

# Resolved to Live – As a Witness for Jesus

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## **R<sub>2</sub>L – Resolved to Live: With a High View of the Lord’s Supper**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-34*

Please turn with me to 1 Corinthians 11; yes 1 Corinthians 11. I know I am throwing a curve ball at you; but as I was contemplating this week and our celebration and practice of the Lord’s Supper, I was compelled to address this matter as it truly is one of utmost importance to both individual believers as well as to the entire congregation. Let us read the text beginning in verse 23 and reading through verse 34:

*23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. 27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. 28 But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. 30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. 31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world. 33 So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. 34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment. The remaining matters I will arrange when I come.*

The practice of partaking the Lord’s Supper is to be a time in the life of the church where we recognize our oneness both with Christ as well as with the Body of Christ. Let make a couple of observations before we delve into our text. To begin with, please understand that there is no way to full explain and appreciate the wonder of what we will be doing during our second hour by way of one hour message. There have been over the years, issues of debate concerning the practice and nature of this command of Jesus. My desire this morning is simply to exhort true believers to remember the Lord, and to obey His command biblically.

And my concern lies not so much in some of the historic debates that have been argued, but rather, my concern lies in the great indifference that many believers manifest, often unwittingly about the importance of the Lord’s Supper and its meaning. Today, the Lord’s Supper is not so much a matter of great debate but has turned into a matter of great disinterest. Every bit as much as we strive to maintain a high view of God, a high view of Scripture and a high view of the Church, we have been called by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself to pursue the highest view of this command to “do this in remembrance” of Him.

So, let us be wary of being disinterested in this matter; that is my first observation. My second preliminary observation is this, that there are times that even we who are Bible believing Christians are guilty of imposing upon the Word of God what we think to be true about the Lord’s Supper. I would like to call us to come to the Scriptures this morning with the proverbial slate wiped clean as we seek to know God’s heart on this matter, regardless of our past experiences. We need to ask and answer the question this morning, “What says the Lord in this matter of the

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Lord’s Supper?” This will not be a typical sermon going through our text verse by verse, but rather one in which I would like to get you thinking through what it is we are doing when we partake of the Lord’s Supper.

With that said, I do not think that I will be stepping on your toes, at least not too hard. I would like to present to you three questions that we will also answer. Perhaps you already know all the answers to these questions and if you do, I am sorry I have nothing much to offer you. But I believe if we push ourselves past the programmed answers we often give, we might come to appreciate and delight all the more in our partaking of the Lord’s Supper. The three questions I would have you consider are:

1. Why should we partake of the Lord’s Supper?
2. When should we partake of the Lord’s Supper? and,
3. How should we partake of the Lord’s Supper?

## I. Why should we partake of the Lord’s Supper?

There it is, one of Pastor Ed’s famous, “duh” questions, right? Why should we partake of the Lord’s Supper? Everyone knows the answer to that question, right? Do you realize that there are a number of churches, traditions and even individual believers out there that do not believe it is necessary to partake of the Lord’s Supper; that do not believe it imperative to corporately, as a congregation, remember the Lord through the breaking of bread and the drinking of the cup? Maybe these seem fringe to you, but the Quakers and the Salvation Army do not hold a high view or practice this command of the Lord Jesus. And sadly, there are many in our evangelical churches that hold lightly their own participation in this ordinance. So, why should we partake of the Lord’s Supper? I guess a better question is this, “Should we partake of the Lord’s Supper? The simple answer is.... “yes” – but then we must ask ourselves why?

From the Scriptures, there are at least three reasons why we must partake of the Lord’s Supper. The first reason is this: the Supper was instituted, commanded and demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. In Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26, and Luke 22:17-20, we have the practice and the command clearly presented. It was important enough to be recorded these three times. Additionally, the Apostle Paul records this event in our text here in 1 Corinthians 11. And before you think John missed something, remember that he devoted five chapters of his gospel account, chapters 13-17, commonly referred to as the Upper Room discourse, a sermon, to focus on this very event of the Supper; revealing its importance and emphasizing this point that it was Jesus who instituted it.

The second reason I would give in answer the question as to why we must partake of the Lord’s Supper is that it was so clearly practiced in the early church as recorded in the book of Acts. We have touched on many of these in our current study of Acts, but let me have you turn with me to what ought to be a familiar verse, Acts 2:42, where we read,

***They [the early church members] were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.***

The words “***were continually devoting themselves***” is just one word in the Greek text that speaks of persistently, with earnest and commitment, accomplishing a task or event

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repeatedly. Strong concordance defines the verb this way saying, “to attend assiduously all the exercises.” And notice that one of the four exercises attended to assiduously (that is constantly and unremittingly) was to “the breaking of bread.”

