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## *The Cleansing of the Temples*

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Our opening text this evening is found in the fifth chapter of the book of Revelation, the 13<sup>th</sup> verse. This is a picture of a clean universe. John says:

“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever” Revelation 5:13.

Is that chorus ascending now? Is there a unanimous vote for God at the present time? No. What a Babel of confusion there is in this world. Think of the sound of blasphemy, the sounds of revelry, of mirth, of anger, of passion, of pride. Oh, how the ear of God, as He listens to all this, must pain and ache, my friends.

But thank God, there is a bright view ahead. There is coming a time when, as the last page of *Great Controversy* puts it:

“The great controversy is ended...The entire universe is clean” *Great Controversy*, page 678.

Clean—a clean universe, friends—a clean universe. And right at the beginning of our study tonight, I would like to have our minds fixed upon that glorious goal, that certain future of a clean universe. And I’m going to represent it with this circle—a clean world or a clean universe—for this world, of course, is all that it takes now to make a clean universe, isn’t it. Yes.

The problem in heaven was settled 6,000 year ago. God cleaned out heaven 6,000 years ago, and it needed it, friends, didn’t it. Yes. The controversy was transferred to this earth, and here it’s been waged for all these millenniums, but soon it will be over and one beautiful symphony will be heard throughout the universe. Oh, I want to be there when it happens. Don’t you, friends? Thank God for that glorious hope.

Do you know what it’s waiting on? Well, it’s waiting on the coming of Jesus. Jesus is going to destroy the Devil and all his works. Is that right? Yes, when He comes. Why doesn’t He come? Well, there are some things that have to come first. God must have a people prepared, perfected, ready to meet Him. Is that correct? Yes.

The preparation of those people is the work of this message. That’s our excuse—nay, rather, our reason for existence as a church—as a denomination—is

the preparation of that people. Is that correct? That's true, friends, and thank God it's going on.

But, at the present time, my dear friends, the church has not reached that experience where God can pour upon it the fullness of His Spirit. We all recognize that, but that is not going to continue always. There is coming a time when the church will be clean—the church will be clean. God will have a people pure and true.

“Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times” *Great Controversy*, page 464.

I want to see that, too, don't you, friends? I want to see a clean church—a clean church, friends. And remember, we will never get a clean world till first we get a clean church.

Now, there's something that must come before that. Just as before this world can ever be cleaned up, the church must be cleaned up. So, before God will ever have a clean church, he must have individual members who have each a clean heart.

Now, there are the three things that God is waiting for, and in that order. If you and I will get clean hearts, God will soon take in hand the cleansing of the church, and when He gets a clean church, it won't be long before this world will be cleansed and be a fit place to live in. That's all it takes, friends, is these three steps.

And you will note that it begins with you. That's where it ought to begin. It begins with you, individually. Thank God, if you and I will get clean hearts, God will soon have a clean church, and following soon after, a clean world, a clean universe.

And so, that is what I want to study with you a little tonight. I don't know that I need to spend a great deal of time with regard to the clean world. Most of us here tonight are quite familiar with those dramatic events in the time of trouble and the coming of Jesus and the millennium and the final judgment, in which Satan is overthrown, he meets his waterloo, he goes down to eternal defeat.

The things that I wish to focus our attention upon especially tonight have to do with these first two experiences—the cleansing of the heart and the cleansing of the church.

I might say, dear friends, that it is important for us to understand what is involved in all these steps or phases. There's something very similar in all of them. First of all, it is the casting out of Satan in each case that makes it possible for the place he's cast out of to be clean.

When Satan was cast out of heaven 6,000 years ago, heaven was cleansed. When Satan is cast out of your heart, your heart is clean. When Satan is cast out of the church, the church will be clean. And when Satan is cast out of the world—the universe—the universe will be clean. And that's the only way it can be.

You can never have a clean heart with the Devil having one finger hold inside. Is that correct? Because Satan defiles everything he touches, my friends, and the church can never be fully clean—fully purified—as long as Satan or his agents have any place within the church.

