The Galilean Wedding – 2 Pastor O'Dorisio – September 23, 2025

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For a long time, amen? Especially praise God since last week in these sweet metaphors, and types, and shadows that God divinely reveals to us in in that Galilean wedding, and all of the ceremony regarding it at the time of Jesus. And last week we started into this little series, and it was the betrothal; isn't that wonderful, and it's so unique because He comes right at us, and He wants our hand in marriage. He wants us to receive that full proposal, and to take Him at His word to truly listen to the lover's voice; the heart of the lover, and in that passion that He reveals by His wondrous Holy Ghost He causes our hearts to say I do.

It's just like the persuasion at the well for Rebekah. I mean, how could that be? She had never met Isaac, she had never known him, and in such a short amount of time. Her heart was open; she had that appointment at the well; that well representing the word of God. That servant that came to minister representing the Holy Ghost, and in such a short amount of time. She received the simplicity of the promise. He loves you, you're it, I have all the goods of the Master in my hand, and they're yours. Will you go? And praise the Lord, there wasn't a large group there was there? There was just one., and thank You Lord Jesus that's how God does it, that's what we're after, and yes, it is that precise. It's the mark for the prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Now, in that betrothal we know that the father seeks a wife for his son, just as the Father God, our Father God is seeking the true worshipper at this time, amen that worships Him in Spirit and in truth, and that woman will come forth from the extended family, a woman will be chosen, and praise be to God we saw last week, and rejoiced, she has to accept it. I thank the Lord for that cup that was given from the bridegroom to the bride. That moment which is the moment of all moments during the actual ceremony she has to take that cup, receive it with both her hands, and I love that, it was both His hands that gave it, the cherishing of it, and both of her hands to take it, she embraces that. And she drinks of that cup, in the greatest of significance, I accept; I do. I am my Beloved's, and His desire is towards me. And she drinks of that cup, and that cup representing so many different things, but especially the joint suffering together with Christ.

And in that the marriage contract was complete. Yet their lives together still, was not yet. Tonight, we go on to the preparation. Now, not only was there a planning for a wedding feast, and oh by the grace of God if the Lord tarry, and we get to the end of this series, oh my, what a rejoicing it'll be, but we might just be in the full assurance of it and the full faith of it in heaven before then. But we thank God, but just as important was the bride and the groom were getting prepared to live together as a married couple. Now,

we've heard this many times before, the groom, His preparation he was required to build a house or a room for him and his wife to live. Now typically this would be a room that the groom would build that would be an extension of His father's house. And I was so thrilled to hear that in reading and studying over the years about how Solomon built the temple, and then Solomon built himself a house. And praise be to God he built that house, and there was a certain wife that that it speaks of there was pharaoh's daughter that he was building this building this building for that he would reside with her that was separate from the temple or separate from his father's house. Again, all of the little weavings of the Lord, and the encouragements to our heart.

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But it took Solomon thirteen years to build his house; thirteen years. And I'll tell you what, he had a lot of workers building in that house, but it still took them thirteen years. It takes time for that preparation to happen. Now, once the room was finished, it still wasn't finished. The groom was responsible for finding and acquiring all the furnishings that would need to live in the room. Now think of that, not only would he build the house, he would furnish the house. So, in John 14:3 not only did the Lord say I go to prepare a place for you, we have to jump over to Revelation Twenty-one where we see actually what He built, and what He prepared praise God, and in that we know in Revelation Twenty-one, we see the lively stones that are in those walls. Remember how those stones were cut for the temple? They didn't bring the stone into the temple and cut it there, it was cut, it was exact, it was readied, and it was fit in perfectly before it was ever placed in the temple.

It's exactly what the Lord's doing with us, amen? 0609 And thanks be to God, as you read that it talks about all those beautiful stones and we studied that many times over in this place about how those represent the different tribes in the different ones that will be the jewels that will be built around. Even the gates praise be to God, they're all being divinely being made and set in place, and yes as the word of God says, all things for us. And I'll tell you what, that's for Sunday. I can't imagine how He tells all things for us. You'd better get ready for that. Hallelujah. But every saved life, every saved life, every child of God in this precious Church Age is going to have that place in that city; oh yes, but yet the center and the circumference of that city is always going to be the Lamb, His throne, and His wife. Hallelujah. It's going to be gathered all together, all together lovely, praise be to God.