But there is a third reason we can glean as to why we must partake of the Lord’s Supper. So imperative was the consistent practice of this event that our text, in this letter to the Corinthians, nearly some 20 years after the start of the church, Paul was compelled to explain it to them.

Let us remember that by the Lord’s command and by the practice of the early church we are offered just two ordinances that possess these three qualifications - instituted by Christ Himself, consistently practiced by the church in the Acts, and explained in the New Testament letters. They are the ordinances of believer’s baptism, and the Lord’s Supper. Beyond a doubt it is clear that we must be partaking regularly and reverently of the Lord’s Supper. However, I fear that some, even here this morning, will not be moved by such clear evidence. The service where this is practiced is already too late in the day some may say. We practice it twice a month, so it does not matter if I miss the event. Remember, Jesus commanded it, the early church practiced it frequently and it is explained in the New Testament as to its importance. Yes, we must partake of the Lord’s Supper.

There is in our text a verse that serves as indisputable proof that must partake of the Lord’s Supper. Notice with me 1 Corinthians 11:26 where we read, **“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”** Now, let me ask you this question; has the Lord Jesus come again? No. And since that is so, what is the implication of the text? We must continue to partake of the Lord’s Supper, as a church, until He comes. WE are to remember the Lord in the way He Himself has appointed until He comes. This is the very heart and desire of our Savior. It was Jesus who said in Luke 22:19

**“This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”** And then in Luke 22:20 He said, **“This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”** Remember the context of these verses, a body of followers of Jesus, all together. In this context Jesus gives the bread and cup as the means by which He wants us to remember Him while He is bodily absent, and to do so until He comes again.

Let me give you an illustration to help understand what Jesus was doing. WE could liken the Lord’s Supper to a photograph. The bread and the cup are emblems, pictures of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you were to go into my office you would find pictures of my wife and kids. If you had never met my wife or children, you might ask me, “Who are those people?” I would say, “That is my wife and children.” At that point, the person will not come to think that I married a picture or raised up a picture. Those are simply images, emblems of my family. It is more than acceptable for me to say, “That is my family” without fear that someone would misunderstand that it is just a picture.

Beloved, the bread and the cup picture for us the Lord Jesus. They are like a photograph because a day is coming when He breaks through the clouds, and catch us up with Him in the air. At that time we will be with Him and we will no longer need the picture because we will have the Person. So, the bread and the cup are simply tangible signs or emblems for us to remember the Lord Jesus in His absence. Here is the point; until He comes, and He is coming, we must remember Him and what He has done for us to secure our salvation, dying for our sins on the cross, having His body broken and His blood spilt in our place. We are not only to believe that He

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did this, we are, as a body, to remember this and this then is why we must partake of this Supper. Jesus prescribed it as the way He wants us to remember Him.

Let me remind you that that we must partake of this supper because the Lord Jesus instituted it, the early church practiced it and the Apostle Paul explained it. So then, as far as Jesus is concerned, as far as the apostles were concerned and as far as our New Testament letter of 1 Corinthians is concerned, *every believer has a standing appointment with the Lord Jesus Christ around His table.* To miss, neglect, or put off this appointment is to stand Jesus up. The implication is staggering to think about. Our Lord Jesus Christ misses us when we are not partaking the Lord’s Supper with the saints. I hope you do not find this to be too far reaching, but turn with me to Luke 7; Luke 7:44-46. Here is the account of Simon the Pharisee as Jesus came to his house. While there, a woman anointed Jesus. Picking up the story in verse 44 we read,

***44 Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. 46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.”***

Upon entering Simon’s house, this woman broke the ointment upon Him and anointed Him, and He turned to Simon and He rebuked him for not greeting Him with a kiss, nor meeting Him by anointing His feet. Beloved, if the Lord Jesus Christ missed the Pharisee’s kiss, and the Pharisee’s anointing of His feet with fragrant oil, how could you not think that He misses you when you are not around His Table to lavish love on Him? While we know the New Testament to teach our need to gather regularly with the church, and that our meeting times as a congregation are clearly implied by Jesus, it is significant to note that our presence and practice of the Lord’s Table is the only meeting that the Lord specifically gave us instruction. It is the only gathering at which the Lord has specifically requested, by divine invitation, that you be at. Yet the sad truth is that too many believers cannot bear to be there! Beloved, how can this be? For a believer who gives little regard to when their local church body partakes of the Supper, there is something wrong. There is something wrong when a believer does not have a high view of the Lord’s Supper. Why should we partake of the Lord’s Supper? Because Jesus has summoned us to it; because the early church devoted herself to it, and the New Testament thus explains it as important. We have been given an appointment with Jesus to partake of His supper. I pray that be enough reason for you to partake.