And the world must be delivered from every vestige of Satan's influence before we have a clean universe. Thank God, it's going to be true, friends. He's going to be cast out of individuals' hearts, he's going to be cast out of the church, he's going to be cast out of this world. Praise the name of the Lord.

Before I call attention to the method by which Satan is cast out—the part you and I have in it—I would like to spend a few minutes on this central figure here—the church—the cleansing of the church.

And you will remember that when Jesus was here on earth, He began His public ministry, after His baptism, by going up to Galilee, working that miracle at the wedding feast. Soon after, He came down to Jerusalem—the first Passover He attended after His baptism—and there we read in John 2 of an experience of cleansing the temple.

You will remember that He:

“...found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up” John 2:14-16.

He showed a righteous indignation, an authority, such as the disciples had never before witnessed, and the rulers were astonished, the custodians of the temple were amazed, that here was a young carpenter from Nazareth, with no badge of earthly authority, no right to teach or to preach or to rule, that dared to come into that temple and teach and order *out* the things that He considered improper.

But they couldn't help but respond with alacrity to His commands. They were surprised at themselves later, as they thought it over, but when Jesus got through with His work that day, He had a clean temple, my friends—He had a clean temple.

Three years later, He came back to Jerusalem just before the cross. He found a similar situation only worse. He did the same thing. You'll find it in Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter, and the 12<sup>th</sup> verse:

“And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that

sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them” Matthew 21:12-14.

Do you see what happened, friends? He drove out the moneychangers and drove out all who were polluting the temple, and then, with the temple cleansed, He carried on what? A healing program—He carried on medical missionary work.

I want to read you a statement here from *Manuscript 105*, 1898:

“There is a work to be done that has not yet been done. The temple courts are not yet cleaned as they must be before the work which Christ did after the cleaning of the temple can be done. Then all the sick were brought to him, and he laid his hands upon them, and healed them all” *Manuscript 105*, 1898.

Friends, will it be done again? Oh, yes. Thank God. But this says it cannot be done—that healing work—in the fullness and in the great magnitude that we would like to see, until first something happens to the temple. The temple must be what? Cleansed.

Another statement—this is *Volume 9*, page 228:

“God's love for His church is infinite. His care over His heritage is unceasing. He suffers no affliction to come upon the church but such as is essential for her purification, her present and eternal good” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 9*, page 228.

Now, listen:

“He...” *Ibid.*

Jesus.

“He will purify His church even as He purified the temple at the beginning and close of His ministry on earth” *Ibid.*

Will He do it, friends? Will He do it? And even if that temple be defiled, as it was in the days when the Savior was on earth, we need not lose heart, we need not lose hope, we need not cast away our faith and courage. God in heaven has promised that:

“He will purify His church even as He purified the temple at the beginning and close of His ministry on earth” *Ibid.*

Oh, friends, I want to see it happen. Don't you? I want to see a clean church, a purified church, with the moneychangers, with those who know not the love of God,

driven out, and Jesus, through His servants, practicing His medical missionary program. He did it back there. He's going to do it again, dear friends, thank God.

Now, I want to read some things that are very practical, and they're searching. God has said quite a number of things about this matter of cleansing the temple. It's going to happen. It's going to happen in every church.

I'll read that—*Testimonies to Ministers*, 414:

“The purging and cleansing will surely pass through every church in our land that has had great opportunities and privileges, and has passed them by unheeded” *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 414.

This cleansing and purging is going to pass through what? Every church in our land—every church in our land is going to be purged and cleansed, as Jesus cleansed that temple at Jerusalem.

Again, *Testimonies to Ministers*, 373:

“The Lord will work to purify His church. I tell you in truth, the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name.

“Just how soon this refining process will begin I cannot say, but it will not be long deferred. He whose fan is in His hand will cleanse His temple of its moral defilement. He will thoroughly purge His floor” *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 373.

What will He have when He gets through, friends? A clean church, a purified church, a floor that has only wheat in it and no chaff. Will that happen? Yes, it will, friends.

You know, these things I'm studying tonight have a very practical application. They teach us how to relate ourselves to the apostasy, the worldliness, the lukewarmness that is all about us everywhere.

