Turn with me to the book of Ephesians, chapter
number 6, the book of Ephesians, chapter 6.
We are nearing the end, I promise.
Ephesians, chapter 6.
Thankfully, there's a lot more in this Bible.
Ephesians, chapter number 6.
We'll go back and begin reading verse number
10, and we'll read down through verse number 17.
Paul writing to the church, it says,
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and the power of his might.
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be
able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
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.
Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God,
that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day,
and having done all, to stand.
Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,
and having on the breastplate of righteousness,
and your feet shod with the preparation for the gospel of peace.
Now that I want us to look at these next two verses.
Paul writes, Above all,
taking the shield of faith,
wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked,
and take the helmet of salvation,
and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.
Let's pray.
Father, we thank you for another day.
For just another day of life.
Another day to enjoy our families,
to gather in your house.
Lord, I pray tonight that you would take your word.
Lord, I thank you for speaking to me through it.
God, I pray that I would apply for these precious, precious truths,
this power that you have provided.
God, I pray that you would take your word tonight,
that you would use it to strengthen us, encourage us,
Lord, and lead them in better people than we were when we came.
In Jesus' sweet name we pray.
Amen.
Amen.
Last Sunday, last Sunday night,
we began looking here at verse chapter 10.
This call that God places on every Christian,
on every church,

that call to stand.
To stand for our good,
to stand for God's glory.
The only way we will be able to stand
is not in our strength, not in our might,
but to stand with and in the power of God.
And last Sunday night,
we looked at a few of these,
this armor that God has provided.
Thankfully,
this power that God provides to us,
it says in the book of Ephesians,
and many other places,
that the power of God that is within us,
greater is he that is within you,
he that is within the world,
the power that is exceedingly abundantly,
above all that we can ask or think,
according to the power that worketh in us.
But we get here after this call to stand,
and we have this imagery of this armor that the Lord provides.
We looked at the girdle of truth in verse 14,
the breastplate of righteousness,
and our feet shod with the gospel of peace.
I love that truth one.
I really do.
I like them all.
They each become my favorite
as I study and read on each one.
I love the definition of truth,
the unchanging standard,
whereby reality will be measured.
God's truth doesn't change with a culture.
It doesn't change with time.
It doesn't change based upon the race.
It doesn't change upon anything.
But there is a truth that is solid and sound,
and we can stand in it.
We can stand with it.
That breastplate of righteousness,
not being saved again,
but it is living the life
that reflects what Christ has done.
One of the reasons that's so important,
besides the glory that it brings to God,
is a life that is lived opposed to that as one that exposes itself
to the greatest threat from the enemy.

We can put ourselves in positions
too far
preaching to ourself the gospel of peace.
The gospel isn't just for the lost man, it's for the saved man.
If I'd preach the gospel to myself every single morning,
there would be no ounce of pride would come into my life.
If I would preach the gospel to myself for every day,
I would be a thankful,
grateful individual.
It's the gospel of peace.
But now Paul moves on to these next few pieces,
these items.
Folks, we could spend weeks
just on each one of these.
But what I want us to see tonight is sort of,
to me and my mind,
how these things begin to come together
and fit together
when we find this connection
between our faith,
our mind, and the word of God.
But let's look at verse number 15 again.
He says,
And your feet shod with the preparation
of the gospel of peace.
And next thing Paul writes is above all,
taking the shield of faith
wherewith you shall be able
to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
Remember again,
this is imagery,
this is an illustration,
this is a picture,
this isn't anything we've got
in the pastor's study or upstairs.
Paul is painting the picture of what is a reality
in our life,
that the Christian life
is not a playground,
it's not just a walk in the park,
it is indeed a battlefield
that we wrestle against
not our neighbors,
not our enemies on this side,
not wrestling against flesh and blood,
but a much more formidable foe.
He said,

