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Glory of Christ's Death  
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Robert T. Ketcham

So far, as I know, tomorrow night, I should be speaking on the blessed hope that subject to change, but where we get the signals now, that would be our last evening with you tomorrow morning in the chapel, I hope to be able to finish the series on the high cost of writing process in which we have to

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discuss the Friday morning, our free for another message that I want to bring to the chapel on tonight. I'd like to talk with you about the glory of Christ, the 13th chapter of John's Gospel. That verse 31. Our Lord is speaking and he says now is the son of man glory, pride and God is glorified in him

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and we can deal only and we will. I'm quite certain that we will be running over the 8:00 hour tonight a little bit. We can deal only with the first phrase and phase of that verse the glory of the son of God in his den.

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Robert T. Ketcham

The other half of it would be another message on the glory of the father in the death of his son that we don't have to save for some other time when we come back, maybe two weeks at the millennium or something tonight, then let us organize our thinking around this expression of our lovely lord.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now is the son of man glorified. There are two things which intrigued me about this statement, which hold me and vice like grip of curiosity, and they I mean what Jesus said and when he said it, the content of his statement and the timing of it are not.

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Robert T. Ketcham

What he is saying now is the son of a man glorified. Now those of you who are familiar with your Bible and all know that this expression of our lord, the courage in the setting of the last meeting with his disciples in the upper room just before he began his death march to the bloody instrument of Calvary

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on a hill just outside the city's gate. For some time now, there has been a strange tension everywhere. Everybody seems to have the jitters. Everybody seems to sense that there is something some evil, foreboding somewhere. What it is, they don't know.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But everybody seems to sense that something is just around the corner and the only person in the entire room who does know what's going to happen is the one who utters these words. Now, now is the son of a man glorified.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He is the only one that actually knows that before the Sun is down tomorrow night, there will be a man barn crowned blood soaked spit. Bedraggled bleeding from five of the wounds nail fast to an awful cross, going down under the overwhelming billows of the wrath of God almighty and heaven bearing down with him the guilt and

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the punishment of the sins of the world. This one who is speaking is the only one who knows that that's what's going to happen. But I would remind you. That he's the one who's going to be on that cross.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now, do you begin to see why I'm a little curious as to why he designates this hour as an hour of glory? Now is the son of man horrified at what he says as he stands in that little upper room, dimly lighted with a few flickering candles, sparsely furnished with a table and reclining benches, a basin and

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a towel, and some water. And when he made this statement, eleven scared disciples. And from that vantage point, he looks out across the city to the hill, called Calvary, and sees all that's going to happen between then and Rory's ends and the ultimate of his crucifixion, and declares in ringing tones that now in Dublin, now he is

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to be glorified. I challenge you to see one single, solitary ray of glory in the whole thing. If ever you saw a picture of gloom and impenetrable darkness, if ever you saw the consummation of the dance of the sin of human heart rising for its final climactic in the murder of the son of God, you see it

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Robert T. Ketcham

now. And yet, Jesus Christ, something which he says glory. You're almost tempted to rush in and say, Jesus, didn't you misspeak yourself? Didn't

you mean to say now is the son of a man humiliated now is the son of a man brought Moon, and he will say to you, No, no.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now is the son a man glorify. Uh, it's not difficult to rebuild the scene in that upper room, uh, if you want to refresh your memories on it, does take a look at it as I call your attention to something about it.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Our Lord has said to Duterte what I'll do is do quickly. Now you look at your text there and your context, and you'll discover that the next word that was uttered in that room after that is this expression from our lord now is the son of a man glorified.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I see Judas after the command of the Lord Jesus to get on with his dastardly business of betrayal. I see Judas as he moves to the door, opens it, steps out onto the little landing on the oriental outer stairway, pulls the door slowly shut and we hear the click of the latch in the niche.

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Robert T. Ketcham

We hear the creaking of the stairs as he moves slowly down them. We hear the soft, padded foot fall as he moves across the grassy lawn. Then we hear the scratching of the gravel underneath the soles of his sandals as he moves out the highway yonder to keep his rendezvous with the murderers of Jesus Christ.

