

SCRIPT

[Slide 1] “Repairers of the Breach---God’s End-time People”

2022 Annual Council Sermon-1

Text: Isaiah 58:9-12

October 8, 2022

Silver Spring, Maryland

Ted N C Wilson

Script Word Count: 5450 (45 minutes)

Good morning, brothers and sisters. We can see by all that is happening in the world today that we are living in the end of time. The world is growing old like a garment and society is disintegrating. The bold and evil directives of the devil can be seen everywhere. Even in the church, we can see that the pure Word of God is disregarded and humanism in all of its ugliness is taking center stage. We see an attempted neutralization of the Advent movement. There is a loss of urgency by many regarding the second coming of Christ. There are unusual distractions of all kinds diverting the attention of God’s people from their heaven-borne laser-focused mission to lift up Christ and His righteousness and proclaim the Lord’s three angels’ messages.

I speak directly to your hearts today asking that you bear God’s burden to bring our people into line with heavenly instruction from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. At the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio, we shared a video presentation based on a vision of Ellen White entitled “What Might Have Been” referring to what God wanted to do in 1901 to bring His people into a complete relationship with Him to accomplish the final loud cry so Jesus could come. However, His people were not ready and the Lord could not finish His work.....are we ready today to finish His work? I believe that “What Might Have Been” will BE in the near future as God prepares us for the final days and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That is why we call for revival, reformation, humility, and repentance placing ourselves directly under God’s guidance.

As we look to the future, our only hope is in Christ and His righteousness, in His power to save, and in His ability to change lives. Let us lift up Jesus Christ in all our work and evangelistic activities. Avoid picky, unproductive debates and contention. Focus on the Lord and His wonderful biblical truth in all its glory.....every one of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs emanating from Christ Himself. Let us get off this planet and go home. Let us plead for the Lord to prepare our hearts for the latter rain of the Holy Spirit as we lift up Christ and His righteousness, not our own.

[Slide 2] As Jesus pled with His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane on that fateful Thursday night before His crucifixion, He asked about the cup passing away from Him. **[Slide 3]** The Desire of Ages, pages 690 and 693 say, “Three times has He uttered that prayer. Three times has humanity shrunk from the last, crowning sacrifice. But now the history of the human race comes up before the world’s Redeemer. He sees that the transgressors of the law, if left to themselves, must perish. He sees the helplessness of man. He sees the power of sin. The woes and lamentations of a doomed world rise before Him. He beholds its impending fate, and His decision is made. He will save man at any cost to Himself. **[Slide 4]** He accepts His baptism of blood, that through Him perishing millions may gain everlasting life. He has left the courts of heaven, where all is purity, happiness, and glory, to save the one lost sheep, the one world that has fallen by transgression. And He will not turn from His mission.

He will become the propitiation of the race that has willed to sin. His prayer now breathes only submission: 'if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, 'thy will be done'..... **[Slide 5]** Having made the decision, He fell dying to the ground from which He had partially risen.....The Savior trod the wine press alone, and of the people there was none with Him. But God suffered with His Son. Angels beheld the Savior's agony. They saw their Lord enclosed by legions of satanic forces, His nature weighted down with a shuddering, mysterious dread. **[Slide 6]** There was silence in heaven. No harp was touched. Could mortals have viewed the amazement of the angelic host as in silent grief they watched the Father separating His beams of light, love, and glory from His beloved Son, they would better understand how offensive in His sight is sin."

Let us lift up Christ, His righteousness, and His saving power. What a God we love and serve. Let us magnify His name and not our own. Let us, as leaders of God's church, realize how offensive sin is to God, humble ourselves, and in great submission come before His throne to ask His instructions for finishing His work on earth. We want to see Jesus come soon!

How does God want us to live in these momentous times just before Christ's soon return? What is our proclamation and lifestyle role as humble, faithful Seventh-day Adventists in this chaotic world?

