

God's Prophetic Telescope 15 of 16

Give Me Thine Heart

#0780

Study given by W.D. Frazee—May 19, 1967

I know the dear Lord has a special blessing for us tonight. Proverbs 23:26:

“My son, give me thine heart...” Proverbs 23:26.

Six short syllables—the invitation of the King of kings. My child, my son, my daughter:

“...give me thine heart...” Proverbs 23:26.

You know, there's nothing else can satisfy God except that. Is there anything can satisfy you, my friend, except love? That's the only thing that really satisfies is love. That's all.

People are running after money or fame, but it never satisfies. There's just one thing that satisfies and that's love. And there's only one thing that can satisfy God and that's for you and me to love Him.

But love can't be forced, and it can't be bought, and even God—think of it, friends—even God is in the position where He has to wait on you and me to give Him something. He—the one that has given everybody everything—has to wait while you and I make up our mind. And we *can* refuse Him—thousands are doing it—and it breaks His heart. That's what broke His heart, literally, on Calvary.

But those who continue to resist those appeals of His good Spirit—we're told in Hebrews 6:6 that:

“...they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame” Hebrews 6:6.

In other words, my friends, Calvary is being repeated simply by refusing to give God what He longs for—our love—our love.

And so, He's pictured there in Revelation, the 3rd chapter, and the 20th verse—turn to it, will you, please. More than one artist, you know, has painted the picture that this verse gives us.

Jesus is talking:

“Behold, I stand...” Revelation 3:20.

Where?

“...at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me” Revelation 3:20.

You see, He’s coming in for fellowship. He’s coming in to abide with us, as we sang a little while ago. He’s hungry for our love, our fellowship, and He knows that we are hungry for His, for there’s a place in our hearts that only He can fill. There is a longing in our hearts that only He can satisfy. Isn’t it true?

Isn’t it marvelous, friends, that by one simple act we can fill the vacancy in our lives and fill the longing of His heart. Isn’t that wonderful. Oh, I think that’s wonderful. And it’s true.

“My son, give me thine heart...” Proverbs 23:26.

Have you done it? Oh, says one, I go to church. No, that isn’t what I asked. Says another, I’ve been baptized. No, that isn’t what I asked. Says another, I give offerings every week. No. And along with a list of things we have done or do, we might make up a list of the things we don’t do.

But my dear friends, nothing we have done, nothing we don’t do, can satisfy Him, except this one thing—to turn our backs on His worst enemy and give our hearts to our best friend.

Have you done it? Have you given yourself soul and body for time and for eternity to Jesus Christ? Have you done it? Well, if you have, you know it. If you’re uncertain about it, why not make it certain tonight. Why not be sure before you leave this chapel this evening that you have given yourself fully and completely and without reserve to Jesus.

Why not have the thrill of knowing that you’ve made God happy, and shall I say, incidentally, that He makes you happy. Yes, I repeat it—that ought to be rather incidental to us, for unless we get that view of it, friends, we can never be truly happy.

The person who goes through life asking, Will this make me happy? Oh, no, I don’t think it’ll make me happy, so I won’t do it. Will this make me happy? Oh, other people say it thrills them. I guess I’ll try it.

Ah, friends, how many disappointments in that pattern. There is only one thing that really satisfies and brings happiness, and that is to satisfy God and make Him happy. That’s what you were made for. That’s what you were born for. And as a watch was made to tick, and as a flower was made to bloom and make us glad with its fragrance and the beautiful colors, so *you* were made to bring joy and satisfaction to the heart of God.

“My son, give me thine heart...” Proverbs 23:26.

Will you do it? Ah, but somebody says, I have so many problems. Well, if you haven't given your heart to Jesus, you've got plenty of problems, sure, and if you wait till you get those problems all solved before you give yourself to Him, you never will, for the one who made those problems—your enemy and Christ's—will make two new problems for you while you're solving one, and don't forget it.

