



Sermon
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“Cia Li Mloog Thiab Nrhiav Vajtswv”

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Thov txoj koob moov txoj kev hlub thiab txojkev haumxeb pub rau nej sawvdaws los ntawm Vajtswv uas yog peb Leejtxiv uas yog peb tus Cawmsweej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

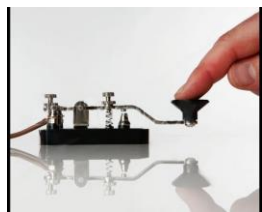
Yaxayas 51:1, "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn – *Cia li mloog kuv, koj yuavtsum nrhiav txojkev ncajnness thiab nrhiav tus Tswv: Cia li saib lub pobzeb uas nej muab txiav thiab ntawm qhovchaw uas nej muab txaug ntawd.*" (NIV). This is the Word of God. (Cross-reference – Loos 9:31; 10:3, Chivkeeb 17:15, Nkauj Qhuas Vajtswv 94:15; 94:15, Pajlug 15:9, Yaxayas 46:3; 48:12; 51:7; 65:10; 1:1; 50:11)

Illustration "Listen" (Show a telegraph machine)



Txheej thaum ub yam uas xa xovxwm kev deb yog siv lub "telegraph – *cav ntau ntawv xa mus rau lwmtus.*" Muaj ibtug tub hluas tuaj nrhiav haujlwm ua tus "Morse Code Operator – *nyeem cov ntawv xa uas yog mloog cov suab nrawj nrawj nrawj.*" Thaum nws pom tias lub chaw haujlwm xav tau ibtug tibneeg ua txoj haujlwm no, nws thiaj li tuaj rau ntawm lub chaw ua haujlwm. Thaum nws nkag mus txog hauv lub chaw tso npe ua haujlwm, nws tsua hnov cov cav ntau ntawv thiab lwm yam nrov "nrawj nrawj mus tas li" tomqab chav tsev ua haujlwm. Muaj ib daim paib lo rau ntawm lub qhovrooj yuav nkag mus rau hauv lub chaw ua haujlwm sau kom txhuatus yuavtsum ua lawv daim ntawv nrhiav

haujlwm thiab nyob tos, tus nais mam li hu ibtug zujzus mus "interview – *sib tham*" txog txoj haujlwm. Tus tub hluas no ua nws daim ntawv tiav thiab nyob tos uake nrog cov tibneeg coob tus tuaj tso npe ua haujlwm. Tus hluas no zaum mentsi xwb nws sawv thiab mus nkag kiag rau hauv lub chaw ua haujlwm. Lwm cov tibneeg uas tuaj tso npe saib nws nplawg ntias tias ua li cas lawv twb tsis tau hu nws, nws txawm cia li mus rau hauv lub chaw ua haujlwm ua dabtsi? Lawv sib tham zomzaws haistias, "Tus tub hluas no yuav tsis muaj feem tau txoj haujlwm vim cov thawjcoj twb tsis tau hu kom nws mus." (Show telegraph machine)



Ob peb feeb tomqab xwb, tus nais thiab tus tub hluas tawm tuaj uake. Tus nais hais rau cov tibneeg coob coob ntawd tias, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has just been filled – *Cov txivneej yawg, ua tsaug uas nej sawvdaws tuaj, tiamsis tes haujlwm no twb puv lawm.*" Cov tibneeg tuaj tso npe ntawd pib yws thiab nug haistias, "Wait a minute, I don't understand. He was the last to come in, and we never even got a chance to be interviewed. Yet he got the job. That's not fair! – Tos ibpliag tso, kuv tsis

totaub. Nws yog tus tuaj tomqab, thiab peb twb tsis tau muaj feem "interview – *sib tham,*" ua li cas nws thiaj tau txoj haujlwm. Nov tsis ncajnnees lawm." Tus nais haistias, "I'm sorry, but all the time you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been sending out the following message in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours.' None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did so the job is his – Thov txim, tiamsis lub sijhawm uas nej zaum ntawm no, lub telegraph twb xav xovxwm Morse Code: 'Yog koj totaub cov lus no, ces cia li nkag kiag los. Txoj haujlwm no yog koj li.' Nej tsis muaj leejtwg hnov li losyog

totaub li. Tus tub hluas no hnov thiab totaub ces nws thiaj li tau txoj haujlwm." (Tim Shin Illustration - <https://bpsfuelforthought.wordpress.com/2013/11/12/morse-code/>)

(Show God is calling you- are you listening?)

