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Jesus Wants to Help Us

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...know tonight is that our Lord Jesus Christ is soon to return to this world, and I'm so glad that we can share that blessed hope tonight, for this is the solution of every human problem, and there *is* no other real solution, no other lasting solution.

A dentist friend of mine was telling me that if all the dentists in the United States should be paid by the government to do nothing but fill teeth and should put in eight hours a day five or six days a week, just follow the weeks around, that at the end of the year or two years or five years, there'd be more holes in the teeth than there are now, because American people are making holes in their teeth faster than the all the dentists that there are could fill them.

I'm sure Dr. Harmer will bring us some interesting things one of these Friday evenings about what it is that's making the holes in the teeth. You don't have to have all those holes.

My point is this. The world is solving its problems largely in ways that leave more problems when they're through than when they begin. Think of the crime situation. Think of a lot of other things.

Our good editor, Elbert Forester, of our Dade County paper, has this in one of his recent editorial columns:

"The signs of an impending storm on a hot summer day are familiar. The sky grows dark, the winds rise and ferocious gusts sweep debris from the hot pavement and thunder rumbles in the distance. In time, the storm may strike furiously and even disastrously.

"Things are much the same in this nation right now. Men, women, children, are murdered. Enforcement officers are cut down in cold blood. Crime is running wild over our nation and a high percentage of teenagers are snared in its nets.

"Where are the people? They, in too many instances, don't want to get involved. They are hauling out their boats for a trip to the lake, watching TV, having a good time. But the storm continues to rumble, and indications are that it is coming up fast" **[get reference]**.

That's the newspaper. Now, I turn again, to Luke, the 21st chapter, where we read what Jesus said nearly 2,000 years ago, about His coming and the signs that would immediately precede His coming—Luke 21:25:

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth...” Luke 21:25-26.

But then, He goes on to tell us that the next thing is the shaking of the powers of heaven and the revelation of:

“...the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory” Luke 21:27.

And so, He says, When you see these things happening—when you see the distress among the nations, the fear and the perplexity, the uncertainty, the unrest:

“...when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” Luke 21:28.

Oh, I'm so glad, friends, that while many things in this world are getting worse and worse, they mean that the real solution of it all is just ahead. Isn't it wonderful that God has told us in His book what *was* to come so that when we see it we won't get discouraged, won't lose heart, but we'll lift up our heads and look up—look up—Jesus is about to come.

But tonight I want to study with you a bit about what it means to be ready, and the wonderful help that He has provided so we can be ready—all of us. Every one of us can be ready.

You know, when a visitor comes from a foreign land, like the Queen of England did some time ago, my, my, the preparations that are made to welcome a visiting head of state. If our own president comes to a particular city, thousands upon thousands of people are involved in preparations for his visit.

What about the preparations for the coming of the King of the universe. Won't it be wonderful to really be ready. You know, when He comes, there'll be just two classes—those that are ready and those that aren't. Those that are ready, we're told, will welcome Him with joy. Those that aren't will cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on them. John saw the vision of it. Read it in the last few verses of the sixth chapter of Revelation.

But I turn to the happier picture—those that are ready—those that are ready. I like the way John puts it in 1 John, the third chapter, and the second verse. Oh, this is wonderful, friends, and you and I can have a part in it—1 John 3:2:

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know...” 1 John 3:2.

What?

“...that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is” 1 John 3:2.

Like Jesus? You mean that people like you and me can become like Jesus? That’s what he says. And it’s going to be done right here in this world so that when He comes He will see in us His image reflected fully. Say, folks, wouldn’t you like to get in on that? I want to share that wonderful experience.

I like the way Paul puts it over here in 1 Thessalonians 5:23. You see, it’s more than just a spiritual work. It is definitely spiritual—no question about that—but I want you to notice what a wonderful, all round preparation it is, of the whole man—1 Thessalonians 5:23:

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

Oh, what an experience. God wants to do a work, you notice, he says here, for the spirit and soul and what? And body—body. He wants us to have pure blood as well as pure minds, and the two work very well together, friends.

That’s why what doctor is telling us is so important on this matter of getting our bloodstream in good condition, for the bloodstream that goes through the lungs and picks up the air, pure or impure, that we breathe, is up there in the brain—how long would it take, doctor? Just a few seconds. Think of it, friends.

