

Talbot and Mouw: Biola Hour by Louis T. Talbot

This is Louis T. Talbot and welcome you to another broadcast of Bible study, and I do so, in the wonderful name of our wonderful Lord. Now I want you please to open your Bibles to chapter 20, of the Gospel according to John. And maybe that we're going to conclude this study, of this chapter today. Ah, and maybe that we shall be able to begin with chapter 21. And by the way that I have been running over my time for the last two or three mornings, and that is due to the fact that my electric clock here has just, ah gotten, out of gear some, how, and it has been losing about three minutes every half an hour. Our [inaudible] that, is being corrected today. My friends just another word with you is this I wanna to put in a special SOS, ah, for our radio needs and you know that I very seldom, ah, do this but they are very pressing at the present time. And I guess that this is due to the fact that, all of you good folks in, radioland have been paying your income taxes and other expenses. However I want you to remember the work, of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles in your prayers, and with your gifts as you're able. So that we may, ah, go forward in these terrific days. Our mailing address is, the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.

01:27 And now my friends to our, the study of the morning. Ah, yesterday we got down to verse 26, of this 20th chapter of the Gospel according to John, where the Lord appears to Thomas, and, ah, directs a question to him concerning his unbelief. You know the disciples had said that they had seen the Lord, a-and Thomas replied, "Except I see, in his hands the print of the nails and put my finger, into the point of the nails and thrust my hand, into his side, I will not believe." Well when the Lord appeared, he recalled to Thomas, what he had said, and you know that this is one

of the proofs of the omniscience, of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because no one told the Lord Jesus Christ what, ah, Thomas had said. But he knew it nevertheless. And you know that "omniscience" in that word just means knowing all things, is one of the attributes of deity. And you know that the Gospel, of John was written to prove that Jesus, was God manifest in the flesh. And so the Lord said to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands and, reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side, and be not faithless but believing." But there is no record my dear friends that Thomas, ever did that. There was no need of it. He was convinced, and he fell on his knees and he said, "My Lord and my God." And my friends the result of Thomas' doubt, is that we need, never need, to doubt. And I trust that after this demonstration, that there will be all doubts dismissed from our minds.

03:13 I want you to look at that verse 20 again. Thus ah, rather verse 27 again, of that chapter 20. "Then said he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands and reach hither thy, hand and thrust it into my side, and be not faithless, ah, but believing." Do you see my dear friends it was necessary that they have established, ah, that we know, that the one, ah, that the, the disciples saw was really himself. You see it might have been said, ah, that is if they hadn't, and the disciples had said, well, well we saw him. You know somebody might say, well they just saw an apparition but, my friends Jesus was not satisfied, ah, with just, saying do ya see me? He said, "Handle me, and put your finger into the nail prints, and thrust your hand, into my side. I want you to see that I'm real. I want you to see that, I am myself. I am the one that was crucified, and now risen from the dead." My friends, you know that after that, there is no question, but that, eh, this truth of the resurrection, had been established. We know that the body in which the Lord Jesus Christ died, and was buried. That same body arose and is now at God's right hand. You know the apostle Paul says a great deal about that, in the book of Hebrews, that is in chapter 5 in

ver--, chapter 10 and verse 5. You who have a pencil and a paper, just jot that, that down will you. That is chapter 10, and verse 5, of the book of Hebrews. And there you find recorded this, "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he said sacrifice and offering, thou wouldst not, but a, body, hast thou prepared for me." And ah, you know that that body, that the Lord Jesus Christ took at Bethlehem, had been prepared for him by God. And when Pa--, ah Paul made that statement he was just quoting, from one of the psalms. And the body that the Lord Jesus Christ took at Bethlehem, it was prepared, ah, for him, by God. And that is a precious thing, that body was created for the eternal Son. That same body Jesus, is to live in. The Son of God is to live, in that body. And he is to die in that body. He is to rise in that body. He is to be seen, and handled, in that body. And he is going back to heaven, in that body. You see my dear friends how precious, ah, that body is. We know that the Lord Jesus Christ, lived in it, and he died in it, and he gave his human body as a sacrifice, had the wounds in his hands and, in his feet and in his side, and that, human body was buried. And that same human body came out of the grave, and was handled, and they said we know that it is he. And he went back to heaven, in that body. And my friends the day is coming, ah when they shall say, "What are these wounds that are in thy hands?" And then he's going to say, "These are the wounds, that I have received in the house of my friends." Those wounds that, the Lord Jesus Christ received when he was crucified are still, in his hands, and when we get up into the glory we're going to see, those wounded hands. And we're going to see, his wounded side.