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From the moment to the last syllable dropped from our saviors, what I'll do is do quickly so far as that room is concerned, I doubt if you could have heard even a man breathing. There was a silence in that upper room that you could cut with a knife.

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Robert T. Ketcham

The only sound that penetrated it was the sound of the receding footsteps of the trader growing fainter and thinner and thinner and thinner upon the stillness of the Judean night until the last feeble vibration died in the darkness and been like a pistol shot.

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Jesus Christ. And now he's the son of man Laurie Fine. And I believe that he gave it all the dramatics that the occasion demand. I do not believe that Jesus just nonchalantly said now, no, I don't think so.

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Robert T. Ketcham

You see my friend, you're dealing with an hour here in the language. You've never been in history before, never will be again. Back in the gospel, you will recall frequently reading something that is called Mein. Our The Lord refers to it on two or three occasions.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Mine hour is not yet come. Other occasions they could not do this or that to him because his hour had not yet come. Now let me remind you that that a few hours at best, after he makes his startling announcement about his glory and he goes younger to the Sleeping Disciples, Peter, James and John in the garden

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, the guest family and awaken them. And since then, it arrives. Let us go Henry's mind. Our is come. Now, the only conclusion you can arrive at in this matter is that when he is said to be another occasion of mine, ours is not yet come.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And now as he moves toward Calvary, he says mine hour is come. The only conclusion you can arrive at is that there must have been a time when the father, son and Holy Spirit back yonder in eternity unitedly put their finger up on a spot on the dial of the clock of time, and they're coming at it

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together. But when that hour should come, the second position of their trinity would go out to a hill called Calvary, and they would do battle with sin and death and hail and win. That must have been a God ordained hour in the fullness of time when Jesus Christ died.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now there's no hour like that one. You see, if this hour fails, everything is fail everything. If this hour fails, the veracity of God is if this hour fails or something happens to to stop this hour of its fulfillment and hinder his accomplishments.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Then every prophetic word in the Old Testament lives of any meaning. If something happens to this hour, then every some instant, every songster and every prophet and every poet and the Old Testament. We're speaking just so many empty words.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Indeed, my friend, if this hour fails, then God is name and hell and the devil has won and heaven itself would drop into the pit. This is the hour

of all time. This is the hour to which everything back yonder look and the witch.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now everything looks backward to it. Here lies the hope of the world. Here lies the veracity of God. Here lies the ability of God to put Satan out of business. This is the hour, and at this hour it fails.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Everything is gone, and I don't believe Jesus just introduced it with a little. Now is the son of man. I think I can see him as he knows that the man who is within the next few hours to plant the kiss of a traitor upon his bloodstained cheek from the Bloody Sweat and Guess Seminary.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He knows that the man who has to do that is even now on his way to consummate the traitorous deal for his body. And as the silence of the night crowds in upon them. And he knows that the next move on his part will be to plunge headlong and heart first into that awful hour, that awful hour

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when he was to plunge down to the very bottom of the black pits of hell and come back with you and me and his ransoming hands. He introduces it not with a sort of a indolence and indifference. I think I see him as his head is erect in his eyes, a blaze in his cheeks, a glow and

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his voice with the vibrance of heaven. The turn at the end and saying, now is this a man glorified now? Now. No, I see this. My curiosity of what he said and when he said it, we think of many glories of our lord.

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Robert T. Ketcham

We think of the glory that was his back yonder in eternity, in that wonderful hour when he arose in the bosom of the father and with the father's blueprint of creation stretched out before him speak. And it was done commanded and he stood fast and there was projected out into this empty universe.

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Robert T. Ketcham

This empty space, a complex, intricate thing that we call a universe. What a glory for Christ in the hour of his creative work. We think of the glory that shall be here. Maybe tonight when he starts his descent down to this earth, leaves the father's throne up there and comes partway down and stops and the sound is

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given and every grain that holds the body of a ransom. So we raise in glory and splendor, and every sidewalk in every room of Earth will be robbed of its living Christians. And together we shall make caught up in his presence.