verse number 5, 12,
we wrestle not against flesh and blood,
but against principalities, against power,
against rulers,
or the darkness of this world,
against spiritual wickedness
and high places.
He's trying to show the Christian,
he's trying to show me,
I just talked with somebody today
and it becomes real
and real and real again.
There are so many casualties
in this walk of faith.
I mean, people left by the wayside.
Testimonies that are destroyed,
homes that are broken, homes that are breaking,
churches that are losing their life.
Why?
Because there is a formidable foe
out there who is seeking who he may devour.
And Paul says,
this is a battle and one of the things
that you must take with you is a shield of faith.
I did a little bit of studying about this little shield
that the Romans would use in war.
It was about two foot wide
and about four foot tall
and they could get behind it and it would protect.
They've got it on the breastplate of righteousness
but they also had this shield that would protect their vitals.
It was made of wood with this leather overlaid upon it.
But one of the things that was interesting to me is these shields were made
with notches in the side.
And if you had time, I'd give everybody up here.
Why was it made like that?
So that I could stand with my shield,
Miss Mabel could stand with her shield
and Wesley could stand with his shield
and they all interlocked together.
It's not one person going into battle alone.
That these Romans
would go into battle and they could get behind these shields
and they would lock these things together as they move forward.
And folks, what a picture of the church.
Isn't that what we're here about?
That it's not Ricky's own life.

It's not just my own way or your own way.
But that we come here together
and praise God, we can sort of lock shields together
in this fight.
But this shield is called the shield of faith.
The Bible has so, so much
to say about the necessity of faith.
Hebrews 11.6 says, Without faith,
it is impossible to please Him.
I want you to think about that verse for just a minute.
I remember that grabbed me one, and it's been a few years ago,
that verse really, really grabbed me.
That I can preach revivals,
I can preach funerals,
I can give more than I'm,
you know, I can give,
I can do all,
I can do all of these different things,
but without faith,
practicing faith in my life,
it is impossible for me to please God.
The Bible says,
we're saved through faith.
The book of Ephesians.
In Corinthians,
we're called to stand by faith.
And here in Ephesians chapter 6, it says defense,
we walk by faith in Corinthians,
and it's this shield,
this faith is our defense
that enables us to stand.
This may seem like a silly question or an easy question,
but what is faith?
This is a Bible study.
What is faith?
Now, we only need to get the context.
Right here, Paul's not talking about
saving faith.
He's talking about standing faith.
We don't need faith just to be saved,
friend.
We need faith to be able to stand.
What is faith?
A lot of people would turn to Hebrews chapter 11, verse number 1.
It says,
Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen, for by it the elders

obtained a good report.
That's not really as much
a definition of faith
as it is a description of faith.
Paul, I want to give you
the best definition of faith that I've ever heard,
and I believe it absolutely to be true, and it's really easy to remember.
Faith is believing God.
Faith is believing God.
Not past tense, believe God,
but present tense,
believing God.
Scripture speaks of Abraham.
It says that Abraham
believed God,
and it was imputed unto him the righteous.
And that word believe is big.
It doesn't mean a mental sin or anything.
It means to trust
and entrust too.
It means to give yourself fully over.
So that faith,
if a man's going to be saved,
he entrusts his sin,
he entrusts his soul,
he entrusts his history,
entrusts his future,
he takes all these things
and he entrusts them to God.
That's how a man comes to know God.
But this isn't just saving faith,
this is standing faith.
And so if I want to move forward in this life,
if I'm not going to be a casualty,
that faith is absolutely required today.
Isn't that what we find in the book of Hebrews chapter 11,
this great hall of faith?
It isn't just past tense faith,
it's present tense faith.
See, because they believed,
they kept on believing.
It was by faith, Noah, what?
Worked on that ark and built for a hundred years.
It wasn't because he just believed one time and he got started on that first day.
But the day after day,
after day,
after day,

faith had to be present.
It was by faith that Abraham kept believing
that he left that place where God called him from to go somewhere
where he didn't even know where he was going to be going.
It was by faith because he kept believing that he went and offered a person to Isaac.
It was a continual faith, a carried faith.
Moses, the same way,
we can read through all of that thing.
He carries these people through the wilderness.
It is a present faith
in their life.
And that's the question that I jotted down.
Is there present tense faith in me?
We ask somebody, how do you know that you are saved?
Because I believed.
The better question to answer is are you believing?
Yeah.
Because if you truly believed,
you will be believing.
But in the end, we're not talking about a saving faith.
We're talking about a standing faith
that I'm going into battle
every single day
that we live on this earth
that Satan and his horde
have to fight against the inside.
I have to fight against the outside.
And no Roman soldier would ever, ever, ever think
about going into battle
and leaving his shield at home.
But that we go
with this shield of faith that is present with me
as a defense.
to thwart away these fiery darts of the wicked one.
Not only is faith our defense,
and we really don't see this here in the text,
but you know,
the faith is really the only way,
a present faith,
is really the only way to grow in God.
active faith,
present faith,
to grow in the knowledge of God, to grow in the peace of God,
and really begin to truly experience God.
You know,
it takes faith to taste and see that the Lord is good.
It takes faith, it requires faith