[Slide 7] Isaiah 58 gives us a bold key to unlock our role and ministry at the end of time. We are admonished by God to "Cry aloud, spare not; lift your voice like a trumpet; tell My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58 opens to us our needy spiritual condition and our dynamic, designated role by God Himself in these last days of earth's history. The introduction in verse one is straightforward and commanding. God intends for us to sound the alarm beginning with His church and then to the entire world. But what does Isaiah 58 really say?

[Slide 8] Welfare Ministry, a compilation of Ellen G White's writings, page 29, says, "The whole of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah is to be regarded as a message for this time, to be given over and over again. What saith the Lord in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah? **[Slide 9]** The whole chapter is of the highest importance. I have been instructed to refer our people to the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. Read this chapter carefully, and understand the kind of ministry that will bring life into the churches. **[Slide 10]** The work of the gospel is to be carried by means of our liberality as well as by our labors. When you meet suffering souls who need help, give to them. When you find those who are hungry, feed them. **[Slide 11]** In doing this you will be working in lines of Christ's ministry. The Master's holy work was a benevolent work. Let our people everywhere be encouraged to have a part in it."

But what are our transgressions and sins that need reproof? Verses 2 and 3 speak of people going through apparently correct religious actions but keeping the customs, ordinances, and services only to make a false profession of approaching God. They fast and then wonder why God doesn't notice them. They are self-absorbed in their meaningless motions of artificially worshipping God.

Verse 4 shows God reproving them for hypocritical outward godliness and fasting telling them they are actually involved in taking advantage of others, debating, arguing, and ultimately fighting with people.

In verse 5, God asks the question, "Is it a fast that I have chosen....?" God is saying, "Why do you pretend to love Me and at the same time you are hurting your fellow human beings?"

[Slide 12] Welfare Ministry, page 30, indicates, "All our praying and abstinence from food will avail nothing unless we resolutely lay hold of this work. Sacred obligations are resting upon us. Our duty is

plainly stated. The Lord has spoken to us by His prophet. The thoughts of the Lord and His ways are not what blind, selfish mortals believe they are or wish them to be. **[Slide 13]** The Lord looks on the heart. If selfishness dwells there, He knows it. We may seek to conceal our true character from our brethren and sisters, but God knows. Nothing can be hid from Him.”

God tells us what to do in this wicked age when society is crumbling and God’s precious law of love, the foundation of His character, is being abused. He says in verse 6, “Is this not the fast that I have chosen.....?” God is saying in verses 6 and 7, “here is what I want you to do in this disastrous end-time setting:”

1. **[Slide 14]** “Loose the bonds of wickedness”
2. **[Slide 15]** “Undo the heavy burdens”
3. **[Slide 16]** “Let the oppressed go free”
4. **[Slide 17]** “Break every yoke”
5. **[Slide 18]** “Share your bread with the hungry”
6. **[Slide 19]** “Bring to your house the poor who have no home”
7. **[Slide 20]** “Give clothing to those who don’t have it”

In other words, God is saying, “don’t be self-absorbed, self-centered, or self-focused. Take care of those around you who are in need. Help people who are chained to horrible habits. Bring relief to those who are weighed down with burdens. Help those who are enslaved to become free through Christ’s power. Remove the hurtful circumstances that keep people from their full potential. You have food, share it. You have a roof over your head, share it. You have clothing, share it. Stop pretending to know Me.....really show it by doing something for your fellow human beings.”

We are to follow Christ’s example. Luke 4:16 says when He was in the synagogue in Nazareth he stood up to read. They handed Him the book of Isaiah and He turned to the 61st chapter which was a prediction about Himself and His precious ministry which is to be our ministry in these last days when everything seems to be falling apart. Verses 18 and 19 of Luke 4, **[Slide 21]** essentially taken from Isaiah 61, read, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Christ’s comprehensive ministry which reflected His righteousness helped people physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. His ministry involved teaching eternal truths and putting them into practical application lifting people from degradation to see what He ultimately wanted for them.....eternal life. This is the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 bringing about a return to the perfect order that He originally created. The practical application of our acceptance of God’s truth is what profoundly tells those around us that we know Jesus. We don’t go through the motions of “approaching God” for the sake of showing others our religiosity.....but we humbly approach God to learn of Him and then share in practical ways the Holy Scriptures showing that when you know Jesus and His profound truths, you know how to minister to others in His name.

