

The Value of Spoils

By: Walter Wilson

Announcer:

...Many of you have in the Biola Hour and I know that many of you probably you've never met him, but you have of course heard him over Biola's hour. He's going him to tell us just a bit about the conference and then he will introduce the speaker this morning, [inaudible name].

Announcer 2:

Doctor Wilson has had a number of professions and as I think about introducing him, I hardly know what to say. I could say that he sold tents to PT. Barnum and Buffalo Bill and Ringling Brothers. I could tell you that he carried on a medical profession. He delivered hundreds of babies for over a period of 25 years in his medical profession. I could tell you of course that he is a writer and author of a number of books and tracts and articles. And I could tell you that he started a Bible college which is today known as Calvary Bible College in Kansas City. I could tell you that he founded the Central Bible Church of Kansas City and as an outgrowth of that missionary churches throughout the entire Midwest. I could tell you that he is beloved of God's people throughout the entire nation. But instead of telling you any of this, I'm going to do as the Lord did when he brought Lazarus back to life. He simply said loose him and let him go. Ladies and gentlemen, Dr. Walter Wilson.

Announcer 3:

We're going to put a chair here, if we may, so that Dr.

Wilson can relax just a little bit. He's just a youngster, but sometimes he gets vertigo and we don't want him to think that he's upside down when he's in the pulpit trying to straighten us out. So we think this would be a good idea. We'll get him seated right here. When you're comfortable, we'll just let you go.

Thank you.

Wilson:

Thank you. Thank you very much. After hearing all that about myself, I feel like a fellow standing in the park, looking down in the lake, very placid lake, perfectly smooth on top of the lake. He's looking at the moon, the full moon up there in the sky reflected down in the water. And the park policeman came along and said, what are you doing here? He said, Mr. What's that I see down there in the water. He says mister that's the full moon. Are you so drunk you can't tell the full moon when you see it? Yeah, I thought that was the full moon. How come I'm up here looking down on it how'd I get up so high? The Bible is the only book written by Jews that's loved by Gentiles. The only book written in the Orient that's loved in the Occident. The only book that sinners hate and Christians love. It's the only book without a mistake in it from start to finish. The only book in my long medical practice I've ever known anybody to want when they

were dying. It's the only book I know of that meets the need of everyone from the cradle to the grave.

And I love it. I hope you do too. When we go to the grocery store, you know what you're going for. You aren't going just to look around. You go because you want to get certain things. When you go to the drugstore, you go to get certain things and you know what you're going for. You go to the druggist or you go to the doctor or the dentist or any place else. You know what you're going for. Beloved I hope you knew what you came here for this morning. You just have a general idea of going to church. Do you know in the 63rd Psalm. I'm not going to preach on that. Talk to you about for a minute David said, o God, thou art my God, early will I seek Thee. My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land where no water is to see thy power and thy glory. So as I've seen thee in the sanctuary, because thy loving kindness better than life, my lips shall praise Thee. And this man was a king. We don't know when he wrote that psalm. He might have written as a boy, but not likely.

Well, he was in the wilderness of Judah, so he's about 25 years old when he wrote this, and he had been appointed to be king by Samuel. But this dear man, facing more troubles than you and I have ever known, had time to tell us his heart was hungry for God. That ought to be our purpose in coming together beloved, to find something that will meet the need of our hearts and souls. In my medical practice, and I've been practicing since 1904, people came to me and they knew what they came for, came to find out. And I tried to analyze the case. I didn't just say, now you just take a lot of sodium bichloride and you get well. I tried to find out what was wrong, and then they'd tell me what was wrong or I would find out. I found the remedy. Now, you precious folk.

That's the way it is with the church and with the gospel meetings. We ought to come with something in our hearts that we want, something that happened during the week that we couldn't answer, or some desire in our souls that this has been roused by things during the week, or maybe some question about our soul's welfare.