to find out there is a God that can really move mountains.
It takes faith,
it requires faith
to experience that
if you're acquired,
you know,
Peter himself could even really,
could walk on water.
That,
I want us to see this,
y'all,
as Paul begins to paint this, this battle,
this enemy that we have in this life,
this standard we're called to make and that we go
daily
with faith.
Not just as a defense,
but so I can learn more
and experience more about God.
One of my favorite verses Paul writes
in Galatians chapter 6.
I don't remember the verse
in chapter 6.
Paul writes, God forbid that I should glory
saving the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
What does that mean?
Paul says, God forbid that I should brag about anything.
God forbid that I should shine
a light on myself.
God forbid that I should glory on anything
except the cross of my Lord and Savior which saved my life.
I love that verse because I can absolutely agree with it.
I see it the same way he does.
And your preacher has no room to glory.
But it's a danger of sounding like boasting for just a minute.
Church, I need to testify.
What is faith?
It's believing God.
It's just believing God.
And I have experienced that if I will believe God
there is a God that will protect me.
There is a God that will provide for me.
There is a God that will bless me.
There is a God that will lead me.
There is a God that will guide me.
There is a God that is real but he requires me
not just 34 years ago when God saved me but that every single day

I take this shield of faith because that's
what it's going to take not just to throw away
the attacks of the enemy
but if I'm going to experience all that God is
faith
I have to be believing.
Y'all have heard I can't tell y'all how many times some of y'all are new y'all
y'all weren't here when I was here the first time.
I got
I tell you I just y'all deacons was in that meeting the first time we met
y'all have heard this so many times
about coming over here to be a pastor
Mitchie said how'd that meeting go I said it went
horrible to them people when we come over here
preach three times a week
said there ain't no way I can do that
ain't no way
I got a job
Mitchie said
if God ain't in it please don't do it but if he is we ain't got no choice
can I tell you what had to happen
I had to make a decision as a preacher
am I going to believe God
why is it so important because some of you are
Christians and you believe in everything else except God
and you're living in fear and you're falling
and you're stumbling and your world is upside down
believe God
I have to believe God
it got time to leave here
I didn't have a job
didn't have one didn't have anything lined up
but it was time y'all I know it seemed like I had an old man at my home church
and when he found out I was coming back over here he said you're loving people
don't you I said yes he said they love you too don't you I said yes they do
he said you think you left too early I said no
I don't
it was time for me to go home and be a daddy
and it was time for me to go
and serve somewhere else
but God in his grace
brought me back again
but I remember
weeping
when I knew it was time to leave Lord I do not have a job
and again
am I going to believe God

am I going to believe God
I believed God
God took care of me
I find myself back in the same thing
again 11 years later
and you know
are you still going to believe are you going to believe God
let me make this a little smaller I'm not a preacher young people I remember
when the Lord put mine and his marriage back together again see God's going
to put things in your he's going to put things in your life there's ways
that you can really test yourself if you believe God or not
you know one way
you can test
if you believe God
Lord put our marriage back together
I can't remember what I was making at that time maybe $10 an hour
Nietzsche didn't make much more than that
Nietzsche said
the mice ran our home
it was just a little bitty old nasty thing
God didn't care
it was time for us to start tithing
I didn't have enough money to do that
am I going to believe God
by the way if you can't trust the Lord with a dime out
of a dollar what are you going to do with the big stuff
don't tell me you believe God
don't tell me you got faith in God don't tell
me you trust God and you rob God of his ties
no we can't say that no is it a present tense believing God that I cannot
go out in that world and leave my shield at home
I'm exposed to the enemy
listen if the only
faith we ever display is the time of our conversion we are destined to die
as a casualty in the battlefield of life
everyday faith everyday faith everyday
faith Paul says here now verse 17 same verse
above all taking the shield of faith wherewith you should be able to quench all
the fiery darts of the wicked he says and take the helmet of salvation
the helmet of salvation
folks not to
reduce the significance of the other pieces
but oh
how important
this is
folks I'm convinced I'm convinced I'm convinced
that the greatest

