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The Blessed Hope
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Robert T. Ketcham

Speaking with you tonight on the Blessed Hope the second chapter verse 13. Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. God Free Millennials are often criticized for talking about the twofold aspect of the Lord. And Second, coming the army of the post-revolution, what have you I have a great deal to say about an artificial vision of the Lord.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Return into two aspects becoming for his church in the with it. Here you have it. Looking for that blessed hope and good is appearing different events We Lord Return is called in the Scriptures and blessed in hope. And it is that for many, many reasons how many we will get through with tonight. I don't know. But we will start.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And the first one I would like to suggest is that the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the blessed hope aspect of His return is a blessed hope because it will mean the breaking of the silence of God.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And the ending of the suffering of the same The breaking of the silence of God and the ending of the suffering of the same The Apostle Peter, you remember, refers to those who say, Oh, all things continue as they were. Nothing has happened where it is the promise of is coming. And it is. So this criticism is is largely due to the to the phenomena of the silence of God.

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Robert T. Ketcham

One of the strangest things that confront us is this nearly 2000 year long silence of God I would remind you that back in the Old Testament again and again, over and over again, frequently God spoke from heaven He interfered aurally and visibly in the affairs of men on behalf of his people. When his own were being ripped, it was not at all strange for him to open the heavens so that when the battle was over, they could say they that were killed with hailstones were more than men were killed with the sword an occasion after the occasion, God was heard speaking from the open heaven.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And on many occasions, visible manifestations of the the miracle intervention of God on behalf of His own people. Back in the Old Testament, but approximately 2000 years ago, on the Mountain of

Transfiguration, God opened the door of Heaven and spoke and said, This is my beloved son here you see him, and he ran the door of the sky shot.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And they have never been opened again to this our during these 2000 years, the heavens have vanished. Highlanders brass. They have been as silent as the tomb And I would remind you that during these 2000 years, the suffering of his saints has been multiplied over and over again compared to what his saint and the Old Testament suffered I would ask you to recollect with me for just a moment or two tonight the record of history come with me.

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Robert T. Ketcham

An imagination, not an imagination, but simply a review of history rather and here we see the great Roman arena with its multiplied values sitting around gazing down into the arena from the amphitheater Suddenly, there is no doubt into the center of this arena, a little family of born again Christians, a father, a mother, perhaps a 20 year old son, and perhaps a young teenage daughter They huddle in the center out there with their arms around each other.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Their pale faces turn to the sky. And when the cries and the screams and the rabble of the crowd. Silence is enough. We can hear the strange of a hymn of praise coming from their lips to the God of all. Great to the Lord Jesus Christ who loved them and gave himself for them There they stand.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Suddenly, the screeching of the great iron doors over yonder as they burst open and the wild animals come roaring into the arena of people. There are a few moments of glory and scurrying and growling and snarling when it's all over. Over there lies a little piece of blood soaked calico. We're here lies a little piece of quivering human bloody flesh and the wild beasts leaving the arena where are their Johns dripping with the blood of the saints.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And God never said a word The heavens never open God was silent Come with me again.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Do you see that fine stalwart Christian coming there as he moves out to the state and he's bound to it and the Fagots piled around him, and he's given his last opportunity to recant his faith in Jesus Christ right renounce his Christian hope. And this he will not. This he cannot do The torch is applied to the Fagots, and we hear a prayer of praise and admiration going up to the Lord Jesus Christ, his savior, which is

finally choked off by the rising smoke of the burning fagots in his own burning flesh.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And God nearest to the word See that lovely creature coming their eyes ablaze with the hope kindled by her faith in Christ. Her cheeks a glow with the glory of His in her presence as she is led to the guillotine and the ax that flashes down and severs head from shoulders. Shivers. Note from note in a song of praise and God never said a word follow on down through the dark ages when wild beasts, beastly men did their work of hell.

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Robert T. Ketcham

When the roadside was strewn with crosses carrying the bodies of the crucified until there were no more crosses And they were hung up on the trees multiplied thousands of them in a few short months, rather than to recant their faith in Christ and not away from heaven See them take an hour to boil an oil broil on good irons, put on rack and torture in limbo.