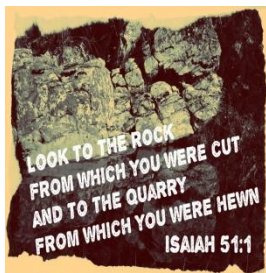


Peb nyob rau lub ntiaj teb muaj khoom nrov nrij nrawj li lub chaw ua haujlwm telegraph ntawd. Tibneeg coob leej ntau tug yuav tsis hnov thaum Vajtswv lub suab hu lawv. Koj puas tig rau ntawm Vajtswv lub suab? Koj puas hnov thaum Vajtswv hu koj. Koj puas mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv?

- I. Nyob rau Vajluskub Qub, Vajtswv txoj lus sau haistias, "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord – *Cia li mloog kuv, koj yuavtsum nrhiav txojkev ncajnness thiab nrhiav tus Tswv.*" (Isaiah 51:1). Nyob rau Yaxayas tiam, xibhwb Yaxayas qhia txog Vajtswv txojkev txia txim thiab Vajtswv txojkev cawmdim. (Show the prophet Isaiah)



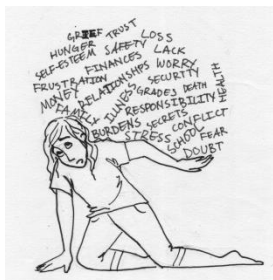
Vajtswv tus uas Dawvhuv rau haivneeg Ixalayeas yuav rau txim rau cov tibneeg uas tsis mloog Vajtswv lus thiab Vajtswv yuav rov cawm lawv rov qab los. Ixalayeas yog haiv tibneeg uas digmuag thiab tsis hnov lus uas yuav raug muab tsuj zoo li cov ceg hmab uas vim los ntawm lawv txojkev coj tsis ncajnnees. Uantej uas Vajtswv yuav cawm Vajtswv haivneeg, Vajtswv txib koj Yaxayas mus qhia Txojmoozoo rau Vajtswv haivneeg kom lawv yuavtsum tig pobntseg los mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv rau lawv txojkev cawmdim. (Show Isaiah 51:1)



Nyob rau tiam no, tibneeg nrhiav txojkev ncajnnees thiab nrhiav tus Tswv mas nyuaj kawg nkaus. Koj yuav ua li cas nrhiav yam uas koj tsis pom? Qhov tseemceeb tiag yog koj yuavtsum tig pobntseg los mloog Nws Txoj lus thiab nrhiav Nws yog koj txojkev sib raug zoo nrog Vajtswv. Nej coob leej ntau tus nrhiav khoom hauv lub ntiaj teb no tiamsis txawm haistias nej yuav nrhiav npaum li cas los nws yeej tsis txau siab li. Nej ibtxhia tuaj hawm Vajtswv hnuv no saib nej puas yuav hnov ib lolus mus txhawb nej lub dag lub zog nrog rau txojkev ntseeg kom nej tau txojkev kajsiaib lug. Yaxayas haistias, "Look to the rock from

which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn - *Cia li saib lub pobzeb uas nej muab txia txim thiab ntawm qhovchaw uas nej muab txaug ntawd.*" (Isaiah 51:1).

Peb tibneeg zoo li lub pobzeb uas nyob tsis muaj sia hauv lub ntiaj teb no. Vajtswv hais kom peb nco ntsoov txog haistias peb yog los ntawm Vajtswv los, Nws yog tus tsim peb, puab peb kom peb yuavtsum cia li mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv rau peb txojkev cawmdim. (Show heavy burden)



Cov kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe, koj mloog thiab nrhiav leejtwg rau koj txojkev cawmdim? Koj puas mloog thiab Vajtswv thaum Vajtswv hu koj mus qhia txog Nws Txojmoozoo kom lwtus paub los mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv rau lawv txojkev cawmdim? Cov ntseeg qhov teebmeem uas tsis mloog, nrhiav thiab mus qhia Vajtswv Txojmoozoo vim yog cov ntseeg mus nrhiav kev nyiaj txiag npluajnuj hauv ntiaj teb no heev dua li mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv. Tibneeg xum tig lawv lub pobntseg mus mloog thiab nrhiav yam khoom uas tsi kav mus ibtxhis. Yam uas tibneeg nrhiav yuav tig mus ua txojkev ntxhovsiab, tsis sib haum, thiab tsua muaj kev ntshai mus tag li. Lub nras uas tibneeg niaj hnuv ris yuav ua tau tibneeg tsis muaj txojkev cia siab tig mus nrhiav ibtug twg uas yuav cawm kom tibneeg dim ntawm lub nras hauv ntiaj teb no. (Show Matthew 11:28)



Txawm zoo li no los Yexus twb haistias, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest – *Nej cov uas sab thaib thiab ris lub nras hnyav, cia li los cuag kuv kuv yuav cia nej so.*" (Matthew 11:28). Txawm Yexus hais li no los tibneeg tis cia li mloog thiab nrhiv Vajtsvw rau lawv tej kev txhawj xeeb nyuaj siab hauv ntiaj teb no.