And this bloodstream that’s down here in the stomach and the liver and the intestines, picking up the food that we eat after a meal—doesn’t take long to get that up here, either, does it. No. So, it’s literally true that what we eat, what we drink, what we breathe, affects the way we think.

Do you see, friends, in this wonderful text that I have just read, a statement of God’s purpose to prepare a people when He comes that He says will be blameless in spirit and soul and what? Body. And He speaks of that as being sanctified what? Wholly—w-h-o-l-l-y.

And let me tell you, friends, the only way to be holy is to be wholly sanctified. The only way to be h-o-l-y is to be w-h-o-l-l-y. Do you see what I’m getting at, friends? That’s what this text teaches, isn’t it?

So, you see, that if God has a message today to get a people ready for His coming, it must deal with the physical habits, as well as with our mental and spiritual experiences. That’s why you see a health education program on this platform from

week to week, along with the study of the Bible. You and I want to share an experience that will make us ready when the Savior appears.

Now, salvation, we must always remember, is not something we do for God. It's something God does for us. But it's equally true and very important to remember that in all that God does for man, He has man cooperate.

Go back to those wonderful experiences in the Gospel of how Jesus healed the sick. He had various ways of letting them share to show their faith, but oh, friends, every time, as they cooperated with the great healer, they got results.

And if you and I will learn how to cooperate with Jesus as our physician and our Savior, He guarantees to finish the work in us and get us ready by the final examination day. Let's give Him time to teach us. What do you say? Let's share with Him in this blessed work.

You know, this is why He came to this world. The angel that announced His birth said:

“...call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins” Matthew 1:21.

That's why He was born, that's why He lived, ministered, and that's why He died. Think of that wonderful text in Galatians 1:4—Galatians 1:4. Just turn over to it. I want you to see what the apostle says here—what Jesus' purpose was—Galatians 1:4. Speaking of Jesus:

“Who gave Himself...” Galatians 1:4.

You know, that text we love to repeat, John 3:16, says:

“...God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...” John 3:16.

But this verse, speaking of the Son, says He:

“...gave Himself...” Galatians 1:4.

What for? For our sins.

“...that he might deliver us from this present evil world...” Galatians 1:4.

I want to be delivered. Don't you? Oh, I was talking with a banker in town not long ago. He said to me, You know, Mr. Frazee, I look at my grandchildren, and to tell you the truth, he says, my wife and I have talked it over—I'd hate to be around when they grow up and have to meet the problems that I see just ahead of this world.

Well, thank God, friends, Jesus gave Himself to:

“...deliver us from this present evil world...” Galatians 1:4.

And if we'll learn His way and follow His program, we'll be ready, and just as those who listened to Noah and accepted his message rode through the storm in the ark of safety, so today all who will listen to God's message and accept it and follow it will be delivered from this present evil world.

You notice, it's for us—for our sins. Titus 2:14—look at this one. This is something wonderful. After Thessalonians and Timothy, first and second, over here to Titus, the 2nd chapter, verses 13 and 14. He's talking, you see, about the coming of Jesus the second time, and as we'll notice, he talks about His coming the first time. That's the great theme of the Bible—why Jesus came the first time, why He comes the second time.

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself...” Titus 2:13-14.

What for?

“...for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works” Titus 2:13-14.

You know, that's an interesting expression—a peculiar people. People that don't have heart attacks are going to be more and more peculiar, from what the doctor told us, but I think I'd be willing to be peculiar and miss the heart attacks. What do you say?

Lung cancer's on the increase—the *rapid* increase—but I'm willing to be peculiar and be one of those fellows that doesn't have any lung cancer. What do you say?

And with crime and vice and lawbreaking of all kinds on the increase among young and old, oh, friends, I'd be so thankful for God to do something in my heart and yours so that we could share the peculiarity of being law keepers in a lawbreaking age. What do you say? The Lord grant it.

And notice what He did to make it possible. He:

“...gave Himself for us...” Titus 2:14.

That's what it took. Calvary was the price. We couldn't save ourselves, no. Just as a man can't cure himself from leprosy, not a one of us can save ourselves from sin, but:

“...call his name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins” Matthew 1:21.