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Robert T. Ketcham

From limb, see the hot stick run into their eyes in the night under their fingernails their tongues pulled from their throat and God never took a second look at it. Apparently not a word from heaven. Far less than this back in the Old Testament would bring him with his lightning and thunder and his heels down and his merry go round of collapses and collapsed rivers.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But for 2000 years, his New Testament saints have waded through seas of blood, gone through the fiery furnaces and the heavens have been as silent as the two and the world looks around this. And they say, Why did your God do something? You say, he's omnipotent. You say he's all powerful. You say He will take care of you.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Then why doesn't he can't you, stupid Christian, see that your faith is a fantasy, that it is just a nightmare, that you have conjured up of some kind of fanciful hope built entirely on thin air with no foundation. The power current, you stupid Christian feel that if God is what you claim He is and who you claim He is, and the power that you claim me and why I need something, why didn't you stop this carnage?

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Robert T. Ketcham

Why don't you do something with Khrushchev? Why didn't he do something with his fellow that follow in the other? Paula, when you say he's coming, someday all things continue as there were since the fathers fell asleep, where's the promise of his coming why don't you, stupid

Christian, wake up and know that your faith is simply a fantasy something that has no foundation to it, something that you cannot get your hands on and and make it real?

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Robert T. Ketcham

This is what the world says.

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Robert T. Ketcham

In this strange manifestation of the silence of God through these years. And, you know, the the troublesome part of it is that altogether too many Christians are tempted to think the same thing.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Somebody said to me the other day, Dr. Ketchum, what is your answer?

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Robert T. Ketcham

To the Irene barrel massacre where we got good news? Does this and it was a Christian who was talking to me Well, let me tell you, my friend, the Lord is coming and he will come to his temple suddenly and will not keep silent and the mystery of the silence of God through this age may be a mystery to many, but we must go back to that last announcement.

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Robert T. Ketcham

This is my beloved son, here. You see him and God in patience and in long suffering, is waiting for the world to demonstrate his reaction to what his son has to say. This is the age when men are responsible to the Son of God. They are responsible. They respond to his he is witness of salvation upon that bloody cross.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And God, the Father Almighty is taking Him His hands on, and even letting His Christian witnesses bear a witness that could not possibly be helped at all by a miraculous intervention of God and this is the age. This is the dispensation. When you and I are the persons, the letters of Christ, this is the dispensation when you and I are in the test tube, this is the dispensation when it is up to the children of God to demonstrate the reality of Jesus Christ.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Even in the midst of the fiery furnace or the overflowing blood if every time some Christian got into trouble, like Ruth and Irene, oh, Thunderbolt will come leading from the sky and strike them, then that would be one way to witness one. I want to tell you, my friend, that this world is ripening for judgment, the likes of which they have no conception of as they look at the witness of Christian men and women who have gone to the guillotine, to the rack, to the arena, going out into into the place of death as witnesses for Jesus Christ counting not their

lives dear that witness, though it may not be factual just now in startling or

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world though it may be considered to be a sort of a joke and a laughing stock on their part. Now, may God in heaven have mercy upon them when they come to the judgment hour and this God Miss World has to face, not the lightning rod thunders of the repeated tiny ion. Hail is down every time they did something down through the centuries.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But when they have to face that final revelation of what the Christians were believing and who they were believing in, why they believe them and why they were willing to die for him, and they are free at one of these days. You've got it in that wonderful epistle to the Philippine he was equal with God thought it not robbery to be so humble himself.

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Robert T. Ketcham

It came of no reputation and took upon himself the form of men and became obedient under their feet. The death of the cross that he therefore God had highly exalted him and given him a name above every name. Watch it now that Anthony name of Jesus, every Negro by one, every tongues you confess. Wow, that Jesus Christ is what law does that glory go in this 2000 years of patient waiting in this 2000 years of holding back the thunders of his wrath, this godless world is stacking up and stacking up and adding up and adding up and stacking up condemnation and punishment and suffering for themselves, the likes of which they have no conception of to

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tonight but I know this, that when the Lord comes and the silence of God is finally broken, not one of the things that's going to happen in the final closing up of the affairs of this world will be that every blasphemer every Christ denier, every word of God down here who had their heyday through the centuries have left the Christians and making fun of their faith, which they said was a fantasy because God did nothing about it.