If you wait *any* time—I don't care how long you figure out—a day, a week, a month, a year, 10 years—and you think that in that time you'll get your problems solved and *then* you give yourself to Jesus, you're simply chasing a phantom—an illusion. You'll be disappointed and all the while you'll be disappointing Him.

You see, He knows how to solve your problems and you don't. And don't be offended because I told you you don't know how to solve your problems. That's what the Bible says.

“O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” Jeremiah 10:23.

And that's the truth, friends. And all the wise men of this world are demonstrating it. They're proving that:

“...the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God...”
1 Corinthians 3:19.

You cannot solve your problems, but Jesus can, and Jesus will, and you who know Him know that that's true, and you who don't know that that's true, why not let Him demonstrate it, but remember, the great reason of it all isn't to get *you* happy. It's to get *Him* happy. And then, as the inevitable result, *you* will be happy, but that's the side result—that's the side benefit. The great thing is that you make Him happy:

“My son, give me thine heart...” Proverbs 23:26.

Remember, He has paid more for you than you would be willing to pay for yourself. He has suffered more to give you hope and life than you would be willing or able to suffer yourself. He has gone through for you deeper waters, worse struggles, more severe trials, than you and I could possibly experience. That shows how bad He wants you, how much He longs for your love, for that's all He's going to get out of it, friends.

Tell me, have you anything else to offer Him? Why, even if you had all the gold they called in a few years ago and stored up here in Fort Knox—if you had all of it, it couldn't pave very many blocks of the streets up there in the holy city. They use gold to pave streets with up there. Don't they? That's what the Bible says.

What have you to give to God except your love? Not a thing. Anything you have is already His, but there is one thing that you have that He cannot get unless you give it to Him—just this one thing—your heart—your love.

And my dear friends, let me make it very clear that you do not have to wait for some mysterious feeling that sweeps you off your feet. You know, this word “love”—

it means so many things to so many people—but the love that God is talking about is a settled principle to please Him—to please Him.

You know, in our homes, if we really love our dear ones, we want to please them and we try to please them. Don't we? Yes. That's what the Bible means when it says:

“Husbands, love your wives...” Ephesians 5:25.

In other words, try to please them. It isn't hard, if you love them. And so, to love God means this—that you seek to please Him. I wonder how we *could* please Him, anyway. Well, let's turn over to John 14:15—John 14:15:

“If ye love me...” John 14:15.

Do what?

“...keep my commandments” John 14:15.

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

But I want to tell you something, friends. Love was not invented to get you to keep the commandments. It isn't the keeping of the commandments that God is after, it's the love, and don't forget it, and if you don't love Him, you can't keep the commandments. That's why Paul says:

“...love is the fulfilling of the law” Romans 13:10.

And:

“...he that loveth... hath fulfilled the [whole] law” Romans 13:8.

Somebody says, You mean, Brother Frazee, all we have to do is love and that fulfills the whole law? That's right. Well, what about the Ten Commandments? What about this Decalogue up here in the ark?

Why, my dear friends, this is all an expression of love. Jesus said on the two commandments of love to God and love to man the whole law hangs. You see, if we love God, surely **we won't have any images**, and surely we won't swear and take His name in vain, and surely we'll want to remember His holy blessed day and keep it sacred like He told us.

If we love Him, won't it be easy to do all that? And if we love Him and love our fellow men, surely we children will want to honor our parents, and surely all of us—we won't want to kill. Ecclesiastes 12:13 says that that's the whole duty of man—that's it.

Just think, if everybody would do that, we could close all the jails, put all the policemen to productive work, do away with the law courts, do away with all the armies, call home all the soldier boys from Viet Nam, and we can go on and on and

think of the wonderful things that could happen, if people would just love Jesus and show their love by keeping His commandments.

Will it ever happen? Oh, yes, yes. The last page of the last book in the Bible—turn to it—Revelation 22:14—it's coming—it's coming—this wonderful time. Revelation 22:14—what's the first word? Blessed, and that word is translated from the same word that's often translated happy. Let's read it happy. Will you read it with me:

“[Happy] are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city” Revelation 22:14.