But now, notice, as we just introduced last Friday night, if all that He does for our salvation was done upon the cross—that's all there is to it—then the whole thing should have been finished and over with 2,000 years ago. Shouldn't it? But, you see, it wasn't. The world has been going on and on in sin, and after His death and resurrection, He went back to heaven. I wonder why He went

He says:

“...It is expedient for *you* that I go away...” John 16:7.

In other words, He went to heaven to do something for us there, which was just as vital to finishing the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. Turn back to Hebrews 9:24. We noted this just briefly last week. We're going to look at it more tonight—Hebrews 9:24.

Oh, I love to hear the leaves of the Bible rustling as you all turn to the text. That's the way to do it, friends. The message is in the book. Isn't it? The power is in the book. Oh, here is where the light shines—from the holy word of God.

Hebrews 9:24:

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God...” Hebrews 9:24.

Oh, there are those two words again. We read them over in Galatians 1:4.
He:

“...gave Himself for our sins...” Galatians 1:4.

We read them there in John 16, where He says:

“It is expedient for you that I go away...” John 16:7.

Here, He says He's gone there to heaven:

...for us” Hebrews 9:24.

Look, friends, what a difference it makes. If people have the idea that Jesus just came down here for a little bit, and then went on back to heaven with everything the way it was before, they have little idea of the devotion of Jesus to saving people down here.

But if we get the picture that He came down here on a mission to save us, and having died as our sacrifice and risen He went back to heaven to carry on that work of salvation for us, then we see that His whole life is devoted to us. It's all for us—for us—and believe me, friends, that's why He's there.

But now, I want you to see what He's doing there. Hebrews, the 7th chapter, and the 25th verse—this is one of my favorite verses in all the Bible—Hebrews 7:25:

“Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them” Hebrews 7:25.

What’s He doing up there? Making intercession. What does that mean? Why, my friends, that means He’s asking for something for me. He’s praying for something for me. Jesus is praying for me. That’s what it means to make intercession. And that’s what He told His disciples there in John 16. He said:

“...I will pray the Father...” John 16:26.

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“...I will pray the Father for you” John 16:26.

So, Jesus is praying for us tonight. He’s there. Now, as I showed you last week, heaven is a real place. It’s not some imaginary, mystical thing. It isn’t just an experience. It’s just as real as this planet.

A real Jesus went up through the sky and went to heaven as our representative. Stephen saw Him there, the Son of man. John saw Him there on Patmos, the Son of man. He’s there, our Priest.

And in order that we might understand something of what He’s doing there, He had this copy made down here in this world in the long ago, and as I’ve read here tonight and as I showed you last week, this is all a copy of heavenly things—a copy of heavenly things.

Let me just give you a little more evidence of that tonight. I’ll just refer to the texts. You can read them for yourselves. In Hebrews, the ninth chapter, verses 1 to 6, you read the description of this earthly sanctuary that Moses made.

In the book of Exodus, beginning with the 25th chapter, and running on through to the 40th chapter, you will read the description of how this furniture was made, how the veils were made, how the altar was made and all the rest.

And in the last verse of the 25th chapter of Exodus, God says, Moses, be sure you make it all just like the pattern that I’ve showed you up in the mount—be sure you make it like that pattern.

Paul tells us in Hebrews 8:4 and 5, that that pattern that Moses saw up in the mount that God showed him was the heavenly sanctuary. That’s what He showed him. Moses was shown the temple of God above, where Jesus ministers, and God said, Moses, make it down here in this world, a little miniature, a little model, a little copy, so that my people will understand something of what goes on above.

And that’s why there’s so much in the Bible about it—Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Hebrews, Daniel, Revelation—just full of the sanctuary—explaining how it was on earth and what goes on in heaven. This is the key that unlocks vast areas of

light and blessing in the Bible, my friends, and that's why we're studying it here from week to week.

And as doctor helps us to get better acquainted with these earthly body temples, we want to look into the word and get better acquainted with the heavenly temple where Jesus is ministering for us.

Now, you notice in this earthly miniature model, there are two rooms. Why two rooms? Because there are two in heaven. Well, you say, why two? We'll be studying that from week to week, but may I make it very simple, friends. Are there any of you here tonight that have more than one room in your house? May I see the hands of all that have more than one room in your house. Sure. Well, I wonder why we have more than one room.