And then we come to hear this man of God that you have for your pastor and others, some school teachers and others here to get that particular thing answered. So I want to talk to you about that if I may in Psalm 116, 119 excuse me at verse 162, I rejoice at thy word as one that findeth great spoil. Isn't that lovely? I rejoice in thy word as one that findeth great spoil. I wonder if we feel that way about our Bibles it's a lovely thing to do. And I want to talk to you about some of those spoils, if I may. Spoils, of course, is what an army gets when it invades another country and gets the gold and the silver and the stones that are there and the china and all the wonderful antiques that may be there. They get the spoils. And this dear man who wrote that psalm said I rejoice at thy word as one that finds great spoil. Things that are worthwhile, things that are lovely, things that are beautiful, things that are attractive. And this dear man we don't know who wrote that psalm. I couldn't find out. But when David was talking about his Lord, he said, my soul thirsteth for thee as the heart panteth after the water brooks.

So panteth my soul after thee, O God. I wonder beloved if we feel that way. When I was practicing medicine for a living, I had lots of children, I'm so glad to see so many young people here today. I hope you won't go to sleep while I'm talking. I love the young people. [inaudible]. My wife had them. I didn't but I helped to raise them. But when the mothers came to say, My child won't eat I said, I'll tell you what you do. A half hour before each meal, morning, noon and

night, you give your child a few drops of lemon juice under the tongue. Five or six or eight drops of lemon juice under the tongue. By the time meal time comes, they'll be ready to eat everything on the plate except the flowers. I do that with grown folks, too. And I hope that this portion of the word of God will give you, like lemon juice under the tongue a longing for that lovely Lord a longing to know Him and see Him in a new way and precious way until your heart loves him and you sing he is so precious to Me. And you sing it from your heart. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly and just sing it from your heart a rock of ages cleft for me.

Let me hide myself in Thee and you sing it from your heart. That's what I hope this message will do for our hearts today. So do we need to fall in love with that lovely Lord, I rejoice at they word as one that findeth great spoil. Now, in Exodus 33 verse 21, read about the rock. Thou shalt suck honey out of the rock and oil out of the flinty rock. The rock might be two different things, but I'm going to speak to it as the Lord Jesus, he's Rock of Ages. The reason it's called the Rock of Ages is because he suits all the ages. I had a patient that was 97 years old. She had trusted the Savior when she was 15 and she told me all those years how he had been so precious to her starting out when she was just a little girl. I wonder, beloved, if he's precious to your heart. That's the difference between Christianity and religion. In religion, you just adopt a few ideas and notions and you believe they're all right and you join that outfit. But Christianity is falling in love with a man. This lovely, wonderful man.

Christ Jesus, our lovely Lord. He wants your heart, not you. He wants you and your heart. I had a man working for me in my office. I had a tent factory with 300 employees building tents for Buffalo Bills, Ringling Brothers and those fellas. And one day my office manager came and said

Walter, [inaudible], I got to get rid of Helen. I can't live with her. Three angels couldn't live with that woman. A few days later she came in and said doctor Wilson, I'm sorry to tell you, but I can't live with Fred. He's impossible. Three angels couldn't live with him. That same three angels? I think. So I had them meet me in my office Saturday afternoon and they came both and they didn't know the other one was coming. I told them not to tell each other. They met in my office. I had them sit down to the table. She on one end he on the other end facing each other. Now you kids tell each other just what you think of each other and don't hold back a thing. Tell the whole story. So they did, with graven trimmings. When they got through, Fred said to her I told him not to interfere at all.

While they're talking. Fred said, Helen, don't I give you everything you want if you say anything you want around the house or for yourself. Don't I get it for you? She said yes, you do, Fred. You give me everything except yourself. It's you I want, not your gifts. Listen, precious ones. That's what he feels about. That's exactly where our lovely Lord feels about. He wants you and me and you find in Christ Jesus great spoil. A Rock of Ages, he's called. And we're to suck honey out of the rock. Suck Honey, you don't suck the water. We got three things out of the Rock of Ages honey and oil out of the flinty rock we read in the 33rd of Exodus [note: actually in Deuteronomy 32], and water. But the water flows out in rivers, not in dribbles and drops. It flows out in rivers it says. He ought to be that to you and me. The Holy Spirit is the water of life, the Lord Jesus, bread of life. We ought to have a deep, heart hunger to know him and come to the church longing to hear more about that lovely Lord. And then before you come, get something for yourself at home.