06:54 You know that, the reason why the body of the Lord Jesus, that is the resurrection, the actual resurrection, of the body of the Lord was established, was just this. You know that it is the resurrection of the body, of the Lord Jesus Christ that, guarantees, ah, the resurrection, of all of those bodies that were once the earthly, atop a neck of children of God, whose spirits are now

gone to be with the Lord, but their bodies are in the grave. My friends it's the resurrection, of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ that guarantees, ah, the resurrection of our loved ones. Of course when our loved ones die, ah, their spirits go to be with the Lord. Ah, but their bodies are in the grave. But one day, because the Lord Jesus Christ, had conquered death, and conquered the grave, he is going to unlock every grave that contains the precious dust, of the dead in Christ, because he said and because I live, ye too, shall live.

07:59 I want you now to look at verses 28 and 29. Verses 28 and 29, "And Thomas answered and said unto him, my Lord and my God. And Jesus said unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me thou hast believe. Blessed are they, that have not seen, and yet have believed." That is that the Lord Jesus Christ, is now emphasizing, that before the disciples there is going to be a walk of faith, and that walk of faith my dear friends has continued, ah, for 2,000 years. And God wants us. Christ is promising here a special blessing, to those who do not see, to those who do not believe, and those who, who do not understand, and yet go on, and believe. You know that there is a verse in the 8th chapter of Romans, that, ah, you folks may have difficulty, ah, from time to time in believing, and that is that all things work together for good. And you may say, "Well I'm going through, a lot of trouble and I do not see how, these things can work together for good, for me. Or for the glory of God." My friends, when you come to an experience like that, you remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is calling you to a walk of faith. And he said to Thomas, "Because you have seen you have believed. Blessed are they, that have not seen, and yet have believed."

09:31 You know that, what Thomas said was a glorious testimony, to the deity of the Lord Jesus. He fell on his knees and he said, "My Lord, and my God." For Thomas, do you see in our's faith.

And we are to hear the blessedness of faith. Jesus said, "Those who do not see and yet they believe me, are going to be in possession of a special blessing." It's a wonderful thing my dear friends to live in this day of, of faith, do you know that? In this day when we do not see, the Lord Jesus Christ, and ya cannot see God, and yet ya have faith? You know that God considers faith, such a wonderful thing that if you have it my dear friends it'll take ya to heaven. It'll put all of your sins away. It'll forgive everything that you ever did. It will take you out of your lost condition, no matter what your character has been. And nor what your sins, ah, have ah, have that you have committed, no matter how black they may be. Faith will, ah, will cover them all. You know that God considers faith such a wonderful way, that if you will just believe him, he will put all of your sins away and, and take you to glory and give you the glory, ah, of the Son of God himself. My friends, if you have faith you have a wonderful thing. You have something that all the wealth of the world cannot give you. You have something that will keep you outta hell. And will take you into heaven. Ah, if it is faith, in the faith work, of the Lord Jesus Christ.

11:21 You know that there is told, ah, the story of a banker who went to a, a minister, a minister who was, always talking about faith. Ah, and this banker went to the, minister and was at the time of the depression, ah, so some years ago. And this banker says, "Pastor you know, you're always, preaching a lot on faith. Ah, and why don't you become more practical? Why today that there are people who've lost their jobs and losing, and they have lost their houses, and, ah and lost the money that they, ah, that they possessed and, and here you are preaching about faith. Ah and that's been the theme of ya, your message. Why not, ah, get a, ah-a, line ah, a line of sermons that will be more practical and help these people?" Well you know, that, the pastor did not say very much, although he saw the man's error, and his short sightedness. That some days later when the trouble struck the banks, this man's bank, had a run made on it. It was a mining, ah,