Do you not see, my dear friends, that instead of those tokens, those signs, being discouraging, they help us to realize that these predictions are about to come to pass. What need would there be for the church to be purified, if all were well within her borders. What need would there be for one to come with a scourge of small cords and say, Depart hence, if everything in the temple were proper and praiseworthy.

Do you not see that every evidence of lukewarmness, every evidence of worldliness, every evidence of apostasy—all of them are but tokens that Jesus is about to arise and do what He said He would do—purify His church, even as He purified the temple when He was here on earth.

And faith says, I believe it—I believe it—God will do it. He's promised it and He will bring it to pass.

Tell me something, friends. Where do you want to be when that purging, cleansing, of the church takes place? Do you want to be inside or outside? I want to be inside. Where do you want to be when it's over? Inside.

But let me tell you—oh, let me tell you, friends—the only ones who can be in that experience, and stay clear through it, will be those whose hearts have been cleansed as thoroughly as the temple was cleansed by Jesus. There must be not one thing left in the heart. A pure church will be composed of pure, clean individuals. God is going to make a clean work, a thorough work. Oh, that we might realize what God is going to do, my friends.

Let me read this again here—*Testimonies to Ministers*, 373:

“The Lord will work to purify His church. I tell you in truth, the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name.

“Just how soon this refining process will begin I cannot say, but it will not be long deferred. He whose fan is in His hand will cleanse His temple of its moral defilement. He will thoroughly purge His floor” *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 373.

Let us pray that that may be done, my friends. What do you say? Let me notice some very practical statements on this. You notice it says:

“...the Lord is about to turn and overturn in the institutions called by His name” *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 372.

Going to cleanse, purify, His church, thoroughly. And you remember we found over there in that manuscript reference I read that the healing, in the way that God wants to do it, can never be done in its fullness until that takes place.

This is a similar statement, now, in *Medical Ministry*, page 122 and 123:

“Christ rebuked the Pharisees and doctors of the law because of the dishonest practices which they had brought into the temple courts” *Medical Ministry*, page 122.

Think of it, friends. They took the program, that God had meant to reveal His love, and used it to reveal human selfishness. That's exactly what's happening, oh, so much more than I wish were true today. This medical missionary program that God gave His people to reveal the love of heaven has been turned into one of the greatest money-making things that this world ever saw, and God is not in it, my friends.

God gave this people the medical missionary work to reveal sacrifice, to reveal love, and today, people are even boasting of the tremendous amounts of money that are flowing into the coffers of individuals. And, of course, the church gets a tithe of some of that.

Let me read:

“...Christ stood before them. His eye flashed with indignation... Picking up a scourge of small cords which had been used to drive cattle to the temple, He drove out those who sold and bought, and overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of them that sold doves, saying, ‘It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.’

“Then the Restorer practiced His medical missionary work”  
*Ibid.*, pages 122-123.

Listen, friends. When did He do it? When the temple was cleansed.

“Then the Restorer practiced His medical missionary work. ‘The blind and the lame came to Him in the temple; and He healed them’” *Ibid.*

Listen:

“The marketplaces, the merchandise stores, need cleansing. Courts of justice, lawyers' offices, the medical fraternity, need purifying. Shall we say that the medical missionary work needs cleansing?” *Ibid.*

This is Spirit of Prophecy talking.

“Shall we say that the medical missionary work needs cleansing? Christ, who came to our world to reveal the Father's heart of tender compassion, has shown us the methods which Sabbath keepers are to follow in their work”  
*Ibid.*

Oh, that God may help us to appreciate it, friends. Let me tell you, this medical missionary work includes reforms of more than one kind. It isn't just health reform, diet reform or dress reform. It is reform in sacrifice, my friends. It is getting away from this commercialism which is eating out the spirituality of God's people.

Note this statement here in 131 of *Medical Ministry*:

“All heaven is looking on with intense interest to see what stamp medical missionary work will assume under the supervision of human beings” *Medical Ministry*, page 131.

