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An Organization of Love

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Let's turn to the Song of Solomon. There is a text I love, hidden away in this little book, which is descriptive of the church in its final warfare here on earth:

“Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners” Song of Solomon 6:10.

This is the church. In Volume 5, speaking of the church after the shaking and sifting have done their work, the prophet says:

“Then will the church of Christ appear ‘fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners’”
Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, page 82.

Another picture of this same group you will find in *Early Writings* – the remnant after they have received the latter rain and are giving the loud cry:

“They moved in exact order like a company of soldiers”
Early Writings, page 271.

Both of these Spirit of Prophecy statements with the Bible verse compare the church to a what? An army. Do you know the difference between an army and a mob? Both have a lot of people. The army is organized. That's right.

The devil can use a mob. He can also use an army. But God compares His church in its final warfare not to a mob, but to a what? An army.

I want to study with you in this class in “Christian Administration,” God's plans of organization. Another way to put that is “how to get things done.”

Every institution needs to learn this. Are there a lot of things to be done around an institution? The question is: how do you get them done?

Every *home* needs to learn this lesson. Are there things to be done around a home? Every day. Parents, how do you get things done? How do you get the children to cooperate? This class is not primarily a class in child guidance, but the principles we're going to study in this class have to do with guiding children, as well as adults, in working together in the home.

In the *school*, is it necessary to get things done? How do you get students to study? How do you get them to learn? How do you get them to behave? Or does it make any difference? And does it make any difference what *methods* we use?

You know, if a patient can't sleep, there are certain pills that you can give them, and they'll go to sleep; hypodermics you can give, they will go to sleep. Some people think that a better way is to give them a fomentation, or a neutral bath, or a massage. Of course, it doesn't make any difference, just so they go to sleep, or does it? Does it? Do you think it makes a difference?

In this class, we are going to study how God gets things done. And remember, all of this is with the goal of understanding how we enter into God's program for the final battle of the church. The men and women that are here this afternoon are going to be in that battle. May it please God, and I hope we'll all be on God's side. But friends, God can never let the last battle be joined until the members of His army know their places and His methods. What a shame it would be to see the world's methods brought into the church of Christ, either in the Christian home, the Christian institution, or the Christian school, or the Christian church itself.

In Matthew 6:10, if you would turn to that, please. What sermon is this in Matthew 6? The Sermon on the Mount. What prayer is this that you're looking at there in Matthew 6? The Lord's Prayer. He gave this prayer more than once. On one occasion when the disciples found Him praying alone, when He stopped, they said, "Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples," and He gave them this prayer.

In the midst of this prayer, you'll find this request that we are going to read here. What does it say?

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" Matthew 6:10.

Jesus taught us to pray that what might come? His kingdom:

"Thy kingdom come" *Ibid.*

Do you want God's kingdom to come? What *is* a kingdom? A government with a king in charge. All right. Does God have a government? Yes, and this teaches us to pray that God's government will what? Come. Come where? On earth. That's the rest of the verse:

"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" *Ibid.*

Is He reigning in heaven? Does He get things done up there? When He speaks, do the angels move? They're afraid *not* to, aren't they? What? But do they move? Do they move as well as people in this world that are afraid? He really gets things done.

In the Lord's Prayer, we are taught to do what? Pray what? That His kingdom will come where? Here on earth. Let me ask you something. If you and I

are praying that prayer meaningfully, will we endeavor to carry out the principles of heaven in whatever we lead out in or rule in?

Suppose we're in a school, and we want to get some things done. We want students to study, and we want them to behave while they're studying. If we're praying understandingly the Lord's Prayer, we are praying that what will come in our school room? God's kingdom, God's government, and that His will will be done where? In earth as it is where? In heaven. Wouldn't you like to be in a schoolroom like that? Can we have one right here in *this* school room? By God's grace, we want nothing *less* than that. What do you say?