## II. When should we partake of the Lord’s Supper

This is always a fun question to deal with for a couple of reasons. First, the Bible simply does not tell us how often we are to practice the Lord’s Supper. And Second, the while the Bible does not tell us how often, it does expect that it would be often! Notice again in 1 Corinthians 11:26 that we see this two-fold answer of not how often but often when we read, ***For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.*** So we are left with the question, “How often is ‘as often’?”

We know from the book of Acts that in the earliest days of the church it was actually practiced every day! Look with me at Acts 2:46. It is important that we see how the early church

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valued this practice so that we might appreciate it all the more. In Acts 2:26 we read, **“Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart...”** I take the implication here to be that not only did the early church partake of the Supper daily; sometimes it might have been done multiple times in a day as they went from house to house. What was practiced during this time was a lot of hospitality; believers having other believers in their homes and the apostles would come and teach about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. At the end of their time, they would have a fellowship meal; it was called “the love feast” which was concluded by partaking of the Lord’s Supper.

Now turn over with me to Acts 20 where we see another instance of this. Paul is in Troas, the northwestern part of Asia Minor. Notice what we read beginning in verse 7,

**7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together. 9 And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead. 10 But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, “Do not be troubled, for his life is in him.” 11 When he had gone back up and had broken the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while until daybreak, and then left. 12 They took away the boy alive, and were greatly comforted.**

I would have you notice a couple of things here about the Lord’s Supper. First, so devoted to partaking the Lord’s Supper regularly, even the emotional and dramatic event of the death and resurrection of Eutychus did not keep them from partaking of the Lord’s Supper together. This Acts 20 passage may imply that the disciples ceased from breaking bread every day, and that they began the practice of breaking bread on the first day of the week - every Lord’s Day, Sunday. But let me repeat what I said before, the Bible does not say anywhere how often the Lord’s Supper should be practiced, rather it only says ‘as often’. Some people may appeal to men like Calvin or Spurgeon who all but said it must be weekly. I have no problem with weekly, or twice a month as we practice it, or even as often we might choose, but I refuse to lean simply on what someone thinks we ought to do rather than what the Bible has instructed us to do. We cannot be dogmatic about it.

When dealing with the question of how often is ‘**as often**’ some will offer the objection that breaking bread every Lord’s Day will result in a dangerous overfamiliarity, a taking it for granted; a turning it into a ritual. But such a charge of ritual could be made for a church that only practices it monthly, or four times a year. What any church needs to remember is that however often we partake; we do not want to cheaply remember the Lord. I would say however that the “as often” statement implies frequently, a word that certainly clears it up for us, right? My point is simply this, when it comes to the “when” question, so long as a church is seeking to rightly and often remember the Lord’s death for our sins as a corporate body and seeks to do so as purely as possible, then whenever that church has determined to practice the partaking of the Lord’s Supper, believers ought to do everything they can to participate. Why should you be so

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concerned? Because, as I understand the Scriptures, a person’s absence from the Table, particularly a habitual absence, is an indication of a heart that is wandering away from the Lord.

There is a second observation that ought to get us thinking about how much we value the Lord’s Supper. Did you notice as we read the Acts 20 text that their partaking of the Supper was at night? Turn with me to Luke 24:27-31. This is the account of Jesus meeting up with the two men on the road to Emmaus. I am just going to key in here on the close of this encounter:

**27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. 28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. 29 But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. 30 When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.**

Notice again, and I think this is significant, that the very first post resurrection Communion service was held in the evening. Now, I share this not to suggest that we ought not to break bread in the morning, but that we need to be careful not to make an unbiblical rule that says you have to do it in the morning, and you cannot do it in the evening. We need to see this point, that often our man-made traditions can obscure the simplicity of what was the practice of the early church. The point is this, when believers gather, be it in the morning, in the evening, whenever they come to worship the Lord and be taught the Word of God, there are to be regular times that the congregation also remember the Lord’s sacrifice by partaking of the bread and the cup. So, how often should we partake of this Supper? Frequently. This means that since our church practices it twice a month, some 24 times a year, that your goal is to be at the vast majority of such times. Because, as I said before, absence from such times is an indication of a wandering heart that does not fully appreciate what Jesus did for you on the cross when He called you to remember this time with His people. Is it not truth that when you love someone you want to be with him/her. If you love someone, her or she will often be in your thoughts. How often is a loved one on the mind? Often, and as often as you can, right? So, with regard to a loved one, there can be no overfamiliarity when there is intimacy. We ought to long for every opportunity honor the One we love, the Lord Jesus, every Sunday of course, but oh the beauty of remembering Him as He has commanded.

