The Bride's Journey In The Song Of Solomon – 6 Pastor Jesse O'Dorisio – March 6, 2024 Bible Text: Song of Solomon 1:11-17

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Hallelujah, Let's open our bibles tonight back to the first chapter of the Song Of Solomon; the bridal journey in the Song Of Solomon. I was thinking and asking the Lord just so touched my heart, and just why is this Song Of Solomon study so important. Well, He's calling to us isn't He? He's singing to us saints, that's what He's doing, He's singing, and he's singing and calling to us so that our hearts will fully awake to knowing this song is ours. See, the bride knows this is her song. It isn't just a chapter in the bible, this isn't just a wonderful literary beautiful poem about lovers, this is the song to the bride of Christ. And I thank the Lord, this again this is the word that has always been; this song has always been. He's waited to sing this song to you. I mean really, this isn't just being romantic, it's the truth. The word's always been; this is always been there; it's always been there for us. All of the words, we understand this, but especially what we're studying and rejoicing in, and hearing sung to our hearts it's incredible. And His encouragement to us is incredible, and it's the truth in love, it's the Spirit in truth, it's the word of His grace that inspires your heart on to winning Christ, that's it. It's not determination, it's not your effort, it's not by your might, we know this is Spirit, and His Spirit is the one that guides the camel train. 02:07

His Spirit is the One guiding that camel train that takes the things of Christ which He has all of them that He's given to you and He shows them all to you along the way, and we're almost home. Praise the Lord we're almost to the Bridegroom. But this loving encouragement I thank God last week even after this in a sense this distraction where she was overtaken by ones that wanted her to be busy with their stuff. You ever have ones that want you to be busy with their stuff and get you out of the one stuff thing; the best part? You understand that, those are the ones like Martha, those are the ones, the critics that are always analyzing your life as you're sitting there at the best part at the feet of Jesus. Thank You Jesus. And they come in all different packages they already speak, don't they? There's one thing about all those packages, they never really look right to man, they come with lots of problems, they come with lots of issues. But those are exact, complete, wonderful, ordained gifts of God that brought you to the feet of the lover of your soul. Aren't you thankful you know that?

Last week even after all of that distraction she had how does He start off verse eight? O thou fairest among women. Never forget that translates O my most beautiful wife. That's the first thing this Guy says. You've been distracted, ignored Him, you know how we are and it's always like Mary in the garden; Mary, spoke her name, Mary and here He is to us My most beautiful wife. Then He says come take the closest place to Me, I want you right there right next to my tent. You know I've adorned you, what did He say there? I've given you the wedding earrings, the necklace, you're the pearl of great price to Me, and with all that she's now ready to respond, and she really does respond in such a height. And I thank God this is how we interact with the Lord as we grow up unto Him in all things, we begin to interact with Him as a spouse don't we; you understand that? We don't come in fearfully, we come in a thanksgiving, but yet in a boldness, and the boldness that we come in to God with is His love for us. We know how He loves us. Yes, we're accepted in the Beloved, the depth of this love, this intimacy that the Lord has called us to know. 05:17

So, she's ready to respond, and she's ready to respond with knowledge and understanding, not just with just zeal, but zeal according to knowledge. Thank God people can get excited about Jesus. We should be the most excited about Jesus because of the knowledge by the grace of God, the knowing, the intimacy of the love that the Lord has given us through Paul's gospel. And what great love He has to hers as to how she'll respond to Him now. What grace has made her is how she's going to respond to Him now. What mercy has called her to be, the love wherewith He has adorned her, and best of all how He sees His predestinated wife; it's always been you honey. Know that with every single choice of God all these cast of characters from Moses to David, to Aaron, to Abel, to all of these wonderful Sara, Bathsheba, it wasn't going to be anybody else. It couldn't be because that was the election of God. That was who He foreknew, He predestinated. Nobody else was going to be in that place and that pew but you Brother James, and you Brother Alex, and you Brother Mark. That's it, this is how God works, He's that ordained in ordaining our steps, the good works wherewith we walk in. 06:58

