

Dedication of the New Sanitarium

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As I think back over the last 30 years, I am very conscious of the fact that there are many people who have had a part in the establishing of this institution. And if I should start to call the roll this afternoon and tell you just a little about the people, some of whom are now sleeping, others are here today who have made this institution possible, we could have a meeting as long as Paul had at Troas.

But I thank the Lord that the dear people who have labored, and are laboring, to carry on this work, their names are written in heaven. And we are met here this afternoon not to do honor to any human being, but to give glory to God for Who's sake this work is carried on, and Who has made it possible.

The story of this place from its beginning to the present hour is a story of miracles, of venturing in faith, getting out on a limb with God, and then seeing God work miracles. Some of you have heard that old proverb that the Lord takes care of fools and children. And when you are some of both, God has to do something. And He does do something, friends.

It was a blown gasket in an automobile that led to the finding of this location. And coming down decades later, it was a airplane trip that I missed coming out of Chicago to Cincinnati on a cold winter night when the snow was piled up on the Chicago runway that led, in God's providence, to my meeting a good friend who helped us provide the carpets that you have been walking on this afternoon. And in between those two things lie nearly 30 years and every one has been a year of miracles.

So you see why I say this afternoon rather than calling the roster of all the individuals who have made this place possible, we just want to dedicate this hour to the praise and glory of our God. What do you say? That is right. Amen.

I do want to thank all of you who are here this afternoon for coming to rejoice with us in this occasion. It multiplies our happiness to see you all here and to have you rejoice with us. It seems to me this afternoon that I have a little foretaste of that wonderful day of rejoicing when the dear Savior shall take us all home to the New Jerusalem, the place that He has been preparing for us. May we all be there. What do you say? Amen. The Lord grant it for every one of us.

I want to thank all of you who have had a part in making this place possible by praying for us. I want to thank the men who have come at different times to donate labor. I want to thank those who have given of their money. You see an institution here, and as you walk through its halls, you know that it has cost a good deal of money. May I tell you that we have not had to borrow one dollar at the bank to finance this institution. May I tell you that there is not one dollar of federal money, state money, or any government institution represented in this building.

This building is made possible through the gifts and loans of friends of this work whose hearts God has touched. And some of you are here this afternoon and I want to thank you. The continuance of this work will be made possible by the same generosity as God moves upon human hearts.

This afternoon, for a few minutes, it is my privilege to share with you the philosophy that is back of this building. For a dream like this does not come without some motivation. The motivation is found in this black covered Book that you all love and reverence, God's Holy Word. This inspiration for this work comes in the life of the One that this book reveals, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. David Livingston, the great pioneer missionary to the dark continent, once said that God had only one Son, and He made Him a medical missionary. Was he right? Yes. And we are trying with footsteps that sometimes falter to walk in the path that He opened up.

In the tenth chapter of John's Gospel, I read His words:

"All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly." John 10:8-10.

Our Lord here, as it were, draws back the curtain that separates us from the unseen world. He shows the two great minds that are back of all we see in nature and in human experience. On the one hand, the Devil, the enemy of God and man is seeking to break down, to cause disease, suffering, death. But Jesus says, I am the Good Shepherd, and I have come that men might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

And so, my friends, believing the words of the Savior, I have no question but what every agency in this world that is seeking to tear down the life processes is inspired of the Devil. I don't blame God for the human suffering that we see all over this planet. An enemy hath done this. But oh I thank God that all through nature, and

especially in the human body, we discern precious evidences of a providence that is looking after us and is working on the side of life instead of death, that is seeking to heal instead of destroy. And so, God is working with every agency in this world that is seeking sincerely to lift the level of human living.

It is with God then that we seek to cooperate in the healing of the sick, the restoration of health, the preservation of life. It is to that purpose that this building is dedicated today. But my dear friends, to work with God we need to understand how He works. The better we understand His way, the more fully, the more successfully will we cooperate with Him. And as we look out on the universe, and as we study the Bible, we see in these twin books, the book of nature, and the book of revelation, we see evidences on all sides of this fact, that God is a God of love, and no less, He is a God of law. In fact, His laws proceed from His love. Every law that He has given, whether in the Ten Commandments to guide us morally, or in this body to guide us physically, all these laws are for our happiness.

And it is the purpose of the Gospel to lead us to an understanding of these laws, and then, through the sacrifice of Christ, to bring us back to harmony with those laws, to cover our past mistakes with the blood of His cross, and to lift us by the power of His Spirit into a life of obedience to His commands.

It is to the study of those laws that this building is dedicated, not merely to treat the sick, but to help all, both the sick and the well, to learn the laws of life. And these laws, while mysterious and broad, and infinite, are very simple. When we go back to the first page of the first book of the Bible we find that wonderful statement, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1. The first two chapters describe the fitting up of this planet to be the home of man and at the close of that week of creation God saw everything that He had made and behold it was very good. And He gave us the Sabbath as a sign of that completed work, a token of His joy in a finished creation. And He made it for man.

Now briefly I would like to have you notice the simple laws that God created right there at the beginning of the world. What were the first words that came from the Creator's lips? Let there be light. Let there be light. And from that moment to the present hour light has been one of the basic essentials in the life of man. Am I correct?

Then on the second day, you remember, it says that He made the firmament. That is just another name for this air that lies between the earth and the heaven above.

On the third day, you remember that He separated the waters from the land and He caused to grow out of the ground the trees, the flowers, the fruit, and all the things that were necessary for man's life, both to cheer his heart with beauty, and to give sustenance to his body.