town and there were a great many, ah, foreigners in it, and they did not understand all of these hard times, an, and they thought that the bank was unsound and so they, ran for the, money in great crowds and of course the greater the crowd, the greater the crowd became. And the banker stood in their midst and he was trying, vainly to quiet them. Ah and he's trying to tell them that everything was alright. And the bank was able tah, ah-tah, weather, ah, w-would whatever was ahead. And he was trying to restore their confidence. And right in the midst of it as the banker was talking to that crowd demanding their money, the minister walked in. And the banker said to the minister, "Don't you see the trouble? The people have lost confidence in the bank and the bank is alright and there is plenty of money here. If only we can do something to restore their confidence." And the minister said, "Would you, would you like me to get up and preach a sermon on, faith?" He said, "You know banker what, what these people need is, faith. That's what they need. They need faith in the bank and they need faith in you." And the banker says, "Yes I guess that's it." And the minister said, "Do you remember that when you told me, ah, that faith was not practical?" And the banker says, "Yes pastor I, I take it all back. And if you can do anything to restore faith in this bank I want you to get on this soap box and just preach to them." Ah and the, ah and the preacher who was, well known and the people had confidence in him, he got up on the soap box and he just calmed their, their troubled hearts. And you know that they had faith restored. This minister said, "I know this banker and I know something of this bank. And I want you to have faith, in this man." My dear friends it was faith that saved the bank. But I want to tell ya that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, will keep you outta ha--, have, keep you outta, hell. And it'll put you into heaven.

14:29 God wants your faith, my dear friends. He wants your faith in him. He wants your confidence. He does not like unbelief, because unbelief makes God a liar. And he will do

anything for faith. That is why Abraham, ah, you know was called the, the friend of God. You remember how that in the 12th chapter of Genesis that God was telling Abraham, what he was going to do. And, God, promised him wonderful things. He told Abraham that his seed, was going to be like the stars of the heaven, a-and like that sands of the sea. Ah, and, and we read that Abraham, believed God. He did not ask God how this thing could be done. He said, and the record is that he believed God, and God, had counted, his belief, unto him for righteousness. My dear friends God is his faith. And the prayer of faith is the thing that he honors, a-and he will take ya to glory, if you have faith in his Son. That's what the Lord Jesus Christ was trying to put over to Thomas here. The Lord Jesus Christ has said before, ah, that he was going, tah, here that he was, ah, that he was, he was gonna rise from the dead. That's what he said. But you know that Thomas didn't believe it. Now my friends I wanna stop here and say that I have ah, a clock here, a special clock, and, ahh, put into my study and I think that this clock is gone flooey. I'm not sure about that, but I figured out. And if my secretary is, listening in here I wish that she would tell me just what the time is so that I will not be going, over my time again.

16:19 Now I want you to look my dear friends to verse 29 will you again. Verse 29, "Jesus said unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me thou hast believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet, ah, believe." That my dear friends was the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ and it was necessary. I want you to take one Scripture in closing. It is 1 Corinthians chapter 15. And you know that the apostle Paul, writing, in that chapter that great message of the resurrection. He tells in verses 3 to 8, of that 15th chapter. He says, "For I have delivered unto you first of all, that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture. That he was buried, and that he rose again, the third day according to the Scripture. And that he was seen of Cephas, and then of the 12. And after that, he was seen, above 500 brethren at the once, of whom

the greater part, remain to this present, that some have fallen asleep. And after that, he was seen of James and then of all the apostles, and last of all, he was seen of me also, as one born unto, due time." My dear friends the apostle Paul said, "I saw the Lord too." But 500 others saw him. The disciples saw the Lord. James saw the Lord. Peter saw the Lord. And they handled him and they touched him. Do you know why there is so much emphasis laid, upon the resurrection of the Lord Jesus? My dear friends that the great, ah, the great foundation truth, of the church of Jesus Christ is an empty tomb. The apostle Paul wrote to these Corinthians and he said, "If Christ be not risen from the dead, then your faith is vain, and you are yet, in your sin."

18:29 Over there in Moscow my dear friends if you should visit Russia, they will take you into Red Square, and they'll take ya to a tomb, where there is the body of Stalin, and the body of Lenin, and they will tell you that is the thing that we glory in here. They'll show you a tomb with a mummy in it. Show you a tomb with Lenin, who has been filled with embalming fluid. And they say that that is our glory. Thank God my dear friends we have something better than that. We can point to a tomb, over there in the land of Palestine. And the tomb is empty, because the one, who was buried in it, is risen! And he said, "And because I live, ye too, shall live." My friends when you read, about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, you can turn your face to, the cemeteries where your loved ones are. You know it maybe that I'm talking to someone who has just recently buried, a little child, or buried a husband, or, buried a loving wife, and your heart is very sad, and your thoughts turn to the cemetery today. I want to tell you my dear friends that because the Lord Jesus Christ, is risen from the dead, there is no power in heaven, no power on earth, and no power under the earth, that can stop that body from rising. Because Jesus Christ is risen, we have the pledge that the dead in Christ are gonna rise. You remember how that Paul talks about that, in, 1 Thessalonians chapter 4, he says, "If we believe that Jesus died and rose

