

Hinds Feet
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Father, we come to you with lives, men and women who need you in various stages of their life we ask You to bless. May the blessed Holy Spirit have His way as the word of God is preached in Jesus' name, amen. 00:23

Due to a number of things that I've been called into contact with the past few days, the Lord began to whisper to my heart a text that He laid on my heart a long while ago. In the eighteenth Psalm, and the thirty-third verse we read, He maketh my feet like hind's feet, and sitteth me upon my high places. This scripture is so important that God gave it a place three times in this bible. Thus, as we think of it, we come to realize that's there's a great deal here for you and me. There are so many scriptures that are in the bible that show us that God is for us. God long, long ago is reconciled to man, and at Calvary the bible tells us He reconciled man to Himself. And God has been for us from the eternity's past, and He wants us to be victors. He wants us to have His best, and any and all of God's can be like the psalmist, and they can have hind's feet and be set on their high places. 02:37

Israel said I will lift up mine eyes beyond the hills from whence cometh my help. Israel understood that the help of man was a vain thing. We live in an hour when man's abilities are emphasized; it's what man can do. And we have religion after religion in this time that appeals to man zero do something for himself, and to be something within himself. But the scriptures don't bring this out. The scriptures bring out the fact that man needs the enablement of God to do the thing that God would have him do. You notice our text says, He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and sitteth me upon my high places. And what God did for the psalmist, and what God did for Abraham, and what God did for Jacob and Joseph, and uncounted thousands of others in their own particular life. That is, give them victory and enable them to leave the low places and go into the high places so God in His thought and plan for our lives is able to enable us to do what He would have us do. 04:25

Now, I look out over this congregation and I thank God for you. You're a part of a congregation that is beginning to break the seams again. It hasn't been quite a year and we're beginning to run out of room on a Sunday morning. And how deeply grateful to God we are for a people that loves God, and who are witnessing to their friends, and such like. And yet without any spirit of condemnation or judgment for you, I have to realize that some of you are falling short of your high places. And you'll never realize your high places until you get your hinds feet. I read the story some years ago of a Christian writer. The man had talent, he had education, but he said when he would come to the right, he would find himself in a turmoil and he became so frustrated that he finally had a nervous

breakdown. He went to a doctor, and the doctor advised him that he should go to some guest ranch, or somewhere in the west and get out away from the humdrum, and the nose of everything and rest. 06:18

So, he found a ranch in the west and he went there just a regular ranch, it wasn't a guest ranch, just a place and he was able to securing lodging and worked out a deal with the ranch owner, and so one day he heard the owner say to the boys, he said well in the morning some of us will have to take some salt up to six mesa and salt the cattle. And then he turned to the writer and said would you like to go along? Well, he said I'd love to go along. So, the next morning he had a fine horse, beautiful horse saddled up for the man and they rode along, and they got up to what they called the fifth mesa, and they said to the rider, now you'll have to stay here. He said your horse is not like ours, and it's such a dangerous trail from here on that we'll go on up and leave you behind. 07:50

Well, he said why is it that my horse? He's a beautiful horse, he rides well, in fact he seems to be the finest horse in the group. Well, he said, I'll tell you why, your horse doesn't have hind's feet. Well, he said, what do you mean? And he said suddenly that scripture that had puzzled me all my life as a Christian stood out. Well, he said, I'll show you, get off. And he led their horses, and he said now you see these horses that we're riding, they perfectly track. They put their hind foot where the front foot picks itself up. Now we'll walk your horse. Now. He said you see, your horse he puts his front foot down somewhere and then he misses that track quite a bit with his back foot. Now, he said you get up in those trails, and his front foot will set down all right, but the back foot is likely to miss the trail and then you go. Well, he said; I said go on, I've got something to think about anyway. 09:20

He said, I got down on my knees. I said Lord I thank You that you sent me out here and had an old cowboy tell me what's wrong with me all these years. He said, I just haven't been tracking. I've been at odds and ends with myself, I've been working against myself. I've been in a turmoil, and I've been frustrated all these years. My life is pulling against itself, and instead of it being rhythm there was a tug of war inside of me. And he said in a few days I went home and wrote the book easily that I've been trying to write, and he said I've been a successful writer ever since. I got my hind's feet. 10:21

Well, I know we're not under law, the bible tells us that we're not under law, but under grace. And yet the first and the second commandment express something, and that God would have us know. It says, thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy might, and with all thy strength. And then it says the second one, and thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. Now, here we have the heart's affections in the heart. In the soul we have the seat of worship, in the mind we have the seat of the intellect, and in the body, we have the place of physical strength. And you see, when we love God in all of these ways, and our neighbor as our self, then we begin to arrive at a place of harmony. And you see, when we love we are in harmony with God. Anyone that knows God, and understands God knows that the bible says that God is love. Love is the

center of the gospel, and it is the center of our salvation, and it is the beginning and the ending of our salvation. Everything that we have to do in this world with men somehow, somehow the love of God is at the center of it. 12:24