Listen:

“Will men make merchandise of God's ordained plan for reaching the dark parts of the earth with a manifestation of His benevolence...We are not to cover mercy with selfishness and then call it medical missionary work” *Ibid.*

No, friends, no. And I protest that the name medical missionary work should be applied to much to which it is applied today. God never intended it. He's not in it. God is calling and has been calling through these decades for a sacrificial program of medical ministry, and when the temple courts are cleansed, when this making merchandise of God's program of medical ministry is cast out, then, friends, the healing power of God will be poured out, as it was in the presence of Jesus in that temple when He cleansed it. Let us pray for the cleansing of the temple, friends.

I pick up another book, and I deal with another class of institutions. This is in the book *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 174. Listen:

“There is great need of elevating the standard of righteousness in our schools, to give instruction after God's order. Should Christ enter our institutions for the education of the youth, He would cleanse them as He cleansed the temple, banishing many things that have a defiling influence” *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 174.

What would Jesus do, if He would come to our schools? Why, this says, friends, that He would do just what He did to that temple at Jerusalem. He'd drive out some things. He'd cleanse the temple.

I read on:

“Many of the books which the youth study would be expelled...” *Ibid.*

What does expelled mean? You know what it means to a student—it means to be sent home—sent back where he came from—and if Jesus were to come in many schools today, He would send back where they came from these pagan textbooks, these infidel textbooks, these textbooks that lead away from the fountains of living waters to the broken cisterns that can hold no water. Jesus would do it. This says so, friends. You know I'm not making this up. I'm reading it right out of these inspired volumes.

Do we need to pray for the cleansing of the temple, my friends? Do we? But my point is, will it come? Will God cleanse His temple? He says He will. So, friends, there's no need for us to lose heart or be discouraged—not at all. God will take care of it, in His own time and way, and I'm going to show you presently what that is.



But I want to read this encouraging statement here on page 60 of *The Remnant Church*. This was taken from a *Review and Herald* article in 1892. It's in this little book, *The Remnant Church* by Ellen G. White, page 60:

“There is no need to doubt, to be fearful that the work will not succeed. God is at the head of the work, and he will set everything in order. If matters need adjusting at the head of the work, God will attend to that, and work to right every wrong. Let us have faith that God is going to carry the noble ship which bears the people of God safely into port” *Review and Herald*, September 20, 1892.

Will He do it, friends? Praise His holy name. I want to be on the ship as it sails into the harbor. Don't you? But remember, friends, it's not going in as it is now. No, no. Oh, multitudes of our dear people—God pity us in this hour of purging—are going to be swept away like dry leaves before the wind, like the chaff of the summer threshing floors—multitudes. Christ will purify His church, as He cleansed the temple in Jerusalem. God help us, my dear brothers and sisters, to be ready for that.

*Volume 8, 251:*

“The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place”  
*Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8, page 251.*

Now, I want to come to a very solemn point, and I pray God that we shall understand it. I want to study with you *how* this cleansing is going to take place, in the church, and in the individual heart. I've already read that it will be like it was in the temple at Jerusalem in some ways, but in some ways, it won't, friends.

*Desire of Ages, 161:*

“Only Christ can cleanse the soul temple. But He will not force an entrance. He comes not into the heart as to the temple of old; but He says, ‘Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him’” *Desire of Ages, page 161.*

He's going to cleanse the temple, as He did at Jerusalem—I read that—but there's something today that's different, and that's the thing I want to study with you—how the cleansing of the heart and the cleansing of the temple today are different from what they were there at Jerusalem.

And in order to help us to understand it, I'm going to go way back to the cleansing of heaven 6,000 years ago. You remember that's where this whole sin problem started. You remember that Satan peddled his wares. God speaks of His merchandise, and oh, what wicked merchandise it was—a **tissue** of lies. He spread it among the angels.

The time finally came when heaven had to be cleaned up, cleaned out. How did God do it? That's the thing I want to study with you.

Revelation, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter, seventh verse beginning, and as we study how God cleansed heaven, we're going to see how he's going to cleanse the hearts of His people and how He's going to cleanse the church—Revelation 12:7:

“And there was war in heaven...” Revelation 12:7.