Will it happen? Oh, yes. Why, friends, that's why the Savior came, that's why He came down to this world and, like the lamb died in the court, He died here in this world, and that's why when He'd risen, He went back to heaven and in that sanctuary, of which this is just a little picture, He's been ministering now for over 1900 years, giving His life in the endeavor to win men and women back to obedience to this law—His Father's will. Let's thank Him. What do you say? Let's thank Him.

Now, in the heart of this law is the Fourth Commandment, and I want to tell you something very interesting, friends. If you were to just go down the street and talk to the first person you met and then the second and the third and the fourth and the fifth and the sixth and the seventh and the eighth and the ninth and the tenth—probably, most of those 10 people if you'd ask them which was the more important commandment, they'd probably pick any one but this fourth one.

Most people think it's pretty bad to murder, and I'd agree. Wouldn't you? And to commit adultery is a terrible thing, and I'd agree with that. Wouldn't you? And to steal. But there are very few people that have a sensitive conscience on this matter of keeping the Sabbath day holy.

But I want you to turn now to Ezekiel, the 20th chapter, verses 19 and 20, and I want you to see how important God makes this commandment, and when I say that, I don't mean that any of the others are not important—they're all important, aren't they—God said so—but I want you to see how He exalts this Sabbath—this seventh-day Sabbath.

The Sabbath, as you will note here in these verses, is the sign between God and His people—the banner that waves over His flock—the flag—the flag of God.

Ezekiel 20:19 and 20:

“I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be...” Ezekiel 20:19-20.

What?

“...a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God” Ezekiel 20:20.

Ah, friends. If we love our country, we love its flag. Am I right? And oh, especially, in war time, it means so much to honor the flag. There's a great war on. We're approaching the climactic battle that decides for eternity the destiny of this world, and God's flag is flying—this sign between Him and His people.

You know how it is with a flag. It's made of cloth. All flags are made out of cloth—American, English, German, Spanish, Japanese—any flag—it's made out of cloth—but oh, it's what that flag *stands for* that makes it important. Right?

And so, the seventh-day Sabbath—God says He has made it a sign between Him and His people. Look at the 12th verse—we'll hear it again:

“Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that...” Ezekiel 20:12.

What?

“...sanctify them” Ezekiel 20:12.

A sanctified day is the sign of a sanctifying Lord to produce a sanctified people:

“...I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them” Ezekiel 20:12.

How can unholy hands keep anything holy? How can unclean hands keep anything clean? Oh, friends, we need the cleansing power of Jesus to keep the Sabbath holy. But no matter how clean our hands, we can only keep holy that which He has made holy.

Most of you men have white shirts on tonight. If you're real careful, you might keep those shirts white for a while, but if there's somebody here tonight with a blue shirt, how in the world would he keep it white, friends? You know, he couldn't. And you ladies with your different colors of dresses—the only woman here tonight that can keep a dress white is one that came in here with what kind of dress? A white dress.

People talk about keeping any day. Why, dear ones, how in the world can we keep a day holy unless God *made* it holy? Look at it—how simple it is—and so He says:

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God...” Exodus 20:8-10.

Remember *it*—keep *it* holy. Let's do it. What do you say? Why? Because we love Him, and He says:

“My son...” Proverbs 23:26.

...my daughter.

“...give me thine heart...” Proverbs 23:26.

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

Don't misunderstand, for it would only grieve Him. You cannot please Him merely by keeping Saturday, merely by closing your shop or quitting your work and resting or coming to church on that day. It's your heart God wants.

But He says here the sign is what? The Sabbath—that's what He said. The sign—the sign is the Sabbath. Oh, friends, let's make Him happy by taking Him at His word. What do you say?

Now, let me show you another wonderful thing—another wonderful way to please Him. Turn to John, the 10th chapter, and the 16th verse—John 10:16. You know, we're living in the hour when there's a great deal of talk about the ecumenical movement. You've heard about it, haven't you—the effort to get all the churches to work together and perhaps eventually combine and flow together all into one great Christian church.