Does this mean that we are to simply preach a social gospel? Absolutely not. We are to proclaim with Holy Spirit power the spiritual and prophetic three angels’ messages of Revelation 14 and the fourth angel of Revelation 18. However, the three angels’ messages are a call to revival, reformation, humility, and repentance.....a practical call to restoring the image of God in human beings through the Holy Spirit’s power. The practical application of those profound prophetic messages are seen in the tangible

things He does through us in fulfilling Christ's ministry. People are longing to see the love of God shown in practical ways in our lives since we have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, since we keep the commandments of God, and since we have the faith of Jesus. When they see the unselfish love of God manifested in our lives as a practical testimony, they will ask why we act this way.....they will be driven to the foot of the Cross, to Christ's amazing grace, and to His changing power.

[Slide 22] The story of the good Samaritan shared in Luke 10:25-37 portrays Isaiah 58 in a powerful way. The priest and Levite were to carry out the benevolent duties of being followers of God. However, they were too busy with "the work of God" to be bothered with this lowly activity of service. **[Slide 23]** It was left to the humble Samaritan who "showed kindness" to the Jewish man lying on the side of the road. At the end of the story, when Jesus asked who did the right thing and was a neighbor to the Jewish man dying on the side of the road, **[Slide 24]** the Jewish lawyer responding wouldn't even say the word "Samaritan" but simply said in verse 37, "He who showed mercy on him." The simple and practical work of the Samaritan is the precise work God has called us to do in His name.....preaching the Word of God in "speech" and in "practical deeds."

[Slide 25] The Desire of Ages, page 504 instructs us: "The lesson is not less needed in the world today than when it fell from the lips of Jesus. Selfishness and cold formality have well-nigh extinguished the fire of love and dispelled the graces that should make fragrant the character. Many who profess His name have lost sight of the fact that Christians are to represent Christ. **[Slide 26]** Unless there is practical self-sacrifice for the good of others, in the family circle, in the neighborhood, in the church, and wherever we may be, then whatever our profession, we are not Christians."

This was Christ's ministry. It is medical missionary work or comprehensive health ministry.....reaching out to people in need and ultimately leading them to Christ. **[Slide 27]** Ministry of Healing, page 143, indicates, "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingles with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" We are to follow Christ's method of reaching needy people with hope and salvation.

This practical application of Christ's ministry is tied directly to the final proclamation of the third angel's message of Revelation 14:9-12. Consider the following selected statements about this relationship as found in **[Slide 28]** Testimonies for the Church, Volume 6, covering pages 288-291, "Again and again I have been instructed that the medical missionary work is to bear the same relation to the work of the third angel's message that the arm and hand bear to the body.....The medical missionary work should be a part of the work of every church in our land. Disconnected from the church it would soon become a strange medley of disorganized atoms.....**[Slide 29]** The gospel ministry is needed to give permanence and stability to the medical missionary work; and the ministry needs the medical missionary work to demonstrate the practical working of the gospel. Neither part of the work is complete without the other.....The union that should exist between the medical missionary work and the ministry is clearly set forth in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. There is wisdom and blessing for those who will engage in the work as here presented. This chapter is explicit, and there is in it enough to enlighten anyone who wishes to do the will of God. **[Slide 30]** It presents abundant opportunity to minister to suffering humanity, and at the same time to be an instrument in God's hands of bringing the light of truth before a perishing world. If the work of the third angel's message is carried on in right lines, the ministry will not be given an inferior place, nor will the poor and sick be neglected. **[Slide 31]** In His word God has united these two lines of work and no man should divorce them.....Then let no line be drawn between the genuine medical missionary work and the gospel ministry. Let these two

blend in giving the invitation: ‘Come; for all things are now ready.’ Let them be joined in an inseparable union, even as the arm is joined to the body.”