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Robert T. Ketcham

What a day of glory. We think of the glory that shall be is a little further down the line when he splits heaven and comes riding down the slams through its blue dome upon the white steed of glory with his ransomed horse following him.

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Robert T. Ketcham

His eyes flashing by his lips open for the two edged sword. His feet like burnished brass and the little kings and King Nelson whippersnappers of her crying and terror for the reaction among them to call upon them and hide them from the face with the wrath of the lamb.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And he comes to set up his millennial kingdom on his reign of righteousness. What a day of glory. And so we could go on with others and other. Often times when our Lord was here, he spoke of his glory.

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Robert T. Ketcham

You see the son of man coming in the glory of his kingdom and of his father and restoring to me the glory that I had with the several times our lord makes specific references to some of these various glories of his.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But I call you to witness tonight that in no industry and in no case anywhere at any time, in any reference to any of his glories. Does he use this term? Oh, of immediate same urgency underscore and emphasize that he uses here.

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Robert T. Ketcham

There seems to be there seems to be in this announcement of our Lord, a desire to draw a line of underscore and underscore and underscoring underscore under that word. You see, he he is. He is using the law of reverse emphasis.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now, now, now is the son of a man glorified and you're looking at the blackest night of human history. I can only conclude that he is using this term immediacy and urgency and underscore and emphasis because, in his opinion, this hour is going to be the hour of his greatest glory of all of his eternal career.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now I can think of a couple of occasions where this statement had it fallen from the lips of our lord, it would have been far more, apparently at least apropos than here. Take, for instance, the hour of his baptism when John the Baptist had laid that precious body beneath the flood tides of Jordan and lifted it again

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and the heavens opened and the father said, This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. And the Holy Spirit descended in dove light form upon him. Had the Lord Jesus walked up onto the banks of Jordan and raised his hand and said to the assembled multitude, There is the son of a man glorified, I

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could have understood that that down on my level I could get that. Would you seek to ask? My problem is he didn't say it there or yet again in the hour of his transfiguration, when with Peter, James and John up there, he was so transfigured, then the inner deity shown out through the outer humanity until a literal

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fog bank of glory was created that suffocated and overwhelmed the disciples, and they fell upon their faces before him on the ground had the transfigured son of God stepped over and touched them on the shoulder and said, Stand up man for no, no, no man.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Well replied, I could have understood that. Would you see my problem is he didn't say it there? For some strange reason, our lord holds these words back for the hour of the bloody sweat. For the hour, the traders kiss for some strange reason, he holds these words back for the hour when men will jam a crown of

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thorns down onto his blessed. He holds these words now is the son of a man glorified, he holds them back for the hour when men will rip the beard out of his cheeks. He holds them back for the hour when men will so pummel his face with fisting and blows that it will no longer look like the

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face of a man. He holds these words back for the hour when a little web of hell will square off in front of him and fill his jowls full of bitter, slimy saliva and let it fly fully into that blessed wounded a.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He holds these words back to the hour when the Roman scourge comes down ten, 20, 30, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 times it come crashing down and we hear it's like every cell in the flagship is back and rips it out for the next blow.

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Robert T. Ketcham

We hear these words were reserved for the of blistering sun for the hour of his own father's turned away face, for the hour when he sinks a. Oh, down, down, down, down until then. Prophetic language, he cries. All I wish and I believe have proven over.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Very. No, he doesn't release these strange words, the out of his glory at the baptism, in the hour, the glory at his transfiguration. He holds these words now is the son of man horrified. He holds them in reserves and releases them only as he moves out of his death chamber down the death march toward the bloody instrument

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Robert T. Ketcham

of death. Then and then, only as he begins that march from the little upper room that is tonight not to him until his feet are nailed. Spanish to bloody hell as he begins that terrible march of death. Shame, he said.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now is the son of mine. No, no. That may never have bothered your curiosity in the least, but it certainly did mine and I set out to find out what it was all about. And I I've got an answer that satisfies me and blesses my heart, and I hope it does yours.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I've already indicated that. I believe that what he said and the the time in which he said it. Words intended to convey to us the idea that in his opinion and in his vision, the hour of his cross was to be the hour of his greatest glory.