I'm so thankful to God I'm convinced, I'm confident in His grace, in His grace, in grace's choice, grace's choice. By grace, grace gave me grace's choice because grace chose me; that's grace for grace praise God. Now, here's a response in verse eleven. She says, we will make Thee borders of gold and studs of silver, Now I thank God for all the word through these years that the Lord has built up in my life, built up in your life the word of His grace builds us up, gives us an inheritance among all them that are sanctified amen? If we're going on in the grace of God is there ever a stopping of that building? No, it just becomes more magnificent all the time, doesn't it? Praise God, that's what grace does. That's why Paul says that we need to have understanding, we need to be careful how we build thereupon. Yes, upon what Paul and what was given to him that foundation which was laid of the bridal message. So, we need to again be aware that thanks be to God that we continue to build upon it. And we know again that's just the grace of God that's with us, but I am appreciative in this eleventh verse in hearing that about the borders, and the gold, and the studs of silver and so many different facets of that diamond that had been brought out, but I thank God for the time of the much the more that we have right now. 08:48

Brothers and sisters by the grace of God we are this bridal company. We are this company that comes and makes for Him the borders of Gold and studs of silver, and this border it's so beautiful, what the border is, it's just a circle of gold that goes around the head. A circle of gold that goes around a head with spikes of silver; it's a crown. It's a crown, that's what we bring to him is His crown. The woman is the glory of man, thank

the Lord that His crowning is His wife. The crowning that He receives to take the throne as God. Praise the Lord. Now, how do we know these things. Well, praise God for His word. Hebrews 10:12-13 tells us that Jesus Christ currently sits at the right hand of God. We know that, when He ascended, He took a seat at the right hand of God, and He is there, and He awaits. The one thing that he does not know; the one thing that He does not know is when that hour will begin when He says Son go get Your wife. 10:15

So, He waits as His friends are waiting for His voice to call; that's what they say, the friends of the Bridegroom wait for the voice of the Bridegroom amen to call for His wife. So here we have the Lord at the right hand of God, and He is waiting to take the throne the throne of God, He'll take that for a thousand years we read that in many places. Revelation Twenty, Verse Six, but yet as we know there's one thing that has to happen, there's something that has to occur before that crowning will begin and I'd like to go back and read that in Second Thessalonians with you tonight. That's Second Thessalonians Chapter Two. Brothers and sisters, we're awaiting this call tonight. We're awaiting praise the Lord for this moment of the Day of the Lord to begin, and in chapter two of Second Thessalonians reading from verse one it says, now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as the Day of Christ is at hand. Isn't that glorious? See, that is the readied heart; that's the perfect hearted king. Brother Paul has this. His expectation is at the moment that he is pinning this by the Spirit we're at the time of the coming of the Lord. Now there's the fool that'll look at that and say, well, He didn't come then, and it's been two thousand years. Well, if we're going to get that smarty? Well, we can say, okay, a thousand years is as a day and a day as a thousand years. So, it's been as a couple days huh? 12:16

Come on we know that even with Jacob waiting for Rachael as he waited for fourteen years for that woman, but it was like just a few days. Are you in love like that, praise God, amen? The Lord's been waiting since beginning, He's in love like that, and if He gives us that love do you know what that love is patient, it waits, it endures, it's tried, it's tested amen because it pleases the Father. It pleases the Father and that life of the Son in us it pleases the Father to chasten that life. Yes, praise God, that life is just the same, and it pleases the Father just the same. But as it goes on here it says that the Day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; that's the antichrist. Alright? And I'll tell you what it's close and we know it. And I know there's so many, and even Christians our brethren sometimes get out there oh it's this one, it's that one, it's this. . . quit looking out here and look up. Let the Lord take care of that, what you think. amen?