The result of this practical application of God’s wonderful everlasting gospel is explained in verse 8:

1. **[Slide 32]** Our light will break forth like the morning sun;
2. **[Slide 33]** Healing will spring forth speedily;
3. **[Slide 34]** Righteousness will go before us;
4. **[Slide 35]** The glory of the Lord will guard us.

[Slide 36] Welfare Ministry, page 31, says, “If you engage in this work of mercy and love, will the work prove too hard for you? Will you fail and be crushed under the burden, and your family be deprived of your assistance and influence? Oh, no; God has carefully removed all doubts upon this question, by a pledge to you on condition of your obedience. This promise covers all that the most exacting, the most hesitating, could crave, “Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily.”

Verses 9 and 10 proclaim:

1. **[Slide 37]** We will call on the Lord and He will answer saying, “Here I am.”
2. **[Slide 38]** If we remove the heavy burden we place on others by our fault-finding and gossip and stop pointing fingers and criticizing others but rather help them with their needs, then light like noon day will dawn in the darkness.

As a result, verse 11 indicates:

1. **[Slide 39]** The Lord will guide us continually;
2. **[Slide 40]** He will spiritually satisfy our soul in the spiritual drought;
3. **[Slide 41]** He will strengthen our bones;
4. **[Slide 42]** Because of our connection with Him as the Living Water, we will flourish like a watered garden with a spring of water that never fails.

Verse 12 calls us:

1. **[Slide 43]** To build up the old waste places;
2. **[Slide 44]** To raise up the foundations of the past;
3. **[Slide 45]** For each of us to be called “the Repairers of the Breach” and “the Restorer of Streets or Paths to Dwell in.”

[Slide 46] Welfare Ministry, page 32, says, “With the work of advocating the commandments of God and repairing the breach that has been made in the law of God, we are to mingle compassion for suffering humanity.....Love revealed for suffering humanity gives significance and power to the truth.....It is only by an unselfish interest in those in need of help that we can give a practical demonstration of the truths of the gospel.”

What a call to each of us to repair the breach.....to restore God’s Holy Word showing the world what God intends to do in each life through supernatural power.....changing our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh thus glorifying God and bringing practical godliness to those who need to know Him. God calls us to lift up the Word of God.....His everlasting truth and law. **[Slide 47]** The Great Controversy, pages 583 and 584, say, “The great facts of creation as presented by the inspired writers, the fall of man, the atonement, and the perpetuity of the law of God, are practically rejected, either wholly or in part, by a

large share of the professedly Christian world. Thousands who pride themselves upon their wisdom and independence regard it as an evidence of weakness to place implicit confidence in the Bible; they think it a proof of superior talent and learning to cavil at the Scriptures and to spiritualize and explain away their most important truths.....[Slide 48] In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. In trampling upon the law of God, they deny the authority of the Lawgiver.....No error accepted by the Christian world strikes more boldly against the authority of Heaven, none is more directly opposed to the dictates of reason, none is more pernicious in its results, than the modern doctrine, so rapidly gaining ground, that God's law is no longer binding upon men." What a privilege to restore the law of God to its rightful place and point people to the Author of the Scriptures.....our God and Savior.

Verse 13 admonishes us to stop making the Sabbath a humanly devised curse, but rather to bring back a revival of true Sabbath worship and repair the breach by honoring God and not doing our own pleasure on the Sabbath. [Slide 49] As the Seventh-day Adventist Commentary says in Volume 4, page 307, regarding verse 13, "The essence of sin is selfishness---doing what one pleases, irrespective of God or man. The Sabbath day presents man with an opportunity to subdue selfishness and cultivate the habit of doing things that are pleasing to God and that contribute to the well-being of others. Rightly understood and observed, the Sabbath is the key to man's happiness both here and in the hereafter. [Slide 50] True Sabbath observance will lead to the work of reformation pictures in Isaiah 58:5-12. Those who do not enter into the spirit of the Sabbath as God ordained it, little realize what they are missing. The Sabbath is one of the greatest blessings bestowed upon men by a loving Creator."