Now let's be very practical about this. You know, I was thinking about it today, I was thinking about these classes I'm going to be teaching. I was thinking how I'd like to have everybody on time at every class. Do you think that would please the Master? How do you get that done? How do you get people to be on time? Suppose I were rich and I could pay every one of you a dollar to be on time here every time we have a class. Do you think that would help some folks? Just think of it. Every time, if you're here at 4:30, the greenbacks would start going out. Would you be here to get yours?

Now, instead of doing it that way, suppose we would go back a few years in our thinking, and suppose the teacher would say, "Now, everybody that's late is going to get a whipping." Do you think that might help some people to be here on time? Or suppose that the teacher had the power (which he doesn't) to say, "Now, if anybody is late to class, then he can't have any breakfast tomorrow morning." Do you think that might help? It might help *somebody*.

You may be thinking, "Well, Brother Frazee, where are you going anyway?"

I'm trying to get you to do what? To think. This brother says I am trying to get you to be on time. No. I hope you will all be on time. But I want to tell you something folks. I would rather have you be *late* with the *right* motive than *on time* with the *wrong* motive.

Suppose we leave the classroom and we go to a *work* program. Is it important for people to be on time at work? And if a group of people are trying to do something together, whether it's get in a crop, or harvest a crop, or put up a building, or any other job, does it take cooperation? Is there more than one way to get it? But the important thing is to *get* it, isn't it? Or is it?

There have been some men over in Europe in recent decades that have gotten some *colossal* things done. But the method they used was to put a bayonet in back of a man. Don't you think, if you had a sword right behind you, with a man back of the sword, and you knew that it was right there – you could just feel the point of it – and you knew that if you didn't do what you were told it was going to stick you, don't you think it would help the muscles to move in harmony with what was demanded?

The Pharaohs, several thousand years ago in Egypt, built some marvelous monuments. People go there from all over the world to see those pyramids and the

other things. How were they built? They were built with slave labor. They got things done.

Here in America, we don't usually have a bayonet in back of a man. Instead of having something back of him, we have something in front of him – a paycheck. There are all sorts of incentives used. In these great factories, the job is to get a man to produce. And if he can *produce* more, *pay* him more. Well, I suppose most of us would prefer that to the bayonet, wouldn't we?

But in each case, my dear friends, the response can be wholly selfish. Do you see that? A wicked infidel will move if a bayonet is at his back. A selfish infidel will move if you can offer him enough money. Of course, after you have given it to him for awhile, he may go on strike unless you *raise* the wage; but it still produces millions of automobiles every year. Doesn't it? They're coming off the assembly line.

Now, if in our homes and our institutions and our work program, we are using either one of those incentives, how much better are we than the publican? If the way we get things done is through fear or through bribery, we still are not helping to answer the prayer:

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" *Ibid.*

"Well," you say, "Brother Frazee, be practical. After all, we have to get the dishes washed. We have to get the clothes washed. We have to get the food on the table and the buildings up. Of course, if people will do it through love that's wonderful, but if they won't, we still have to get the work done." Or *do* we?

When we came here to this campus 27 years ago, one of the men who helped in laying the foundations of this institution (he's sleeping now) used to say to us, "What this place does to us is more important than what we do to the place." He said, "The great thing is not getting the *work* done; it's getting *us* done."

Now, work is a part of getting it done, isn't it? And study and prayer and all these other things? But oh, my friends, to be "done" means that we are ready to go to heaven and fit in to the plan of government up there. Are you ready?

Let's turn to Psalm 103:19-20. Here is a picture of God's government in action. Let's see how it works:

"The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, harkening unto the voice of his word" Psalm 103:19-20.

Here's a picture of the government of God. And who are pictured here as responding when God speaks? The angels. Now notice what it says:

“[They] do his commandments, harkening unto the voice of his word” Psalm 103:20.

They what? They listen. Did you ever watch a child that could hear fine if he were called to supper, but he had difficulty hearing if he were called to work? The same child, the same ears. The picture of the angels here is that they are bending over just anxious to get the least whisper of God’s will.