You find that God so loved the world that he gave, and we love Him because He first loved us. The Apostle Paul in explaining the great sacrifice of his life, he said the love of Christ constraineth me. And so, we find that this is true. So, in our own lives when it's this way. When the love of God seizes on our heart, and our soul, and our minds, and our strength that comes to me in harmony, and we get our hind's feet, and getting our hind's feet we begin to get on our high places. Now someone painted a mural quite a good size and it portrayed the tug of war, or inside of men and women. It showed two men wrestling. They looked exactly alike, they were the same size, the physique was the same, but in the picture one of them was down, and the other one had his foot on his neck and the title of this drawing was The Eternal Conflict. 13:53

And we think of how Robert Lewis Stevenson wrote Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. And then the psychiatrists, they call this schizophrenia as two personalities. Now, that isn't really true. You see, the sinner doesn't have two personalities; not really, he may have had two environments there on the one personality. You have to be born again to have two personalities. You have to receive the life of Christ before you have two personalities. You see, when you're born into this world the bible tells us we're conceived in sin, and shapen in iniquity. The bible tells us that this nature is at enmity with God. It is not subject to the laws of God, neither indeed can it be. Now, it can be religious; it can do many things, but it cannot really love God. And then when we're born of God another life comes in, and then the struggle begins. The struggle between the new life and the struggle between the old. And only Paul can tell you how to solve this puzzle, and in the seventh chapter of the book of Romans he said, the thing that I would not, that do I. The thing that I would, that do I; O wretch that I am. Who shall deliver me from the body of this death. But then our text has to do with high places. And to be safe we realize as the goal of most of God's precious people. They're like I thought. 16:01

So many of God's precious people are like so many of John Bunyan's characters. He had so many, and I just jotted down a few of them that I could think of: Pliable, Obstinate, Simple, Sloth, Timorous, Mistrust, By-ends, Ignorance, Little Faith, Temporary, Ready-to-halt, such like and these are the things that manifest themselves so often in the light of God's precious people. And the devil one way or the other seeks to hold them back and seeks to hinder their spiritual progress less they take their high places. And yet the bible teaches repeatedly God's best, and if your life tracts right you'll have God's best. Our youngest daughter recently was going to work, or coming from work; I don't know which, I was out of the city. She got out here on the valley highway and some man turned in on her, and her car went into a spin, and it hit the guardrail, and it bent the fender and one thing and another, and she could drive it however until they could get to fixing it. 17:44

But she told me she said oh it just drives terrible. I can hardly make it go. It just seems to pull this way, and that way and it don't run right. Now you see, it wasn't tracking. She took it out to the garage they found out in that short a time it was so out of line it already wore the two front tires out, and they had to put two new tires on it, they had to line the thing up, straighten it up, and fix it up, and when she brought it home I said how does it run, and she said dad, it just runs like a new car. Now, you see that car would make it all right out here on the level ground, but if you had gotten it up there in some of those steep hills it would have given you a problem. And that's just it, we live in a time when so many of God's precious people they can do alright as long as everything is going well. They can do alright as long as there's no temptation. They can do alright as long as the environment is right, and there are no tests, and no obstacles, and no trouble. But when they come up against it, it don't go right. 19:14

You see, the thing of it is, you haven't gotten your hind's feet yet. You'll never get to the heights until you do. The psalmist said, He maketh my feet like hind's feet, and sitteth me upon my high places. Now, we wonder at the difference in the life of men like Lot and of Abraham. Both of them came out at the same time of Ur of the Chaldees. Both of them spent twenty-five years in Haran, both of them came over the Jordan into the land of Canaan probably the same day. For several years they lived together, but finally old Lot went in out yonder in the low places in the plains of Sodom, and Abraham ended up in the hills of Judea. One of them got his hind's feet, the other one didn't. 20:24

You think about Saul and David. Saul had every opportunity his heads and shoulders above others. He was a fine specimen of a man; he was very popular with the people. He had so much going for him, but you see he never did get his hind's feet, and this man was defeated. This is repeated again, and again, and again, and again throughout the bible. I could take you to instance after instance that bears out this fact. Two people apparently no different, environment the same, conditions the same, background the same, resources the same, often times two in the same family. One of them gets his hind's feet, and the other one doesn't. You know the story. 21:28