battles we are ever going to face
on this side of heaven
there won't be any battles over there
that the greatest battles we're ever going to face
are not going to be health battles
they're not going to be wealth battles
I don't care how bad your health is lacking or how much your wealth is lacking
it is not going to be
battles with
people
and the greatest battle that we're ever faced is the battle
of the mind
why
because friend the enemy knows
that the greatest way to weaken someone's faith
is to get doubt
and confusion
and chaos and all of these things running around in their mind and that is
the one thing that can shake people it is the one thing that can take their faith
and discourage it and bring it down
this picture this helmet of salvation I don't know if we've ever been in a war
or anything like that but I remember going to football I mean it was you started to
kick that game off on Friday night you buckled that bad boy on I mean because you
you're just trying to protect that lid
this whole thing is about protecting our minds protecting our thoughts because if
we can the enemy can get and begin to weaken that mind of ours
it's absolutely connected
to our faith
and our ability to stand you say preacher where do you get that from y'all familiar
with John the Baptist Jesus said among men born and women there is none greater
than John the Baptist behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world
I mean John the Baptist was a man he was a man he was a man of a man of God
we find him in prison he says his disciples the Jesus he said are you the one that
should come or should we ask for someone else
what happened
what happened
you reckon he has beginning to have Satan begin to attack that mind how did
you attack that mind because if God really loved you John what are you doing in prison
I mean if God really loved you your feet would work fine you wouldn't have any issues
or any of these things so here's what begins to happen as our mind begins to get
attacked we begin to think thoughts that ain't godly and then what happens we leave
our faith at home our faith is shaking all of it all this is so important
loins go about with truth
the breastplate of righteousness feet shod with the gospel of peace I've got
this shield and I'm going to throw it away the wicked one it's how I want to
get to know God I'm going to continue to believe him
every day and he says you take that hand of salvation

and you put it upon your head
because Satan is going to try to get there he's going to protect your mind
and the way you think and the way you look at things
and if he's effective it is going to damage your faith
and make you be an easy casualty that's where Elijah's at
I call it the cave of despair
he showed he showed up on Mount Carmel y'all know that contest on Mount Carmel God
come down he burnt everything up God showed up and showed out
Jezebel roared
tomorrow you're going to be dead just like those false prophets of mine
and we find Elijah retreating
in this cave of despair
there's just me left
this is mine
this is mine
full disclosure
say preacher what do you struggle with it's this one right here
y'all ain't going to catch your preacher y'all ain't got to worry about turning
on the news and seeing at me at some strip club in
Birmingham I'm telling you that ain't going to happen
ain't going to happen
ain't stealing from my company
ain't doing none of those things
but I tell you what I have to battle
I have to battle
entertaining thoughts that aren't God's thoughts I have to battle listening
to a voice that's not God's voice I have to listen to an enemy that say things
that I know that's not true and that I'll
buy a hook line and sinker and before I know
it my faith begins to be shaken my stance begins to shake around a little bit
I begin to feel smaller and I forget
who I am
Paul says carry that
helmet of salvation
he said brother Brian how do we put on and by the way I'm not alone
I'm not alone
he said brother Brian I'm saved I am too
I am too
he doesn't keep Satan from attacking
so Paul says you put on the helmet of salvation what does that mean
I'm going to tell you what it means
that daily I get up and remind myself of who
I am in Christ Jesus my Lord
every day
that I wake up if you'll have it I'm going to dust off my breastplate of
righteousness I'm going to put my shoes of the gospel on I'm going to preach it to
myself I'm going to try to walk and live like a way a righteous person is supposed