Well, I know one reason we have more than one room, friends—because there's more than one thing to be done. Is that right? You know, there's one room in the house that, if I were asked for a vote here tonight, I imagine to be one of the most popular rooms in the house. You know what it is, don't you. The kitchen. That's right—that's right.

And why is that such a popular room? Well, there's something goes on there. But wouldn't it be strange, friends, to find what you usually think of as in the kitchen, you'd find it in the bedroom or on the front porch or someplace else? Do you see what I mean? There's room for this, room for that, room for something else.

Some people like to have a den where they collect certain things and they have their hobbies and so forth. Well, that's fine. My point is that the reason for different rooms is different activities, and that's why there were different rooms back here. There was a work that went on in that Holy Place every day of the year. That's what Paul says there in Hebrews 9:1 to 6.

But this room—there was something went on in the Most Holy Place that only went on once a year. That's what Paul says there in Hebrews 9:1 to 6. What did it all mean? It represented the work of Jesus in heaven. We'll be studying it from week to week.

Tonight, I want you to think with me for a little bit about Jesus' work right here in this room—the first apartment—the Holy Place—the Holy Place. As you notice, here's this golden altar. You can read about it in the 30th chapter of Exodus—how Moses made it and what it was for.

But interestingly enough, if you go over to the eighth chapter of Revelation, verses 3 and 4, you can read about the original golden altar of incense in heaven. John saw it there. He says he saw it:

“...the golden altar which was before the throne”
Revelation 8:3.

And what was on it? Incense, just like the one down here on earth. Well, why shouldn't it be? The one on earth was copied after the one in heaven, and the one

on earth had incense burning on it because it was copied after the one in heaven with the incense.

But what does that represent? That represents the intercession of Jesus, friends, because when you turn there—turn, please, to Revelation, the eighth chapter, and I want you to see this wonderful picture of intercession—Revelation 8, verses 3 and 4:

“And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne” Revelation 8:3.

The golden altar. That’s what Moses had. There it is up in heaven. John saw it. Sixty years after Jesus went back to heaven, there it was. Now, watch, the next verse:

“And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand” Revelation 8:4.

Think of it, friends. When you and I pray down here in this world, there’s incense put on that altar and it ascends to God. Somebody says, Brother Frazee, do you think that really happens? Why, sure, friends, I do. What in the world did God put it there for? He put it there to encourage you and me to really pray, and if we’ll *really* pray down here, Jesus will *really* pray for and with us up there, friends, and it’s His prayers that make our prayers worth anything.

Did you ever think, Oh, I’d like to pray but I’m afraid I don’t think know how and I’m so bad and I’m so weak and I’m so unworthy, I wish somebody would pray for me. That’s why we’ve got a Priest, friends—that’s why we have a Priest. He takes our poor prayers and He adds the incense of His merit and puts it on the altar and, may I put it very plain, then it smells all right. That’s the fragrance of the incense, friends, the righteousness of Jesus, the merits of Christ.

Turn, now, back to Hebrews, the 4th chapter, verses 14 to 16. Oh, this is wonderful—Hebrews 4:14 to 16:

“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” Hebrews 4:14-15.

He was down here in this world. He knows how we feel. He was hungry, thirsty, weary. He met the Devil, He met temptation, He conquered. Now, He’s gone back to heaven and He stands there to represent us and He’s praying for us.

Now, watch:

“Let us therefore...” Hebrews 4:16.

What?

“...come...” Hebrews 4:16.

Come where?

“...boldly unto the throne of grace...Hebrews 4:16.

Do you remember we read there in Revelation 8:

“...the golden altar which was before the throne”
Revelation 8:3.

There where Jesus stands before the altar, there where the throne of God is—in that heavenly temple, wounded hands are lifted in our behalf. They tell the story of Calvary. Oh, thank God, friends, this is real. Jesus is praying for us tonight:

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need”
Hebrews 4:16.

What do you say? Now, turn over to the 6th chapter of Hebrews, 18th verse:

“That by two immutable things...” Hebrews 6:18.

That means unchangeable things.

