

## BFF370 the Fabric of His Footstool

**Scott Moore.** Thanks for joining us today. Good morning, Steve. How are you today?

**Steve:** Surprisingly well. Let's get right to our subject. Today we are remembering that we're fighting the good fight. This is an honor that all the saints share.

One of the most quoted Psalms in the Bible is Psalm 110:1, "The Lord says to my Lord, sit at My right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Jesus quoted this several times. I'm going to read a bunch of them later, but I want to think about that verse because God is talking, and He says, "Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

As followers of Jesus, God's enemies are our enemies. I'm working from the presupposition that when He tells us to pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," and then informs us, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven," God is looking for cooperators. People who are with Him on earth who will take things on the earth and make them bend to God's will in heaven.

That's a picture of spiritual warfare, identifying who God's enemies are, fighting against them, and making them a part of His footstool. There you go. There's the whole podcast in a couple of sentences.

**Scott:** All right.

**Steve:** It might behoove us to pray and ask God, "What enemies would You like us to focus on to make part of the footstool?" Because God puts different things on different people's hearts. I think there are specific bowls of incense, another concept we've talked about, that are identified with all these enemies

What we're going to do is fill up those bowls with prayers of faith. We're a body and the body has many members. A lot of us have different things that God has put on our heart.

One of the things that I've been praying for the last couple of days, especially having come from a home education conference, is for the hearts of fathers to be turned towards their children and the hearts of children to be turned towards their fathers, which is according to His will and articulated in Malachi 4:6.

This is Scripture. This is what God says is going to happen before the great and terrible day of the Lord when He comes back with fire this time. Not water, fire.

I've always felt right down deep in my core of my being that home education was a part of that restoring, but somebody's got to pray for that to come to pass.

Somebody's got to pray for dads to step up to the plate, wake up, and have their hearts turned, first, towards God and, then, towards their family. That's one of the things that God has placed on my heart, but there might be other things on the hearts of other believers.

I'm sure there are people who have prayed against abortion. I know there are people praying against poverty, praying against human trafficking. All of these things are

worthy enemies, worthy foes, but somebody's got to pray and make them a part of the fabric of the footstool. That would be a good title for this one, the fabric of His footstool.

Let's pray. Father, thank You for the privilege of working with You, believing with You, and cooperating with You on earth so that we can see Your will done here on earth just as it is in heaven. Let this day be profitable and bear good fruit as You inspire us to continue this good fight of believing and not letting go until we see You return and all of Your enemies made part of the footstool of Your feet.

OK, so let's examine this word, "footstool," which is only used a couple of times in the Bible. "Hadam" is normally found with "regal," which means foot. That's how we get the word footstool. It's a place where you can sit and put your feet down and chill. You can relax.

When you are sitting and have your feet down, you're not anxious, you're like a king sitting on his throne. That's one of the places this word is used like 2 Chronicles 9:17-18, "The king made a great throne of ivory, overlaid it with pure gold. There were six steps to the throne and a footstool in gold attached to the throne." This was Solomon.

1 Chronicles 28:2, King David rose to his feet and said, "Listen to me, my brethren and my people. I had intended to build a permanent home for the ark of the covenant of Jehovah and for the footstool of our God, so I made preparations to build it."

I emphasize that word "home" because there's a couple different thoughts we're working at here. It's not only a footstool for the king. It's a place where he lives, where he abides.

Psalms 99:1, "Jehovah reigns, let the peoples tremble. He sits enthroned upon the cherubim, let the earth quake." Let me pause.

The word sit is "yashab," which can also be translated, dwell, live, inhabit. I did a little deep digging into that word "yashab." It's used over a thousand times. Out of the 1,082 times it's used, 147 of them have something to do with the word "sit." 306 have the word live, lived, lives, living. 263, inhabit. 103, dwell.

When you look at these, live, inhabit, dwell, appear over 600 times, it has something to do with your dwelling, your remaining, your inhabiting.