II. Muaj ibtug Native American thiab nws tus phoojywg mus rau hauv plawv nroog, New York City, thiab nkawd taug kev ze Times Square in Manhattan. (Show picture of a cricket)



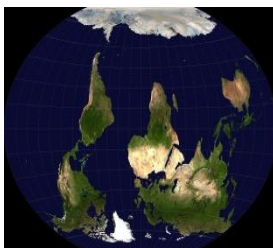
Nov yog thaum lub caij tavs, tibneeg coob leej ntau tus taug kev puv nkaus cheebtsam ntawd. Tej tshab los nias lawv tej tswb nrov, tej tshab tub ceevxwm los tso lawv tej tswb nrov ua rau tibneeg hais lus rau ibleeg los twb yuav laug tsis hnov. Tus Native American no hais rau nws tus phoojywg haistias, "I hear a cricket – *Kuv hnov ibtug kab civliv.*" Nws tus phoojywg teb haistias, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all of this noise! – *Dabtsi? Koj vwm lawm. Koj yuav tsis hnov kab civliv nyob rau hauv txhua lub suab nrov no li.*" Tus Native American no hla kev mus rau ntawm ib koog nroj thiab xyua

pom ibtu kab civliv. Thaum no nws tus phoojywg haistias, "Zoo kawg nkaus, koj ntseg muaj lub pobntseg zoo tshaj li txhuatus lub." Tus Native American no thiaj li haistias, "Tsis yog li ntawd, Kuv lub pobntseg yeej tsis txawv li koj lub. Tus phoojywg haistias, "Tsis yog!" Tus Native American thiaj li haistias, "Cia kuv mam li qhia koj." (Show coins in hand)

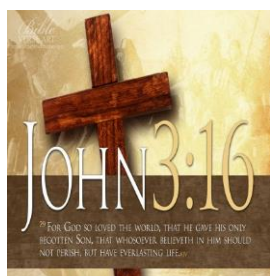


Nws muab nws txhais tes mus rho tau ib cov nyiaj npib hauv nws lub hnab ris los thiab maj mam pov rau hauv pem teb. Txawm haistias muaj tej tshab thiab lwmyam nrov heev rau cheebtsam ntawd los, coob leej ntau tus tibneeg uas nyob deb li 25 mev tig tuaj rau ntawm nkawd vim lawv hnov cov nyiaj poob rau hauv pem teb. Tus Native American thiaj li haistias, "Saib, nyob ntawm tus tibneeg xav mloog los yog tsis xav xwb. Nyob ntawm nyias tus kheej." Cov kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua, peb tsis los mloog thiab nrhiv Vajtsvw vim peb tsis tig pobntseg los

mus mloog thiab nrhiv Vajtsvw kom peb muaj txojkev cia siab thiab lub zog los mus tau txojkev ncaincees kom peb ua tau lub teeb ci rau txhautus tibneeg kom lwmtus thiaj li paub los mloog thiab nrhiv Vajtsvw rau lawv txojkev cawmdim. <https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermon-illustrations/77207/doing-god-s-will-by-chris-kelly?ref=TextIllustrationSerps> (World has turn upside down)

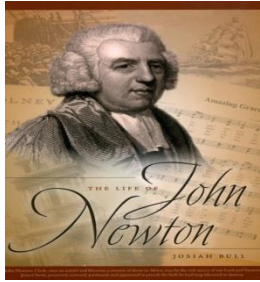


Vajtsvw coglug tias Nws txojkev cawmdim muaj nyob mus ibtxhis thiab Nws txojkev ncaincees yuav tsis ploj li. Tiamsis lub ntiaj teb no ntxeev tiaj khwb rwg uas ua txojkev zoo tig mus ua txojkev phem. Txhua zaug uas peb sim mloog thiab nrhiv Vajtsvw, txojkev dagntxias los kovyeej peb kom peb tig rau lwm txojkev thiab ua kom peb tsis txhob mus mloog thiab nrhiv Vajtsvw los txhawb peb. Txojkev dagntxias li no pheej los cuamtshuam peb lub neej, peb yuav ua li cas mloog thiab nrhiv Vajtsvw kom peb tau txojkev haumxeeb? (Show John 3:16)