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Robert T. Ketcham

God will pull every one of them out of their graves he'll bring the politics and he'll bring the praise, and he'll bring the Shaler math users, and he'll bring all the rest from the top down to the lowest and the smallest. And he will bring them around before the throne of the Lord Jesus Christ. And what is surrounded by the glorified throng of his redeem that everyone with this crowd lifted through the centuries and he'll crack their knees down on a roof, their jaws open.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And as they look at you and me, against whom they threw their gibes and joked about whom, they laughed and jeered as we were going through the sufferings with Christ, building up that which was behind of his suffering, fellowship, being with Him and his sufferings while they live their lives, their men will be raised to stare wide in amazement upon those very people who were the brunt of jokes and here and there.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And the President said that the redeemed of the Lord who suffered with him, that they might rain with him, their knees will crack and their jaws will open. And they will confess that what Jesus said about himself and what this crowd said about him while they were going through the fires and the furnaces is true. And they will recognize and know name and they will say that he is Lord to the glory of God.

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Robert T. Ketcham

It will be too late. It will not save them. Their confession has come too late. And after their confession, do you think for one moment that God, the Father sent his son down into this world to suffer the kind of the ignominy and the shame, the torture and the beating and the crucifying and the manhandling and the spitting that his son did without expecting some day to vindicate him?

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Robert T. Ketcham

And do you think for one moment that God has lent his faith in this dispensation, go through the fiery furnaces and through the flames? Well, he apparently remained silent in the heaven, indifferent to it. Do you think for one moment that God intends to let this crowd at his own go through their sufferings? Will his son and not someday intend to vindicate them, do in that wonderful hour when Jesus Christ is raised to the highest and exalted and the ransomed poster around him and the wicked dead are raised and brought to the great white throne judgment and they look upon him whom they claim was a bastard, son of a blond German soldier and a six

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Robert T. Ketcham

crazy little Jewish girl and as they looked upon, look upon those of us who have claimed that he will be an kind of virgin born son of God and looking upon that whole glorious vision, God will vindicate His Son and He'll vindicate you and me. And as He breaks their knees and rips their jobs open, and before they go into the penitentiary of the universe to be forever locked up with the devil whom they served in life, he will have from their lips the final vindication of the Son of God and the Sons of God and it is going to be a blessed hope.

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Robert T. Ketcham

When the silence of God is broken, you know, we need to remember, dear friend, that the silence of God is not the silence of impotence.

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Robert T. Ketcham

If there was again news in Miami, why didn't you do something about it? And the implication back on that is that it can't do anything about it. That God, their son, has done something, created something through the world out here. Is God out of control? And God himself can't do anything about it. That's the implication back of it.

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Robert T. Ketcham

If your God is a sovereign and all powerful, are you saying, why don't you do something right at me? Stop all of this carnage and the implication is that he is impotent, utterly helpless to do anything about it. Let me tell you, my friend, the silence of God, these 2000 years is not the silence of the impotence. It is the silence of you.

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Robert T. Ketcham

See, beloved, if you know if you know that no matter how bad the situation looks, is not out of your control. And you know that when you get good and ready, all you have to do is reach over and touch your button. And that'll be the end of it.

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Robert T. Ketcham

If you know that you don't have to get excited and run all over the place screaming and yelling that the thing is out of control and get all excited and say a lot of wild things. Not if, you know, as you sit there in your chair that when the thing is gone, as far as you want it to go, all you got to do is that and stop it in its tracks.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And my confidence tonight is that there's a sovereign God up there. In the heavens above measure, and that he is going to make the raft of men to praise him and that which he cannot make to praise him, he will restrain. And one of these days, the very rational man that has looked to us and our enemies and to us too often to be a sort of indifference on the part of God, why didn't he come to the rescue of these missionaries and so on?

