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PROGRAM OPENING/TRUMPET FANFARE/V.O.

From the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, join Robert Schuller in an Hour of Power now celebrating our 36th year as the face and voice of positive Christianity to the world.

HYMN - "Joyful, Joyful.."

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before You, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. Amen! Amen! Amen!

GOOD MORNING/OPENING SENTENCE/INVOCATION

RAS: Good morning and welcome to the Crystal Cathedral. It is a wonderful day to feel the presence and the warmth and the love of God. He is surrounding us, He is here. And He's surrounding us with people who wish to express that love so take a moment right now and extend the love of Christ to those who are standing next to you and behind you and shake their hand and say God loves you and so do I.

Well my father is here this morning and he's going to be interviewing Ken Duncan. He is a fabulous photographer. Jim Poit is going to be reading the scriptures this morning. He of course is our executive pastor. Musically, oh we've got a wonderful morning of music. We have the inspiring tenor Jason Catron, we have the classic pianist Vivian Fan, we have Don Neuen and the Crystal Cathedral Choir, Sean Groombridge at the magnificent Hazel Wright organ, and Marc Riley and the Hour of Power orchestra. And so this is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and we will be glad in it.

Dear Heavenly Father we thank You that You are real, that You exist, that You come and touch people with Your hope and Your joy and Your goodness. And so help us O Lord to open our minds and our hearts to receive Your gifts today, the gift of grace, the gift of forgiveness, the gift of love. Now we thank You Lord for Your precious gifts, Amen.

HYMN - "In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him"

From the first bright light of morning, to the last warm glow of dusk; Every breath we take is sacred, for it is God's gift to us.

In thanksgiving, let us praise Him; in thanksgiving, let us sing songs of praise and adoration to our gracious Lord and King.

In the season of our plenty, in the season of our need; We will find His grace sufficient, we will find His love complete. In thanksgiving, let us praise Him; in thanksgiving, let us sing songs of praise and adoration to our gracious Lord and King.

Safe within His hand that guides us, hidden in His healing wings;
Day by day His love provides us every good and perfect thing. In thanksgiving, let us praise Him; in thanksgiving let us sing songs of praise and adoration to our gracious Lord and King.

SCRIPTURE – Selected Verses from Psalm 95 – Jim Poit

JP: Please be seated. As we reflect on God's wonderful blessings to us during this Thanksgiving season, hear these words by the psalmist David as he encourages his people to lift their voices and to praise God.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the flock under His care.

The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of Lord will stand forever.

JIM POIT INTRODUCES DON NEUEN/DON NEUEN INTRO TO ANTHEM

JP: Don, tell us about the anthem you are singing today.

DN: Thank you. About 900 years before the birth of Christ, in a land of the great prophet Elijah, Old Testament, the people had turned their separate ways against God, worshipping false idols and the false god Baal. At that time a terrible drought came over the land and the people were dying by the thousands of starvation and thirst. Elijah prayed to God for a miracle and a miracle very visibly was given through Elijah to these people. They recanted, they returned to the Lord God Jehovah, gave up their false gods and almost immediately God sent rain to their drought driven land. The people were saved and the future harvests were assured.

Now jump ahead to the 19th century and the German composer Felix Mendelssohn wrote a two hour long oratorio on the life of Elijah and at this very point in the oratorio, he wrote a great song anthem of thanksgiving, thanking God for bringing water to the thirsty land and proclaiming that God the Lord is over all and all mighty. As we sing it, we hope that you would think of the blessings God has given each of us, blessings of help in need, blessings of peace and blessings of indescribable love.

ANTHEM - "Thanks be to God (Elijah)"

Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land, the thirsty land. Thanks be to God,

He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!

The waters gather, they rush along! They are lifting their voices! The waters gather, they rush along, the waters gather, they rush along! The waters gather, they rush along, they rush along, they rush along, they rush along! Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God! The waters gather, they rush along, the waters gather, they rush along. He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land!

The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty; The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty; mighty their fury. But the Lord, but the Lord, but the Lord, but the Lord is above them, and Almighty. Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land! Thanks be to God!