“...in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that...” Hebrews 6:18-19.

What are those next three words?

“...within the veil...” Hebrews 6:19.

Why, you know, friends, that verse had meaning when we see these veils. That’s what He’s talking about. There was a veil here at the entrance to the Holy, a veil at the entrance to the Most Holy, and Paul says our hope enters:

“...within the veil; Whither the Forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest for ever...”
Hebrews 6:19-20.

What does He say? Jesus has gone in within the veil and our hope follows Him. We go in there by faith with Him. Why? He's up there praying for us, and we flee for refuge.

By the way, friends, I wonder which veil He's inside of. Does it make any difference? Study that more with you in future evenings. Be sure to be here next Friday night, but tonight, watch, friends—we know He's at least inside this one, don't we, because Paul says here He's within the veil, so He's surely at that time within the first one. And he says that our hope follows Him there and is anchored in the sanctuary—those of us, he says:

“...who have fled for refuge...” Hebrews 6:18.

“...fled for refuge...” Hebrews 6:18.

A doctor friend of mine was telling me an interesting experience that some research scientists—an experiment they had conducted—in trying to delve into the mysteries of the brain and how it works and so forth, and they were experimenting with animals as well as human beings.

This particular experiment was with a lamb. These scientists—they took a lamb and they put it in a large room—a pen like. There was straw there for the lamb and they had a thing fixed up on him, I guess, something like this thing they've got on me tonight with these cords, so that he could go around all through that pen and eat here and there as he wished.

But the purpose of this was that when these scientists wanted to give him a shock, they could—not shock enough to kill him, you know, but just—did you ever get a little shock of electric wire? Well, that's what they did. They wanted to see how the lamb would react to it, you see.

And so, as this lamb was going around there in his pen and munching here and there, why, all of a sudden he felt that shock, and you know what he did? He ran. But he never came back to that spot where he got the shock.

Well, after while, when he was over here in another place, they gave him another shock, and he ran, and he never went back to that place, either. And that kept on till finally—you guessed it—there was no place to run—no place to run—and you know what that poor little lamb did when they shocked him? He just stood there and shivered. That's like some people are doing today, my friends. No place to run, no place to hide, fainting:

“Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth...” Luke 21:26.

That lamb had a nervous breakdown, my friends—that's what happened to him—and when I tell you that over half the hospital beds in all the United States are filled with people of mental and nervous diseases, you can understand, friends, that while the heart attack of this heart in the chest is a terrible thing and a serious thing today, the heart—the real heart—the mind—oh, how it's being pressed and

depressed today because of the fears and anxieties and worries. Men don't know where to run.

But now, let me tell you the rest of that story. That lamb had a twin—a twin brother—and they had another room, another pen, and they put this second lamb—it was a twin—in there, and they fixed him up with a harness, too, but you know what they did? They put the mother in there with that lamb, and when he was over there and they decided, they got ready, they gave him a shock, he ran, but he ran to his mother.

Now, I don't know what she told him—I don't understand lamb language—but it was just what he needed, and by and by, he was over here somewhere, and they shocked him again and again he ran, but where do you suppose he ran? He ran to his mother. And they kept that up, my dear friends, and instead of that lamb getting a nervous breakdown, that lamb got to the place where it paid little or no attention to those shocks. It just went on eating or whatever it was doing.

Oh, friends, when my doctor friend told me that, I said, Doctor, there is a sermon, and the text is Isaiah 66:13—Isaiah 66:13. Here it is, friends. See if you don't agree with me:

“As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you...” Isaiah 66:13.

Who's talking? God's talking. Jesus wants to be to you what that mother sheep was to that lamb, my friends—the place of refuge. What did we read back here in Hebrews 6? You and I can:

“...have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge...”

Where flee? Flee to the sanctuary where Jesus is—where our hope can go in within the veil.

You know, there's something about the human heart, friends, we long to confide in somebody. God made us that way. That's what the little lamb needed, and the one that got it—he was okay. The one that didn't get it lost his mind.

Let me tell you, with the fears and troubles and anxieties that are filling the world today, you and I need something more than a tranquilizer, my friends. We need something more than the solace of tobacco or alcohol or anything else in this world. We need to flee:

“...for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil”
Hebrews 6:18-19.