He didn't tell us and try to define who it is. He didn't say go out there and search and see who the antichrist is and talk about it. You know every time you get together talk about how wicked the world is every time we get together. Sadly, so many people of God that's all they want to dwell upon. To rally around something that if that's going to be you idol, it'll defeat you from hearing the first trumpet rapture, and it will. It rob you it sound so good it seems like we have such a cause we can really wrap or hands around that because it's a good work we think, and oh my all you have is a bunch of wood, hay, and stubble. We don't want that, we want the gold, silver, and precious stone. Praise the lord that's what we want, we want what He wants. 14:43

Now, until there come a falling away first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now you know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. Isn't that something? He told them about these things, but now He says and now you know what's withholding that he might be revealed in his time. Isn't that something? See, you think in our growth as Christians we know as we grow along early on most Christians, I thank the Lord understand and believe this, Satan's real. Oh yeah, and there's judgments coming, and yes, they grow and understand that there's going to be an antichrist, there's going to be a horrible time. There's going to be one that presents himself as God and all these things, but then what is happens is that one girl one grows up and understands and knows why it hasn't happened yet. It's you, it's me, it's the readying of the wife of the Lamb of God. Look at what it says, and now ye know what withholdeth, oh I love that. Oh, my goodness that might be revealed in His time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work. That mystery of inequity has been out there ever since Satan hit this earth. It's just been growing, everything that's exalted itself above God. 16:44

That's what Satan does, that's all he can do, he's a liar and all of this false godliness, all the self-work, all of the self-righteousness. It says, For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way, and then shall that Wicked be revealed. Isn't that beautiful? Until he that letteth will let until he be taken away, then shall that wicked be revealed; that is so glorious. So, what that means brothers and sisters, and we know this, is what's detaining this or what's holding this back is going to be taken out of the way, and then the wicked is going to be revealed, alright? I thank the Lord, I'm going to understand all this, but I'll be in a whole different place because then that wickedness will be revealed, but this one, this beauty that is holding all of this back that's detaining this praise God saints it's the bride that is just about ready to be called to meet Him in the air. And that's what's so glorious, and that's what we thank the lord so much for hallelujah that she will be His crown and His glory. This is that crowning that she brings Him and praise God she's bold. And this is what goes on as we go back in here to Song Of Solomon, she's bold in the knowledge of His love to her. 18:26

She's bold in thanking the Lord, aren't you grateful to God that you bring Him glory? Aren't you thankful to God that you'll be of that company that will give Him glory? I mean I want to give Him glory and here it is. Glory's here, Christ in me, Christ in me the hope of glory. The glory that shall be revealed in you, in you, in me. It is, it's beyond but that's the love praise God of our Lord to us. That's the assurance of the faith that He gives us that doesn't waver that does have the blinders on; that's all we see. Thank you Jesus, I'm so thankful that's all I see, I Thank God, God gave me that mom back there, that was it. I saw and heard all of the insults to my mother all those years. I told Nancy, she's simple, she's just in La-la land, and you know she's not out there doing this and that and all. No, mom was affixed, and she still is. And it's not to flatter her, and it's not because she's my mother, but I thank God, and you mark them as examples honey when you do, and you mark them, and you follow those that follow Paul as he followed Christ. This is simple, isn't it? this is not complex, this is the simplest thing there is. This is so clear to the light you have to not want to see this. You have to reject this. This depth of this word of God, this love that He has for His wife praise God.

And think of that, this is what's so amazing about our Lord, not only did He want everyone, every life to be saved, He wanted everyone to come to the full knowledge of this. He is not a respecter, He's not a respecter of persons, and He's not a respecter of His children, He's really not. When you're born of God you are born Lord of all, all the potential of all the fullness of God is all there, there's nothing lacking. All grace, all mercy, all truth, every gift bam, right there. We have been blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ; that's everything, everything. But once again how beautiful and how; do you understand and do you know your birthright? And think of what we waste our time in trying to know, and trying to do, trying to become when you 're everything right now born of God you're everything because you're everything to Him, you're everything to the Lord, everything of God. Everything of God is invested in His Son that is invested in you. Everything, God's full inheritance; here you are, this is it, this is what He has spent everything in; you. You, it's phenomenal and that's the good fight of faith because going by our sight and our feelings there's no way any of that's true. Zero. Zero, I've got to have a little bit of me, I've got to have a little bit of this, every time I run down that rabbit hole, I only get more disappointed. Oh, I'm so thankful to God for the blinder's saints and it's because the word is grace and keeps pouring out, and pouring out. 22:30