When we read the word "sit" like we just read, it's not just that he's sitting, it's that he's also dwelling. This is what we know from our study of the Tabernacle. When he is in the Tabernacle, when He's in the Holy of Holy places, enthroned between the cherubim, he's dwelling there, he's living there. That's why he's comfortable enough to sit .

Psalms 99:5, "Exalt Jehovah our God and worship at His footstool. Holy is He."

Psalms 132:7. "Let us go into His dwelling place. Let us worship at His footstool." I see God painting a picture of not just sitting, but sitting and dwelling, in a permanent home, a place of abiding.

All right. Now, let's take that thought and go a little further. Isaiah 66:1, "Thus says Jehovah, 'Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool where then is a house you could build for Me and where is a place that I may rest.'" Notice that when you're sitting and you're dwelling, you're resting.

Here is the passage that has been quoted many times in New Testament. Sit at My right hand, dwell, rest until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet. Until I put everything under Your feet, until You are king and king alone, and there is nobody else, no one is even challenging Your authority or Your kingdom."

Matthew 5:34–35, "I say to you do not take an oath at all either by heaven or the throne of God, nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet nor by Jerusalem for it is the city of the great king."

Acts 7:49–50, "Heaven is My throne. The earth is My footstool." He's quoting what David said in Chronicles. "Heaven is My throne. Earth is My footstool. What kind of house will you build for Me? says the Lord, or Where is the place of My rest? Did not My hand make all these things?"

In the Greem we have the word "hypopodion." The first half of the word is from hopo, hypo, which means under, and hoos or podion which means feet. It literally means under the feet.

In the Strong's, it says, "Hypopodion is a footstool, used by a conquering king to place his foot on the neck of the conquered or those under his dominion." Now, you might not remember this, but in Joshua 10:22–25, Joshua is chasing kings. When they are caught he said, "Open the mouth of the cave and bring these five kings out to me from the cave, they did so, and they brought these five kings out to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon."

When they brought these kings out to Joshua, Joshua called for all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, 'Come near. Put your feet on the necks of these kings.' They came near and put their feet on their necks. Joshua been said to them, 'Do not fear or be dismayed. Be strong and courageous for thus, Jehovah will do to all your enemies with whom you fight.'"

It's a great picture. Joshua knew that God was God, but these men were still a little bit concerned. "Man, we have all these kings to fight." He said, "Look, here's five of them. Now, you guys get up there. Look, put your feet on their necks. Now, do not fear anymore. Don't even be dismayed. Be strong and courageous."

This is another picture. We have a king who's on his throne. He's resting, he's abiding and he is a conquering king. I'm going to read a longer passage, Acts 2:29–36, "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Notice how Peter in his great sermon at Pentecost is quoting Psalm 110:1.

Hebrews 1:13, “To which of the angels has He ever said, ‘Sit at My right hand, until I put Your enemies under Your feet?’” This is a powerful theme that runs through scripture.

There's also another verb being used, "kathizo," which means to make to sit down.

1 Peter 3:22 “Jesus Christ, Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.”

Hebrews 1:3, "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

This is our conquering king that now sits, knowing that He has done everything that He needed to do.

Hebrews 10:12–13, "When Christ had offered for all-time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God expectantly waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet."

Note the word that is often translated "just waiting." The more I looked into it, I saw there is more to it. In the Greek it comes from two words, "ek," which means out from, and "dechomai" which means "to welcome." When you translate this word it is more like expectantly waiting, because it's looking to the end result. This is from Strong's number 1551. It's literally the outcome.

He's “expectingly waiting” for the outcome, which is all of His enemies being made a footstool for His feet. He's not just waiting, sitting there twiddling His thumbs and hoping things work out. He is expectantly convinced what is going to happen, and he is watching, and waiting, and believing for that to happen.

Now, the expression "under his feet," used in Matthew 22:44, Mark 12:36 and Luke 20:43, Jesus saying "The Lord said to my Lord, sit at My right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." I like this expression "under your feet," just like we had in Joshua. This is a conquering king.

Ephesians 1:22, "He put all things in subjection under His feet and gave Him as head over all things by the church." Paul had the conviction that all things were under His feet.