again, then those that sleep in Jesus, will, God, bring, ah, be with, ah, will Christ bring with him.” For the dead in Christ shall rise. The living shall be changed. The Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout. And when he gives that shout, the dead in Christ are gonna rise. And those who are living at the time, without seeing death at all, they're gonna be translated. They're gonna be caught up together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so shall we ever be with the Lord. My friends, what is the guarantee of that? The guarantee of that, is the resurrection, of the Lord Jesus.

21:18 You know that there is one thing that I wanna put before you my dear friends, before, I close that is this, one thing about the Lord in his resurrection. You know that he is [voiced] in that [inaudible]. Do you remember that, when Mary Magdalene said to him, thinking that he was the gardener, “If, you have taken him away, tell me where thou hath laid him.” And the Lord Jesus said to her, “Mary.” And I think my friends that the Lord Jesus could, could, pronounce that word, as nobody else could pronounce it. And he just said, "Mary." Death hasn't changed his voice. She recognized him by the tone of his voice! And she fell at his feet, and said, “Rabboni!” which is to say Master. My friends, my dear mother has been in the glory now, for about 30 years I guess. And her body is in a little grave over there in Australia. But you know that I do not believe that death, has changed her voice, at all. My mother could pronounce, my name, as no other person could pronounce it. And when I get to heaven, I'm gonna hear her, pronounce my name. And you friends will hear your loved ones pronounce your name. And you will find that death hasn't changed, their voice at all. And we're going to be there, not in spirit form. We're going to be there in, a real body. Jesus had a body of flesh and bone. And you and I, will have a similar body. Because he lives, we too, shall live. And he was talking about the resurrection, of

his body. What a blessed hope. What confidence, what a comfort, as we look at cemeteries, today.

23:39 Well my time is up. I'll be back God willing on Monday, and then we shall begin the study, of, chapter, 21. The Lord bless you. Good bye, and God bless you all.

23:52 [No sound between messages]

[The following message is given by Arthur Mouw]

24:22 Good morning friends, this is Arthur Mouw speaking on behalf of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. And it is a, real, privilege to come into your home. I'm sure, though that you are all awaiting the return of Dr. Talbot to this microphone, so that he might resume his studies, and, messages, on the Gospel of John. Dr. Talbot is at present in bed, sick with the flu, and, has a very bad, cold. And I trust that every one of you are praying for him. Please continue to pray for him. And remember, to send in your letters from day to day.

24:58 This morning I want to speak to you, about prayer in connection, with, missions. Have you ever wondered why so few people go to the mission field? Almost every missionary you hear, will tell you about the harvest being plenteous, and the laborers few. Why are there so few laborers? Have you ever wondered about it? Have you ever asked the question, "Why is it, that so few go?" Well one report gives that there are 24,000 missionaries, in the entire world. Another report says there are 28,000. Well just think of this. Only 24 or 28,000 at the most, going into all the world to preach the Gospel, and yet there are millions and millions and millions of people, without, the Gospel. The harvest, is plenteous. And the Lord Jesus Christ when he saw this multitude he said unto his disciples, "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray

ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will thrust forth laborers, into, his harvest.” And I believe my friends here is the key. Pray ye, therefore the Lord of the harvest. And I believe the reason that, more laborers, aren't sent forth into the harvest fields of earth, is because, you my Christian friends, and myself, we do not pray, enough. We do not pray, the Lord of the harvest daily, that, he will, send forth laborers, into the harvest. And if you look at this 37th verse and this 38th verse, you'll note that the word "harvest" is used three times in these two verses.

26:40 Now do suppose that word, "harvest", was just put there to fill up space? Or were these verily the words, of the Son of God? Surely they are. They are the words of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. And he didn't use words just to use them. But he said, “Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will thrus-thrust forth laborers, into the harvest. For the harvest truly is plenteous.” And my friends you know that harvest time is not a time of [planting]. It's not a time of preparing the soil. The harvest time is a time of gathering, in the grain. And, you know, my friends we can only speak with authority, about, something that we ourselves have experienced. And this morning, I can only tell you about Borneo because that's the only land that I've labored in. And I can only tell you, that which I personally have experienced. And let me give you an illustration of how these verses that we've read to you, this morning worked out in my own life.