The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty but the Lord, but the Lord, but the Lord, but the Lord is above them, and Almighty, but the Lord, but the Lord, but the Lord, but the Lord is above them, and Almighty.

Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land. Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!

The waters gather, they rush along; The waters gather, they rush along, they rush along, they rush along! Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land: Thanks be to God! He waters the thirsty land!

RHS/JIM POIT THANK YOU TO DON & CHOIR

RHS: Don Neuen, only you could pull this off.

JP: Thank you choir, Don, Tom and the strings, that was absolutely marvelous.

PREP FOR OFFERING/PRAYER - JP

JP: As the ushers come forward to receive our morning offering, I just want to say a few words of reminder and thanksgiving. Robert's been preaching on stewardship and he's been preaching that we give out of our poverty. And I want to say how meaningful those messages have been to my own household. My oldest son who just got his first job working over here in the academy watching after little kids after school, said to me the other day, he said, "Dad," he said, "I can't wait to give my tithe, my ten percent to the church," and so those have been just wonderful messages.

Let's take a moment and thank God for all His blessings. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we are thankful for Your blessings. For Your blessing of grace and forgiveness and love, the mercy that reaches us every day. Lord, as we give these tithes and offerings and gifts to You, Lord may they touch many, many lives. May they draw people closer to You so that they may begin their journey of faith. And that they may walk the path that You have provided for them. Lord, bless these gifts in Jesus name, Amen.

JIM POIT INTRODUCES VIVIAN FAN

JP: Our next guest this morning is the lovely pianist Vivian Fan. Vivian has won numerous awards for her playing, including the grand prize of the Idyllwild International Young Artists Competition. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in music at USC and is on the faculty of the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Please welcome with me this morning, Vivian Fan.

PIANO SOLO – VIVIAN FAN – "Piano Concerto"

RHS THANK YOU TO VIVIAN FAN

RHS: Wow, the winner of the international prize of grand young artist. Studying for your doctorate now at USC, right? Vivian, we love you. You can feel it? We admire it. You can sense that? Thank you for coming.

RHS TALKS OF HIS RECENT CHINA TRIP

RHS: I've been gone a few weeks traveling in the world because I had a very wonderful invitation to mainland China. They have opened two theological seminaries', which is pretty risky if a country wants to control the thinking of its people. And the Nan king theological seminary invited me to stop in and give them a lecture. They've heard about my work and wanted to meet me so I was on Saturday morning and no school, no students are there, but they came in from the country and all hundred and ten students were there which I was very proud, and

the entire faculty. And I gave for the first time anywhere in the world a lecture on the theology of possibility thinking and it won such rave reviews that the faculty met immediately afterwards and invited me to come and join their theological faculty. And not for a year, I can't handle that, but I said I might give them a week.

And so I'm working on a theology of self-esteem and a theology of possibility thinking and I'll have the opportunity because I have the invitation to give that to young seminary students who will go out and start their churches on mainland China. It's phenomenal what's happening there.

But I'm glad that I have an opportunity for the first time in my life to go there and pass on the positive gospel of Christ, so.. thank you for your prayers along the way.

INTERVIEW – KEN DUNCAN

RHS: ROBERT HAROLD SCHULLER KD: KEN DUNCAN

RHS: Now today we are welcoming back Australia's premier panoramic landscape architect's internationally renowned photographer, Ken Duncan. Many of you've been here before when he was here and you've heard him give his testimony that he was watching Hour of Power one Sunday some years ago in Australia and the spirit of Christ came through that program, touched him and impacted him very deeply and very beautifully. We were chatting a minute ago about the scripture that was so well read; God waters the thirsty land. And I said, Ken you were a thirsty land. You watched the Hour of Power, Christ came through and He watered that thirsty land that we call Ken Duncan, it's wonderful. But now he's done a book in panoramic photography on the Holy Land, "Where Jesus Walked" and this is the book. And I have to tell you honest to God, no exaggeration, there has never in the history of photography been a book on the Holy Land like this. It is history's first walking where Jesus walked in his panoramic photography and Ken Duncan is the premier and the award winning and without equal. Ken Duncan, thank you. Thank you for being with us today.