So now she's got boldness. In verse twelve what does she say? While the king *sitteth* at his table, my spikenard sends forth the smell thereof. Oh my, what He's given her; it's hers for Him, isn't that something? The glory He's given you is yours for Him. She has the glory of God, she descends from heaven having the glory of God; she's got Him, she gives it to Him, it's the grace for grace. See, it's just marvelous. Spikenard, the contents of the alabaster box saints; there it is, isn't that beautiful? The spikenard, the contents of the alabaster box, and what did that alabaster box do? It brought Him ecstasy, broke it upon Him, o-o-o-h-h, He was gone, you couldn't even almost bring Him back and that's how He is. Praise the Lord and what He's given us, we are the good pleasure of His will, the height of love, the best part. The spikenard grows in the Himalayas the highest place. You want that alabaster it's got to be in the highest place; Paul's gospel place, first love place, and you just pour it out upon Him, and there's nothing more intoxicating to our

Lord, and praise God the smell of it when you anoint Him with it. Breathe me in Jesus, hallelujah. 24:10

And then this is so beautiful, see how it says the king sits at His table. It really, it's so beautiful that doesn't translate table, it means the roundabout place, the roundabout place in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, the roundabout place. That's the height, that's the center place. The ancient Hebrew wedding they still do it today. The groom sits in a chair, the bride circles him seven times around about. Perfection. Oh hallelujah, the wheel within the wheel? See it all, it's all there, and He tells us over and over, and the Holy Ghost, He just connects it all on the line upon line, and precept upon precept and here comes the masterpiece of grace praise the Lord. 25:09

Verse thirteen, A bundle of myrrh *is* my well beloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts. Oh, that's so beautiful um-um-um. Now we know and I thank God we know that myrrh speaks of suffering, doesn't it? And the Lord we know tells us to suffer with Me you'll reign with Me, and we must suffer to reign. It says bridal love brings forth praise God all the suffering praise His name. 25:46

Now, this gets really sweet here, see how it says My well Beloved unto me? Again, literally the bed of love. This is so intimate saints, the bed of love; that's what well beloved means, it means the bed of love through the long night, the due benevolence of the groom to the wife. The right. The joy to suffer for His sake eight times in the Song Of Solomon you'll find the word myrrh; eight, the bridal number praise God, it's perfect, the perfect suffering hallelujah that we have with Christ. The wealthy, the wealthy women; the women that could afford this those ones that again like the queens, they would wear this myrrh around their neck at night because it smelled so beautiful to their husband. Brothers and sisters, the bed of myrrh is where we become fruitful for Him, where we bear fruit for Him. The bed of myrrh, that bed of suffering, amen, to know Him in the fellowship of His sufferings, huh? And we know what that word know means, it means the intimacy between a man and his wife. Do we really understand spiritually what's going on when we receive praise God this precious gospel of this bridal truth? You're entering into suffering because of that word. Not necessary the sufferings we're thinking of. God uses it all but when we are set apart to Him, when we're set apart to Him there is a suffering that comes from the bridal truth. Amen? It becomes a joy that is set before us, amen it is, and we enter into that with Him praise God, and it is the most intimate place. 28:01

Verse fourteen. Oh, she just, it keeps turning up in her life. My Beloved *is* unto me *as* a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi, or Enge di. She called Him king; she called Him king the last time in verse twelve. No more will she call Him king. She'll refer to Him as a king because of others how they see Him, but this is the last time she calls Him king. From now on its Beloved, it's Beloved, Beloved, Beloved. Beloved, Beloved, Beloved, Beloved. This is the depth of it. This is all spouse talk; this is how spouses enrapture one another. This is the glory, My well Beloved, My bed of love, you're everything to Me, it just goes on, and on, and on, and on, and here this Engedi, what this is, is He's the spring of living water in the desert; Engedi is the place of a dessert, but it's a place in the dessert that here pops up these vineyards, and these most beautiful waterfalls and this beautiful life that's teeming in a place that you would think was completely dead, but that's how God deals with us time after time praise the Lord. But He takes us out there to prove in us; prove in us that we love Him. Amen. And I thank God His grace is doing that in our lives brothers and sisters. I mean this world is a dessert, it's an apocalyptic dessert and we haven't even gotten to the apocalypse yet. It really is, it's just a bastion sadly of filth and degradation the things that are going on. The things that are being pushed and pressed, but God. But God, and it only magnifies His jewels the more. It only magnifies His like the more.