[Slide 51] In Welfare Ministry, page 33, we read, "This chapter (Isaiah 58) is explicit and is enough to enlighten anyone who wishes to do the will of God. There is plenty of opportunity for everyone to be a blessing to humanity. The third angel's message is not to be given a second place in this work, but is to be one with it."

Verse 14 gives the summation of the results of this special spiritual and practical restorative work God has called His people to do at the end of time indicating:

1. [Slide 52] We will delight ourselves in the Lord.
2. [Slide 53] God will cause us to ride on the high hills of the earth.
3. [Slide 54] God will feed us with the various heavenly blessings that come with being part of the "heritage of Jacob" who proclaim God's last-day, three angels' messages in word and in practical action.
4. [Slide 55] God promises these blessings because "the mouth of the Lord has spoken." What a blessing to believe what God promises for His last-day remnant church.

God intends our verbal proclamation of the three angels' messages to be accompanied by a practical application of truth. We are to follow in Christ's footsteps showing mercy and compassion to others as we observe the rapid deterioration of secular community support services, cultural norms, and societal conditions. God calls us to be repairers of the breach.....to restore the streets in which we live.

[Slide 56] Welfare Ministry, page 32-33, says, "Much more than mere sermonizing is included in preaching the gospel. The ignorant are to be enlightened; the discouraged are to be uplifted; the sick are to be healed. [Slide 57] The human voice is to act its part in God's work. Words of tenderness, sympathy, and love are to witness to the truth. Earnest, heartfelt prayers are to bring the angels near.....The Lord will give you success in this work;..... [Slide 58] it is interwoven with the practical life, when it is lived and practiced. The union of Christlike work for the body and Christlike work for the soul is the true interpretation of the gospel."

[Slide 59] As part of proclaiming the three angels' messages, be a repairer of the breach. Do something for God as part of Total Member Involvement! We can't help people by philosophizing on the sidelines.....we need to get out our spiritual and practical ministry tool box and use our talents to make a spiritual and practical difference in the lives of people through the Holy Spirit's power. Ask God to lead you to those who need help. He will do it. Be a repairer of the breach! God will cause us to walk on the high places of the earth as we follow His will.

The account of Christ dealing with those who do His will is found in Matthew 25:31-46 expressing the ultimate fulfillment of Isaiah 58, Isaiah 61, and Luke 4. **[Slide 60]** Matthew 25:34-40 shares what Jesus will say to the righteous: "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' **[Slide 61]** Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

Fulfilling Christ's ministry means helping people physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. As we come closer to Him, He will accomplish this final ministry and mission through us for the world. He waits for us to lean completely on Him so He can make us into His likeness through His justifying and sanctifying righteousness. **[Slide 62]** Christ's Object Lessons, page 69, indicates, "Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then he will come to claim them as His own."

As we lean upon Christ for our every need, He will produce in us His characteristics to fulfill Isaiah 58 as we minister to those around us and point them to the foot of the cross where their lives will be changed by Christ's supernatural power. **[Slide 63]** Medical Ministry, page 21, says, "God's servants who are doing genuine medical missionary work have a most solemn, sacred responsibility resting upon them to keep in view Christ's life of unselfish service. They should turn their eyes from everything else, and look unto Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of their faith."

Christ has a two-fold work for us to accomplish as His last-day remnant people:

- [Slide 64]** To proclaim the three angels' messages with Holy Spirit power: **[Slide 65]** Testimonies, Vol 9, page 19 says, "In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import---the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention."
- [Slide 66]** To daily live the three angels' messages in a practical manner turning people back to the true worship of God as He restores His image in human beings. We are to fulfill Isaiah 58 in ministering to people in practical ways pointing them to the soon coming Savior. We are commissioned to be repairers of the breach and to restore the beauty and rightful place of the holy seventh-day Sabbath. This restoration process, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is a spiritual and practical process.

