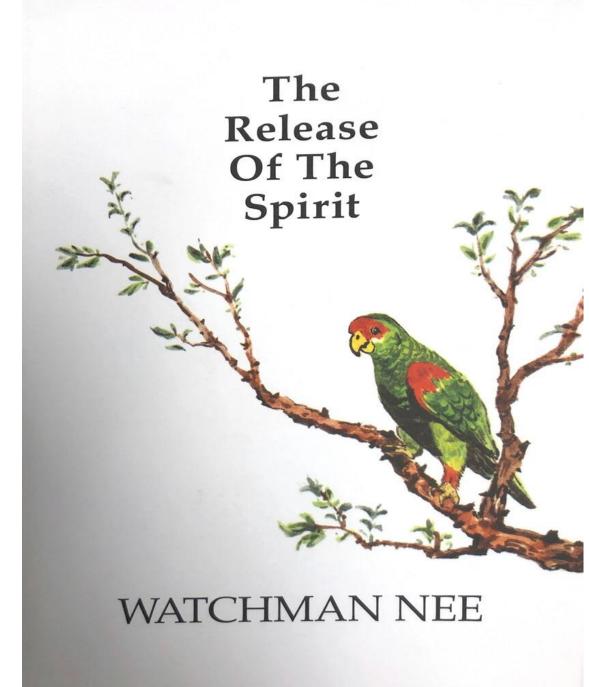
Current Book We Are Studying. The Release Of The Spirit By Watchman Nee



What You Should Do

- Acts 17:10–11 (NASB 95)
- •10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were SO.

Opening Remarks

- This is not behavior modification.
- This is not to get you to change yourself.
- It is not self destruction.
- Or a form of self abasement.
- You are not being asked to Pray more, Give more, Work more.
- Many of you already do works out of guilt and obligation, anyway.

Opening Remarks

 This is to learn to discern what God is already (right now, right here, right where you are sitting) doing in your life and cooperate with it.

Chapter 1
The Importance Of
Brokenness

Chapter 2
Before And After
Brokenness

Chapter 3
Recognizing "The Thing At Hand"

Chapter 4
How To Know Man

Chapter 5
The Church and God's
Work

Chapter 6
Brokenness and
Discipline

The Church and God's Work. Chapter 5.

 "IF WE REALLY UNDERSTAND the nature of God's work, we shall readily admit that the outward man is truly a formidable hindrance. It is true to say that God is much restricted by man. The people of God should know the ultimate purpose of the church and also the interrelationships among the church, God's power, and God's work."

- Consecration Basic To Brokenness
- "For THE OUTWARD MAN to be broken, a full consecration is imperative. Yet we must understand that this crisis act alone will not solve our whole problem in service. Consecration is merely an expression of our willingness to be in the hands of God, and it can take place in just a few minutes."

- Consecration Basic To Brokenness
- "our consecration can only be according to the measure of our spiritual insight and understanding, but the Holy Spirit disciplines according to His own light."

- Consecration Basic To Brokenness
- The essence here is the tendency to Save Oneself.
- "Our light is so limited that when it seems to us to be at its greatest, in God's view it is like pitch blackness. God's requirement so far exceeds what we can possibly consecrate, that is, in our limited light."

- A conundrum.
- I caught myself talking out of both sides of my mouth.
- Keith Green died because of an accident Melody Green said. It was neither God or the Devil.
- · I said "I agree."

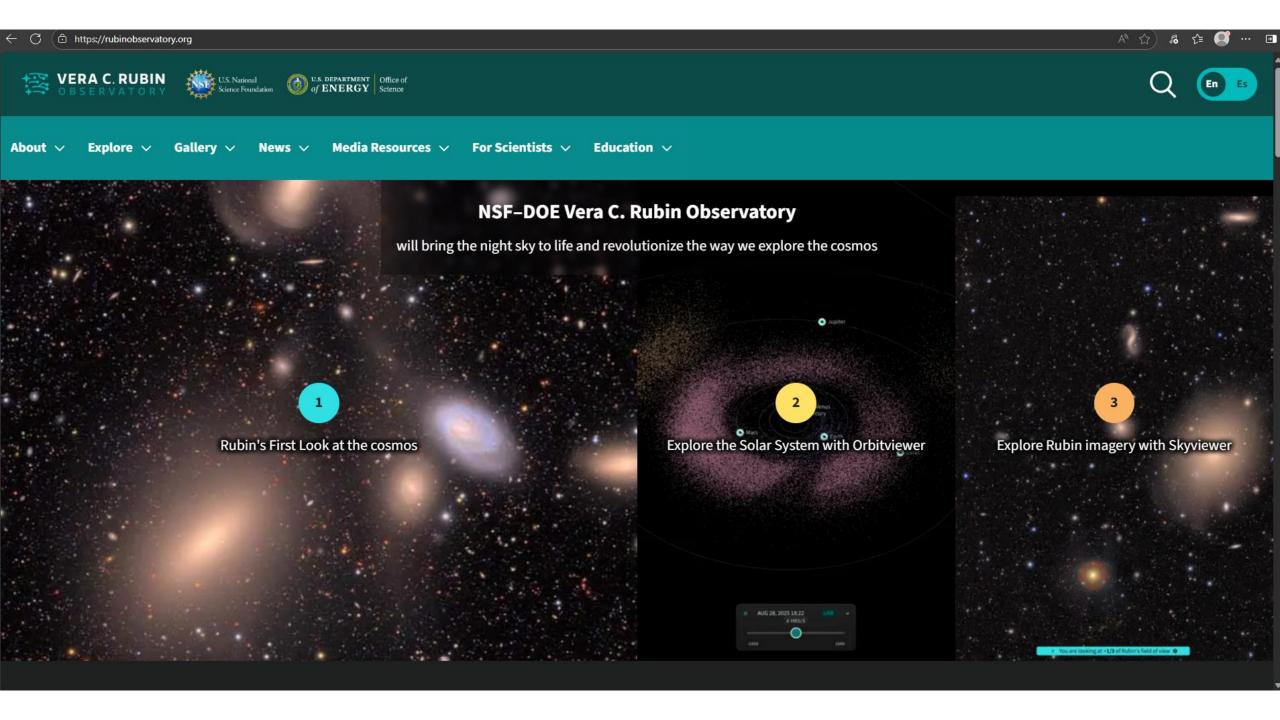
- But I also say, "nothing is accidental!" Which I also agree.
- "You remember the Bible says that two sparrows are sold for a farthing (Matt. 10:29) and that five sparrows are sold for two farthings (Lk. 12:6). This is certainly cheap, and the fifth sparrow is included free.