Now, at the same the Groom is preparing, so is His readied wife. So, since you're already in Revelation let's go over the nineteen, verse seven; that's nineteen seven, so here we go. Let us be glad, and rejoice, and give honor to Him for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hast made herself ready. That word marriage if you'll look that up, it means a marriage feast. So that marriage feast has come praise be to God as we continue to study through, and yet it even proves itself even more. It says the wife hast made herself ready. That word wife means a woman that is already married. So, she's not coming forth for another wedding ceremony, she's coming forth now ready for a feast, and she's coming forth ready to rule and reign together with Him. 08:15

So, once we have said brothers and sisters, I will go, the marriage contract is signed, but that is only the beginning of the yielding and the leading of the Holy Ghost, and it's the Holy Ghost alone that truly takes the things of Christ and make them ours. Ministers to our heart this message of Paul's gospel which is the gospel praise God. And the only gospel that leads into the Bridegroom's arms. And that is the preparation brothers and sister, it is all Him, it is all His leading. That preparation is being completely confident in all the things of Christ that the Holy Ghost has to show unto you. And praise the Lord, we know those things that He's going to show, if this is the mark for the prize that you want, it's going to be in Paul's gospel; it's going to be no other gospel, it's going to be that continuing fellowship in that gospel, and praise be to God it will be a heart that says I only want that strong meat. When we hear the word prepare, oftentimes we can think that somehow, we're going to work something in our lives even that precious verse we quote so often in Philippians where I say I press, I reach for that mark for that prize. Many times, people will thing that's something that they're doing, in their own strength.

We understand we have no strength; we don't, we don't have any strength, all our strength is from God. We understand that we're His workmanship. I understand the word of God, He tells me that I'm clay upon that wheel, and it's the hands of the Master that molds me and make, as I've asked many people throughout my life, tell me what that clay does? Does it get up and form itself, huh? No. it just sits there, it's still, it allows oil, water, and most importantly those precious hands to mold and make it after the will of the Master. I thank the Lord for that, that encourages my heart so greatly. I know praise God I not only have a chance; I know that He will perform the good work which He has begun in me; praise God. But see, this is how we prepare. We prepare by having confidence in Him, and more confidence in Him, and growing more and more confident in Him that He knows the way we take. That He will perfect that which concerns us, that He will not withhold nothing good from my life. That all things work together for good to them that love God, and thanks be to God, we love Him, and we love Him because He first loved us.

And I thank Jesus for this, and that's the rejoicing, that's the confidence, that is the heart of the husband that trusts in his wife, it's because she rests in him. It's a reciprocal thing; it just works together in such beautiful harmony. I lean upon Him coming out of the wilderness, I don't have any strength to take myself one step, and I'll tell you what, in that encouragement to our lives that we truly are vessels of mercy that He bestows all the riches of His glory on. Praise be to God I'm going on, and I'm thankful because He's preparing a readied wife for Him.

Now, once we said I will go, and that contract is signed on my, the gospel that takes us right into the arms of our beloved. The preparation is always won in only one thing brothers and sisters. It's grace, and then it's grace for more grace, and grace for grace, and grace infinitely for grace. We grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, praise the Lord. I am so thankful and rejoicing. Go on over to Esther in Psalm Forty-five; got you there, didn't I? Yeah, she's over here in Psalm Forty-

five; oh yes and let's read from verse nine, this is speaking again it's time of Shoshannim and the palace, and King Ahasuerus; Esther, praise God the lily, here it just reveals to us from verse nine. It says the Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women. So, they were honorable ones, upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

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Hearken, O daughter, consider, incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for He is thy Lord; and worship thou Him. She listened to his voice; she harkened, and praise be to God she considered what he said. She feeds upon it in that preparation, doesn't she? She doesn't just hear it and it goes, it becomes continual feeding. It's something that she continues to feast upon by the grace of God; that's what's going on right now. We're feasting upon Paul's gospel. We're feasting praise God upon the anticipation of the coming of our bridegroom. This is how she prepares, she's always prepared. She prepares by always being ready. By being ready that means she's always feasting of a proposal, and of a message, and of a quickening love that has her attention. No matter what goes on, no matter what she faces whether it internal, or even external. By the grace of God her eyes and her face is like a flint set upon the Lord.