Cov kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos, nyob rau lub ntiajeb no, Vajtsvw twb kovyeej txojkev phem hauv lub ntiajeb saum tus ntoo khaublig lawm. Yexus kovyeej txojkev dagntxias uas koj thiab kuv ua tsis tau. Nws yog pe blub zog, vim li no, Yexus thiaj li caw kom peb mloog nws thiab nrhiv nws rau peb tej teebmeem. Peb yuav ua tau li ntawd li cas? Koj yuavtsum muab lub neej

hauv ntiajteb no tso tseg thiab cia li los ntseeg Texas Khetos ua koj tus Tswv thiab Cawmseej. Yexus thiaj li haistias, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life – Vim Vajtswv hlub tibneeg ntiajteb kaw li nws thiaj li txib nws tibleeg Tub, tus uas ntseeg nws yuav tsis ntsib kev plojtuag tiamsis yuav tau txojtia mus ibtxhis."* (John 3:16). Peb ntseeg thiab cia siab rau Yexus Khetos ua peb tus Tswv thiab Cawmseej hnuvno thiab naghmo. Peb yuavtsum cia li mloog Nws tej lus kom tej lus ntawd niaj hnuv qhia peb ua lub neej raws li Vajtswv dejsiab kom yuav haum peb Leejtxiv kom txhuayam uas peb ua yog ua rau Vajtswv tau koobmeej. **(Show John Newton)**



Nej coob leej ntau hnov zaj keebkwm txog John Newton yog tus sau zaj nkauj *"Amazing Grace – Txoj Koobmoov."* Peb tsua hnov haistias nws yog ibtus tibneeg zoo thiaj li sau tau tej zaj nkauj uas muab txhais ntau tshaj li lwm zaj nkauj thiab tibneeg thoob ntiajteb paub tag. Tiamsis qhov tseeb tiag, thaum John Newton tseem hluas, nws yeej tsis mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv li. Txhua zaug uas John nrog lwmtus tibneeg tham, nws sim hais, dag, losyog yuam saib tus tibneeg ntawm mus puamtsuaj losyog poob qho. Nws siv sijhawm ntev los xyaum saib nws siv puas tau lwm lolus los mus hais saib tsis taug kom nws paub tau haistias

nws twb ua tau lawm. Nws nyiag khiav tawm ntawm *"Navy – Tubrog havdej"* thiab nws raug txim hnyav heev. Nws dhau los ua tus tibneeg *"slave trader - muag cevqhev."* Tomqab ntawd nws ho dhau los ua lwmtus cevqhev ces tsis ntev tus sea captain mam li cawm tau nws thiab muab nws xa rov mus rau techaw England. Yog vim li cas John Newton mam li cia li mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv? Tomqab John Newton raug cawm ntawm txojkev ua cevqhev nws tabtom caij nkauj rov mus rau techaw England, muaj xob nag xob cuag los hlob heev los nplawm lawv lub nkoj. Nws sawv ib tag hmo los pom lub nkoj puv dej zuzjus. John hu thov Vajtswv pab. Lub nkoj tig thiab coj John lawv rov mus txog England. John pib nyeem Vajluskub thiab txais yuav Yexus los ua nws tus Cawmseej. Txij thaum ntawd mus Nws tseg kiag tsis hais lus qhovdev, dag, thuam, tsis twv txiaj twv pov, thiab tsis haus cawv. Xyoo 1764 lawv tsa nws ua xibhwb. Xyoo 1779 John sau zaj nkauj *"Amazing Grace – Txoj Koobmoov."*

- III. Koj puas mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv? Losyog koj xum mus mloog thiab nrhiav khoom ntiajteb? Peb yeej paub haistias peb yuavtsum muaj khoom los pab rau peb lub cev ntajntsug xws li dej haus, zaub mov noj, thiab vajtsev los roog nag, huab cua, thiab ua lub chaw pws. Nov yog ntawm sab nqaijtawv. Ntawm sab ntsujplig nes, puas muaj nyob rau hauv koj lub neej. Yaxayas sau ntawm Vajluskub Qub haistias, *"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn – Cia li mloog kuv, koj yuavtsum nrhiav txojkev ncajnness thiab nrhiav tus Tswv: Cia li saib lub pobzeb uas nej muab txiav thiab ntawm qhovchaw uas nej muab txaug ntawd."* (Isaiah 51:1) **(Show God is in control)**