This brings me to other exhortation in this matter. Do you remember what Jesus said in John 14:15? In John 14:15, please turn there, we have the oft quoted but also oft neglected statement of Jesus. There He said, **“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”** May I gently challenge what you may think this verse says? So many think this verse means that you love the Lord by obeying what He has commanded, right? We love the Lord by doing what He says. Beloved, we never are commanded to love the Lord by obeying in heartless legalistic duty. Such is not love. What does this verse teach then? It teaches us simply this, *that if you do love the Lord, the result of that love is obedience.* In other words, obedience is not the cause of our love for Jesus, it is the fruit of our love for Jesus. Just as temperature is measured as the mercury moves up on the thermometer, love is what moves our obedience. If I come to church merely out of duty, thinking that such proves my devotion to Christ, I have become a legalistic

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Pharisee. But if it is love for Christ that motivates me to obey Christ’s commands because I cannot imagine doing or being anywhere else, there is then a sincerity and purity in my service. What does this mean? It means that by remembering the Lord via His Supper, such is a gauge of our love to Christ. Jesus said, **“If [since, because] you love Me, you will keep My commandments,”** I fear that there may be some here today to whom Jesus would say as He did to those in the church of Laodicea in Revelation 3:15-16, **15 ‘I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.’** The Lord’s Supper is a thermometer of your love to Christ - are you cold, or are you hot?

So we have seen why and when we should partake, let us note finally....

### III. How should we partake of the Lord’s Supper?

Turning back to our 1 Corinthians 11 passage, I would like you to note what Jesus said twice in verses 24-25. He said that we are to partake of the Supper **“in remembrance of Me.”** When looking at how we are to partake, and there is so much more in our text that I can deal with this morning, but the first means is with a consciousness, an awareness that Christ is in our midst. Let me say that again, we should partake of the Lord’s Supper with a consciousness that Christ is in our midst. Charles Spurgeon wrote a hymn I would like to read for you that points out this truth that in a truly spiritual way, our Lord Jesus Christ is with us as we partake of the Supper:

*Amidst us our Beloved stands, and bids us view His pierced hands;  
Points to the wounded feet and side, blest emblems of the Crucified.*

*What food luxurious loads the board when, at His table, sits the Lord!  
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet, when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!*

*If now, with eyes defiled and dim, we see the signs, but see not Him;  
Oh, may His love the scales displace, and bid us see Him face to face!*

*Thou glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, Thy present smile Thy grace imparts!  
Oh, lift the veil, if veil there be, let every saint Thy glory see!*

When we partake of the Supper, we need to gather how, with an awareness that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, by His ever-present Spirit, is in our midst. Beloved, we have forgotten this. Jesus and Jesus alone is to be the singular focus of our gathering and the Lord’s Table is a special observance of His presence. If we are to have a high view of the Lord’s Supper, we must rediscover and then fervently practice Christ as the focus in all that we do. You may say in effect that we already do this; this is already taught in our church as well as in many other solid churches. But, is it not true that some may gather not so much for Christ, but to hear a preacher; because of his fame or abilities? You know how I know this happens, because so often, if the regular pastor is absent for some reason and another man is asked to fill that pulpit, unless that man be some famous preacher, what happens to the attendance of most churches that day? Sadly, they decline, because too many attend services for the preacher rather than for the Person of Christ.

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Some gather because of loyalty to a denomination, and will not gather anywhere where their particular sectarian name is not above the door. Some gather to a building and you hear or people saying that they are gathering in ‘the house of the Lord.’ But this is not the house of the Lord, you, the people, are the house of the Lord. You are the living stones placed upon the foundation of the Cornerstone, who is Christ. We have lost this central focus on Christ. We are to gather to Jesus, to honor Jesus, to worship Jesus, to manifest our love for Jesus, which is done by keeping His commandments.

How are we to partake of the Lord’s Supper? With this awareness of the presence of Jesus. Now I must clarify something because it is also true that Jesus is present by means of His Spirit every meeting. Yes, indeed He is, and by faith we believe He is present. But by faith we are also to realize that when we gather for the Table, Jesus, who commanded this event, is also present. I suspect there are times when you may not “feel” that Jesus is here because you cannot sense His presence, or because the music or the message does not seemingly contribute to your feeling. But He is here and it is up to you by faith, believing His promise, to know that He is present.