Now I want you to think of the expressions that the Bible uses concerning these basic essentials of light and air and water and food. When Jesus spoke of Himself as the light of the world, He pointed to the sun and He spoke of the light of life. John 8:12. The light of life. In Genesis 2:7 when He spoke of the beginning of man's existence He said that "God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of" what? Life. Note—the light of life, the breath of life.

Again, that river that He caused to flow from and through the garden of Eden is called in the Revelation, the river of the water of life. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely. Again, that tree which was preeminently THE tree of all His creations was called the tree of what? Life.

Then you have here four basic needs of man. Light, air, water, and food. And each one of them is associated with what? Life. The light of life. The breath of life. The water of life. The tree of life. And so it is, don't miss it, it is through these agencies that the Creator imparts His own life to man.

If you were the Devil, what would you do about it? Come now, if you were the Devil what would you do about it? Well, I will tell you what he has done about it. He has sought to put a curtain of smog between man and that light of life. He has sought to pollute the air so that the breath of life becomes death-dealing, disease-laden. He has sought to pollute the waters of our land so that no longer does the stream of life flow along our rivers. And oh, how he has worked with our food, how he has taken the bread of life, the staff of life, and with modern manufacturing processes taken out the very germ, the bran with its layers of mineral-laden elements.

And so he has worked with food after food. What is he trying to do? Why the Bible says he is a thief. Ah but somebody says, "Brother Frazee, don't you know that the flower has been enriched and that all the bread that we eat is enriched bread?" Really, if it weren't so tragic it would be something to laugh about. I will tell you this, if somebody stole fifty dollars out of your pocket and then as a gift gave you ten dollars back, would you say they had enriched you?

This is what is happening in the enriched flowers and in enriched breads that are feeding hundreds of millions of people today. My point is this—we are in a great controversy and the enemy is working to interfere with the life processes. What is needed is a call back to creation, back to the conditions as far as human beings can go, back to the conditions that were in the garden of Eden. Where surrounded by nature man found in the garden his light, his breath, his water, his food, his occupation, his schoolroom, his chapel of worship. It was all there with God.

Am I right? For God gave to Adam and Eve, not merely a home, He gave them a laboratory in which to work with Him in the great lesson of life. And His occupation was that of sharing with the Creator in growing his food. The nearer we get to those

conditions, the more life-giving is our environment.

This is why, my dear friends, you see this building erected, not on a city block, not just in some suburb, but way out here in the hills where beautiful Lookout Mountain smiles down upon us and Raccoon mountain is on our backyard, where this lovely hills of Dade stretch out before you. Isn't it a beautiful scene, friends?

These facilities are not limited to the square footage in this building. We have all the ground that people will ever need to work over, and to share with God in looking at the beauties of nature, and share with God in growing food. For in outdoor exercise men and women find the life of God, working with God in the garden, walking with God on these trails up the mountainside. Here is life, my friends.

In recent years, in a number of the European countries, scientific reason has developed a whole system of what is called reconditioning; literally thousands of business men, executives, as well as workers in factories are screened by examination, by insurance companies, and by governments. What is the purpose? To discover those who are coronary prone, that is, those who may have a heart attack in the next five, ten, or fifteen years. And my friends, it is possible to find that out. You don't have to wait until you have a heart attack. Such diagnostic facilities will be available in this institution that we are dedicating today.

But my point is—over there in Europe they have taken hundreds and now thousands of cases over a period of years and have put those individuals who are found to be candidates for heart attacks, they have put them through a program of outdoor exercise such as in the Alps mountains and in other places. They have put them on a program of proper treatment and education, and as the result the lives of thousands have been prolonged, the increase of productivity is of great value to the businesses and to the governments involved.

But those institutions are largely motivated merely by the humanitarian idea. This is wonderful. But, oh my dear friends, I am thankful this afternoon to have a little part in a little institution that is motivated by this fact, that man is precious to God. Man is precious to God. Statistics appeal to government leaders and insurance companies. But the thing that appeals to Jesus Christ is how much you are worth as an individual.

This spring, down in Venezuela, a thirteen year old boy was kidnaped and held for ransom. His father, a multimillionaire paid off, and the ransom was nine hundred thousand dollars. Don't you wish somebody thought that much of you? \$900,000. Tell me, was the boy worth it? Doubtless he was to his father, but I want to ask you something, was it the ransom that made him worth it? Was he worth more after he got home then he was before he was kidnaped? Oh no.

The father paid the ransom because the boy was already worth that much to him.

Am I right? Listen, when you and I come to Calvary and see the Creator, the One who spoke light and breath and water and food into existence, when we see Him, the Creator, hanging upon the cross giving His life as a ransom, and when we remember, and don't miss it, my friends, that He would have done that for just one, that means He would have done it for me. That means He did it for me. That means He did it for you.

I ask you, my friend, how much are you worth? How much is your fellow man worth, your brother, your sister? Do you begin to see then how interested heaven must be in a program of helping individuals to get the benefit of that ransom that Jesus paid? Oh friends, you and I have been made custodians of property of infinite value. Your body, the Scripture says, is the temple of the Holy Spirit. You are not your own. What I put into this body is not just my concern. Someday the One who made me and gave His life for me is going to ask an accounting of my stewardship.

He is going to ask me how I took care of this body. Oh how wonderful it is to join with Him in teaching people how to take care of these bodies so that we are working with the Life-giver instead of the death-dealer. What do you say?

And so this afternoon, for Jesus' sake, and in His name we are setting this building apart as a place where people can come and find out what in their programs has not been in harmony with the laws of life. In order to make this possible we have a scientific staff of well-trained physicians, nurses, and other medical personnel. We believe that the laws of science and the laws of religion are authored by the same Creator. There is no conflict in this institution between medical science and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The two are twin endeavors blended here in the endeavor to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, the Creator of man and His redeemer.

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