Now, not only did she hear, not only did she consider, but look what happened in that, there was a forgiving also of thine own people, and thy father's house. I thank the Lord how Sister Bodie expressed it, she said His family has become ours, His house is now our home, and our abiding. Thanks be to God He's come to transport you right out of here, didn't He? And you thank the Lord, and there is, there's a desire like no other to come. And to come and be amongst that precious body, and to be among those of like precious faith, and to have that encouragement praise God of those little coals not separated, but oh they're on that fire together, and they glow more fiery all the time.

Now, in that life that we identify with Him and His family and His home, and what's going to happen? Jesus said they hated Me, they'll hate you. The sufferings will come; you don't have to try to bring it on. You do not need to open your mouth. Matter of fact the more skilled you are and confident in the Lord, I'll tell you what, there'll be more rejection. Rebekah left a home that she loved; she loved those family members; she loved being w3ith them. There was a tenderness she had for them, and honor and respect, even to the point where she was somewhat listening to, can't you stay just another day? Can't you stay just a little while longer? But yet, when the Holy Ghost comes in and says you've got to move now, if you want this, this calling is not for tomorrow, this calling is today. You don't know what tomorrow will come, you don't know where you heart will be tomorrow? By the grace of God there's enough evil in today, and we need to be about today with Him.

Now, so we take nothing but that of the Spirit, don't we? We're just like the lily that doesn't spin, it doesn't toil, it's arrayed in a clothing that's far beyond the Solomon, so that

the Lord, we are His workmanship. We are His workmanship, that's how we repair, we grow more confident in that we are His workmanship. It's going to be by faith alone, and remaining in that most holy faith. And growing up in that most holy set apart faith; faith in Paul's bridal message gospel. You want to be ready for the appearing of the Lord? You'll never be ready for the appearing of the Lord without this message of Paul's gospel reigning in your heart. There'll be ones that will sag, and often they'll say oh I do want to be ready, I do want to be ready for the appearing. The evidence will be, do you want this gospel? There'll be no reigning without suffering.

I will tell you, there was a man that had been over to my house to inspect some different things, and God gave us an apartment, and it was a man that was filled with the Holy Ghost, and very studied in the word of God. It was an engineer, I think I mentioned him, he was an atheist and God revealed Himself to him, and how God just opened up the wonders of creation, and how true science truly, all the true science came from God. And it's all Him. But as I sat there and visited with him and he went on, I saw him the other day again, and he must have gone to the website. I'm thankful he did, I pray he'd come to the meeting. And he mentioned, he said that about the pretribulation rapture. And as he said he was going, he said you know I don't believe in it, but he said if there's anything I hope I'm wrong about; isn't that something? And I just shook my head and I said why would you leave it like that? see, God doesn't sow doubt, there's a knowing and my heart went out to him, and we don't have to be in that state of doubt, we can be assured. I'll tell you what, you can't over believe, but I would just tell you this; over believe and you'll be so glad you did. The proof's in the word of God. All of them that thought they were believing too much; they're the ones that got it. Praise the Lord, and we can never believe too much. 20:13

The preparation is the growth, and the love, and the knowledge of the Bridegroom's heart, isn't it? Aren't you thankful to know how much He loves you, and it just never stops, if you allow Him to minister to your heart, He'll just grow the immensity of the knowledge of the love of Christ, and that's why He says to know it, and to know it in all of its dimensions, and that's what's so astounding that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son. Just in that giving you would say there's no way to comprehend that. The Lord said to have faith to believe that you can know it. And to know praise God the exceeding riches of it is what God is bringing forth right here. But not only did He give His wonderful Son to save us, He gave His wonderful Son praise God so His Son would have a wife. And He gave us His Son, and so beautiful rejoicing with precious Brother Vic here, without giving His son God would not ever even be united with His precious wife Israel. He put everything in His Son, everything even for Him is in His Son. I marvel; I marvel. Whew, I marvel at Him.