KD: Thank you Dr. Schuller.

RHS: Wow, what drove you to write this book?

KD: Well after photographing on the Passion movie that really sort of nailed me. I thought, you know I was a Christian but it made me realize the cost of my salvation. So after it I thought I've got to actually go and walk the walk of Jesus because when you go to the place, it's very important to understand where someone came from, so I thought that's it, I'm going on the walk. And it was the most exciting walk of my life because I became a Christian through faith and through you preaching to me on the television, so it was amazing. But when I went over there, all this evidence of the life of Jesus, it's so powerful. I don't know how anyone can not believe in this man, so I thought this is my way of sharing that story with others who may not be able to get there.

RHS: You know there have been thousands of books of photographs of the Holy Land and I've seen hundreds of them. They're all the same. But not this one. This is in a class by itself. Do you have a favorite picture in here or one or two?

KD: Well, I have a few favorite pictures.

RHS: I'll bet you can find them quicker than I could.

KD: Well I'll see if I go for it. One of my favorites was on Mt. Arbel, and this is this picture here because when I was over there..

RHS: Wow.

KD: ..what I wanted to do is not just show you churches and places that have become holy and lots of people, I said Lord can You please show me places that haven't changed since the time You were there. And so He directed me to this mountain called Mt. Arbel which is just up behind Capernaum, which where Jesus spent a lot of time. And I got up there for sunrise and when I went there, I had to catch a taxi and climb a mountain and I'm thinking, Lord Jesus, that was a serious climb for You to get up on this mountain and then while I'm sitting there watching the sun rising over the Sea of Galilee, I just felt the Lord's presence so much. And then I saw a shepherd come up right in front of me in an ancient little path and I thought how did you get up there? Can your sheep climb a mountain? And he said, oh no, there's an ancient shepherd path which is the shortcut down to Capernaum. So I thought, dah, that's how Jesus got there.

RHS: I can tell you without danger of being contradicted by anyone in the world, there has never been a picture of a sunrise in Galilee that comes close to this. True work of art. Got another one you want to show us?

KD: Yeah, look another one. We're coming up to Christmas. Now the good thing about this book is don't just buy it for yourself, buy it for other people because everyone wants to know about the journey of Jesus. So let them see it for themselves. Let them have their own walk. And there's one here of Bethlehem. Now what an appropriate place right now at Christmas. You know I put this one up on my wall at home, and there's that one of Bethlehem because you know I was there for sunrise over Bethlehem and you know when you're there in Bethlehem, in the background of the mountains, and these are the mountains where the angels appeared to the shepherds and said hey there's something happening in Bethlehem. The Son of God is being born. That's the Australian version of the Bible. And so they went there. But its real and you're sitting there watching the sunrise over and you know this is where Jesus was born, the prince of peace and here we've got the set of Bethlehem right behind us.

RHS: Wow. How many pictures are in here? It's huge.

KD: There'd be oh about a hundred and I think eighty pictures, so it was a fun journey. We had to actually sneak over a few borders to get into some areas and you know I had to trust in Jesus to look after us so it was a great adventure walking with Him.

RHS: Oh, and "Where Jesus Walked" is the title. Here.. amazing.. the ruins of a synagogue but the pillars are still there and I was here and on the pillars are the names of people who gave their money to help build this place.

KD: Exactly.

RHS: Interesting. Schuller's got a little idea from them.

KD: But the only way I.. God gave me a clear vision for this book. And it was just such a pleasure to be able to produce this book for Crystal Cathedral because really without this Cathedral, I don't know if I'd even be here. You know, my life was a total mess and so I can't do enough for this ministry to thank them for what they did in my life. So I encourage you please, this is a wonderful gift to give to people. But the most important thing its also bringing life to this and keeping this ministry going and getting out there to touch people like me who were sitting on a bed just with no hope and I saw this message, this man here, I thought wow, and it changed my life, so thank you, Dr. Schuller.