Oh, He's so grand, that's how He always does this, then He can't contain it, He answers back in fifteen. Now, brothers and sisters, a lot of ones will say this one's speaking, this one's speaking. You know what, just receive from the word of God but I'll tell you verse fifteen, behold, thou art fair, My love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes. He responds back to her; He's beside Himself throughout the whole testament whenever you hear the word fair it's always speaking of a woman; it's always speaking of that woman. Now she's going to answer back to Him in this next verse and she's going to call Him fair that He's so beautiful too. But you know what? They're kind of like each other. How, you mean you go from glory to glory into His very image that when you see Him you shall be like Him in the measure, and the stature, and the fulness of glory into a perfect man? Is that why you think you look into that glass darkly, and you see Him coming out. You see Him transparent but it's Hm, it's Him, it's Him? It's glorious this is what He does, but it says behold, thou art fair, My love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast dove's eyes, and what that fair means you're the most beautiful, you're the most beautiful, you're the most beautiful, and then we're right back to the dove's eyes, eyes that are full of the Spirit, eyes praise God as He says to her those dove's eyes that you have honey are only for Me. They only look straight ahead. 32:26

We talked about that on Sunday. They don't see all the way over here; they just see right there. A sweet brother in the office said oh it's just like those living ones there, they walked in lockstep, they walked this way, and they looked this way and then they turned this way with every word the Spirit turned them that's all the way that they looked. Straight feet right there. This is it, it's the word of His grace that is good for us, isn't it? Oh, I thank God for this. I thank God so sweetly and I do, I rejoice how different we are, every one of us so individual. All the different qualities that make us up, and yet the perfection of love causes us to walk in lockstep with the Spirit as one. It's magnificent, there's nothing like that; nothing.

I've been reading a wonderful book about one of the founding fathers and very godly man. Amazing, again God's grace, God's grace, God's grace, but those men and women they fought for a cause. God used it for good. It was so much that they wanted in the freedom to worship. The letters honey, I'll tell you no matter what people try to twist and tell and all these different things let me tell you something, God gave us grace to be

in this country to have this freedom, and He did. Now I'm not talking about a perfect people or anything like that, I'm just rejoicing in a perfect God. But it was so sweet that the Lord even in what they were seeking, which was good, a very good thing God still honored it. But what it did was it gave us a place for a fertile ground for the perfect will of God. It didn't have to be, and you understand the Lord's shown us this. See, what do Christians try to do most of the time? They try to create an environment here, an environment that's conducive. We want the environment, but you know you want the environment in your heart and in your home; that's where you want it. 35:16

Honey's, you're never going to change the world, no and that's not what we're called to. The Lord is even going to give us a new heaven and a new earth. The time that they'll all be evangelized it's coming, but it isn't now. it's not. I thank the Lord. He that wins souls is wise, I'm grateful to God. Every one of us out here I'm sure at one time or another the Lord is used you, allowed you to have this time where you led somebody to Jesus, praise God. And even if they didn't accept when you had that opportunity the word of the Lord never returns void unto Him. There's always the reward, don't ever brothers and sisters I'll tell you God's got it, don't ever look for oh it's got to be the result, it's got to be the result. Let me tell you something, He knows the end. We're just a plant in water aren't we? I believe there's only One that gives the increase praise God. And I thank the Lord, we can have confidence in everything in our lives like that. Whatever you do, do it hardly unto God, don't be looking for something new all the time, or it's got to be different. I've got to try myself more, I've got to do all, I. I, I, I. I, I; stop it. You're just chasing your tail, and I know it's not easy. 36:48