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Robert T. Ketcham

One of these days we're going to see that his permission and all of it was in the plan of working out of his his sovereign plans. His omnipotence was simply manifested in a sense that permitted men to go on and complete his plans for the confirmation of things on this earth.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Is not the silence of omnipotence. Do you think for one moment that every time Khrushchev hammers the desk with the shoe, that the Lord Jesus Christ comes running down what Mr. Brown and calls the angels for a hurry up special cabinet meeting? Do you think that every time somebody says

that the bomb is going to go off and blow everything in the Piccadilly and everybody with it, that the Lord Jesus comes down on this road all in a dinner and runs up and down Hallelujah Avenue saying, Oh, dear, oh, dear, oh, dear, something happening down there I wasn't planning on.

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Robert T. Ketcham

It's all out of control. We got to do something. Can you imagine Jesus Christ doing that?

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Robert T. Ketcham

Well, then why do you you pick up the newspaper and the first thing you're you're scared eyes look for is to see whether there's a bomb going off or something. And on the hour, every hour, you get that five minute spot of news to see if somebody shot off a bomb or somebody done something else. Scared to death.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And the peace of God. You keep your hearts and minds. Oh, how glad I am tonight. To know that this silence of God is not an indication of his impotence, but the fact that he knows what the plans are. He knows just how far he's going to let men go in the accomplishment of his plans. He knows just how far he's going to let these men penetrate into the affairs of suffering and persecution of his own in order to purify us and to drive us into a witness that this world will need will not have to face.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He knows what's going on I'm so glad that he does. I'm so glad that Jesus Christ knows He where he's going, how he's going. Every time he left, his parents didn't take this stepping across the campus centuries. He knows exactly where he's going to put it down. Every time he left it in another step forward in his omnipotent plans, no little crush popping up and popping off and pounding his desk is going to disturb Jesus Christ by 1,000th of a millimeter.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He he's going straight on down to that God appointed and God ordained confirmation of all things he is moving, moving, moving, moving, moving. And while it looked as though he was impotent and doing nothing about it, his very apparent impotence to the child of God and to the child of faith is a demonstration of his omnipotence He knows where he's going.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He knows when he is going to arrive. He knows all about it. And the blessed part of it all is tonight. Beloved, you and I know him are in him. And when he gets there, we'll be there to be met. And when he arrives, I'll right now you have to climb the naked hill of faith. I'm standing up there in naked faith to understand that sometimes and make it real in your life during these centuries of the silence of God.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I know that. No, not my friend.

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Robert T. Ketcham

If you could be granted, if you could be granted temporary omniscience all, let's say for 5 minutes or so, that you could penetrate the future and see every single solitary thing that's going to happen to you every every bad pizza road that you're going to go over, every dark, stormy night that you're going to go through.

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Robert T. Ketcham

The bouncing around of your little wagon and the carrying of it from one side of life to the other with the wind of adversity. You could see it all, but you can also see yourself. All right. Safely in heaven in spite of the rough road en route and you could be granted on missions on that, then you wouldn't be scared when you go over the rough road, would you?

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Robert T. Ketcham

Give me a little rough ride. I'm going to make it better. Go where you see your problem is you can't see and the Lord Jesus Christ is in this thing with you and you can't see. But He can he is the omniscient one, and you can see what He sees when I tell you what you can do you can hear what he says and he says it is I be not afraid.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I am the first and the that I was here before there was a tear and I'll be here when the last one is wiped away from the eyes of my face by my own hand. I was here before I never left. Shattered shell ever exploded on the battlefield. And I'll be there when the last bomb exploded. You know, I was here before ever there was a graveyard and I'll be here when the last dead body is buried in some city of the dead.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I'll be here when it's all over. I'll be here. I am the person I am the last. I know the rules of me down in Philadelphia in that 1919 first world fundamental Bible conference oh what a day. That one I guess was better.