RHS: He watered the thirsty land. And then the land bore fruit.

KD: Praise God.

RHS: Photography, a message of Jesus. Thank you Ken..

KD: Thank you..

RHS: ..very, very much.

KD: God bless you.

RHS INTRODUCES JASON CATRON

RHS: Our next guest this morning comes to us through a dear friend of this ministry, Ruth Graham, daughter of Billy Graham. She wrote to us, they're good friends, and she introduced us to a singer named Jason Catron. He's been singing since the age of two, spent several years in the music industry working with Clay Crosse, Dennis Swanberg, New Song, and many other artists. He knew it was time to fulfill his God given calling to share his gift to music and he comes now in person, phenomenal singer, to sing from his self titled debut album, a beautiful arrangement of Psalm 23.

SOLO – JASON CATRON – “In Pastures Green”

In pastures green, Your breath of new life softly whispers. In oceans blue, Your Spirit moves upon the waters. You bring down the thunder with awesome wonder
You command the storms, "Be still."

You are the Lord, my God, You are the Author of creation. You are the Holy One, You lay the earth's foundation. Heavenly angel songs extol You and all the earth bows down before You, Master and Maker, Lord and Creator of all.

You are the Lord, my God, You are the Author of creation. You are the Holy One, You lay the earth's foundations. Heavenly angel songs extol You, and all the earth bows down before You, Master and Maker, Lord and Creator of all. Master and Maker Lord and Creator of all.

RAS THANK YOU TO JASON CATRON

RAS: Jason every once in awhile I hear a voice that brings a tear to my eye. I was at a friend's birthday party a few years ago and heard a voice of a gentleman. I said, man, that guy can sing. And I said he might go someplace. His name was Josh Groban.

JC: Yes.

RAS: And I feel like I'm hearing another Josh Groban. I think this guy could go someplace. And I just appreciate your spirit and your love and your music. And appreciate you sharing it with us.

JC: Thank you, appreciate being here and your ministry as well.

RAS: Thank you, Jason.

JC: Thank you..

RAS: Thank you.

JC: ..for having me.

MESSAGE/PRAYER - ROBERT A. SCHULLER

"Unlocking God's Blessings – Part 3"

RAS: A hundred and ten years ago, at the Democratic National Convention, a guy by the name of William Jennings Bryant stood before this convention and he gave a speech. And the speech was so stirring and so inspiring that they actually nominated him for the president of the United States. And he ran. He lost, we know that, cause we don't have him in the list of presidents. But he ran, he got the nomination. And one of the things he gave us was a quote that I love. It says, "I suppose about all a man can do in this world is use or lose his opportunities." God gives people opportunities. And throughout our lives and throughout our paths,

we come across these chances. Or these times where we can walk through the door or we can walk away from the door. But opportunities come and there's a time where we have to step through there and we have to take action and we have to engage and we have to move forward in faith, knowing that God's going to be with us and He's going to carry us through. Its opportunities.

You know the worst war in the history of this nation was without question the Civil War. There were more people lost to the Civil War than all the wars that we have ever been in combined. And it is said that that war could have been shortened if the union had had better generals. One such guy was General B. McClellan. And he had over a million troops to two hundred and fifty thousand troops on the South. But he wouldn't engage. He was a spectacular planner. He could get everything in place but he wouldn't engage and the President Lincoln said, "if you're not going to engage, would you please loan me this army if you don't intend to use it." And we know that finally the results were that the war ended. But the facts are that life is a series of opportunities that we have. Choices that we make, decisions that we intend to carry through, go through, or we walk away. And that's life.

This morning I want to read a passage of scripture. It's found in Timothy. Timothy 6, it's part of the letters that Paul wrote to Timothy, and he shares with us these words: "But godliness and contentment, this is great gain for we brought nothing into the world. And we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we'll be content with that. People who want to get rich, fall into temptation, in a trap and into what many foolish and harmful desires that plague men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people eager for money have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, people of God, flee from all of this and pursue righteousness and godliness. Pursue faith and love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you are called."