Parents, wouldn’t you like to have children like that – who are just coming around, like bees around the honey, trying to find out what you want them to do? Teachers, wouldn’t you like to have *students* like that? Foremen, supervisors, wouldn’t you like to have *helpers* like that? Church officers, wouldn’t you like to have *members* like that? Instead of having to milk or pump to get cooperation in missionary work and funds, people are just around trying to find out what needs to be done so they can have a part in it with time or money? Is that the way it is in heaven? And the Lord’s Prayer tells us to pray – let’s say it again together:

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven” Matthew 6:10.

Now, may I tell you something? The reason that you are given the job as a parent, or a teacher, or a work supervisor, or a church officer, is so that you can learn how to get things done using heaven’s method. That’s the reason, the great reason, that you have a job of leadership. Nearly everybody here already has some opportunity of leadership. Any of you in the class that don’t *today*, you *will* be having, and before long.

You are here in this class as *present* leaders or *potential* leaders to learn what? How to lead, how to get things done using heaven’s method. Do you think they’re different from the world? Oh, yes, as different as heaven is from earth.

And believe me, dear friends, we will never learn from the world how to carry on heaven’s plan of government. We won’t learn it from the big business of America. We won’t learn it from all the classes that human beings have invented on how to win friends and influence people. In order to know how heaven carries on its plan of government, we will have to study the books that heaven has given us, and there we’ll find it.

In the book *Desire of Ages*, I read a wonderful statement here. Listen carefully:

“Christ designs that heaven’s order, heaven’s plan of government, heaven’s divine harmony, shall be represented in His church on earth” *The Desire of Ages*, page 680.

Oh, yes. Jesus wants heaven’s plan of government represented, manifested, displayed, illustrated where? In His church on earth. That’s what He wants.

Now, Volume 8, here is another statement to put with this:

“God desires that heaven’s plan shall be carried out, and heaven’s divine order and harmony prevail, in every family, in every church, in every institution” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 8, page 140.

That takes us all in, doesn’t it? Anything we are a part of in work, in study, in religious worship, in the home, everything is to carry out what? Heaven’s plan of government.

In the book *Sons and Daughters of God*, page 255, you will find a similar statement. But in that statement, it includes this thought: “everything that is to be managed.” So you see, sister, if we’re managing *nurses*, these are the principles. If we’re managing *farmers*, these are the principles. If we’re managing *students*, these are the principles – the principles of heaven. We learn them and follow them.

What are the principles of heaven? The first one, you will find in *Counsels on Health*:

“Order is heaven’s first law...” *Counsels on Health*, page 101.

Will you write that down? I’d like to have you memorize that. You probably already know it by heart.

“Order is heaven’s first law and the Lord desires His people to give in their homes a representation of the order and harmony that pervade the heavenly courts” *Ibid.*

“You mean when people come into my house, they are to see a place as orderly as heaven?”

Well, that’s God’s ideal. And if I haven’t *gotten* there yet, I ought to be on the road. Is that right? If I haven’t arrived at the top, I should be on the trail. It’s wonderful that we have a Saviour who is standing at the mercy seat holding up His wounded hands, praying for us, and making up our deficiencies in a lot of things, isn’t it? But let’s remember that:

“When it is in the heart to obey God, when efforts are put forth to this end, Jesus accepts this disposition and effort as man’s best effort, and He makes up for the deficiency with His own divine merit” *Selected Messages*, Book 1, page 382.

The righteousness of Jesus is not to cover our laziness; it’s to cover our inabilities. Those of us who have lacked training in order do not become suddenly transformed. It’s by beholding that we become changed. But if my goal is the mountain top, I can thank God that, all the way up, He counts me as having attained. But I show my faith in that, not by lying down on the trail and saying, “Well, God

counts me as *up* there, so I'll just *lie* here." No. I show my faith and my desire by doing what? Keeping moving.

So I am to pray God to help me to learn heaven's what? First law. Do you mean this is the first law? That's what it says. Do you mean this is kindergarten? It's fundamental – basic to everything:

"Order is heaven's first law" *Counsels on Health*, page 101.