Something out of the appraiser word. We suck honey out of the rock. You read some scripture that makes your heart jump up and down for joy. Last night I had a bad night of it somewhere. I got to think about 10:00 about the attributes and virtues of the Lord Jesus. I just couldn't go to sleep. Some of the precious scriptures, they were just full of juice and honey and love of God that poured into my heart and soul during the night. He wants that from you and me. Not just we're Orthodox, and we're nice and honest, and we don't chew tobacco, and we don't spit on our neighbor's front porch. We don't beat our mother in law. We're nice. That ain't what he's talking about. He's talking about being in love with that lovely man, Christ Jesus, our Lord. So when he met Peter, he didn't say, Will you start a missionary society for me? He said, do you love me? He didn't say, you have to build my church. He said, do you love me? Praise is one. That's what he wants. And he's the rock of ages out of which we should get some honey.

So to not only just read the doctrines of our lovely Lord, and they're absolutely wonderful, and we have to have them, that's the bones on which the rest of business is built. And there are 206 bones in your body, three in each ear and 200 in the rest of your body. I know you're very much interested in that specially if you have arthritis. Let me ask you, precious ones, do you really know him and love him and tell him so sometimes? Helen said yes, Fred, you don't give me yourself. I wonder if he has to say that to any of us. I know we live Godly lives or seek to. I look back over plenty of my life that hadn't been so Godly and hate it, sorry for it. But I'll tell you, he wants to see whether your heart's in love with him or not. Suck honey out of the rock. Then there's another lovely thing that you read about our lovely Lord. It's in Exodus 30. No it's in uh I'll tell you in a minute. I use my brain for 87 years. It's about worn out. Deuteronomy 33:12.

Ephraim shall dwell between the Lord's shoulders. I love that. We have a missionary society out among the Navajos Flagstaff Mission Navajo we started some years ago, four of us.

And I've seen so much of it there among those Indians. They're little sweet baby, and they're very dear little things, all of them are, when they're good. But they're on the back of Mother, in between mother's shoulders. They don't care a thing about the road, how rough it is, how wet it is, how muddy it is, how hot it is. That dear little sweet thing resting there in the cocoon business on the back of the mother. Resting there. He says that to you. I know you have burdens and plenty of troubles. I know you don't get to your age without having a few tears. I'm glad God gave us tears. And sometimes you want a good Bible study. Look up to some of your tears in your Bible. It'll make you [inaudible] it's wonderful. And God gives us tears because he knew we were going to need them. And between the Lord's shoulders you just forget it all because he's there. Let me ask you, beloved does the presence of the Lord fill your heart with gladness and peace and rest about everything? Remember the 23rd Psalm? He makes me lie down, makes me rest leads me aside the quiet waters.

He restoreth my soul. I will fear no evil because I want you to notice that I fear no evil because Thou art with me. I love that Thou art with me. His presence, precious ones that ought to give us the sweetest peace no matter what the trouble is in the home. I remember a woman came in my office, said, dr. Wilson, she'd been listening to me on the radio, and I believe you're, honest. I want you to tell me if I have a cancer. So I put her on my examination table, my examiner, and I said, yes, you do, sister. You may live three months but you got a very fast growing cancer and it's in a bad place. I saw something, precious ones I've never seen in my life anywhere else. I

helped her off the table onto a chair that was in the office and she started to cry. And I supposed it was because of what I said to her, but it wasn't. She looked up toward the ceiling, said lord Jesus, I love you for giving me this cancer, letting me have it. I love you. You know, Lord, I thought I was going to have to live to be a real old woman and die as an old woman.

Have folks taking care of me. Now, I'm going to come and see you in about three weeks. I love you. Oh it's wonderful I'm going to see you so soon. Lord Jesus. I love you for it. She went out of my office singing. He was with her. I will fear no evil because Thou art with me. I had a woman on the operating table one time up Research Hospital and we got her all ready for the operation. And Doctor put the mask over her face for the anesthetic. And she said to him, Is my doctor here? He said yes. He's here. Come in, Doctor Wilson. I was standing over at one side. I went on, I put my hand in under the sheet and took her hand in mine. Ellie, I'm here with you, but stay with you, she said. I heard her whisper and said, give me the dope now. He's here. And I was her peace. Listen, let me ask you, is he your peace? Is he? Financial troubles, physical troubles, troubles in the home, troubles everywhere? You have peace because he's there? I'll fear no evil, for Thou art with me. That's sucking honey out of the rock and the oil out of the rock, that's the Holy Spirit.