Hauv phau Vajluskub, Vajtswv Txojlus sau los mus txhawb Vajtswv haivneeg kom tibneeg mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv. Txawm haistias Vajtswv yeej tseem tso mkwm Vajtswv haivneeg los, tibneeg yeej tsis quavntsej mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv li. Yog thaum twg tibneeg tsis mloog, Vajtswv yuav ua kom tibneeg totaub haistias Vajtswv tseem yog tug tswj ib puas tsavyam huv tibi. Thaum Vajtswv tso dej los nyab lub ntiajteb, yog los ntxuav tagrho tibneeg txojkev txhau. Vajtswv muab tibneeg nyias hais nyias ibyam lus ntawm tus pethuam

Npasnpis, Vajtswv muab nws haivneeg mus nyob tom tiaj suabpuam tau 40 xyoo, Vajtswv tso hnav los tom tibneeg vim lawv yws Vajtswv, thiab Vajtswv cia haivneeg Npasnpisloos tuaj muab Vajtswv haivneeg ntes coj mus ua cevqhev vim lawv tsis mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv txojkev cawmdim. Thaum

twg tibneeg tsis mloog Vajtswv lus, Vajtswv yuav rau txim kom tibneeg thiaj li paub tig rov los muaj kev cia siab, kev txhawb zog, thiab rov qab siab ua neej. (Show seek the Lord and live)



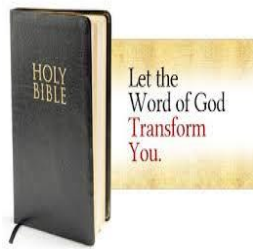
Xh. Amauj sau haistias, "Seek the Lord and live. Seek good, not evil, that you may live – *Nrhiav tus Tswv thiab muaj sia nyob. Nrhiav kev zoo, tsis yog kev phem, kom koj muaj sia nyob.*" (Amauj 5:6, 14). Vajtswv pom tias lub ntiajteb pheej tsis mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv, Nws thiaj li tso nws Tibleeg Tub los rau lub ntiajteb. Yexus Khetos uas yog Vajtswv tus Tub tsis tag yuav mloog Vajtswv lus. Nws yeej hais tau haistias, "Let those sinful people be sinful and let them go

to hell – *Cia cov tibneeg uas muaj kev txhaum cia lawv muaj kev txhaum thiab lawv mam li poob mus rau ntujtagw teb.*" Tiamsis Yexus tsis ua li nws siab nyiam, nws mloog Vajleejtxiv lus, los rau lub ntiajteb, yug los ntawm tus nkaujxwb, muaj roj muaj ntshav ibyam li koj thiab kuv. Yexus mus rau ntawm tus ntoo khaublig uas yog mus them tagnrho koj txojkev txhaum kom koj thiaj li muaj kev ncajnness rau ntawm Vajtswv. Thaum Yexus pib nws tes dejnum, Vajtswv hais kom tibneeg cia li mloog Yexus. (Show transfiguration)



Mathais, Malakaus, thiab Lukas sau txog hnuv Yexus lub cev hloov ci ntsha iab "Transfiguration – Hnuv Yexus Lub Cev Hloob," Yexus haistias, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him – *Nov yog kuv tus hlub; nrog nws kuv txau siab. Cia li mloog nws lus.*" (Matthais 17:5, Malakaus 9:7, Lukas 9:35). Thaum Yexus pib qhuabqhia, Yexus yeej qhia kom tibneeg mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv rau txojkev cawmdim. Yexus thiaj li haistias, "... *seek first his kingdom and his righteousness... Xub nrhiav Vajtswv lub tebchaws*

thiab nws txojkev ncajnnees." (Matthais 6:33). Peb tus Tswv thiab Cawmseej Yexus Khetos los nrhiav tus uas poobzoo lawn. Nws los nrhiav koj thiab kuv kom peb thiaj li muaj kev ntseeg, kev cia siab rau nws rau txojkev uas tau txojhia mus ibtxhis. (Show Bible)



Thaum koj nyeem Vajtswv Txojlus, cia li mloog saib Vajtswv Txojlus hais li cas rau koj lub neej kom koj txawj ua haum Vajtswv dejsiab. Thaum koj mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv lawm, txhuayam uas koj ua yog ua rau Tswv Yexus tau koobmeej vim koj ua haum Vajtswv los ntawm koj txojkev mloog thiab nrhiav Vajtswv txojkev ncajnnees. Asmees.

Thov kom Vajtswv Txojlus pub rau nej sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiaib lug rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Peb txhuatus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuum peb sawvdaws hais: Asmees.