We have opportunities every day. They come and we want to seize the opportunities, but we weigh the opportunities and some are just too much to bear. But more often than not, skepticism that holds us back from really moving forward with the understanding that this is the best way for us.

A few years ago I had what's called group activity tickets. We buy them here for our employees. Some of you may be familiar with group activity tickets. What you do is you buy a ticket to the movie in advance, and its good at the theaters, and its like a three dollar discount, so I actually pay \$6.50 for my group activity ticket and I take that to the theater and I get a \$9.50 ticket. So I save three dollars a ticket. Good deal, right? Well I bought a whole bunch of them because my kids are always asking for them and every time I want to give one to them, I run out and so I said I'm going to buy 20 of these things. I don't want to run out and have to pay \$9.50 for a movie when I can get in there for \$6.50. So I bought a whole bunch of them.

Well it just so happened that year things happen and I didn't use them all, and I noticed the expiration date was coming up in a couple weeks. And I had four tickets left over, my wife and I were going to the movie and I said do you know what I'm going to do, I'm going to bring these extra two, I'm just going to sell them to somebody in line. Who would buy a ticket for \$6.50 if the normal price is \$9.50? Anyone here buy that ticket? Oh a lot of smart people here. I got to the theater and there was a line about 50 people long to the window. So I figured oh good, this is a piece of cake. I'll just go to the first person here and sell them my tickets. I go, hey do you want to sell a ticket.. do you want to buy a ticket for

\$6.50 instead of \$9.50 and they look at me and they just look the other way. I'm going, no I'm serious. This is a group activity now just.. give me \$6.50 for the ticket and you save three bucks. Said I'm not interested. You got to be kidding. So I go to the next person, wasn't interested. I think I went through about 15 people before I could sell a \$9.50 ticket for \$6.50! Why are people afraid to save three dollars? They didn't trust me, did they? They didn't trust me. They didn't believe that what I was selling them was what I was selling them. And they didn't believe me.

And that's the exact situation we face when we look at the financial guidance that we receive throughout the Bible. The Bible is perfectly clear. And the math is very simple. And yet I teach this and I teach it and I continue to teach the basic principles of foundational, spiritual guidance that we receive from the Bible. It's not me, I'm just reading out of the Bible. And people just don't buy it. They don't believe it. And so I just keep going to the next one and the next one, sharing the principles that are within the Bible and letting people know. That hey you give ten percent to the spiritual guidance that you receive in life, give ten percent to your church, to the Hour of Power, and put God to the test and see if He will not bring blessings upon you that your storehouses won't be able to contain it. And I don't think they believe me. And I don't think they believe the Bible. I don't think people have enough faith in God to come through and actually do it. It can't be more clear. But it's like one in ten if I'm lucky who go and buy it. Say, okay I'm going to start tithing today. I'm going to make a commitment and I'm going to start giving ten percent. Some people say it's impossible. But it's absolutely amazing how God works. I've been tithing forever and how does God bless me financially?

I had a flat tire on my car. Is that a blessing or what? Dog gone it, now I've got to go through the hassle of either calling AAA which I never do because it takes too long for them to get there, so it's easier and faster for me just to change it myself. So I can do that so fast you can't believe it. I've changed so many tires it's a piece of cake. There's always construction on my street so I'm picking up nails all the time. Anyone know what I'm talking about with that? Oh, it's a pain the neck.

So I go out there and I place the tire real quick, I run down to find out that the tire is ruined, and I have to buy a new tire. I also find out that my two front tires are bad so I've got one good tire on my car. And I go in there and I find out that what do they have? They have a set of tires that exactly that I needed, used. They had a hundred miles on them. But he says we'll give them to you at half price. And they're the exact same three tires that I needed. It couldn't have been better. I couldn't have planned it that way. God gave me a flat tire cause He wanted to bless me with new tires! And I can go on all day long talking about how God just continues to bless His people and the money that I receive just seems to keep stretching and stretching and stretching and stretching. I don't know how it works, I just know it does.