It's wonderful to know him listen, precious one, when you open your Bible to read it and study it. Say Holy Spirit, tell me what I need. I know what I need. You wrote it. You're the best one to interpret it and explain it to me. I'm expecting you to teach me or reprove me. Whatever it is I need, you give it to me, Holy Spirit, and I tell you beloved, he'll make the darkest place in the Bible shine for you, look like desert spots. He'll make them full of green things for you. He

knows the meaning of all of it. He's best able to teach us, and I love to go to Him. I went to him one day about a verse [inaudible]. You ever preach on that verse, Pastor? [inaudible] Wonderful verse. I couldn't get anything out of the thing, and so I went to the one that wrote it, asked him about it, but he went by it and he told me. And it was so wonderful to me that when I was in Philadelphia, I gave that message to the employees at Sunday School Times when I was in Chicago I gave the employees the Christian Life magazine when I was in over in Wheaton, I gave the employees the Scripture press.

I tell you, that was full of honey and oil. And whatnot I got out of that verse [same unclear phrase, sounds like "par bar western Fourth Causeway into a Par bar" first Chronicles 18:16. The one that wrote it is best able to explain it, and the Holy Spirit is the one that wrote it. Go right to Him about it, and I tell you he'll give you what you need. Not only not always what we want, the Lord is more interested in giving us in making us what he would have us to be than he is in giving us what we'd like to have. Remember that he's far more interested in making us what he wants us to be than he isn't giving us what we'd like to have. And the Holy Spirit takes the things we need. He knows who you're going to meet tomorrow and what you ought to have to give the person. If you go out on your way to office, want to win somebody for the Savior on the way, go to the Holy Spirit about he's, the Lord of the Harvest and he'll tell you what to say and how to meet that precious person. And that's the most unusual thing.

I could keep you all day telling you about it. Listen beloved, getting oil out of rock go to that lovely Savior who gave the Spirit of God to you. Send him to you and he lead you to Christ. He's the teacher. Go right to Him about it and look to Him to tell you what to say when you meet that

friend tomorrow and how to say it might be a Christian that needs help. Lots of God's dear people have heavy hearts, lots of them. And a smile hides it. We're very clever at hiding our feelings. But I want to tell you, beloved, my long years of experience, almost everybody has a bug under the chip somewhere. Some trouble is there sorrows and grief that they hide from others. And that lovely lovely Spirit of God, he loves to tell this person about that lovely Savior who came to heal the broken hearted, to take our troubles away. Do you remember he gave us three methods of getting rid of our anxieties and troubles? This is more, honey, out of the rock. The Lord Jesus said in the 8th of Hebrews your sins, that's the deeds and your iniquities, that's your thoughts.

Evil thoughts and wicked thoughts and wicked desires. If we carried them out, we'd be sinning, but if we don't, they're just iniquities. And our iniquities were laid on Jesus. Well, the Lord Jesus said, your sins and your iniquities will I remember no more. I'm glad you didn't put a period after remember. No more. Then in the 10th chapter, Hebrews, the Holy Spirit said it says so says he said it your sins and your iniquity, I remember no more. That's the Holy Spirit himself. Then back in Jeremiah 31, I think it is, the Father says it, too. The Father says it, and the Lord Jesus says it, and the Holy Spirit says it your sins, that's the deeds. And we have plenty of them don't we. And your iniquities in their multitude will I remember what's the rest of it? No more. And then I suggest you if he forgets them, you forget them too. If you bury them under the garden, leave them stay there. Don't drag the old dead cat up and make God smell it again. If you buried them under the bug, leave them there. Forget all about it, honey out of the rock and oil out of the flinty rock.