27:40 Well I was born in a Christian home. And at the early age of six my mother, led me to the Lord Jesus Christ. And in this home, with a Christian father and Christian mother, I had six sisters and one brother. We had family worship. Each night, my father would reach for the Bible or my mother would reach for the Bible, and they'd read a chapter and then all of us, would get down on our knees and we'd have what we call, family worship. And as my father and mother would pray they would pray, “The Lord of the harvest that he would thrust forth laborers.” And

you know they couldn't just pray that the Lord would send forth laborers, and not remember their own children. And so they used to pray a prayer something like this, "Lord, make an evangelist, Lord make a gospel singer, Lord make a missionary out of some of our children." And you know, when they prayed that way, I was a little bit afraid, that they were praying, for me. And I was in hopes they were praying for my brothers and sisters, because I really didn't want to be a missionary or a minister. I just wanted to settle home here, in the, homeland, and be like anybody else. Well, that father of mine and mother of mine also had compassion. I remember how my father used to go on Sunday afternoons. He was not a preacher. He was a carpenter. He worked with the hammer, and earned his living with a hammer. But on Sunday afternoons he had compassion upon, some of the men down, around the plaza. And down at 5th and Wall Street. And I used to go with him and he'd get up on a box and he'd preach the best that he knew how, to these men, because he had compassion upon them. And these prayers being offered in our home, well I heard those prayers for about 20 years. And you know like a drop of water that drops, drops, drops on a rock, but after a while, it'll bore a hole through that rock. And I couldn't hear those prayers all my life without them effecting me and they did effect me.

[29:33](#) And you know one day I found myself in the land of Borneo. I got there in answer to prayer, the prayers of my father and mother. Of course there were some things I had to do. I had to say yes to the whole will of God myself. But anyway I found myself in the land of Borneo in answer to prayer. And if you'd've asked me and said, "Brother Mouw what are, what are you looking for? What are you doing over here in this land of Borneo?" Had you been along that river and you'd've met me you'd've said, probably, "What are you doing here?" Well I would have said, "I'm here because the Lord Jesus Christ said go into all the world and preach the Gospel." But if you'd have asked me what I was looking for, probably at that time I wouldn't

have been able to tell you. But really you know what I was looking for? I was looking for a harvest. For the Lord Jesus Christ had said in the long ago, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will thrust forth laborers, into the harvest." And I was literally, thrust forth, in answer to prayer. And being thrust forth in answer to prayer certainly I should have been there, hunting for something. Looking for something. And really what I was looking for was a harvest. Well one day, going up a certain jungle river, in this land of western Borneo, I found a tribe of people whose hearts were seemingly prepared, by the Holy Spirit. Prepared in answer to prayer. And in that, section, we found a harvest. It was not yet, it, ah, not until two years and two months after we left America, that the first one came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, because of the preaching of the Gospel, as it was given forth from our lips. But that first one turned to the Lord. And then, a little, while later, 39 people turned to the Lord in a village, 67 in another. A few here, and a few there. And there was one village where 312 people, turned to the Lord Jesus Christ.

31:29 So, let me ask you a question now. Do you suppose that anybody could go to a land like Borneo where the devil has held sway, and ah, has, held, his power over the people, for, decades and for centuries, and that missionary not run into trouble? Well when these people started turning to the Lord, we ran into all kinds of trouble. There was trouble on every hand. And ah, people were being persecuted. And one thing or another was happening there. And, then we really had to pray, for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness, in high places. And, there was plenty. There were threatenings. Our lives were sometimes in danger. Because, friends, until we went there all of those people were of one heart serving the devil. But now someone had come, and ah, it was disturbing, the, ah, countryside. The Gospel was

becoming the power of God unto salvation. And some of the people were angry because their customs were being, ah, changed. Well, there were times when we didn't know what to do. But here, in this verse, ah, in, Ephesians it says, "Stand therefore having your loins, gird about with truth." And there are times friends when you can only stand. And all we could do was stand, therefore, and pray, and trust that people at home, were praying.