I want to read you out of this verse about the true ecumenical movement, friends. Here it is. It's in the Bible. Jesus says—John 10:16:

“And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd” John 10:16.

Will it happen? Yes, it will, my dear friends. This, I repeat, is the true ecumenical movement, and in one fold Jesus will find all His sheep when He comes. That's what He says:

“...there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd” John 10:16.

You remember that when He prayed there on the edge of Gethsemane, that wonderful prayer recorded in John 17, the longing of His heart in the shadow of Gethsemane and Calvary was, Oh, Father, I pray that these you've given me shall be one and that all who believe on me through their word shall be one, just like you, Father, and I are one, that all of these may be one:

“...that the world may believe that thou hast sent me”
John 17:21.

The schisms in Christendom today are a disgrace to the name of God, but friend, we can never bring honor to His name by turning our backs on His law. We

can never bring joy to His heart by trying to unite on the basis of giving up what He told us to do.

What a strange deception that would be—to seek to honor God by bringing people together all in one church on the basis of forgetting or neglecting or defiling what the Bible says. Wouldn't that be a strange thing, friends? Yes.

The Bible predicts that just that would happen. That's the 17th of Revelation. There, great Babylon—all the religions of this world except the one true—great Babylon is pictured as a woman—a mother with her daughters—in purple and scarlet, gold and precious stones and pearls, but she's persecuting the true people of God and drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

And that's what the false ecumenical movement is heading for, my dear friends. A lot of them don't know it, but that voice which speaks in such beautiful, lovely tones, inviting everybody to come and forget their religious differences and we'll all just be good friends together—that same voice will soon in dragon tones cry out for the blood of those who dare to hold true to those commandments of God in the ark.

But listen. Here in this verse we've just read is, I repeat, the true unity movement:

“...other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd” John 10:16.

What is it that calls them together? It isn't one sheep edging up to another sheep and saying, Can't we get together. No. They all listen to what? The Shepherd's voice, and when they all follow the Shepherd's voice, they can't help but be together. Isn't that simple, friends. That's the way shepherds keep their sheep together. That's the way Jesus wants to keep His sheep together.

Now, let's turn over to Revelation 12:17. We were studying it last week, you remember, but oh, it thrills my soul as I think of it at this point. Ah, friends, here is a picture, thank God, of that fold where the true sheep are gathered—that church where the children of God are joined in a union with one another and with heaven that will never be dissolved.

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman...” Revelation 12:17.

Not this scarlet woman of Revelation 17—this glorious woman of Revelation 12—the dragon is wroth with her—he's angry. This world hates the truth of God and the true people of God.

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” Revelation 12:17.

They keep God's commandments, and Jesus speaks to them. I was telling you last week and week before, some of the wonderful evidences that God has spoken in these latter days in this movement to prepare a people for the coming of Jesus Christ. He sent His angel from the Most Holy Place, just as He did in ancient times.

The evidence that God has spoken in these latter days is just as definite and conclusive as the fact that he spoke to Moses and David and Peter and Paul, my friends. Here is a movement that has communication from the skies. Here is a movement that keeps the commandments of God and has the testimony of Jesus.

And so, friends, as we give the Savior our heart, it becomes a gladsome thing to respond to His beckon, to listen to His call, and to come running like sheep when the Shepherd calls, and thus, we find ourselves a part of a movement keeping the commandments of God and having this testimony of Jesus, which the Spirit of Prophecy.

Oh, what a satisfaction it is to know that Christ loves us enough to send His angel in these latter days with messages of love, messages of comfort, instruction, guidance, warning. Ah, friends, what a satisfaction. How close it makes Him seem. How close it *makes* Him. No question about it, friends.

Tonight, then, I would put before you three simple, wonderful decisions. Brother John, would you bring that chair and put it right out here for me—put it right out here. That's it. Thank you.

Will you sit in that chair? Ah, you say, what does it mean? To sit in that chair, in your imagination tonight, means that you respond to that invitation of the opening text:

“My son, give me thine heart...” Proverbs 23:26.