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Robert T. Ketcham

So be the scrub woman did you know her, Dr. Williams? You know about her, though? Yeah. So me, the scrub woman was a dear little old German scrub woman scrubbed off, and she just took her Heavenly Father for granted. Now, he was her Heavenly Father, and she just made the most of it. Oh, what a what a witness she was she belonged to a church in Germantown, Philadelphia, where Dr. Stern used to be the pastor.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He was eventually followed there by Dr. uh, William Courage and the Reformed Church. Dr. Stern was a great and godly man, and so he belonged to his church. And Sophie would pass through that church as high as 50 and \$60,000 a year. Parishioners, not the children, but men of means and faith all over this country knew something, and they knew that there wasn't a sound, fundamental missionary on the face of this earth.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And so we didn't know by name and circumstance the need and held him up in prayer every day. And they would often send her thousands of dollars and say, So great, you know why this is needed. We know you put it through the church there, get it out before you oh, she was a little old, darling. I remember one day you and I were walking down the street in Philadelphia with her, and she was just a little ahead of us.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And we noticed that every time she lifted her foot, we saw a bear hug showing through the the so huge and brother who said something. You need a new pair of shoes she stopped dead, still right in the middle of the sidewalk traffic, said Father your child, brother, who says you're your child. So we need a new pair of shoes.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Will you take care of that? Thank you. Amen. The way we wanted so help me. And the next day, she had a new pair of shoes where she got it from her father.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And when Dr. Riley and some of us launched that Third World Fundamental Conference in 1919 first patient ever held in the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, which is a big main floor and two balconies high and one night, Dr. William Evans was the speaker, and that's the only doctor who's dead. Now, he was a Presbyterian, and I've often wondered where anybody else got any start to use anywhere, because William Evans had it all.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He was the stiffest thing I ever saw. My I said in a class of his in Montrose, Pennsylvania, one day I'd heard him say of us preachers. He said, Don't you go to the door and shake hands with people when you're through. Go into your study and shut the door. He said, I wouldn't make myself a pump and offer any congregation.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Neither were they. Boy, he was starchy.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Well, let me tell you, when Dr. William Evans opened this book, honey dripped all over the place fuming, fuming. Critics tell him in the exposition of this wonderful word of God, and he was speaking this night, and Sophie apparently got in a little late, and he was sitting right up in the middle of the Ben of the first balcony, right up there Dr. Evans was preaching on this text.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end and then one or and so he he somewhere along down in his message, he came over his text with all the oratory which he was so ably capable. And he said, I am I know my mom they began and then and he paused for oratorical effect and you could hear a pin drop in that play and little.

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Robert T. Ketcham

So he had a high pitched voice and she let go right up there and it sounded like it sounded like he had a megaphone because everything was so silent. And she said, Yes, yes, Dr. Evans. And bless God, he's everything to him. He's everything between do and so in now, you can't see what he sees, but you can hear what he says and he says that he's going to make it.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And if he makes it, I'm going to make those. I met him. All right, then what's your question about we're just doing her. I'm scared to death. Somebody to go to knock your head over the bones some day. Well, you do. You'll just get there ahead of the rest of it. So with you present, the hope of the coming of the Lord is a blessed hope, I say, because it will mean the end of the silence of God and it'll mean the end of the suffering of the saints of God.

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Robert T. Ketcham

When the earth ladies, sages have all gone through, in the words in the presence, have all come true when the last great battle is plundering one and the kingdoms over are all in one, and the king of that kingdom is God's own son. Won't that be wonderful when grief and despair shall fade away when joy and peace have come to stay, when the curse shall be lifted from off and the desert is blossom in ruins You and pray Redeemer, if you slept, shall we won't that be wonderful?

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Robert T. Ketcham

When the gates of that city went wild far and the star of East becomes the morning Star When we gaze on the splendor of that city, you go and the beauties of holiness there unfold when we are stories where we all will it be wonderful? Won't it be wonderful? And that would happen if the Lord should come tonight.

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Robert T. Ketcham
Yeah.

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Robert T. Ketcham
Well, another thing that will happen and which makes it the blessed hope is that the the word of God will be vindicated and fulfilled.