32:58 Well I remember one day after we moved right into the jungles, my wife and myself, moved into an old barn of a house, situated on the [Bletung] River. Why, one day we heard the putt-putt of an engine, as a, motorboat was coming up the river. And our hearts nearly stopped because when knew every time that an engine came up that river it was bringing, officials. And when the officials came, it was, they were coming, not tah, to bring peace usually, but they were coming, to, settle some trouble. Some new trouble that had happened in the jungles. And sure enough when they arrived, we knew that that's why they had come. You see the whole countryside was turned upside down. There were several hundred people, that were following the Lord Jesus Christ. But there were thousands that were still heathen. And the heathen, were asking for, the blood of the pig and the blood of the chicken. And they wanted the blood of the, of the pig and blood of the chicken to be poured upon the ground. Well the Christians couldn't give it. And the heathen reasoned, that if all the people don't pour it, the blood of the pig and the blood of the chicken upon the ground, then the, ah, ground will not be purified and we won't be able to, to ah, raise rice because the ground won't make forth rice. And so the heathen were demanding, the blood of the pig and the blood of the chicken, from the Christians. And of course the Christians couldn't give it. Well these two men came up. But they didn't say they came to settle that particular, problem. They said, "No we've come to investigate and, take a look at your schools that you've established." Well we had established about, five or six schools by that time.

And so I went with them down the trails from school to school. And they examined them and looked, at them. But one day we came to a certain church called the Bethel Church. A church that had a membership of, of ah, 13 hundred and 15 people. And besides the church, there was a school there. And they examined the school. But I said to the two native workers, "I'm sure that these men are not here, just to, look at the schools, but there must be some trouble. And so let us pray." So those two native workers and myself and some Dayaks, we started to pray and we ended up by praying most of the night. The next morning we got up, or rather they got up. They didn't know we've been praying. And we walk, walked back to our, own station, along the river, of the [Blekong]. And as we got within about, 300 or 600 feet of our station, going over a little bluff, why, we, met a crowd of people, and the whole place was just, filled with people. And I turned to the official and said, "What, what's the trouble?" And he said, "Well I've asked the people to come." He said, "We have a perkara here to settle. We have a problem here, among these people and tomorrow morning, we're gonna have a trial, and I want you attend that trial. And I want you to talk to the people and I'm going to talk to 'em." Well we had supper together that night. And we also had breakfast together the next morning. And they left the breakfast table, these two officials, and they said, "You come on over just as soon as you can." And my wife and myself we knelt down, at what we called our davenport and we prayed. We didn't know what was going to happen. But we asked, the Lord to lay the burden of prayer, upon someone at home, for we knew that we were in real trouble.

36:29 Now prayer had brought us to this land, and only prayer, can keep us in this land. And it was prayer that brought these people to the knowledge of sins forgiven. And so we prayed and asked the Lord, to lay the burden of prayer upon someone at home. I went over to the little hut, in which these men were gathered. And they sat there, with the people, the Christians and the

heathens. Of course the, heathen, out-numbered the Christians about 20 or 30 to one. The town was just, filled with people probably about 3,000 altogether there. And I don't think there were more than 500 Christians, if that many, and ah, of course, not all of them could get in the house but they did, surround the house and they could stand in under, and they just had bark walls and they could listen. And I sat down alongside of this official on a chair. And ah, he said, "We've come here to settle this, trouble. And the heathen are demanding the blood of the pig and the blood of the chicken from the Christians." And ah, I said to him, "Well these Christians can't give the blood of the pig and the blood of the chicken, because they are Christian." And he said, "Well they must give it. Because we've come up here, to settle this trouble, and we are, the officials. We are the government, and it must be settled and there must be a compromise." And I looked at this man, and I said, "How can I tell these people, to use the blood of the pig and the blood of the chicken, when they're Christians? For I told them, about the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. And it is that precious blood that has washed away their sins." And this man became a little bit irritated and he said, "Either you'll tell them, or I have orders, to take you out of the jungles. And you won't be allowed to preach here, or teach or do anything here anymore. So the best thing for you to do is to tell them." I looked at him, and said, "That'll be impossible. I could never tell people to go back on the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. And use again the blood of the pig and the blood of the chicken." And I said, "If, anyway that even if I did tell these people to do that, they wouldn't do it." And I was respectful. I said to this man, "These people are not following me. I'm but a messenger here. I'm the one that brought the Gospel to them. But, they, had believed that Gospel and it has transformed their lives. And now if I tell them to go back on something which they have personally experienced, they wouldn't do it. I know they, wouldn't do it." And I said, "If you don't believe me, you ask one of these Christian Dayaks." And so he,