There's no way of measuring the worth of your hind's feet, there's nothing that I could say to you that would overestimate the worth to your life that you get your hind's feet. There is nothing worth your life but the heights of God's purpose for you. I think of Samson how he could do anything when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, but the trouble of it was he didn't yield very often to the Spirit of God. I read of a true experience of an executive, and he wrote how when he set up his office, he set it up in a way that he thought that no one in that office would be indefensible. But he said a few days, a few weeks went by, and he said he noticed the office boy would work a little extra around a certain desk. He'd come in and put flowers on the desk, he said he'd go out at times where this young lady set, why different ones in the office would be coming over to her desk talking to her. So, he said well one day I thought I would call her in the office and see what this is all about. He said he called her in, he said why is it that everyone seems to come to cultivate your friendship, and why is it that everyone has a smile for you? And

what is it about that desk that makes it like a magnet for everyone that comes over when they can? 23:20

Well, she said I'll tell you how it was, She said a few years ago I was so miserable, and lonely, and fearful. She said I had no friends, nothing seemed to go right, I went from one job to another, and she said that I was just so unhappy. But she said one night one of my friends invited me to go to a gospel meeting. She said I went in that place and Christ came into my life, and I was filled with the Holy Spirit. She said when I came back to work after that everything looked different, everything seemed different, everything was different. She said, instead of my being fearful I had confidence. Instead of being miserable I was happy. Instead of being lonely I felt like I had the sunshine of everything falling around me. But she said, I began to think about it and I thought they haven't changed, it's me that's changed. She said to her boss that's what it's all about. She got her hind's feet; that's all. 25:05

The hind's feet enabled her to take the high places. She'd been going in the low, she'd been miserable, she'd been lonely, she'd been fearful and its always that way when you're in the low places, but oh thank God, when you take the Lord Jesus Christ and His provisions for your life you can come out of the low places and go into the high places. Isn't that wonderful? Well, of course it is. But then what causes this tug of war that keeps our lives from tracking? It's as simple as one little four letter word; S E L F. You know there's a lot of folk that deny to self. I gave an illustration here one time of how the Catholics when it comes committing time, and of course a lot of protestants are taking up the old Cat trail, and when they come to Lent and time, I was so impressed with what one woman said. She was talking to a friend, she said Liz, she said I've given up candy during Lent. She said, you what I'm going to do? I'm going to go and get me a five-pound box of chocolates, I'm going to go home, I'm going to put my feet up. I'm going to put on my PJs and get comfortable, and I'm just going to eat that whole five-pound box of candy. 26:59

Now, you know what she was doing? She wasn't denying self; she was denying to self. Jesus said if any man will come after Me, LET HIM DENY SELF! There's no place in self for the high places. Did you know that? If you're going to let old self have its way, you'll never know what the high places are. You have to get your hind's feet, and when you get your hind's feet self won't be in it. But here, you see, self can be good, or self can be bad. It just steals the harmony and the rhythm out of our life. And whether it's good or bad, you see many Christians are fine people, they're honest, they're law abiding, they're morally sound, there are no bad habits. Maybe they could even be generous, but they don't have hind's feet. You can get around them a little while and you know somehow, they're just not possessing the high places. Somehow, they are not thrilled with Jesus Christ and the provision that He has made for them. 28:32

Oh, I have seen this kind so often. They're probably self-righteous, and they go around judging others, and they carry about a better than thou attitude in their clothes,

and they're critical, and they're unfriendly, and they show very little love to the saints. I wasn't sure, altogether sure. I was down here at the altar the other night. It was Cathy, I had my back to her. I called Linda over, I said Linda, is Cathy back there? She said yes. I said you go back there and put your arm around her and let her know we love her. You see precious hearts, there are a lot of saints that would have the victory tonight if other saints would have shown them a little more love, and a little less spite. Oh yeah, you can defend Moses, he don't need any defense, he was the meekest man on the face of the earth. You'd better begin to be like him. He just saw the back parts of God's glory and covered his face up because it got so bright that people couldn't look on it, and here you've been seeing the front parts of His glory, and His face still isn't shining. 30:14

See, you better think a little bit. Hind's feet, He maketh my feet like hind's feet, and sitteth me upon my high places. It may be possible that you just don't want, or appreciate God's best, that could keep you from having your hind's feet. I've seen a lot of people like that. You tell them about the truth, you give them the truth and they think of as something as why do I waste my time? Brother Hill, I'm not going to give my best to something like that, I'm going to give my best to this old world. I'm going to give my best to an education and so on, and so on. I've told you about my grandson, didn't I? Bless his heart, a brilliant boy; makes a four-point 0 average; that's pretty good isn't it Tom, up here at DU? I watched him drift in; he didn't get to Sunday school. I watched him drift in while the church was well under way Sunday morning. The next morning, I was watching him down here brushing snow off his windshield. I said son, lock the door, I said son remember how I read that yesterday? He got relaxed and moody, education, proprieties, a beautiful wife, vacations; he's blind, he can't see very far. 32:10