I love that. And then there's another one in Psalm 16, verse eight I have set the Lord say, by the way, that Psalm 16 is a sweet P psalm. All the principal words in that psalm begin with the letter P. It's a lot of them, starts out with letter P and ends up with the letter P. It's a sweet P Psalm. And David said, I have set the Lord always before my face. I have set the Lord always before me. And the 41st he said, lord, you sent me always before you. There they are, looking at each other. Isn't that lovely? Don't you love that? I've set the Lord always before my feet. When I was in Chicago studying medicine at Northwestern Medical College, I had a picture of my sweetheart there, nice, big one set on the sideboard bureau, whatever they call it. And boy, I kissed the barnish off that thing and I looked at her and I loved her. Looked forward to the time I could come and live with her. Boy, something. Have you set the Lord always before your feet so you can be looking at his lovely face marred more than any man's. Terribly marred.

They tore the hair out of his cheeks. You know what dull razor does to you. You men. They tore the hair out of his face and then spit on his face on top of it. His face was marred more than any man's because he loved you and me. He wanted you and me to come and see him and see the wounded hands and feet inside and love Him. Say my Jesus I love thee. I know thou art mine. Beloved, that's what he wants of you and me. A devoted personal love so that we set Him before us and he sets us before Him so he can see us all the time. Never forget us, never evade us, never avoid us. Always loving to meet our needs and to train us and mold us. And I'm glad he does that. He wants to make us like Christ. That's the only thing we're predestinated to be like Him. We are predestinated to be conformed to his image. That's predestination. Would you like that? I like to see the sinners. Would you like to be just like the Lord Jesus? And they always say no. I never got yes for one yet. And I don't find many Christians who want it either, I'm sorry to say.

To be as near like Him as is possible for a redeemed sinner to be in this world. That's what he wants, and that's the predestination that we have. We Christians. We're going to be just like that lovely Lord somehow. Don't ask me to explain it, because I can't. I only love it. You can believe in love a lot of things you can't explain. We were going to be like that lovely savior and we ought to want to be as near like Him now as possible and say, Lord, do it now. Start writing on me now to make me near like that precious Savior as it's possible for Redeemed sinner to be. Well, God bless you. My time is up. Radio, I think, has gone off. I can't see it up there. I've got a bad eye and a worse eye over here. I've been using it a long time. But every eye shall see Him. Isn't that lovely? Every eye shall see him. And what do you suppose we will say when we meet Him? What are you going to say when you meet the Savior? I wonder if he'd be like that dear man of God who said, My Lord and my God.

That's all he could say. I think maybe that's what we'll say. What else could we say? That lovely, lovely Lord fall in love with Christ today, then you come the rest of the week. These other dear men of God I know all of them but one. I'm going to know Him before we get through this business. Lovely men of God. I've been with Jack workson over in New York on his radio. Been with all these men, practically. And I love those men. And they'll bring to you knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Make you shout and Baptist or something. Let us pray. We look at thee Holy Spirit to bless thy precious word to our hearts. We want to know our Lord Jesus so much more that he will be everything to us. We want him to be everything to us. We want to be as near like Him as we can be. So we commend ourselves to be in Jesus' lovely name. Amen.

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Announcer:

Shall we keep our heads bowed for just a moment.

[hymnal chorus plays]

Before we sing the next stanza, don't leave with regrets. Please come as we sing one more stanza for you. You've raised your hand. Many of you did. Now settle it with God. Before this day is over, it may be that some of you would like to unite with our church. And Wednesday night the names will be presented. Perhaps you would like to come this morning and say, by that evidence that you want to become a member of North Redondo Chapel. We ask you to come on this next Stanza please.

[hymnal chorus plays]

I know that many of you will want to meet Dr. Wilson and Brother Sanders. They will be here at the front at the conclusion of the service. And our Father, we thank you this morning for this wonderful, wonderful, inspiring message. The exaltation of our Savior through the life and ministry of this dear man. And Lord we pray that not one will go away this morning without having met the Savior. Some that are tossing this in the balance just now, questioning what they should do, how we pray that even after this benediction they shall seek us out and say I want this settled today. We commend them unto thy grace just now and now. May grace, mercy and peace from the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost rest and abide upon each of us now and forever.

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[ends with hymnal chorus]