pointed his finger at one of the, Christian Dayaks there. And of course, this little man he didn't know what we were talking about, because we were conversing in the Dutch language, and he only knew his, native dialect. And he pointed his finger at him, and told him to stand up. And the man stood up and he didn't know why he was supposed to stand up. And he said, now he said, "You tell me about this, this business of the blood." And, God gave this little man boldness. And he stood up and he said something like this, he said, "Mister, in the long ago, we used to believe that the blood of the pig and the blood of the chicken would wash away sin. And we used to dip our fingers in the blood and put it on our foreheads, but, to appease the evil spirits. But we no longer believe in that. Because we believe now that only the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, can wash away sin. And we have believed on the only begotten Son of God and we are following him." And then he said something, that certainly, ah, I wouldn't have told him to say. But the Lord was leading him. And this little guy stood up and he said, "Tuan, we wouldn't go back and use the blood of the pig or the blood of the chicken for anybody. It wouldn't make any difference who told us, to go back and use that. We wouldn't go back and use that because we couldn't go back and use that because we now believe, that only the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, could wash away sin." Well if that man had known what we'd been talking about he'd probably wouldn't have given a testimony like that.

[40:31](#) But that was the very testimony that he gave, and that, this made this Dutch official, very angry. And I don't want you to think too harshly of this, these officials. They were doing their best to try and, govern this, island, with peace. And they were trying to, strike a compromise. But when a little bit of a Dayak, a man of the forest, stood up, and said, "We wouldn't go back, to that old custom for anybody." Well, that made that man angry. And he started to curse, in the Dutch language. And as he cursed, I tell ya friends, I was never, more afraid in my life, because

he was taking the name of God in vain. And, I withdrew from him because I was sitting right to his right. And I was afraid that the judgement of the Lord would fall upon that man, and the people, there in that room, and the people that were surrounding, that house. They, sensed that there was something wrong. And this man, dropped his, head, into his hands, and his two elbows were there on his knees. And he sat there, with his head buried in his hands thinking for a little while, maybe for two or three minutes. Nobody said a word. All of a sudden he lifted his head, and he said, in the Dutch language, “There are two things that are warring inside of me now. One, I know what I’m supposed to do as an official. Another, I know what I’m supposed to do as a Christian. And these two things are warring, within me now and I don’t know what to do, or what to say.” And I don’t believe he was a Christian. No man could be a Christian and take the name of God in vain. But he thought of himself as a Christian. But he was not a born again Christian. And, then he dropped his head into his hands again, and, sat there. And everybody was quiet. And finally he jumped to his feet, and he said, “All this is up. Everything’s over.” And he walked out of the little room. And the native official who was sitting to my left who didn’t understand Dutch he said, “What, what did he say?” And I said,

[Mouw speaks in native language]

“He said everything’s over.” He says, “What’s over?” I said, “I don’t know.” And then the people said, “What did he say?” And the official told them, he said, “Everything’s over.” And they said, “What’s over?” And, everybody, and no one knew, what was over.

42:59 And the man went down, ah, down the steps of that little hut, and stood there on the yard, and I said ah, “You know, ah, lunch will be ready in just a little while. You better come into the house.” And he said, “No I can’t, come in. I’ve got to go home.” And I said, “Well come in and

have a glass of pineapple juice anyway.” And he said, “No I can't.” Well, I said ah, “I'll go and get it for you.” And so I fetched him a glass of pineapple juice and he stood there, on the ground, and drank it. And then he got into his boat. And he started away. Well, you know friends, that man went down the stream, and in a little while all the people that were not believers, they left for their jungle home. But a couple a hundred of the, Christian Dayaks remained. And they came around and they said, ah, “Tuan, ah what did he say, when he, stood to his feet there?” And I said, “Well he just said everything's, ah, everything's over.” “And what did he mean by that?” I said, “I don't know.” And then these Dayaks that were Christians, they looked at me and they said, “Tuan, did we win? Did we win?” They wanted to know, who had won. And I looked at 'em and I said, “Don't talk about winning.” I said, “We didn't win.” I said, “God has heard, and answered prayer. And when you go home don't grieve the Holy Spirit by saying, did we win or did we win? But just go home and praise the Lord and thank him for what he hath wrought, in the jungle.”