Will you, in your imagination right now—will you put yourself in that chair? Will you say, Yes, I'll sit down in fellowship with my Lord. Solomon says:

“...I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love”
Song of Solomon 2:3-4.

Oh, friends, will you give your heart to Jesus? Will you make a full surrender? Will you go all the way? He came for you all the way. He died for you. Will you die for Him? He stood for you before enemies. Will you stand for Him before friends?

There's a second thing I want you to think about. Bring me another chair and put it right here, John. That's it. Put it right there.

You remember that text we had a few minutes ago—John 14:15:

“If ye love me...” John 14:15.

Do what?

“...keep my commandments” John 14:15.

And so, my dear friends, if you're willing to sit in that first chair, I ask you, Are you willing to sit *here*, too. Are you willing to take that second step? Are you willing to say, Yes, by the grace of God and through the power of Jesus Christ, I will keep God's commandments.

Ah, but somebody says, no man can do it. You can't do it without Him. There's no question about that:

“...without me ye can do nothing” John 15:5.

...Jesus says. But faith answers:

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me”
Philippians 4:13.

And we've read it here in Revelation tonight that some people in this world in this last generation are spoken of by the Bible as keeping the commandments of God. Will you? Will you keep God's commandments? Will you keep God's true seventh-day Sabbath, which we've read from this book is the sign of His authority, the sign of loyalty to Him.

Ah, but somebody says, what about my job? What about my business? I ask you, friends, is any job in this world worth enough to turn down Jesus? Is any business in this world worth enough to miss pleasing Jesus?

And thank God, around this world, there are thousands—tens of thousands of people—who have faced the same decision that you face tonight, have made that decision, and have found that God can solve their temporal problems, their financial problems, their material problems, their business problems, just the same as He can solve their spiritual problems. God will do it for you, friends. You'll find that this seventh-day Sabbath is indeed the *sign* of God's sanctifying power. Will you do it?

Ah, you say, I will as soon as I can see my way clear. Brother, sister, oh, listen. How will you keep God's law and God's Sabbath? Not by seeing your way clear but by faith and faith is not sight. Faith is not waiting till you see your way clear. Faith is grasping the hand of God and saying, Lord, I'm going to go with you right into the Red Sea waters. I know you'll open the way before me. God will help you to do it.

Brother, I want another chair. Give me your chair. Bring it over here. Thank you. All right. Well, you say, what's that third chair? Oh, that third chair is that text we had in John 10:16:

“...other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be...” John 10:16.

What?

“...one fold, and one Shepherd” John 10:16.

If you have settled the question of Jesus being the Lord of your heart, if you’ve settled the question of keeping His law—His holy Sabbath—then I ask you, friends, will you take this third step? Will you enter the fold where Jesus speaks? Will you become a part of that true ecumenical movement which is gathering in all the world a people to welcome Jesus with joy? Will you do that?

Will you be one of those that we read about here in Revelation 12:17—the remnant:

“...that keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” Revelation 12:17.

Don’t you want to have a part? Ah, friends, if you’ve settled this, you’ll settle this one as fast as it’s clear, and you’ll settle this one as fast as it’s clear. It’s really all wrapped up in *this* one, but sometimes—often—God leads us along step by step—step by step—step by step.

And so, tonight, I want to ask you—does Jesus speak to your heart tonight that there’s a decision that you need to make? If you’ve never given your heart to Jesus, do it tonight—do it tonight. Give Him your heart. Remember, He’s hungry for your love. He thirsts for your recognition. He died for you. He’s living for you. He lives to make intercession for us.

Will you give Him your heart? And if you have given Him your heart and you now see that He wants you to keep His holy law—His seventh-day Sabbath—will you make that decision tonight? And if *that* is settled, is He calling you to make that third decision? To become a part of that true ecumenical movement which keeps His commandments and which will soon welcome Him with joy?