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Robert T. Ketcham
There are two lines of prophecy that run through this book. One is a golden lion and the other is a crimson one. That the Crimson Lion terminate should bloody Calvary. The Golden Lion slips on by it and terminates in the throne of the millennial kingdom. Oh, when our Lord was here, His disciples so often wanted to detour the Crimson Lion and bring in the goal line, will now at this time restore the Kingdom.

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Robert T. Ketcham
Is this aren't you going to wind up things now and set up your kingdom? But before that could happen, the Crimson Lion had to be full to which pictured him as a bleeding lamb. Then and then only could the Golden Lion be fulfilled, which pictured him as the lion of the tribe of Judah. Only is that line which pictured him as a sending a bloody cross that must be fulfilled before the golden lion, which pictures him as ascending the throne of his father, David.

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Robert T. Ketcham
Before that could be fulfilled, he brought all of this into focus one day when he said to the his disciples on the road to a mass or not Christ who have suffered and entered into His glory Peter in his in his world back here, talked about suffering first and then the glory you see, dear friend, this is not the day of the glorification of Jesus Christ.

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Robert T. Ketcham
This is not the day when Jesus Christ and you and I who are here are walking down the main streets of this world. With the hosannas of the world claiming him as King of kings. This is not the hour This is the hour when the born again child of God must put his arm. I'm in. I'm with the Lamb of God, the despised and the rejected Son of God outside the camp and walked through a Christ predicting world where they were rejecting, crying waiting for the confirmation of that promise and prophecy of suffering before the Golden Lion takes up.

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Robert T. Ketcham
This is not the day of the glorification of Jesus Christ as the King. He is still despised in the rejected outside the camp and you and I go out there and identify ourselves with Him. Blessed God. What are these days? Those of us who identify ourselves with Him in the time of his suffering

and world rejection are coming back with him to reign in the glory of his coming war.

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Robert T. Ketcham

The word is beloved. You get such a wonderful, wonderful Old Testament. Picture this truth back there and you remember Israel wanted a king and God said, No, no, no. And finally they acted like they said, We want you to name your king. They said, We want a king that we can see like the Joneses. Have over yonder. So is that all right?

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Robert T. Ketcham

I'll give you a king with our friendliness to your soul. So I let him have this wonderful guy head and shoulders above everybody else. So and so rain fairly well for a while. And then he got proud and took the thing in his own hands and began to rule and reigned for himself in selfishness. And, oh, he God said, that's enough.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And He anointed David to be his successor, but he allowed the usurp bridges still to stay on the throne. He didn't execute and implement his his rejection of Saul and his his selection of David right away. There was quite a lapse of time there. And finally also kept going down farther and farther until he landed in the tent of an old guard guard which bedeviled the fortune teller, and from there went out to the battlefield and God ready to not let him establish total power of his own sword needed.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Then somebody said, Now let's bring back the king and you know what happened. You see, all the while that this usurper was upon the throne of record here in Kings and Chronicles is that now and again? A little group here and a little group there of the tribes of Judah. And Benjamin broke with Saul they said This is now that God had rejected this man and in the name of David is the rightful king.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now, but this man, Saul, is hunting him and hounding him, and he is hiding outside the camp of Jerusalem out there in the caves of the forest out there somewhere. We're going to break with Saul and his phony kingdom, and we're going out and identify ourselves with God's anointed king. We will go out there and share his reproach.

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Robert T. Ketcham

We will share his privations. We'll eat the roots and the berries and hunt animals as best we can and subsist the best we can. We will take his dangers. We live with him outside the camp. And they did. Then one day the news came. If God had implemented his rejection of Saul, he was a dead man. Somebody said, Let's bring back the king.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And I see David come marching out of the forest down there with his little band of men who had gone out under the cover of Night and identified themselves with him and his rejection. And when he came back, as he walked down the streets of Gaza, flags were flying trumpet for blowing. Everybody was saying, Hello, Larry King. Well, Israel was happy.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But let me tell you something. The happiest crowd in all the nation that day was not a little crowd that had gone out and suffered with him. Now they were coming back to rain with him. And so it will be this is not this is not the hour of the glorification and the exhortation of the Church of God.