Fred, what do you think order is? Everything has a place. Oh, is that order? Everything has a place. That's order. Oh, and everything is *in* its place. Does it take the two things? The only way a thing can be *in* its place is to *have* a place. Is that right? Are there some things that have no place? We get rid of those. Is that right? Is there a place for cigarettes? No. Is there a place for a lot of these records that are going around the country, some of this music that didn't come from heaven? No. Order is a place for everything, and everything in its place.

Now with that, let's say, a time for everything, and everything on time. A time and place for everything and everything in place and on time. Does that include people? That's right. Does God have in the universe a place for everything? Does He have some stars left over that He doesn't know where to put? No. Does He have a place for you and me?

Now, you're all, I think, acquainted, or many of you are, with that wonderful statement in *Christ Object Lessons*:

"Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is a special place designated on earth where we are to work for God" *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 327.

You mean there's a special place that God wants me? My place? What about in an army, does a soldier have a definite place? Did you belong to a particular branch of the army, Willard? What branch were you in? You were in the Medics. Did you have a particular place in the Medics? Did you have a number? Did you have a place where you were to report for duty from time to time? That's the way an army is run, isn't it? Is that the way things are in heaven? And this says that as surely as God has a place for us in heaven, He has a special place on earth where we are to work for Him.

Now, I want to give you what, to me, is one of the most wonderful statements on this, found anywhere in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy:

"It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time. ... If His people are watching the indications of His providence ... their efforts, rightly directed, will produce a hundredfold greater results than can be accomplished with the same means and facilities

in another channel where God is not so manifestly working" *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 6, page 24.

Think of it, friends. If I'm in the right place, I can get how much more done? A hundred times more done.

Now, God uses the illustration of the human body with its various organs, to represent the church. Here I have a liver. How many livers do you have? How many? Just one. Is that enough? Apparently, cause you have two kidneys. Suppose my liver would get to looking around and say, "You know, I wish I could be a kidney instead of a liver." Suppose it could choose to try to fill that place. Would that be helpful? No. I already have two kidneys. But I need that one liver, and I need it where? In its place.

But, suppose the liver instead of looking at that, should begin to look up and say, "You know, I wish I could get promoted. I have been here now for a long time. I wish I could move up and be a lung. Eventually I hope to get up in the skull and take the place of the brain." Would that be a good idea?

But you know, there are people who are very dissatisfied with what they are doing now, and they're only counting the days until they can get a change of work. I'm not talking about anybody here; I'm talking about life in general out in the world. Isn't it true, friends?

Oh, I am so glad to know that, in heaven's plan of government, there is a particular place for me. And that for me is the most wonderful thing in the world. If every worker in an institution *knows* that, and every student in a school *knows* that, and every member of a home *knows* that, you see what a wonderful thrill it can be?

I am filling an important place. It may be a little thing. It may be just a tiny little wheel in this little watch, but if I'd reach in there and take out one of those wheels, what would happen to the watch? The whole thing depends on that one? Did one man stop the success of the whole army of Israel at Ai? Yes.

Oh, there is a special place in God's plan of government for me. And order, you said, is a place for everything and everybody, and everything and everybody where? In their place, in place. And this is heaven's what? First law. This is heaven's first law.

Now, there's something before order. "Oh," you say, "but, Brother Frazee, you just read that order is heaven's first law." Yes, but there's something before the first. Order is heaven's first *law*, but there is something *before* law. It's love. It's love. And love is the source of law. And the first law is what? Order.

Go to Deuteronomy 33:2-3. I want you to see this relation of law and love. This is talking about the giving of the Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai. Remember, we're studying heaven's plan of government. What word do you see near the end of the second verse that we're studying about? Law. And what word do you see in the first line of the third verse? Love. Now look at the verses together. Let's put those two sentences, or two clauses, together:

“From his right hand went a fiery law for them. Yea, he loved the people” Deuteronomy 33:2-3.

Do you mean law and love are connected? They are in God’s plan of government. They aren’t sometimes in the world. Did you ever hear a sergeant in the army that gave a law that didn’t have much love in it? I expect you fellows that have been in the army have seen that more than once. But in heaven’s plan of government, back of every law is what? Love. I am going to read a comment on this in the book *Child Guidance*:

“The law of God, in the home life and in the government of nations, flows from a heart of infinite love” *Child Guidance*, page 259.