Now. that growth is in that knowledge of His love. To know the love of Christ, and to be filled with all the fullness of it, to know truly that by His grace I am my Beloveds. I am my beloveds, I'm His prize, and His desire is toward me. Think of that, the mark for the prize; it's for Him as well as it is for me. Praise God. Oh, what a love story it is. And

faith working by that love, and we know the faith which worketh by love; that faith that works by love, it takes that place, it takes the place of believing all of Paul's gospel that glorified together with Him is exactly what it means. It means exalted to that same glory; His glory, with Him glory, in Him glory, and Christ in you, the hope of glory; it's glory for glory, praise God, and I'm thankful to God to know this and to believe Him for it. But think of this, brothers and sisters how wonderful. A wife of royalty must be made ready for her calling, amen

A wife of royalty must be made ready for her calling of ruling and reigning jointly with the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. You think of even these natural monarchs in royal weddings, they take these women that are going to marry these princes, and they are schooled. They're trained, they don't go into this thing with no understanding, they go into this knowing what to expect. And I thank the Lord, this word, this precious gospel of the glory, I'm expecting, and I'll tell you what, in that expecting praise God, think of this, I'm fruitful, and I'm expecting and it's going to come forth praise God; that's the fruit. The fruit comes from believing, the fruit hallelujah that He gives us that opportunity to do that hundred-fold for Him. The expectation, so simply put as thou hast so believed so let it be done unto you. Yeah, believe it all. Why not? Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Thank God, let those Gentile brides flood your hearts right now. Every single one of them, they believed. It didn't look like it was theirs. They weren't born into it, they didn't have authority to get it in the sense of man, or anything of that nature, they were discouraged from it. They had different experiences, backgrounds that seemed to would even seem to prevent them from having any remote possibility of it, but all that mattered was that God chose them. 25:17

The Elect of God chose you for this, drew you to it, met you at that well; a divine appointment for His glory and it's never changed. And thanks be to God she is prepared before she takes the throne. She knows, do you know? Do you believe? Are you trusting and confident in the grace of God to perform it? Do you believe the word that He has sent will perform it in the thing it was sent to? I believe that whole-heartedly, by the grace of God because He's faithful. He's faithful, I am counting, I'm reckoning Him; praise God, I reckon Him faithful to it. The word of His grace praise God has made her the measure, the stature, and the fulness of Him. The word of His grace does that, doesn't it? I commend you to the word of His grace that is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. The farewell parting to those elders at Ephesus. This is it, there's never been anything else. I'm commending you to the same thing; don't veer from it, don't part from it.

Stay in it, stand in it, rejoice in it, but this is it speaking truth in love. What happens, you grow up into Him in all things. It's just that life praise God of this full gospel, she feeds upon strong meat, she doesn't revert back to milk, she doesn't leave those things praise God that were yay, the deep things of God. That's right, thank God for the grace of God, but this is the preparing. Esther so brightly shined this didn't she? This encouragement, take only what the keeper of the women give, and nothing else, and nothing more. Let's

go on over to Esther now, chapter two, verse fifteen. That's Esther Chapter Two, verse fifteen. It says, now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. Oh hallelujah, now, think of this. What was given unto her? Well, six months of myrrh and that again is that raiment of the needlework. You go back over to Psalm Chapter Forty-five in verse fourteen it talks about the raiment of that queen; it's the needle work. The suffering with Him, amen?