to live and walk and I'm going to gird about myself with truth and I'm going to
carry that shield of faith but I'm also going to grab that helmet of salvation
and I'm going to say to myself that I'm a blood bought adopted
and accepted
child of the living God I have been forgiven I have
been freed I have been secured I have been sealed I am who God says that I am
Amen
I remind myself
of who I am in Christ
I remind myself of why I am who I am in Christ that God knows he knows you Nikki
better than sister Deborah better than your mama does
and here's the shocking thing he loved you anyway
that he'll continue to love me
he'll continue to keep me
that I'm putting on
this helmet to guard my mind and my thoughts
and reminding myself who I am and the Lord
folks when you step into the battlefield with your mind guarded by the fact
that you are a child of an
undisputed
undisputed
unconquerable king of glory it sure does help you to stand
and keep your thoughts the way they ought to be
Paul says
above all
take that shield of faith are you believing present tense belief do I believe do I
believe am I believing am I believing no matter how hard it gets no matter how hot
it gets how difficult it gets I've got to believe I've got to keep believing I've got
to keep believing I've got to keep believing steps of faith are steps that's
yesterday what matters are the steps of faith that we
take today and we take tomorrow and we take the next day
take upon you the helmet of salvation
and verse 17 and the sword of the spirit
which is
the word
of God
a shield is a defensive weapon
this helmet of salvation
is a defensive weapon
sword
now
the preacher gets to go on offense
folks folks the Christian life was never intended
to be one where we live cowered down in a foxhole
and crawled up in a type of ball
scared to death of everything that's going to happen to us
no the scripture tells us in the book of Romans

no you are more than conquerors through him that loved us see the God that called me to stand has given me the power to stand and the ability not just for the fight but the ability to win he says now I'm going to give you a weapon to fight with and that weapon is the word of God
I want to share something with you
this is the first article do we have the 18 articles of faith in our church somewhere probably got them in the lobby foyer somewhere
we got them got them somewhere
anybody
not familiar with the 18 articles of faith it's okay raise your hand never heard of I never heard of it I went to missionary Baptist church southern Baptist has something faith and message basically what the 18 articles of faith is I didn't know I was going to get into all this
it's basically a summary of what we believe
and the first one is of the scriptures
of the Bible
I'll read to you what it says
we believe that the Holy Bible
was written by men divinely inspired
and it's a perfect treasure
of heavenly instruction
young people what is the Bible what do you believe about the Bible
God is the author but men penned it
men
inspired
by the very God it's theonoustis which means God breathe
God is the author
and that it is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction
that it has God's for its author
salvation for its end
and truth without any mixture of error for its matter
what does that mean it's perfect it's right
that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us
and therefore is it shall remain to the end of the world the true sinner of Christian union
and the supreme standard by which all human conduct creeds and opinions should be tried so I'm going to ask you to do something kind of silly tonight
you got a Bible if you got one grab it hold it for me
if you own a Bible
you own a sword
you got a sword
given by God
let me share this with you
a sword
unsheed

is useless
you know what unsheed means right
a sword unsheed
is useless
folks the reality is
many churches
have the 18 articles of faith hanging on their wall
the articles of scripture hanging on the wall
but the people within the church
do not have the scriptures
in their heart
and in their minds
I don't mean this to sound cruel
at all
I'm not trying to be insulting but now
after 21 years y'all realize the Lord
has let me preach in 55 different pulpits
I've got to preach I've only got to pastor four churches or three churches
this is the second time but I've preached in 55 different churches
and one of the things that I've learned in 21 years
one of the greatest weaknesses of the modern church today
is that men
are biblically ignorant
Christians
are biblically
ignorant
and they know cliches
I stand upon the word of God I stand upon the Bible
but they can't really tell you what's in it
I'm not trying to be critical or cold or mean
folks I'm simply trying to be truthful
God says
in his word that I am in a battle
not against flesh and blood but against principalities
and evil powers and it's rough and it's wicked
and I can stand
or I can fall
and I've got some things to stand at my defense and I have got an offensive weapon
and that weapon is the word of God
if we've got this on our church walls and we don't have it in our hearts
why is that
why is that
can I tell you y'all heard me mention that phrase the other day a true truth
see it's something that we agree with but it really doesn't impact us like it should
the reason it's not in our hearts
and in our minds
is because we really don't view the word of God

