Church where that great big church down there were remember my dad when I call him people church when he said he felt like he couldn't get out his weather they do something like that amen and my sister had meeting at her job amen remember this amen and I told him he's going to make some good if I didn't turn but Bobby loves it he's real sick I mean he's down bad he can't I recall and can't he's he's been running out all week and the electrician called me y'all listen wait a minute come up here and put this on announcement!

> the electrician called me Monday or Tuesday and he called me now I didn't call him and said this coming up Friday he's done talk to LG&E; they're coming out to disconnect this one meter and they're going to re-hook the other one up so everybody pray about that because he called me this time so everything in its own time sister Wilson can you wait just a minute sister Wilson yeah sister sister Flo was just asking prayer for her remember sister Alma real sick sister Teresa sister Teresa I want to thank all the kids for getting up this morning and help me get out there it was cold but I want to thank them all for getting up and standing out there with us \$144 dollars now you could have sold candy for about a month and made that much money too that's okay that's okay alright sister Amanda's daddy's been sick need special prayer for him sister Kim

I don't know if y'all caught this but we got a lot of extra stuff Kim's got Kim and Teresa got a lot of extra stuff back here in the back still for sale two for a dollar two for a dollar two for a dollar two for a dollar you got donuts back there too hey these cupcakes are all made sister Belinda alright listen church isn't over yet sister Belinda sister Belinda would everybody please start saving your newspapers and bring them to church little kids have play practice Tuesday I wonder why we had two empty microphones up here most of the night nobody wanted to sing real thing it's that Santa Claus spirit I know what it is what I don't like about Christmas what about tickets

I still got crab tickets I still got crab tickets I got a few I'm not sure how many I got permission slips Permission slips?

[45:39] Have you got...