- But I also say, "nothing is accidental!" Which I also agree.
- However, "one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father; but of you even the hairs of the head are all numbered" (Matt. 10:29, 30). Not only is every hair counted, but every single one is also numbered. Hence we may be sure that all our circumstances are ordered by God. Nothing is accidental."

- So which is it?!!
- It is much more nuances than that.
- We say our Struggle Is Not Against Flesh and Blood, yet God Himself used Satan both in the Old and New Testament.
- It is more nuanced than that.

- We have to stop pretending we got it all together and understand ANYTHING and just Trust.
- And stop making pet doctrines.
- Sorry I am preaching...

- ·Job 40:1–5.
- Then the LORD said to Job,
- "Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Let him who reproves God answer it."
- Then Job answered the LORD and said,
- "Behold, I am insignificant; what can I reply to You? I lay my hand on my mouth. Once I have spoken, and I will not answer; Even twice, and I will add nothing more."



- Consecration Basic To Brokenness
- Finally, there comes a time when you realize that you cannot live by yourself and for yourself. In the dim light you have, you come to God and say: "I consecrate myself to Thee. Come life or death, I have committed myself into Thy hands."

- The Greatest Means Of Grace.
- "We receive grace through meetings, through messages, through prayers, and so forth. But surely the greatest means of grace which we cannot afford to neglect is the discipline of the Holy Spirit. Nothing can be compared with this means of grace, not prayer, Bible readings, meetings, messages, meditation, or praise. Among all the God given means of grace, it would seem this is the most important."

- The Greatest Means Of Grace.
- "But surely the greatest means of grace which we cannot afford to neglect is the discipline of the Holy Spirit."
- Have you ever thought that His discipline is Greatest Means of Grace?
- I think we can parse this, but it is one of His Greatest at least. I have tendency to think, he is right.

- The Greatest Means Of Grace.
- "Henceforth there must be on our part a complete consecration so that we submit to what the Holy Spirit orders. Such submission brings blessing to us. If, instead, we quarrel with God and follow our own inclinations, we shall miss the way of His blessing."

- Dealings Of Various Kinds
- He will not neglect one area in your life.
- This is the fun part where the rubber meets the road and where we choose who to serve.
- Can You name a few Characters in the Bible He had dealings with?
- Jacob, Job, Joseph, Abraham, Daniel, Esther, Mary, Paul, Peter, even Jesus Himself.

- Dealings Of Various Kinds
- "Only after being dealt with by God do we really see how hard we are and how ready we are to have our own opinion. God must deal with us to make our wills tender and docile. Strong-willed people are convinced their feelings, ways and judgments are always right."

- Dealings Of Various Kinds
- "Consider how Paul received this grace recorded in Philippians: "Do not trust in flesh" (3:3). We must also be led by God to such a place that we dare not trust our own judgment. God will allow us to make mistake after mistake until we realize that this will be our pattern for the future too. We truly need the grace of the Lord. Frequently the Lord permits us to reap serious consequences from our own judgments."

- The Cross In Operation
- Just In Case You Forgot? ☺
- 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NASB 95)
- · "For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

- The Cross In Operation
- "The cross is more than a doctrine; it must be put into practice. Do not think that the way to humility is to be constantly reminding ourselves not to be proud.

- The Cross In Operation
- "We must be stricken again and again, even if it means twenty times until we surrender and are proud no more. Let us never assume this comes about merely by following the teaching of a certain brother. No, it is because our pride has been broken through God's dealing."

- The Cross In Operation
- 1 Corinthians 1:23–24 (NASB 95)
- 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.



James McKendrick

- New York Times, July 5th, 1938. JAMES M'KENDRICK;
 Scottish Evangelist, Who as Boy Worked in Mines, Dies
- EDINBURGH, July 4.-James McKendrick, Scottish evangelist, who had made sixteen preaching tours in the United States, died today at his home in East Rigg, Dumfriesshire, at the age of 79. He had suffered a heart attack on Sunday a week ago while addressing a meeting in Glasgow.
- Mr. McKendrick worked as a boy in Lanarkshire coal mines, and began preaching in his early twenties. He recently published the story of his life, which was translated into several languages, including the Chinese.

Launching Out And Retreating

- "When the outward man is broken, the inward man enjoys continual rest in God."
- A Rest and Peaceful spirit are good indicators or who is running the show.

Ephesians 1:18-19a (NASB 95)
"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe."