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Robert T. Ketcham

This is not the hour when the church is going to be a great ecumenical unit and move out and capture the world for Jesus. Christ. This is not the hour, but it's coming and it's coming when he come. You see, my friend we're not home yet. We're still outside the camp despite being rejected. I remember years ago reading the incident that ran in our Roosevelt.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Romney was our president he went to Africa. I think it was on a big game hunt, and he finally came back on a great ocean steamer and the Marine Band was there to welcome him and members of his cabinet and thousands of people. And as Teddy Roosevelt came to the rail and they were waving hankies and crying out to him.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Welcome home. Welcome home, Mr. President. Welcome home. Standing at the rail with the little missionary couple who had been in Africa for some 35 or 40 years without a furlough and never coming home for a bit of a rest and intending to go back and the dear old couple were standing there and the little old wife looked up into the face of her husband and she said, husband, this isn't fair.

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Robert T. Ketcham

This isn't fair.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Nobody's out there to welcome us home.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And we don't know if there's anybody out there, even the her Look what they're doing to Mr. Roosevelt all around, welcome you home and nobody out there to say welcome home, missionary daddy. This is where we're with. And the old man gathered is sweetheart in his arms and whispered in her ear and said, Mother, we're not home yet.

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Robert T. Ketcham

We're not home yet, brother. You wait till we get home. Not welcome. Will Roosevelt will look like a Fourth of July firecracker that never went off compared to what you and I are going to have when we get home. Hey, man, well, let's finish up here It's a blessed hope because it will mean the resurrection of the Saints and a reunion with our beloved Christian dad.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And the transformation and transfiguration of our bodies.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now, in this business of the resurrection, body bothers a lot of people I don't remember ever preaching a sermon on the resurrection but what somebody, before I get out of the building, will want to know what I think about the resurrection body. Do you do you believe that the body is going to be actually raised not to get you yet?

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Robert T. Ketcham

You get this question, always come. How? How or what do you mean? How well? How well? What do you mean? How brothers is you? Well, I mean hell. Oh, then when they see I don't quite know what they're talking about, they say, Now, look, I get them. Here's a man who dies at sea. And he's buried at sea.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And the fishing came up, and a lot of people in the beach have this got got to get their fellow mixed to palm resurrection.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Well, I break right now and confess that I have the slightest idea. I don't know how. I don't know how I just know him and I know you all over me. No, not now. You see, uh, Paul, he must have had somebody like that in his congregation down there and can't do and because in the 15th chapter, where are you talking about the resurrection?

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Robert T. Ketcham

He says, and how, say some of you, how are the dead raised up He had the best answer I've ever heard, but I wouldn't dare use it. My board would call me in and ask for my resignation. I guess he had a dandy answer for doubtful I you know who I you know, I guess you put his feet in the ground up come something else.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Oh, yeah. Now now Paul doesn't tell the whole of it in first Corinthians 15. He does tell the of it in the second chapter of you not the technique of the how, but the power that is going to operate the technique every and is what I want to know about. I don't give a tip on how God's going to get me out of the grave of I Paul and do it all.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I want to be here in Igboland he can get me out right side up, wrong end to him standing up. I don't care how he gets me up there. So he gives me out and he's going to now the technique of the resurrection. I don't know anything about but I do know that there is a power that is able to operate the technique that's I have an automobile, I don't know, one end of it from the other, hardly one I know about.

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Robert T. Ketcham

That thing is that you put something they call gasoline back here in the tail end of it and it comes up under up here and under the hood into the generator or carburetor up here. And it isn't gasoline anymore. It's gas how? Huh?