...where Jesus has gone as our High Priest. I say we need somebody to confide in. Do you remember when you were little how you used to get into trouble and run to mother or run to daddy? Oh, how many times I've stubbed my bare toes

and run crying to mother, and what would she do? Oh, get some salve and put on, get a rag and tie around the toe, and it was a lot better right now.

And God intends that children should find in father and mother the solace and comfort that that kind of help brings. But, friends, as we get older, as we grow, as we come into adult life, we find that there are some problems, some sorrows, it takes more than a human father and mother to deal with. Am I right?

Happy is the child whose father and mother have taught it more and more, as it grows older, to look to Jesus as the One who can be to them all that father and mother would like to be.

But friends, whether you ever learned it when you were little or not, you can learn it now—if you've never known anything about it before, you can learn it tonight. And if you've learned it all through your life, there's something more to enter into tonight.

Let's go deeper into this experience. What do you say? Let's turn more and more from the world, with its lack of help, and let's cast our anchor within the veil. Let's do what Paul says here—let's come—let's come to the sanctuary.

Let us by faith look through that telescope of prophecy, up, up, up, past every star that the astronomers see, to the center of the universe where Jesus our High Priest is praying for us, interceding for us. He lives for that.

And what does He want us to do? Come—come. Listen. When you go home tonight, take a laboratory experiment—this is real. Get down on your knees by your bed. If possible be in a room where you can be alone, and talk to God. I mean out loud—not just think and meditate. It's all right to meditate. It's all right to think, but listen. When you're crying for help, you do more than think.

Those who have fled for refuge—those like that lamb that have somebody to go to—oh, what a solace it is. So, tonight, tell God where you need help. You have a problem? Of course, you do—everybody does. Tell God about that problem—tell God about that problem. Ask Jesus to put the incense on the altar for you. Ask Him to pray for you. By faith, catch the picture. It's real. It isn't something imaginary—just as real as this chapel—and if you and I will come, we will get the help that God has promised.

And listen. If there are any of you that would like somebody to help you learn how to do that, friends, I'd be most happy to do it or arrange for somebody to do it with you that knows how—I mean this. This is the most important thing in the universe to you, my friends, to learn how to pray to God and know that Jesus hears you.

This is the way to get help with your problems. This is the way to get victory over every health-destroying habit. This is the way to solve problems in the home between husband and wife and parents and children. This is the way to get happiness instead of fear and anxiety and worry. This is the way. This is God's

way. You can have it. Oh, He's made every effort. Will you make an effort? He's put all He has into it. What will you put into it?

Oh, as He lives to make intercession for us, let us come with confidence to:

“...the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” Hebrews 4:16.

As we close this service with prayer tonight, may I ask, is there somebody here—and you don't have to tell me what the problem is—but is there somebody here that tonight you have a problem that you'd like to have remembered in prayer? Would you just hold your hand up and we'll pray for you. Oh, yes. Yes, friends, yes.

Will Jesus hear us? I know He will, friends. I haven't any question about it. I know it. Thank God. I've seen Him answer prayer for 50 years, friends, and I know He's on the answering side tonight. Would you like to kneel with me. Let us seek God.

Heavenly Father, we're so glad tonight that the sanctuary is open. We're so glad there's a place to run to.

From every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes.
There is a calm, a sure retreat,
'Tis found beneath the mercy seat.

Oh, we come by faith tonight in answer to Thy call. We see Jesus lifting His wounded hands and praying for us. We're sure that He's thinking of us tonight, each one by name. Thou hast seen these hands raised. Thou knowest each heart's problem, each desire. Lord, we pray that each one shall know just now that you're answering their prayers, hearing their cry.

Oh, my Savior, make this very real to each one. How much you love us, how much you have given to make this possible. And so, tonight, dear Lord, as we go home, dismiss us with Thy blessing and bring us back next Friday night to learn more of this glorious way of health and healing and salvation, that we may share in the preparation that Thou art giving those that will let Thee, that we may be ready to meet Thee with joy when Thou shalt come. We ask it in Jesus' name, amen.

Will you stand.

[Singing—I'm Pressing On the Upward Way.]

Good night, and God bless you. Remember, doctor and I will be glad to see any of you here at the front.

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