

Key Themes and Messages

1. Walking with God Until the End

The speaker opens by reflecting on the biblical figure Enoch, who "walked with God until he was not" [03:21]. He expresses a desire to have that same kind of walk—continuing with God until the very end of his life. He stresses the importance of not "assuming" one is righteous but living every day as if it were the last, ensuring the "door is open" for God's will rather than his own [06:34].

2. "Declare Yourself" – The Core Message

The central title and theme, "Declare Yourself," is introduced around the 15-minute mark [15:17]. The speaker draws parallels to:

- **The Levites:** When Moses came down from the mountain to find the Israelites worshipping a golden calf, he asked, "Who is on the Lord's side?" The Levites were the first to speak out and declare their loyalty, earning them the priesthood [14:32].
- **Psalm 91 & Psalm 23:** Declaring oneself puts a believer under God's protection. The speaker references Psalm 91:15 ("He shall call upon me, and I will answer him") as the result of setting one's love upon God and declaring Him as their refuge [19:24].

3. Faith in the Midst of Lack (The Habakkuk Prayer)

A major portion of the sermon focuses on Habakkuk 3:17-18 [25:05]. The speaker uses this scripture to illustrate "declaring your hand" even when resources fail:

- Even if the fig tree doesn't blossom, the vines have no fruit, and the fields yield no meat, the prophet declares, "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord."
- The speaker challenges the congregation to ask themselves: Would they still serve God if all their blessings—jobs, houses, food—were taken away? [28:36]. He argues that true faith is praising God not just for what He gives, but for who He is.

4. Personal Testimonies and Practical Application

- **Repentance:** The speaker highlights the power of repentance, referencing King Manasseh, who humbled himself and turned God's wrath away [21:35]. He admits to apologizing to God daily for any known or unknown sins.
- **A Father's Pride:** He shares a touching story about his son (almost 47 years old) who recently "declared his hand" by affirming his faith after a devastating year, stating that without God, he wouldn't be here [36:12].
- **Prayer Life:** The speaker describes his constant communion with God, whether in the park or watching TV, emphasizing that he "draws nigh" to God so God will draw nigh to him [40:03].

5. Conclusion: Whose Side Are You On?

The sermon concludes with a call to stand firm like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who refused to bow to the king's idol regardless of the consequences [48:58]. The speaker

reiterates that declaring yourself means letting your speech and actions prove you are on "the Lord's side," unconcerned with popularity or the opinions of others.