Do you mean every time God gave a law it came from love? Is that where the Sabbath came from? Is that where the law that said, “Children honor your parents,” came from? Is that where the law that said, “Don’t steal, don’t kill,” [came from]? All that came from a heart of love? Do you believe that? Whenever God tells an angel to do something, does it come from a loving heart? Is that why God tells the angel? Do you suppose that’s one reason that the angels hang around? Do you suppose that’s one reason they love to get up there near the throne? They know that God wouldn’t tell them to do a thing unless His motive was what? Love.

Don’t you like to be around folks that love you? Don’t you? That’s why the people up in heaven love to be there. God loves them so much. And He never tells them to do anything unless it’s through love.

Now, let’s see what that means. God, of course, can think of any possible way of doing something.

Here is an angel. We’ll say Gabriel, because we know his name. Before God tells Gabriel to do anything, God can think of any one of a thousand things that He might tell Gabriel to do, but He picks out the one that will make Gabriel the most happy and please him the most. Is that right? Or is that going too far? Is that what love does? If you love somebody, and you’re going to take them a bouquet, wouldn’t you pick out the kind of flower that they like most? If you love somebody and you’re going to make them a birthday dinner, would you think of all the foods they *don’t* like and say, “Well, they’re *good* for them; I’m going to cook them *anyway*?” Would you?

“Oh,” you say, “Brother Frazee, I am afraid you are getting very impractical.”

No. We’re studying how things are done in heaven. Let me read this again:

“The law of God, in the home life and in the government of nations, flows from a heart of infinite love” *Ibid.*

So, it’s love that prompts everything that God tells people to do. It’s so in heaven; it’s so on earth, for people who listen.

Now this becomes a challenge to you and me as work supervisors, as parents, as teachers, as church officers. You and I, if we're following the *principles* of heaven and the *plan* of heaven, before we ask anybody to do anything, we'll first stop and think, "Now, what would be the most loving thing to ask them to do? What would be the thing that would help them the most, please them the most?"

"Oh," somebody says, "well, I could never get my child to wash dishes."

Do you know what somebody told me just a few hours ago? A little teenage girl told me this, and it's one of the sweetest testimonials in behalf of a mother that I've ever heard. We were talking about this matter of useful work being a lesson book that heaven uses to teach us, and what joy and satisfaction there is in work. She said, "You know, I don't remember that I ever heard my mother *tell* me that. But," she said, "I learned it by watching her and working with her." That girl loves to work. Do you know why? Well, her *mother* loves to work, and I'm sure that her mother never said to her, "Well, you've got to get in there and wash the dishes. After all, you helped to dirty them. And you better wash them. I've got some other things to do." I'm sure she never did that.

Of course, I know all children aren't angels. But oh, the challenge to us as parents and teachers and supervisors is to wrestle with God, on our knees, and find heaven's way to learn these principles and to teach them. And this says that:

"The law of God, in the home life and in the government of nations, flows from a heart of infinite love" *Ibid.*

You know, sometimes when people have been on drugs – they've either been kept *awake* through drugs or put to *sleep* through drugs – if you take all that away and put them on a normal program, things look pretty sick. Right? What's the answer? Well, the answer is nothing to do but go back to the drugs. Or *is* that the answer?

The person that just feels all that down when they go off the drugs, and they don't have any energy to do anything until they get that cup of coffee or that bottle of Coke, maybe what they need is a little rest. Maybe what they need is some good fruit juices to flush out the system of the poisons, and to build up some real energy in the body with the natural sugars. But the point is, it's worth the depression to get rid of the false power. Right?

And so it is, my dear friends, in the home, in the school, the church, the institution. If our way of getting things done has been through any earthly method, and we try to learn and follow these principles of heavenly administration, we may, at first, come up with some results that look pretty sick. We may say, "This just doesn't work." But friends, we must have faith.