[44:27](#) Well friends about, three months later, I received a letter, from a man, in, Pennsylvania. And he wrote this letter and he said, “Brother Mouw, I don't know what was wrong, but on a certain night, I prayed. I was awakened in the midnight hours, and I got out and I started to pray for everybody that I knew. And finally your name came to my, mind. And when I mentioned your name before the Lord I knew that you were in trouble. And brother Mouw I don't know what your trouble was, but I prayed for you, many hours.” You know as my wife and myself read that letter, we checked back, and we found that that man had been on his knees for a long time, before, my wife and myself threw ourselves down, at that davenport, to pray. We asked the Lord, to lay the burden of prayer upon someone at home. And God had heard, that prayer, and he'd laid this burden of prayer, upon this man, in, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. And that man had

prayed. And then he ended up, his letter would say, "Brother Mouw I don't know what was wrong, but I know now that it's all alright, because God, witnessed to my spirit, that it was alright." And friends, it was. God used that man, to pray, and saved us there in that situation.

45:49 Well you know years went by, when one night, I was speaking here in the Church of the Open Door. Dr. Talbot was then pastor. And as I was telling what the Lord had done in the land of Borneo, to my right, over about the middle of the congregation, there was a man every once in a while that would call out and say, "Amen, amen." And I'd go on with the, message. And after a while this man would say, "Amen, amen." And you know some of the people were looking in his direction, and wondered who this man was. Well I didn't know who he was. And you know it was beginning to disturb me just a little bit because it was disturbing the people, there, for they were all turning in his direction every time he said "Amen." Well finally the, ser--, ah, the service came to a close about a quarter after nine. And I walked down off of the platform and several of the people, came, around and, said hello, and, thanked us for the message, and greeted Dr. Talbot. And finally this man came, that had been saying, "Amen, amen." And he took ahold of my hand and shook it. And he said, "Brother Mouw" and he said, "You don't know me, but I know you." And I said, "What is your name, brother?" He says, "My name is [DePue]." I said, "Are you brother [DePue] from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania?" He said, "Yes." But, friends I only had my right hand in his hand then. But I reached over and put my left hand, and I grasped, his hand, in my two hands, and I stood there. I didn't want to ignore the people that were around me, or to be rude, but I couldn't let go of that man's hand and I looked at him, and I said, "Dear brother you got my letter didn't you?" He said, "Yes, I have, the letter." And I said, "You don't know, how the Lord used you on that occasion." And then I told him, and explained to him, later on, ah, when the rest of the people had left. I explained to him, what a terrific battle was going on

there in the jungles and how we were nearly, run out of Borneo. And that if God hadn't, ah, undertaken, that we would have been taken out. And that God had used his prayer, to, ah, save that, situation. Friends, as I stood there and looked at that man, I found out that he lived, in ah, a [inaudible] here, in the home for, disabled, veterans. And as I held his hand and looked at him, I thought to myself, "O Lord my God, you, I asked thee to help, and you looked, the world over, and here is the man, that you used." And I stood there, and worshiped the Lord, and thanked him, for what, he had done.

48:34 All in the long ago, when the Lord Jesus Christ looked upon the multitude. His heart, was moved with compassion on them, because he saw then the sheep scattered abroad, having no shepherd. And then he said unto his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous. The laborers, are few. Pray ye, the Lord of the harvest, that he will thrust forth laborers, into the harvest." And friends I don't know of any other scriptural way where by laborers are gonna to be sent forth, into the harvest fields of earth, but by prayer. It was prayer, that thrust my wife and myself for, into the land of Borneo. It was prayer that caused us to find, a place to labor, and to find a harvest. And it was prayer that brought these people, to the lives of sins forgiven. And friends it was prayer that delivered us, and kept us there, when there were some that wanted to take us out of that land.

49:34 Oh my friend this morning, in your hand, you have the key that will unlock the door. And the key, is the key of prayer. Jesus said, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers, into the harvest." And I have here in my hand a little, piece of paper. It's a prayer pledge, that I would like to send to, each one, of you that would write in. It's just a little piece of paper, but if you'll follow what is written on this, piece of paper, this prayer pledge, it will help

you my friend to unlock the, door, and, as that door is unlocked, ah, missionaries will be sent, to the harvest fields of earth. May God bless you, each and every one, for listening. And now I see that my time is up, and don't forget to, write for the prayer reminder. And it will be sent, to you at once. God bless, you every one. Amen.

50:36 [After the conclusion of Mouw's message are sounds of rustling paper, footsteps, thumping microphone, background talking, then dead air.]