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Robert T. Ketcham

If he doesn't say back there when I speak words from my fingertips like a boy throwing a handful of marbles down the alley, no, not back there, neither when I rip the brains open and rub the sidewalks and homes of the Christian right on Sunday night, when I rip open the skies and ride is.

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Robert T. Ketcham

When I sit upon the great white throne of a universe of misery glories, yes, but they must all be moved into the sidelines. They must be made

simpler than filler. Well, this one word of eternity and the glory of God, my father and the glory of myself as his son.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Follow up on that black whirlpool graph out there. Hard by a great. I think that he is thus emphasizing and trying to get to you and me his evaluation of his own crew. And that it was to be the hour of his greatest glory.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now he was such the hour of his greatest glory because it was the hour of his greatest work. Never had Jesus Christ worked up to that time and never has he worked since. And never will he work in eternity to come as he worked on Calvary that day, where Jesus Christ was to enter the workshop of the

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ages and come out in his nail pierced hands with a finished product, the workmanship which causes us to fade into wider insignificance, everything else we ever made for anything else he ever did. It was the hour of his greatest glory because it was the hour of his greatest work, and I have time for only about three observations

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Robert T. Ketcham

on that. first of all, over the hour of his greatest work because of what he did in that hour to and for senator. Something Jesus Christ did out there in that half hour for sinners and two sinners, what he did to us.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He made his new creatures in Christ Jesus. He took us out of the all wrecked and ruined and condemned family of the first Adam and made it possible for every one of us who wanted the transfer to be able to transfer us into the family of the last Adam himself.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He did something out there that made it possible for us to change the conveyance in which we were riding an old man, Adam, straight down into the blazing pit from hell and transfer our means of conveyance over into the last man out.

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Robert T. Ketcham

The Lord Jesus Christ, who will convey us straight into the glories of heaven or something in there. Make it possible for every sinner who wants to to change his mailing address from Brimstone Avenue in Hell to Glory. Hallelujah Avenue in Heaven, something he did in that hour out there makes it possible for every child of the devil

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. Johnny, 44, makes it possible for every last man and woman whose father is the devil. John, 844, now walk up to their father, the devil, and say, I am leaving your house. I am leaving your bed and leaving your board.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I am leaving your problem. I'm leaving your allegiance. I am leaving my obedience to you. I am leaving your slavery. I am done forever with you, sir. I'm walking out on you and renouncing. You have no relation of mine any more.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And I'm going over to a new family, the family of God. And I'm going to take out adoption papers, which will make me a son of God almighty forever. And if you don't like it, you're going to go jump.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Something Jesus Christ did in that hour and makes it possible to sing. I'm ready, I'm ready and not with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. I have a lamb slain in that hour. Jesus Christ created a new race and so far, and away and above and beyond any other creation that he had ever

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Robert T. Ketcham

made. Where's this new creation, as seen in the difference of how each was created to bring this first creation into existence? He only had to speak, but to make you a new creature in Christ Jesus to make it possible for an old sinner by the name of Bob Ketchum to become a child of God forever.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He had this suffering bleeding down. Someone wanted to turn the heat down just a little, please. second, I would like to suggest that is the hour of his greatest glory because they are his greatest work and it is because of what he did to death and the greed in the hour of his atoning work, which includes his

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Robert T. Ketcham

resurrection of guarding something Jesus Christ did out there in this hour of his atoning work, pull the fang of death through him and let the days of the last cobweb of victory so that you and I may stand and look down into a yawning depths and cry when death.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Where is my pain? Hey, great. When you're a victory, you have one man and we've got it now through Jesus Christ our lord, something Jesus Christ

did out there. And that black night makes it possible for your pastor to go out to the little city of the dead within the.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And there's the little we do with our little children. Clutching at her skirt, long hair sees the casket bearing the body of the one loved long since it lost a brother in the arms of a cold, relentless Earth, reaching up to draw him down into its cold bosom.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And the little children look up at her with great acting eyes and say, Mommy, what are they doing with daddy? Something I say. Jesus Christ. Oh, very nice. Black night makes it possible for your pastor to answer that.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Yeah, as he sees her shoulders break and shake with sobs, he can walk over and put his arm around her shoulder and say, little with you and sorrow, not just those who have no hope or if we believe Jesus died and rose again.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Even so, God will bring your beloved one with him. When he comes, he died in Christ and he'll come again and cry and little widow. There is nothing in the book that has to happen between this minute and that before the limousine delivers you to your home.