War? In heaven? Really? Is that what it says? War in heaven? Why, heaven wouldn't be heaven, if there was war, would it? My dear friends, if there had not been war in heaven, it could not have remained heaven. There had to be war.

Do you know, there is a philosophy which is most subtle and seductive. It is this—peace at any price—that compromise is always better than war—but not so, my brethren.

There are those who believe that, especially within the church, controversy must be avoided at all costs. That is the subtle philosophy which Satan is spreading among God's people because he knows what's ahead in the church. There is coming a cleansing of the temple, my friends, but oh, that God may prepare us for the process by which the temple is to be cleansed.

I come back now—we're studying what happened back there before the creation of this world:

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” Revelation 12:7-9.

Friends, how did the Devil and all his angels—and, by the way, were there very many of them? Millions of them—one third of the bright starry host of heaven—how did they get out of heaven? Did they leave of their own choice? No, no. Did God work some mighty miracle and all of a sudden they found themselves on the outside? Did He? No.

What happened? My dear friends, they were pushed out. There was an actual struggle. Michael and his angels fought. Jesus fighting? The angels fighting? Would an angel fight?

Yes, my friends, an angel would fight—fight desperately—to cleanse heaven of that awful thing, that horrid thing—sin—and somebody is going to get that spirit today, friends, in the church, and this church is going to be cleansed and purified, as heaven was 6,000 years ago.

I come back now to this experience in heaven. I want to read you something about it. This is from old *Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 1*, page 21. You'll find this in the *Story of Redemption* now—that's the printed book. I don't have that book with me and I have this, so I'll read it out of this, but you can get it in the printed volume today—the *Story of Redemption*.

Page 21 in this *Spirit of Prophecy*—listen:

“The great God could at once have hurled this arch deceiver from Heaven...” *Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 1*, page 21.

God could have cleansed heaven just by saying, Satan, you leave, and he'd have had to leave. God could have done it.

“...but this was not his purpose. He would give the rebellious an equal chance to measure strength and might with his own Son and his loyal angels. In this battle every angel would choose his own side, and be manifested to all” *Ibid*.

Do you see, friends—do you see the strategy of God, the purpose of God? Here were millions of angels, and instead of God stepping in and pushing Satan out, God said, Now, listen. You folks are going to choose in this matter—you're going to choose.

And God laid upon the responsibility of the loyal angels the expulsion of the fallen angels. God laid upon each individual not only the opportunity but the duty—the inevitable duty—of choosing one way or another. They had to line up, you see.

Every angel there either was pushed out or helped to push out. Do you see? That was God's way of cleansing heaven. Can you imagine what it must have been? You know, those angels were friends. There weren't any enemies among them, up to this time. Can you imagine the heartbreak that must have come to some angel to help to push out an angel that he had loved for ages? Can you imagine it, friends?

Try to think it through, because the temple is going to be cleansed, and it's going to take something to stand up and give the straight testimony when it cuts right to the heart of somebody that you've loved for years, my friend. But it's coming—it's coming. God is going to purify His church.

Now, I want to show you how this works in the individual life—*Desire of Ages*, page 466—and this may be to many a heart here the most important lesson of the evening—what I'm about to give. There's many a soul that is waiting for God to cleanse him—waiting for victory over sin—perhaps some evil temper that now and then, like a caged lion, gets away and raves and roar, spreading terror to those about them.

Anybody here got one? Oh, brother, that must be cleansed out of your life. Ah, you say, I wish Jesus would come into my heart, like He did that temple at Jerusalem, and drive that thing out of my soul. Yes, friends, and listen. You can

pray about it and think about it and wish about it and hope about it from now till probation closes, and if that's all you do, it'll be in vain.

Listen. You've got to go through what those loyal angels in heaven did 6,000 years ago. With faith in your heart and courage in your soul and determination in your mind, you must push that devil out.

Listen, while I read:

"The expulsion of sin is the act of the soul itself" *Desire of Ages*, page 466.

Oh, you say, I thought Jesus did it. Yes, that's what a lot of people think, friends—that's just what a lot of people think. You hear people saying like this, I tried and tried and finally I found I couldn't do it, and I just turned it all over to Jesus.