I know who this man is but for God. You talk about doing, and action, and it's got to be here, there, and everywhere. Shoot, I wore my pants out from the inside out and that's the truth. I had a teacher ask my mother, the very first teacher conference, how do you get that boy to set still? She said well if you figure it out you let me know. And what am I called to now? You ask my sweet wife. You're not to feel sorry for her, what do I do? I sit in an office all day long pretty much, not all day but pretty much thanks be to God. Looking into the word, looking out at things there's a tree outside the window; speak to me Jesus, speak to me let me hear you, and I hear Him, and you do too. He's given us that ear to hear with the Spirit especially the church of Philadelphia. So, You're most beautiful to Me, I gave you the eyes, you're like Me; they're enlightened eyes of first love, then she responds back in verse sixteen. 38:10

This is us brothers and sisters, our song. She says to Him, Beloved, thou *art* fair, my Beloved, mine yea, pleasant: also, our bed; our bed is green. It's so quick, isn't it beautiful how the Lord takes us into the intimacy so fast? See, that I will go at the well, that's marriage. And that heart is intwined in the intimacy of it, the consummation will come someday. We know that there's a half hour that's going to be quite in heaven. and a body like unto His own I wouldn't even begin to imagine to express to you what that even means, but He's ravished our hearts before we've even gotten there? Oh my, oh my. He's made us pretty incredible hasn't He even in the natural brothers and sisters. We

are amazing creatures, it's amazing how He and I will, I'll step way out there on a limb how He's made the woman for man, and a man for a woman the most beautiful of unions. It's glorious, there's nothing like seeing a wedding, there's nothing like seeing two holding hands walking on a beach; nothing like it. He's put a romance in our hearts even naturally because He's God and He's after us, and He says I'm the God of romance. I'm the romantic God because I'm the God that is loved, I'm the God that is loved, and you know Him as that lover; that's what's so incredible that we have. 40:16

The lover of our soul God; come tonight lover, but again throughout now she's going to exclusively refer to Him as my Beloved, my husband. She now knows His love for her. But here's what happens, here's our life, we still must grow up and on through all of the emotions of life, the trials of life all the way along and how true that is isn't it? Think of when the bridal truth really gripped your heart and you knew this, and you knew this love that He has for you that'll never part. What He wants you to be with Him, to rule and to reign jointly with Him, to be glorified together with Him; amazing isn't it? It is, and it's incredible amazing. But yet even though we know this, even though the word of God touches us He cannot lie that His promises are yea and amen. Alright? But yet here we are with all of this bounty of emotions in feelings in all these different things, and the trials that will hit those buttons that we call that we have to push, and all the way along it's just to complete the perfection.

Jesus wasn't going to be crucified until thirty-three years old. I don't know what's my last breath nor yours, but I'll assure you one thing it'll be just as complete. That perfection will not be one moment less. You are now the sons of God, and He deals with you in the fulness that He deals with his Son and that is truth. So, she then says our bed. Huh? I own it all with You, Lord, every single bit. Could you imagine somebody coming in your home? Now getting in your fridge is one thing, turning on your TV's another, but then going and getting in your bed? They're not just getting in it but saying it's our bed and it's green; it's eternal, it's forever. His love never changes, His love is perfect. It's eternal. I thank God it's forever, it never ever changes, and that bride praise God the things she knows is nothing will come between You foreknew me, You predestinated me, justified, sanctified, and glorified. I think she's pretty confident in Him.

And finally, she ends it out, I love this. The beams of our house *are* cedar, *and* our rafters of fir. Cedar and fir speak of durability and strength. Isn't this glorious? She's describing the house not from the outside, it's all from the inside. She's on the inside, she knows that that durability and that strength, she knows it's all Him and she knows it's all kept in Christ. Think about Ephesians honey, it's all in Christ. Everything is in Him, EVERYTHING'S IN HIM, and she says I know You love me; I know I'm more beautiful to You than anything, and once again that will the ongoing battle, the ongoing battle all the time is His desire for you enough? Think of that. Is this desire of God for you enough for your life, or do you need something more; there isn't, and I love it brother, there isn't anything else. And what's so glorious is His love if you allow it, His love for you does it all; His love for you does it all. That's the whole motivation behind all of this because God is

love, and His motivation is love, His inspiration is love, His pleasure is love, His ecstasy is love. Let Him sing to you saints, hear your song, He's singing it. Hear it. Amen? Praise God, let's go ahead and stand and be dismissed. 45:51