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Robert T. Ketcham

You may see him again. And if he should carry, you have a heavenly father too good to be unkind in two ways to make mistakes. And he has said of the father to the fatherless in the home and the shoulders straight in the tears still flowing.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But firm fingers grip the hands of little children. As with steady steps, she walked back to the limousine and walked into the home that would otherwise be cold and lonely and heartless, but she walked into that blessed who blessed with a good coming of the Lord.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Oh God, I hate you. Not Jesus Christ did something to. And the grace out there and that black night that makes it possible for to all of the coming of the Lord. And finally, it's the hour of his greatest work because of the character of the wrecking crew, which he there erected for sinners to flee and to

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Robert T. Ketcham

for refuge and salvation. Now, just what kind of a refuge did he have and what kind of a shelter from the Wrath of God? What kind of a shelter from the wrath of a Holy God against us sinners?

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Robert T. Ketcham

Sin. Did Jesus Christ bill out there on that cross that day and invite sinners to come into it for safety and refuge? What kind of a shelter was it? Was it some kind of a little ramshackle lean do that?

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Robert T. Ketcham

The big bad wolf of sin and the devil can come up and huff and puff and blow it over again? Yeah, and the sinner who thought he had taken refuge in eternal salvation discovers himself right out here again in the full blaze of the oncoming Taja The Wrath of God.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And he's got to get refuge all over again. Is that the kind of a refuge that Jesus Christ will now be today? Well, let's see. When our Lord was here on Earth, he often used lovely, sweet sort of homey statements, you know?

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Robert T. Ketcham

Yeah, you know, and I love him. I love to read them. But I think the one that really gets to my heart quickest and fastest and more firmly than any other half is the one he used that day when he came around the brow, the hill and looked down over the city of Jerusalem.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And he started a judgment sermon, and he broke down with a sob and wound up with this statement o Jerusalem o Jerusalem that kills the prophets and stones them to the how we're going to get, as you heard from him, gathers their chickens under her wing.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And now you wouldn't realize, Oh, that's a precious thing. I suspected the farmer in response to that. Respected in you, city, folks. I'm so sorry for you sitting down. Yeah, you folks that never lived on a farm haven't even started yet.

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Robert T. Ketcham

You are you. You just out, you sitting and talking back. You're so dumb. About something now I got that far out, I better picture. Not many years ago in that passion, Gary and my youngest daughter, Peggy, who was then about 17, was driving me down to Princeton, Indiana, for a Bible conference and as you know, I don't

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Robert T. Ketcham

see much. I don't see much of anything when I don't have the contact lens in. So riding along in the car, I keep it out so I can have it for everyone to get there. And I do see color flying by and on the other night and we were waiting along down the road and we were passing

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a bill or something that was greener than Kelly ever thought of being while I was it green. And Peggy said, Daddy, what's that green stuff? Those cows are standing in one, of course, and I hadn't seen any cows and when you see them, but I could see this awful patch of blazing brilliant green out there.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And when she said there were cows standing and then the old farmer began to work and I knew that anything is green, is that with cows, it must be one of two things either alfalfa or to that. And I figured if I knew how tall this stuff was, I could tell her which it was.

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Robert T. Ketcham

How tall is it, peg? Oh brother, listen to my city kid now. She said, My daddy. Yeah, it's about up to their first knuckle. Are you city, folks? I think I saw one or two now and I didn't smile well, for your information, I'll tell you.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Cows don't have knuckles and you think you know what Jesus meant when he said as a ham? So what? I usually folks having any more idea than a jack rabbit, what he was talking about here. Usually I do.