And I know the Bible is very sincere and real and honest and true. And God says, "Test Me in this and bring your tithes to the storehouse and put Me to the test and I see if I will not bring out such a blessing upon you." And He does because life is about opportunities.

I've been talking about finances and money for quite awhile but you know what? I don't talk about it half as much as the Bible does. The Bible talks about it consistently. Let me continue reading from Timothy here. I'm just going to share the words of St. Paul to Timothy: "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain. But to put their hope in God who richly provides us with everything for our

enjoyment.” These are not my words. I am simply reading from the Bible. “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share. In this way, they will lay up treasures for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”

And I know what a lot of you are thinking, that’s a good idea. I think all those rich people should do that. I know that’s what you’re thinking because every time I meet somebody, they always refer to other people as being rich. If I meet somebody who makes, you know the bottom of the barrel are people who make three hundred and fifty dollars a year. That’s the bottom of the barrel. Those are the extremely impoverished people. Do you realize that in the world one in seven people fit into that category? One in seven people in the world make less than a dollar a day. Now, under those circumstances, those people look at somebody who makes three thousand dollars a year, and guess what, they’re rich. Right? If you made \$300 a year and you saw somebody who made \$3,000 a year, you’d be sitting there going now that guy is rich. And the guy who makes \$3,000 a year, what is he saying? Are you kidding me? I’m dirt poor! And he looks at somebody who’s making \$30,000 a year and he says now that guy is rich! And he makes ten times as much money as I do. And the guy who makes \$30,000 a year, he goes, rich? Me rich? Are you kidding? And he looks at the guy who’s making \$300,000 a year and says he’s rich. And the guy making \$300,000 a year, what does he say? I’m not rich, look at all my debt. I’ve got my house, my cars, I’ve got the plane, the boat, whatever it is. I’m not rich. Now he’s rich and he points to somebody whose making three million dollars a year. And he says yeah I’m doing okay.

We’ve been blessed with opportunity. And the greatest gift of all is the opportunity. The opportunity to receive the knowledge and the understanding of the opportunities that we have to be able to exemplify our faith in God by actually doing something; something that is constructive, something that is powerful, something that has the ability to change the world. When you donate money to this ministry, you’re not only changing the world for you, you’re changing the rest of the world for God.

I was in Germany and I received many letters from Germany. Let me share you with one letter I received. The lady Heidi Scheible. She said, “I’d like to thank you very much for your endeavors to help and encourage so many people and also for bringing so many to the path where they can be and live with Jesus. We appreciate that you came to this country. I’m also so thankful to you, I began watching the sermons in 1989. Way back then there was not the opportunity here in Germany to watch on the VOX channel, but your enthusiastic words about Jesus and about faith contributed a great deal to strengthening my faith as I have lived my first 30 years of my life in a country where faith has been held back from people on purpose. I did not have the chance to grow up in an atmosphere of strong faith. And so during all these past 17 years, I felt that you, together with your father, were inspiring me and also were near me during the tough times. Thank you and best wishes.”

We have the greatest advantage of all in this country. We have opportunities. We have the opportunity to accept the grace of Jesus Christ, to accept the teachings that we find within His Bible, to stretch our faith and to put God to the test and at the same time, be a blessing to the world. And so this morning I challenge you to make a decision to start somewhere. You start somewhere and then you grow from there. You walk through the door, you make a commitment, and you say okay Lord, I’m going to start with one percent or two percent or five percent, and

if your faith is there today to go to ten percent, the blessings of God will truly overwhelm you.

Thank You Lord, for the privilege we have to give. So use us, oh Lord, to be able to reach as many people as possible with Your good news through our acts of faith by giving today. We love You Lord, Amen.

HYMN - "When Morning Guilds the Skies"

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound, may Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let earth and sea and sky from depth to height reply, may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my song of love divine, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all in one accord now worship Christ the Lord, may Jesus Christ be praised! Christ be praised!

BENEDICTION - RAS

RAS: And now may the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, give you the faith and the assurance and the conviction to believe in the promises of God and to move forward in faith to receive His blessings, today, tomorrow and always, Amen.