As so, the question really is this, do we believe He is there? Just think of this for a moment: imagine if the announcement was made via the world media and from the pulpits that the Lord Jesus Christ would be appearing next Sunday night at Bud Walton Arena at 7:00 pm. Stay with me on this! Bud Walton arena holds about 19,000 people. But I would suspect that such a venue would not be big enough as word got out. I think that XNA would be flooded with flights coming in as believers made their way to meet with the Lord. Right?

And yet, the truth is, He is with us, right now, but it is a faith thing! He is with us by His Spirit. We are physical creatures and long for tangible things and that is why we have physical elements like the bread and the cup to then know by faith that He is with us as we partake. Do you believe that?

Someone has said that as we come to the Lord’s Table, we ought to be as ready as if we were standing before the very judgment seat of Christ. That is heavy! How are we to remember the Lord Jesus at this time? I find it interesting that this is called the Lord’s Supper rather than the Savior’s Supper. Where is the Lord Jesus? He is in heaven. He has been exalted and given a name which is above every name. He is the Lord Jesus Christ, and while we are to remember His death, we remember that He is no longer on the cross; we remember Him as the Lamb that was slain for our sin, but we worship Him as the exalted Lord! According to 1 Corinthians 11:23-34, there are five “hows” we need to practice.

First, we must **look up!** This is the Lord’s Supper! Six times in these verses Jesus is referred to as the Lord, the exalted Lord. We must look up!

Second, we must **look back.** As we already noted, Jesus twice said, in verses 24-25 that we are to do this in remembrance of Him; of what He accomplished on the cross.

Third, we must **look out.** In verse 26 we read, **“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death...”** Partaking of this supper is a sermon that we are to preach.

Fourth, we are to **look forward** as we are to preach this sermon, according to verse 26, **“until He comes.”** We preach and preach this sermon, we partake and partake of this meal **“until He comes”** - until faith gives way to sight, and the picture is removed, and we stand face-to-face with the with Jesus, being made Him as we see Him as He is.



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Fifth and finally, we are to **look in**. In verse 28 we read, **“But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”** This is profound and ought to affect how we will partake this morning and every time we do this. As we come to the table we need to ask ourselves, *“Am I ready to meet with the Lord at His table where I am to remember what He did for me?”* Are you? Did you ask such a question of yourself this morning? As you washed your face, brushed your teeth and had a bite of breakfast, did you recall that you were going to be in the presence of Jesus, before His table, ready to stand before Him. Are you ready to stand before Him as if you were before His Judgment Seat? Is that the way you should come? What did Paul say in verse 31? ***But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.*** Beloved, we need to look in and examine ourselves, to confess any unconfessed sin before we come to His Table. How should we remember Jesus? Carefully, thoughtfully, intimately, and lovingly as this is the love feast where we remember Christ.

Let me finish with a story D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones records it in his book ‘Spiritual Depression.’ It speaks of the days of the Covenanters in Scotland. A young girl was going to attend the Communion Service held by the Covenanters on a Sunday afternoon. Now you need to know that in those days that the law of the land forbade the practice of any remembrance of the Lord’s Supper, other than by the established Church of England. The soldiers of the King of England were instructed to look everywhere for anyone who was a nonconformist in that matter and was going to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Now as the girl was just about to turn a corner on her way to break bread when she came face-to-face with a band of soldiers and she knew she was trapped. For a moment she wondered what she was going to say, she didn’t want to lie, and yet at the same time it would be deadly to tell the truth. Immediately upon being questioned, she found herself answering in this way; she said, “My elder brother has died, and they are going to read His will this afternoon. He has done something for me, and He has left something for me, and I want to hear them read the will.” The soldiers allowed her to go on.

Beloved, my elder Brother has died and we are going to read His will in a few moments and we will do it again on the third Sunday of the month as well. He has done something for you, He has left something for you - do you want to be there to hear His will? Let us pray.

Father, help us never forget the agonies of Gethsemane and the Cross. Help us never forget Your love for us. Lead us to the remembrance of Calvary. Lord, touch the hearts here this morning that are not remembering the Lord Jesus, and help them remember. Help us remember to be in the presence of the Lord Jesus by faith and not miss the opportunity of worshipping Him for what He has done and for what He has given to us. Help us be resolved to live with a high view of the Lord’s Supper, to remember to look up, to look back, to look out, to look forward and to look in that Jesus Christ may be praised and proclaimed. Amen.

*Soli Deo Gloria*

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