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Robert T. Ketcham

So I know chicken or chicken tender wings, and that puts them down to earth. Oh, come on now, come on now. Don't display your ignorance any more, nor have you sitting bull if you've never been out on a farm at chicken hatch in time.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Let me suggest that you go beyond that and before you have to go now, don't pick out a farm where they have the labor saving devices called Incubators Ground, where the old lady does her own work. And you see a narrow margin coming across the six or seven or eight little yellow balls, oh, they're cute as Christmas

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Robert T. Ketcham

. They're running around beep beep, beep beep beep beep beep beep, beep, beep beep. And you're watching them. And then suddenly you realize the sun is shining anymore and you look up and there is a great thunder head



Robert T. Ketcham

Now you watch her, you see her put her wings down over her babies. And then the first thing you see is these heavy winged feathers on her wings will open up along her side. Like a fan like that, they're just stretch out until her heavy wings cover her whole side clear from up here around these heavy wings

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Robert T. Ketcham

. Then are you watching? Then you'll see her start coming here and then you see wiggle, and then you'll see her scratch. Then come in and she'll wiggle and scratch and cut and wiggle and scratch and cut. And every time she wiggles and scratches and cuts, she sings a little closer to the ground until finally she sets and

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Robert T. Ketcham

Diane breaks her and beats up on her back. And the winds carry carrying on. The sun comes out and she gets up and shakes herself, and six or seven or eight little yellow ball run out. Cheep cheep cheep beep beep beep dry as gunpowder.

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Robert T. Ketcham

That's what Jesus meant when he said as a hand. So would I. As he stood there on that mountainside that day, he thought you. Jerusalem, and he saw the world on beyond, he saw New York and Paris and London and Philadelphia and Senator Mitchell, he's r-mo.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And he saw the Thunder drew the wrath of God coming up. The skies of time has passed and as various as the wrath of man could bring them know how long. Oh, how long together all under his wing and let the storm beat out upon him and leave you without a spot.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Yeah, but wait a minute. I was preaching this one night up in Gary, Indiana, and a stranger in the audience came up together. Do you know why they're all here? And there's all that person? And I said, No, sir, I know what I just know.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I just watched them when I was a kid, and I know how to do it. You're perfectly right, but you know why? I said, no, you know? He said, Yes, sir. He said, You see Dr. She's not just simply putting her wings down there and spreading her feathers.

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Robert T. Ketcham

What she is actually doing in all of this, a twitching and wiggling and scratching and moving these wings. She's getting the heavy edges of her

wing feathers under under her babies and then messing with the finer feathers on the side of her body, so that when she finally settles down, her little family is caught up at her

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Robert T. Ketcham

side with her mother's wings over her, around her and under her or under them. And they are hermetically sealed against danger. Oh, I said a few years later, I was out in Tacoma, preaching in Dr Pounds Church. I prejudice women and I got to this point and I don't know what this chicken.

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Robert T. Ketcham

one of the biggest chicken raisers in the country, had told me. When I got to, I went down and a woman can stand up against, you want to tell you about a chicken? It said that we live on a little acreage out here, and our barn caught fire last week and badly damaged.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And the next morning, Ralph and I went out to see what we can salvage and we going down a hole there in the barn. We had a little soap box with an old Rhode Island red hen on it, and she had gone to bed with her babies.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But when we came along here, she was on the next day. Her head was burned to a crisp and feathers were all burned and scorched. And she was sitting there dead. And she said Ralph just took care of the box inside.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And as he did the thing tipped over and the won't mother him then brought off and a little yellow boy came running out. Cheap, cheap, cheap to. That's what Jesus meant when he said, and so what I say, he's on a blazing fire of the reservoir, only God coming down upon us.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And he saw us running around this earth like little chickens picking here and picking. They're getting a little extra money over here and a little better job over every move. It takes it away from a fundamental church. He's not getting a little extra money over here and turning a little extra crocodile deal over here and getting their

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Robert T. Ketcham

hands on four grand is what it is. Oh, he's always running around like little chickens, not knowing that this storm of his wrath was right over our head, ready to burst. And he cried. Oh ho ho ho. But you wouldn't.