as a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path
the reason it's not in our hearts
and in our minds
though we may say it
we really don't believe that it's a perfectly
perfect treasure of heavenly instruction
the reason it's not in our hearts and in our minds
is we really don't believe it's inerrant what's inerrant means
without fault
that it's right completely
I think one of the biggest reasons why it's not in our hearts and in our minds
is we view this bible simply as something God has said folks this bible is what God
has said this isn't God just spoke this is God speaking
and see if we really did believe it
we would run to this book
we would stay in this book in order to experience the God behind this book
Nicky do you think you're in a battle
God says
I am going to give you you don't have to live over there in a cave just in a shield
no you can come out with a sword of swinging
a sword of swinging
sometimes it has to cut us
but it's
an offensive weapon against the enemy
but I what I want us to see
that a strong faith a guarded mind
are connected to someone that is familiar with the word of God see all these things
tied together are you believing are you believing are you believing do you have that
shield of faith is your mind guarded is your mind protected
we say well how do those things happen it comes through
a familiar arity a comfort
a closeness
with God's word
because I know not just and listen I'm not just talking about quoting scripture
I'm not talking about Ethan Humphreys has got a mind as big as this building
that guy's so smart and remembers all this stuff most of us don't have that gift
I'm not talking about
being able
to play
trivia
no what I'm talking about is that sister Carol
you view this life as God says it is and that God says he has left you a sword
to fight with and to stand with it is to be the bread to your soul a light into your
path a lamp into your feet to guide the way and
because you see it as such you retreat to it
to learn of the God
behind this word

see
church you don't
I hope you don't want me to and I know most
of you don't you don't need me to get up here
and share a bunch of silly stories
sappy stories
you don't need me to be a comedian or to be funny
you don't need me to be a critic
and blast everybody else in their faith and what they're doing
you don't even need me to get up here and talk about politics
you don't need a preacher that's going to be up there and talk about his isms and his schisms and his soapboxes and all that yada yada yada stuff
you don't even need a preacher that's going to preach about the Bible
no what we need what I need what you need is we need the sword
we need the word
of God
thus saith the Lord
that's what we need
Paul says when you have this sword
and you adjust this sword and you retreat to this sword
and you bask in it and you bathe in it and I mean you just
bathe in it and you retreat to it because it's the God behind the word that wrote it
your faith gets stronger
your mind thinks clearer
the gospel gets sweeter
truth gets better
and we're able to stand
and we're able to stand Alton if you'll come and you'll get us a song
I want to read these last verses one more time
for we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against powers against
powers against the rulers of the darkness of this
world against spiritual wickedness in high places
wherefore taking you the whole armor of God that you
may be to stand in the day having it all to stand
stand therefore having your loins go about with
truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness
and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace
above all
taking the shield of faith
wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked
take the helmet of salvation
and the sword of the spirit
which is the word of God
are you believing
are you believing
to take that mind
you know I love my can I say old ladies

okay I love my sweet little old ladies
I worry about you
not your health
that's going to go but I want your joy to be maintained
I want your joy to stay sweet
but I also worry about
this middle aged guy and some of these young people
listen to all kind of things it ain't a God
and it has an effect on the outside
y'all
if I can do anything while I'm here
anything while I'm here
we're going to get to know this book
so that we get to know the God
who penned this book and wrote this book
because Wesley I ain't worth five cents and I don't know nothing
but God does
and it's in his word
brother Brian I get intimidated by trying to study my
Bible I don't understand everything well join the crowd
join the crowd
you say God show me you
show me you
I want to be what you want me to be
and I want you to teach me what I need to be
and I want you to strengthen me
friend you got to unsheat it
you got to unsheat it let's pray
Heavenly Father we thank you for your word
thank you for your truth
God I pray that you through your power would enable us
to stand in this evil day having done all to stand
Lord not for our glory but for yours
for the good of ourselves and the good of our families
Lord it does us no good
to simply hear
and fail to apply
it does no good for this preacher
to preach about your word
and not study it himself or mind it himself
Lord give us the spirit of application
a thirst and a hunger
to know the God of all creation
in Jesus sweet name I pray amen let's stand