There's a grain of truth and a bushel of chaff in all such talk, my friends. I warn you about it. Ah, you say, can I do it without Jesus? No, you can't do it without Jesus. I'll read you that in 161 of *Desire of Ages*:

"No man can of himself cast out the evil throng that have taken possession of the heart. Only Christ can cleanse the soul temple" *Desire of Ages*, page 161.

You can't do it without Him, but listen, He won't do it without you. He does it through you—through you. Listen, again, while I read:

"The expulsion of sin is the act of the soul itself" *Desire of Ages*, page 466.

In other words, whenever you get ready for the Devil to leave, friends, God says, I'm right with you. I'm in you, infusing my strength into your poor weak will. If you believe my promise, give the order, tell the Devil, Leave, and push him out and he's got to go.

Ah, you say, but oh, I'm so afraid. I'm so weak and the Devil has resisted me again and again, and he hasn't paid much attention when I've told him to go. You can never do it without God, friends, but God will never do it without you. You must have such a love for Jesus and such a hatred for sin that you'll tell the Devil to leave and mean it.

You know, our difficulty is, friends—oh, our difficulty is, deep down in our hearts so many times, we hate to see him go. Hate to see the Devil go? Yes. That's our trouble. When we want to get rid of him as bad as those angels in heaven did 6,000 years ago, he's *got* to go, friends—he's got to go from the heart and he's got to go from the church and he's got to go from the world. All God is waiting for is for the votes of those that have to do with it.

"The expulsion of sin is the act of the soul itself" *Desire of Ages*, page 466.

Will you repeat that with me:

"The expulsion of sin is the act of the soul itself" *Ibid*.

Listen:

"True, we have no power to free ourselves from Satan's control; but when we desire to be set free from sin, and in our great need cry out for a power out of and above ourselves, the powers of the soul are imbued with the divine energy of the Holy Spirit, and they obey the dictates of the will in fulfilling the will of God" *Ibid*.

Who is it that's going to tell the Devil to get out of your life, brother? You are. If you do it without God, the Devil will laugh at you and mock you, but if you wait for God to do it without you, you will wait in vain.

Cry to God, plead to God:

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them..." Mark 11:24.

That's faith. Takes faith to deal with the Devil. And so, when you have prayed God for victory over something, then, oh, my dear brother, then arise in the strength of God and be a free man. Say to the Devil, Get out, and I mean it, and he has to go.

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you..."  
James 4:8.

"...Resist the devil, and he will..." James 4:7.

What?

"...flee from you" James 4:7.

That's the glorious promise of God in James, the fourth chapter, and the seventh verse.

Shall we bow our heads in prayer. Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee with all our hearts tonight for the call of Jesus, for a clean heart, a clean church, and a clean universe.

We rejoice as we see the tokens of Thy coming triumph. We have not one doubt in our hearts about the issue of the conflict. We know Thou wilt triumph and triumph gloriously.

We thank Thee that Thy church is soon to stand forth in her lily white robes, free from all entanglement with the world, cleansed of all sin and apostasy. May we share that work, we pray.

Tonight our hearts have been solemnized, as we sense that the first step, the essential step, the step that we must each enter into, is this individual heart cleansing.

Oh, God, as we look around at conditions, our hearts are saddened as we realize that it is our own lack of spiritual power which has delayed Thy program. It's because our hearts lack cleansing that Thy church lacks cleansing. Oh, blessed Jesus, begin Thy sweet, Thy powerful work, of cleansing, and begin it in each of our hearts, we pray, for Jesus' sake, amen.

[Special music—O For That Flame of Living Fire.]

Renew Thy work, Thy grace restore,  
And while to Thee, our hearts we raise,  
On us Thy Holy Spirit pour.

Shall we pray. See our hands extended toward heaven. Take these hands and with our little hands joined in Thy great hand, we shall go forward to the city of our God. Cleanse our souls, cleanse our hearts, cleanse Thy church, and may we join with Thee in the expulsion of sin from our own lives and from Thy sanctuary, and may we be there on that glorious day when Thou shalt see a clean universe. We ask it through Christ, our Redeemer, amen.

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