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Robert T. Ketcham

You wouldn't let the fires were the wrath of God all upon me that those who have found refuge under my wing may live about a year after that. two years after that, I was in Wenatchee, Washington, about 200 miles back this way over a stone fence, and I was preaching his sermon again.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I like it. I know. I hope you enjoy it, too, but I preached there wasn't a soul here. I like it, so I didn't go over again that morning. When I got to, I've come to a woman who won't tell you about a chicken.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now look, folks, if any of you got chicken stories, keep to yourself. Because if I get any more, I never get this done. You're going to become this woman. And then I got to tell you about chicken. She said there's been a mystery in my mind for over 20 years.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I never knew what the answer to it was until now. I said, Well, what about it? Where should we lived on the farm? We want some chickens or we want a hand put 15 eggs and she had eight babies and today she was out in our front yard one day with them and the tail end of a

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Robert T. Ketcham

tornado came through and we just taken everything. And I said to my daughter, I'm going out and get that him be blown away and said as I went to the door, I looked through the window and she was doing exactly what you said she would do.

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Robert T. Ketcham

She was look looking and she would have fussing, and she was just twitching and scratching and a person. And finally, she said she'd just settle down and the wind would leave her. And she never moved and said, I went out to get her loser.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I picked her up and brought in a house and sent her down and then said I. I nearly made a fatal mistake. I said to my daughter, I'm going out and get the babies now. I don't want to lose them either.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And said I went out and I couldn't see a baby anywhere. And I said, Well, they've all been blown to Piccadilly. And then I turned around, started from the house, and I nearly never made it till I came near.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But which is finally I got up and got a of the kitchen door. She had it open and pushed it shut behind me. When I got in, where things were a little quiet. I heard two cheep cheep.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I couldn't do that. And she said there were my chickens running all over the kitchen floor. She said Dr. Catch when I brought the old lady and I brought the kids with her, well, I said, What did you do to Hoover up so they wouldn't fall out?

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Robert T. Ketcham

She said, No, that's been the mystery. She said I was in a hurry. I didn't have time to scoop anything up. I grabbed the first two things I saw sticking up. I grabbed the neck and the tail feathers and lifted her straight up and brought her in front of them and the babies came around.

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Robert T. Ketcham

We'll hear it tonight. Child of God. Hey, hereditary. Did you ever hear about being in Christ Jesus, Hallelujah? And you can't pull out. Not even if you're a born again Methodist. You can't fool around with your hermetically sealed in the grace of God and you are in Christ Jesus.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And when gone to further. After his storms and these fires had gone on over here and kill him and left him dead, he raised him from the dead. And one day he lifted him right up out of that place and put him back up there in the kitchens of glory.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And when he's sitting down up there in the kitchens of glory, he said, every believer in Christ up there with him. And that's why we read in Ephesians that we're already there right now. You begin to see what Jesus meant as he stood in that BlackRock room and listened to the receding footsteps of the trader.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I knew that before another sundown, he would have suffered the pangs of hell. He would have borne in his body the blistering white hot wrath of God, the sins of the world. And yet knowing it, knowing it. Knowing that in that hour out there when the storm was beating down upon him, that he was going to make

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Robert T. Ketcham

it possible for lost men and women to renounce Satan and become a member of the family of God. When he knew that something he was going to do out

there would dry the tears of the bereaved and give them the gleam of hope in the resurrection.

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Robert T. Ketcham

When he knew that the shelter that he was going to build into which every sinner could come rushing for refuge would stand the storm turn. Is it any wonder? He said. Take my flowers and my waterfalls and my snow capped peaks, flaming shrapnel into the background and turn the spotlight upon that cross.

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Robert T. Ketcham

His now is the son of a man. Oh God in heaven. We thank the for the glory with which Dyson was crowned. All we could see was a wicked crown of thorns that pierced his brow. But he could see a crown of glory as he brings those who trust home to him.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Oh, how we thank me for that. Our rendition of God faltered not and walked straight into the face of the vortex of my right, and raptors safely in the Wind River is loving the green and let himself be burned out that we might live.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Thank you. Yes, thank you. Is a force that is able.