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Robert T. Ketcham

Well, I know. Is it from down there, up here, it finally becomes gas. And then I know it goes out into something they call an engine that's got a little wells in there with potato measures going up and down and somebody lights a match. And every time they saying it goes and the thing goes and I go places, that's all I know about it.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I don't know anything about the technique. I just know do certain things, certain things happen Now, on Philippians, Paul does tell us the how the resurrection that is the the power is what he said. Hey, we wait for the son of God from heaven who will change these. What kind of bodies by all body that's not very complimentary no they sure are vile you going out a bath two or three weeks.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Nobody wants to try to you change these vile body so that they will be made like under the body of his glory. How yeah, according to the mighty working of his power, whereby he is able. That's how the technique. I don't know but he's got the power to do it now. You know, we see this, this kind of power all around us all the while.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And with this illustration we are trying to do, I I was pastor up in Gary for a number of years where he located perhaps the greatest steel mill in the world.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Running through those Gary Steel mills, our hard, dirty, black beaten paths where the laborers go back and forth around the machine. Some of them is narrow. Is that I'll some of them why is not black or see in full production time 35 40,000 parakeet fresh those paths every 24 hours they're just hard dirty black old things you wouldn't want to sit on them you wouldn't want to touch them.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now those pads are composed of four elements there's sand in them there's clay in them and there's the black soot that's been belching out of the chimneys in them. And of course moisture, clay, sand should more at all this place and certain water place and certain water things work. That's all but suppose we have these Gary Steel Mill powers up to the Son of God and let him work upon them according to the mighty working of his power of whereby he is able and let's see what happens to them so we are going to those paths and we'll just take out one element at a time.

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Robert T. Ketcham

We'll take the cane out of those Gary Steel Mill powers and hand it up to the Son of God and let him work upon getting power whereby he is able he will subject that play to such Eaton pressure not in the fullness of time. It'll be formed into a hard, crystalline substance capable of reflecting the blue rays of the sun and rejecting all the others.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And you ladies put it on you and wear it into this auditorium tonight. You know what you call it the sapphire you know, we go back to the Gary Steel Mill path, and we'll take out the sand just the same. And thereafter, the Son of God let him work upon courting power. He is able some more things are more precious or more fullness of time.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Another hard, crystalline substance form instead of tiny perpendicular lines and arranged in relation one to the other so that it reflects the blue, the the green, the purple and the red rays of the sun and reject all the other. And you ladies put it on it and wear it in here tonight. And you know what you call it an open well, let's go back to the old Gary Steel Mill path again.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And this time we'll take out that black, wozy Old City but before we hand it up to the sun, I've got to work upon it. Suppose we get the proper name for it. What is it? What what is that? Black stuff. Carbon

unburned, carbon that's been bouncing out of the chimneys. And we'll hand that up to the Son of God and let him work upon it according to the power whereby he is able from our time tomorrow, he then one night, Joe and Susie are standing over here.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But a short window where their nose is right up against it. And Joe's got his finger up against the plate glass and it's turning backwards. White knuckle and with his other hand, he's got hold of Susie's hand and he says, Susie look in there. You see that pyramid there with all the back of it? Yeah. We're now Susie count down five roll.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Yes, count dirt that top row back Berkshire there and count one, two, three, four, five, zero. Yes, you now count over just four boxes to the right and yes, you are you sure you got it? Five down, four over. Yes, two. Susie tomorrow's payday. And if you say the word and I'll be off in five and four and on your little finger and she says the word.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And Sunday always before, when Susie came in and sang in the choir, she held her hand this way this morning she comes in and holds now you gal sitting down there and not in a look at look. Look at Susie's one. What time? Where did she get it? She could have gotten it out of a Gary Steel mill pad.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Don't let me know. Let me disturb you, honey, and don't like your boyfriend. You have well over the head too hard when you get him home. Tonight, but you know, all of that poor flusher did when he stepped that thing on there and made you think it was something a big doo timer. You just shove a little soot on your finger but wait a minute.

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Robert T. Ketcham

A little silly little cabin that the son of God had dropped that makes the difference.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And so I don't know how. Don't ask me how. I don't know how God makes my prayers, how to play. I have got mixed up out of him, and I don't know him. God, next time I'm trying to come him I don't know how God make you drop out of the pool. I just know. I know there in the Libertarian.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Never can tell you how he doesn't bother in the laboratory honored for one of dozen and beloved. If the Son of God can take an old Gary Steel mill and try transform it into Sapphire, Opal, Diamond and dewdrops. I

haven't the slightest question in my mind that he can, but what he can handle is £206 of crackers when he gets hold of remain.