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But that' how she's clothed, that's the beauty of what the king sees. That's the sewing that's going into our lives praise the Lord is go on praise God as the readied wife. Yeah, oh yes. The grace to suffer, and the love praise God to endure, hallelujah that cannot compare to the glory that shall be revealed, And then from those six months of myrrh come then the six months of sweet odor, and see, that's the result of His proving of His love in us; the joy of the suffering together with Jesus Christ. There's no way that you can enjoy the sufferings in life unless you believe what the sufferings are for. That's why it was the joy set before Him that He endured the cross. That cross could never be joyful, that cross could have only been of the most painful death as it was noted. That's why He did it. It was torture, it wasn't just a quick death; it was something no one wanted. It was a very evil thing, but to the Lord it was the treasure of treasures because of the joy. By the grace of God, we want to put that joy in our heart, amen? The joy that's set before us, hallelujah? I'll tell you, the gladness that we're chosen an elect on, I'll tell you, an elect to suffer for His name's sake.

Now, One of the most important aspects of the bride's preparation was her wedding dress. The Galilean wedding dress could take months to create. We're in that time right now. He is restoring the riches of His glory on His vessels of mercy, and she'll be arrayed in the righteousness of saints. His glory, the sun glory as we rejoice, lampros glory, hallelujah. But in the preparing of her dress many of the materials needed to create the dress were not available locally. And I thought, wow, that is so beautiful Lord. See, nothing of this earth can prepare us, every good gift is from above. So, the bride's family, what they would do is either they would have to travel, or to acquire them they would wait until the merchant would come to town. Praise be to God, just like Rebekah, the Holy Spirit came to town, and He came to town with not just a few things; all the things, all the things of Abraham He had in His hand, and I'll tell you what, He just laid it on her. That's Genesis 24:10. He had all the things; all of the things of Abraham. When the Holy Spirit comes to us He takes all the things of Christ and shows them unto us. It's not just something that's held back, it's fully given.

And I take this praise God in literal fashion that to be ready is nothing of ourselves brothers and sisters. There's nothing naturally that we know that can ready us. It must be by His Spirit saith the Lord. Go on over to John Sixteen, and let's read from verse thirteen right where we were just quoting from. John 16:13. It says, howbeit when He, the Spirit

of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth. And see, that's the riches brothers and sisters. All of Jesus, He'll guide you into all of Him, all of those riches. As Christ said, I have many things to say unto you, but you can't bear them now, but when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth. For He shall not speak unto Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear that shall He speak, and He will show you things to come. He shown us a wedding feast to come, He's shown us the midst of the throne to come, He's shown us the ruling us the ruling and reigning to come, the glorified together with Him to come. Amen? That's what the Holy Ghost will show you. Without this infilling you won't see it; you will not.

Not only will He show you, listen to this. He will show you things to come, He shall glorify Me. He's glorifying Him right now, you understand that. Christ in you, the hope of glory; the glory that shall be revealed in you. That's what the Holy Ghost does. He takes that truth and praise be to God, He's mining glory in you; glory in you for Him. Glory for Him, for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. See, He takes it all; all things, all things that the Father hath are mine: therefore, said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you. Once again, all things of the Father are the Lord's, praise God? All things, and He said and what's Mine is yours. It's ours, praise be to God. So. here we have it, but it's all there, and I thank the Lord for the boldness of those that stood in the truth like never before. Truly don't let this be stories, don't let this be something that was just a long time ago, and all of these lies. Abraham believed God, it was counted unto him for righteousness. He didn't know where he was going, didn't know wherewith he went, but the one thing he was seeking was that continuing city, and praise be to God, God gave it to him, amen? See, when Caleb and Joshua came out of it there, when they come out of Egypt, I'm going to tell you something, they were coming out of there wondering what they were doing, and where they were going. They were coming out to get the promise. 35:54

Do you understand that? They were homed in. Calub praised God all of his life, and he didn't want to wait, I want my inheritance now. Praise God, isn't that awesome? Every single one of them. Whether was Ruth, whether it was Esther they listened to something that to anybody else. It was too far out, it was a fantasy, it was a fairy tale, but they believed it. They had faith like a child. They believed what was told to them, and praise be to God every time, and yet the half hath not been told. My goodness what we're going to walk into in just a moment. But it is all Him, it's all in Paul's gospel, and it is that simple. But how difficult it is for us to be simple; always want to complicate it, always want to make it harder. Always want to try to get your hands in it, your mind; I've got to get my mind, you got to try to stop thinking about your mind. Let this mind be in you. This mind is this word. It's just believes. It locks in.