Jesus selected twelve men, and He drew them with Him. For three years, He tried to teach these principles. Not long before the end of those three years, two of His best students came to Him and asked for what? The first place in the kingdom. Is that what He'd been teaching them? Where had they learned that? They learned that in this world. They even got their mother in with them, you remember? She was

ambitious for her boys. Well, that's all right, isn't it? Oh, there's something higher, deeper, broader than all this human ambition.

My point is: After three years, Jesus still had students that hadn't learned this lesson that you and I are trying to study here in this class. Do you see what I mean, friends? But did Jesus get discouraged? Did He change His methods? Did He say, "Well, after all, I guess this won't work; we're going to have to start giving out prizes to those that do a little more than somebody else. Then maybe we can get something done." Did He? Did He say, "Well, I'm going to have an honor roll?" My, wouldn't the disciples have been interested in that? Peter and John and James and Matthew, they really would have put out to get on that honor roll. Don't you think so? That was just the kind of thing they were used to, and interested in. But Jesus said:

"But it shall not be so among you" Matthew 20:26

Do you remember He said that? He said the way the gentiles get things done, that isn't the way we're using:

"Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life"
Matthew 20:27-28.

Every time Jesus asked somebody to do something, it was through what? Love.

Now let's go to John 14:15. Let's see what kind of response He desired and expected:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments" John 14:15.

If ye love me, do what? Keep my commandments. Notice this: Love not only prompts Jesus to give the law; love is what prompts the disciple to do what? To obey. So, love from above prompts the law. Love in the human heart prompts what? Obedience. Is that success? Yes. Now it takes both. But which comes first? Only by love is love awakened.

So parents, watch. If you're having trouble with your children in getting them to respond through love, it may be they need to see what? More love in you. This doesn't mean some soft, sentimental mush that allows all kinds of sin and transgression. We won't go into *all* that, today; we just want to get some fundamentals *started* today.

You know, some people's idea of love is letting people lie in bed in the morning and then giving them candy to eat any old time, all day long. That's the way to be real sweet to people, isn't it? If any vision of that kind is in your mind when we use the word love, then you don't understand what love is. The best way to find out what love is, is to study the life of Jesus, because He came down here to demonstrate love.

But now in this verse which we've read, He expects not only that His commands shall come from love, but what shall come from us? Obedience.

Now watch! What's that first word? If. If ye what? Love me. If you love me, do what? Keep My commandments. But suppose you *don't* love Him. Well, keep them, anyway. It would be *nice* if you did it through love, but if you don't have love enough to Him, maybe you'll get a prize if you do it. So do it for the prize. Or maybe you will get a whipping, if you don't, so do it to keep from the whipping.

You can't really keep them without love. Not only that, but as some of you have mentioned, that's all that matters with Him is the love. It isn't getting the *work* done, it's getting *us* done that His heart is set on. The work is a laboratory in which we are learning these principles. The problems of life are the disciplines through which we learn to understand these methods.

So I ask you two questions this afternoon. First, when you give directions, do you do it through love? Second, when you *follow* directions, do you do it through love? If you can answer, "yes," to both those questions, then the prayer is being fulfilled:

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven" Matthew 6:10.

If anything *different* from that is your experience, if anything *less* than that is in your life, there's something to pray and work for, something to believe in.

May we kneel together in prayer.

Heavenly Father, we've seen a high standard this evening hour. Like a great mountain peak, it beckons us. It challenges us. But who could be satisfied to remain in the valley when this glorious experience is set before us. And we thank Thee, dear Jesus, that You came down from the heights of heaven and lived these glorious principles in this little world, this *selfish* world, this *grasping* world, this *cruel* world. They broke Thy dear heart, Saviour. But oh, we thank Thee that the demonstration was made. And now our hearts rejoice that once again here in human flesh, on earthly soil, the demonstration is to be made in its fullness. The principles of Thy kingdom are to be revealed. God grant that every one of us kneeling here this evening hour shall be a part in the demonstration. And whatever we may have learned in our past experience that doesn't agree with this, we pray that Thou wilt blot it out of our hearts and minds. We pray that Thou wilt help us, that Thy kingdom shall come in our hearts, our homes, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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