Well, he said no grandpa, that isn't what it is. Well, I said, I thought that's the way you heard me read it. That seems to be what you seem to be after. Good boy, he made his stand up there at DU for Christ, they know what he believes, but precious hearts you can get bogged down in the low country and never get your hind's feet. I'm not asking you to be a nincompoop, I'm not asking you to be a silly-dilly or something like that. I'm asking you to get your hind's feet and find out that Jesus is calling you to the heights of His glory. You're not going to find anything that'll come close to that, not in this old ready to be judged world. But here remember how God was displeased because they would not have his land. You're indifferent to what He's done for you? You're indifferent to the high places He's offering you? 33:34

Why, this bible tells us that if we if children, then heirs. Now think of that, if children then heirs, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ if so be that we suffer together with Him that we might also reign together with Him. Is that worth your time? Let me tell you, it's worth my time. You do it however you want to. I'll you, you know years ago I told some of you about it, I was in the very beginning of my ministry. There was a party, they did me so wrong and you know I literally rankled at the sound of their name. Couldn't stand the sight of them, but the Lord has been showing me the high places. I'm going to tell you, I've

looked at how I hated that person, then I look over there at that high spot. Now I'm standing here. And I know unless I get over this, I was not going to get on that. 35:06

Well, Sister Hill went to bed, we're out in the country. I went to the bar one hour two hours, three hours, four hours, five hours, I feel like an old bale of hay, and I'm offering God my feet, I said give me my hind's feet. You know I got them that night along about three-thirty in the morning, here she came with an old lantern looking for me. She thought I got translated, but you know I was just out there getting mad at you. That's the way it goes. He maketh my feet like hind's feet. You know, when I came out of that barn, I loved everybody, and you know it's just been that way ever since. If I run into something that's a little difficult, I remind the devil that I've got my hind's feet, and I just go on and take my heights. And you know I don't see the child of God that I don't love. I don't see a man that I don't love. There are a lot of men that I can't agree with, and a lot of people that are on their way to hell, and someday I'll be changed, and I'll say amen from a God that will send them on into the Christless eternity they wanted. 37:12

I thank God tonight. You can love them. Now. I don't know what your problem is, but I do know about the hind's feet. The Apostle Paul in the third chapter of the book of Ephesians After ye have swung out before the wandering eyes that His readers, that superb and supernal panorama of a glory and the purpose of eternal God, how in the dateless past He chose us in Christ, blessed us with all spiritual blessings, quickened us with His Son, raised us up with His Son, seated us with His Son, gave us a place in the mystical body of Christ, made us one, broke down the middle walls of partition, brought us from glory to glory as He told you, and as He swung that great purpose of God before His readers, He well knew how we'd tremble at the knees. Why do you think that I stand? Do you think I would go there in India and try to climb that great mountain back in the interior without any equipment whatsoever? I couldn't make it if you gave me all the equipment there is. Not even with the heights of God. 39:04

You just know you can't do it, but the Apostle Paul before we get to thinking about it too much, he said now unto Him that is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all ye ask or think of Him according to the power which worketh in us, to Him be the glory. He can enable you; He can do you right sweet, He can put you on the high places, He can give you God's eternal best. He don't mock me, He don't say here it is and then say you can't have it. He said here it is, and I've got the hind's feet to put you on the high places. Let Me shoe you with some more feet. You want God's best? Well, it'll be your fault if you don't have it, He wants you to have His best, and He's made every provision to have His best. You say you want the victory; I'll tell you He wants you to have the victory, and I don't care what it is, He'll give you the hind's feet to do it. 40:40

Well, I guess I'd better stop. You know Who's got the best faith? He does, you want God's best for you. You want the best candy? well, I'll tell you, I can tell you here is every vacuum and resource that you need. Look away from self, and deny self, and look to Jesus the author, and the finisher of your faith if you want the best. Shall we pray?

Father, we're deeply grateful tonight that you could take our heights and so move them and fill them that we can be like You would want us to be. Grip every precious heart and every life that even unsaved, speak to them. Those that need the qualifying resources help them to know they can be filled with the Spirit, and they can know the truth, and they can walk with You victoriously, triumphantly. Speak to us now is this altar service, and we'll give You the praise in Jesus' name.

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