The Father said it, it's so, it's the will of the Father. That's the life that lives in us, just let that life receive the will of the Father which is the word of God praise the Lord. I love to be in agreement with Him, and when we agree with Him, we'll agree with one another, hallelujah. She has taken that, and in that simplicity, there is a humbleness that

comes in a prepared life, a contrite spirit in a heart in everything. She has fallen in love with His mercy and His grace; His strength is her glory. Is His strength your glory, huh? Then that means you must glory in your infirmities, amen? Are you singing a song as He is weakening you in the way as the outward man perishes? Are you thanking Him that this inward man is renewed day, by day?

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She is not distracted with the little sisters. She's not distracted with the big sisters either. Some of them try to act that way. She's not distracted with the close friends like the daughters of Jerusalem, or even the legal ones that try to abuse her like the watchmen. She just stands assured and confident in His love and faithfulness. I remember, and I've had it said; I take it as a compliment. Different ones that would meet my wife after knowing me; how'd you get her to like you? Well, you know what, Jesus just loves me. You can say what you want, you can think what you want, but I know one Who is ravished by me. I'm a ten, a ten, a ten of tens to Him. Right now, I would be in this even as He looks at me, and He's got to kind of turn because I love His grace. I'm ravished by His mercy. I'm awestruck by the truth of His words that He cannot lie. He's coming for me; He's coming, He's got me. He's not just coming; He's coming for me; He's coming for you know, He's coming for you too.

Now, what she does, is she just stands in that; withstand and having done all to stand. She does not compromise the love of her husband; she stands in His desire 24/7 and she's never ashamed. His high favor and love is more valuable than anything of this world. Song Of Solomon, chapter six, verse nine what does it say there? The Bridegroom speaking of her. My dove, My undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother. She is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

Now go on back to Esther Chapter Two. Now go to verse seventeen. And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. You the only one? That rib is, she's the only one; she's that beautiful, she's that stunning. There's others but they just that heart of the Bridegroom is locked into her. Alright, understand that? And that is, I'll tell you how you going to see Him? You going to see Him in that spousal relationship? Then you'll be like Him; you'll be a spouse too and that's the love praise God. See, I thank the Lord, those that want to have Him as Saviour, and that's no more, they'll have that relationship with the Lord, and He'll be that, that Saviour.

Those that'll have that friendship He'll be that friend. But those that'll have that style so love with Him that's how that they will seek Him. That's how they will be like Him. that's why old John kept falling down as he was being taken around heaven. Falling down and worshipping him; John, stop doing that man. But you look so much like Jesus. That glory's just the same as I remember when I laid my head on His breast. So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty. And I'll tell you what, that I am beautiful to him is all that matters.

And so brothers and sisters, here we are, amen? We are all in this reddening hallelujah. And you know what? Some years have gone by praise the Lord, and His faithfulness, Years of reddening, and we're awaiting the one critical moment. There's one critical moment that only the Father knows and that's the Galilean tradition. God willing we'll get to that next week, and you know what that is? Nobody except the fathers; the groom's father knew when the wedding feast would occur. No one but the groom's dad knew the date and the hour; they were unknown to anyone. Even that son that was preparing, and furnishing, and doing all those things, only his daddy knew.

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Just like it says in Matthew 24:36, but of that day and hour knoweth no man, no man. No. not the angels of heaven, and this is Jesus saying it, but My Father only. Now, are we there, huh? I'm talking about are we there? Even so Lord; even so Lord, come and come quickly. He's marvelous isn't He, praise God? And all of this precious, just beautiful, beautiful, beautiful truth, He laid out so clearly for us, and I pray in Jesus' name we'll just receive it. Let's just stand and be dismissed.

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