Hebrews 2:7–8. "You made him for a little while lower than the angels. You have crowned Him with glory and honor putting everything in subjection under His feet.

Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him."

This is where we're coming to prayer now. This is the point. Jesus has everything in subjection under Him. He left nothing outside His control, but the writer of Hebrews says, "But we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him."

In other words, there are still enemies to conquer. There are still prayers to be prayed. There is still work to be done to fight the good fight. Let's remember, He's going to put all of these enemies under Jesus' feet. There's a great verse in Romans 16:20, "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

Now, this is the point. It's not just Jesus' feet, it's our feet. He has asked us to fight this fight with Him. This is an honor to be shared by all the saints.

Fill up those bowls of incense. Revelation 17:14, talks about all these enemies and it says, "They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them for He is Lord of lords, King of kings, and those with Him, called and chosen and faithful." That's us.

We can do some conquering. We can put things under Jesus' feet. That's our job. That's our calling. It's what we were designed to do as priestly followers of Jesus. Now I'm going to read a couple of verses, and then we're going to go to prayer.

1 Corinthians 15:21–26 "Since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death."

If you're just believing in what I'm reading in these scriptures, you're doing the work of God. We're already praying because I'm reading them and you're believing them, we're mixing them with faith.

1 John 3:8 says, "The Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil."

Hebrews 2:14, "Through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil." Now look, one of our big callings is to bind the devil. It's to bind the strong man.

One of the works of the devil is death. "That He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil." Here's the end of the book, Revelation 20:10, "The devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

Revelation 20:14, "Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire." All of our enemies are going to be put into that lake of fire forever. Until that day, we've got to keep this in mind.

Revelation 1:17–18. Jesus said, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living One. I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and Hades."

The devil was the one who had the power of death, but Jesus, through death, was manifested, destroyed the works of the devil. He rendered powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil. This is an enemy.

I don't know if you've been to a funeral lately, but funerals are hard because death is not normal. Death is an enemy. Death is something that is abnormal and someday will be eliminated forever. We are not supposed to die. This is not how God designed us. This is not part of the original creation. This is a result of sin entering. Jesus came to take away sin. He also came to take away the power of the devil, and He came to take away death.

I just want to make sure that we believe that, that we pray for it, and that's an enemy. I think there's a reason why this verse, Psalm 110:11, might be one of the most quoted Psalms in the New Testament. "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

Jesus has done His part. He's sitting. He's waiting expectantly for us to do our part and believe Him. Amen.

**Scott:** Amen.

**Steve:** Let's pray. Father, in Jesus' name, thank You that You are sitting expectantly waiting for those enemies, death, Hades, and the devil, to be thrown into that lake of fire forever and to be totally eliminated from the earth and eternity. Thank You, Father, that You have given us the calling to pray and to believe for these things to happen.

We don't just sit back and say, "Oh, that's nice. I can't wait for it to happen." No, we work with You today. We mix those promises with faith. We ask You, in Jesus' name, bind the devil, in the name of Jesus. We ask You, our big brother, our great savior, bind him, in the name of Jesus.

We ask You to, as You said, render powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil. We ask You to destroy the works of the devil. We ask You to abolish the last enemy, which is death. We ask You to put these things under Your feet, and the best we know how, we make it happen by faith.

You told us, "This honor have all the saints," so we're not only praying that You'll turn hearts of fathers to children, that You'll remove the murder of innocent babies. We're asking that the deceiver himself will be bound. That death and Hades themselves will be cast into that lake of fire.

I thank You that You have the keys and You're on Your throne. We magnify You. We believe in You, and we loose Your people from the fear of death. This is something that we all sense, that we're afraid. It's new territory, and yet You have gone before. You have died. You have risen.

Now take the fear of death out of Your people. Loose us from lethargy. Loose us from being afraid. Loose us from stirring ourselves to lay hold of God. Today, in Jesus' name, we're believing for Your will to be done, which is no death, no Hades, no devil, Your will to be done on earth just as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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