Oh, friends, where *are* you tonight? Is there a step that Jesus wants you to take? Will you take it? Not because you can see your way clear, but because by faith you accept the hand of God. Will you do that? Ah, it will make Him happy as nothing else in this universe can, and as I say, it will make you happy—it will make you happy. No question about it.

You know, John, I wish we could sing that song, All to Jesus I Surrender. Look it up and give us the number.

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give,
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.
I surrender all.

What's the number? Five seventy-three—all right—573. Now, look at these beautiful words, friends, and oh, let them mean just what they say. And listen, friends, if you've already settled all these things with Jesus, then make a new consecration tonight. Let every soul here tonight make a new dedication to Jesus to go all the way with Him.

You know, friends, there are many, many things that Jesus is talking to hearts about. Whatever God is talking to your heart about tonight, if there is anything that has stood between you and your Lord, give it to Him tonight. What do you say? Will you do that? All right.

Let's stand while we sing this. Now, friends, as we sing, I want to give an invitation. I want to give you an invitation on one of these three things. If you're giving your heart to Jesus tonight, because you never have before, come, I want to take your hand and pray for you.

If you just give your heart to Jesus tonight—this isn't a matter of joining some church—will you give your heart to Jesus—make a full surrender—come and give me your hand. I want to pray for you.

If in the past sometime, you've done it, but you've lost contact with Jesus—something has come between you and the Lord—come, give me your hand. Let's get that thing out of the way. Let me pray for and with you that Jesus will accept you and cleanse all those sins and failures. Will you do that?

Then, dear friends, if God has been talking to the hearts of some of you about keeping His seventh-day Sabbath holy, oh, I hope that tonight, if you haven't decided it already, you'll come and say, Thank God, I'm deciding tonight to keep God's commandments because I love Him. Give me your hand, let me pray with you.

And friends, if tonight God is calling you to that third experience, come, so there's something—there's something for you—the first step, the second step, the third step. Whatever it is that God is talking to your heart about tonight, come. Break through everything that would hold you. Let Jesus be made glad by your decision.

[Singing—All to Jesus I Surrender.]

You know, friends, I was in a meeting like this once several years ago. I was 13 years old, and I was sitting way at the back of the meeting, and the preacher didn't know me—I didn't know the preacher—but God was talking to my heart.

But there was a battle going on in my heart that nobody but God and I knew anything about, and as they sang and as the preacher called, finally, I came from that back seat clear around, came right up to the front. I'm so glad that God took hold of my heart that day on that particular call.

There's somebody here tonight that needs to make a decision. You know what decision you ought to make. I can't decide that for you. God has already

decided for you what decision you need to make tonight. Do you know what decision you need to make?

Come, friend, just honestly before God, how many of you tonight know that there's some decision you need to make tonight? May I see your hands. Do you know that, friend? Thank God. Well, I'm praying for you. Oh, break through—break through. Don't wait for some mysterious feeling that sweeps you off your feet. Look at Jesus. He died for you. He gave everything for you, and He says:

“My son...” Proverbs 23:26.

...my daughter.

“...give me thine heart...” Proverbs 23:26.

If you've never decided to go all the way with Him, do it tonight. If you've done it before and have missed the way, come back tonight. If you've been walking with Him but there's some new step He wants you to take tonight, come and take it.

Let's sing that second stanza.

[Singing continuing.]

You know, my dear friends, if there's somebody here tonight that's settled this question and this question, wouldn't this be the night to publicly let God and angels and men know that you want to go all the way with the movement that keeps the commandments of God. If you've settled it privately, settle it publicly here tonight.

Jesus says:

“Whosoever...shall confess me before men, him will I
confess also before my Father which is in heaven”
Luke 12:8.

He takes our names before the angels of God. He wants us to witness for Him publicly. Come, friend. Break through. Ask God to help you to do it.

[Singing continuing.]

[Tape stopped in progress.]

All rights reserved.

W.D. Frazee Sermons

PO Box 129, Wildwood, GA 30757

1-800-WDF-1840 / 706-820-9755

www.WDFsermons.org

support@WDFsermons.org