Everything you do in *preaching* the Word and *living* the Word, under God's guidance, is to ultimately lead people to the foot of the cross and an acceptance of the everlasting gospel keeping them from the mark of the beast and helping them to be fully sealed by God.

Isaiah 58 is a message for today. We all need to be reconverted every day and do even more in fulfilling heaven's prescription of practical Isaiah 58 ministry combined with the three angels' spiritual mandates of Revelation 14. By God's grace, I accept that challenge. I urge you to do so, also.

Let the Lord and His Bible truth control our lives through the Holy Spirit. Let's come back to God's plea **[Slide 67]** in II Chronicles 7:14----"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." **[Slide 68]** We are told in Selected Messages, Book I, page 121, "A revival of true godliness among use is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.....a revival need be expected only in answer to prayer."

As we seek Christ and His reviving and reforming power in our lives, let us lift up Him and His righteousness, not our own personal ideas. Let us allow Christ to align our minds with all of our 28 Fundamental Beliefs which all have Christ as the center of each one. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to ground us in our identity and role as His last-day remnant church fulfilling the requirements of Revelation 12:17. Our precious name, Seventh-day Adventists, tells of our origins in a literal, recent, six day creation capped by the seventh-day Sabbath. Our name tells where we are going.....to heaven at the second advent of Christ after he leaves His priestly intercessory work in the heavenly sanctuary. Let us submit ourselves in complete humility to the Holy Spirit's guidance for "Total Member Involvement" saying, "Yes, Lord, I will go."

As we unite in this work, we will fulfill the formula outlined in **[Slide 69]** Testimonies for the Church, Vol 9, page 117, which says, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

Through God's power, let us re-assert the biblical and Spirit of Prophecy emphases of Revival and Reformation, Mission to the Cities, Comprehensive Health Ministry, massive use of publications and media outreach, and other important aspects of our work as we lift up Christ in all we do. This will require absolute consecration to God's cause. **[Slide 70]** Steps to Christ, page 70, admonishes us to, "Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, 'Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee. This is a daily matter.'"

As we daily draw strength from Christ and His righteousness, **[Slide 71]** we can affirm Paul's proclamation in II Corinthians 4:7-10, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed---always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." Lift up Jesus in every aspect of your life.....point people to the one who is the Master Teacher, Master Physician, Redeemer, High Priest, Merciful Judge, and Coming King! Let God change our lives so we can change other lives through His power.

Yes, "What Might Have Been" will be, by God's grace! His people will be changed, ready, and working for Him. Jesus is coming soon and He wishes to use us mightily now and during the coming latter rain of the Holy Spirit.

[Slide 72] Soon, we will look up in the eastern sky and see a small white cloud approaching about half the size of a man's hand. We will realize it is the second coming of Christ. That cloud will get brighter and brighter and larger and larger, all of heaven poured out for this climactic event.....and in the middle of that cloud, we will see Jesus. We will say, "this is the God that we have waited for and He will save us." Jesus will look down and say, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of your Lord".....and we will ascend to heaven together. I long for that day when we see Jesus. You will look around to see those whom you have helped in Comprehensive Health Ministry according to Isaiah 58, Isaiah 61, Luke 4, and Matthew 25 when you said, "Yes, Lord, I will fulfill your comprehensive ministry, I will engage in Total Member Involvement, and I WILL GO share God's last day message to this world in word and deed.

Do you want to hear Jesus say to you when He welcomes us home, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world?" Through Christ's grace, His justifying righteousness, and His sanctifying righteousness, will you live out Isaiah 58 and Comprehensive Health Ministry in your life today? If so, please stand with me right now in complete commitment to God's proclamation and practical ministry through each of us as spiritual leaders and through our precious world church membership as we approach Christ's soon return. Join me in singing a hymn of consecration, "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations."

(Prayer)