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Who saved us from eternal loss?
O, but God's Son upon the cross.
What did He do?
He died for you.

Where is He now? Or does it make any difference to know where He is now? It makes all the difference. That's what I want to study with you.

This is an eventful evening. Right now, millions of Americans are listening to a national call to prayer. In one of the churches I visited on this tour, I found this poster—"It's time to pray, America"—which calls attention to a telecast. Joining in this national call to prayer are President Ford, Jimmy Carter (the democratic candidate for President), Billy Graham, Johnny Cash, Pat Boone, Cornelia Wallace—the wife of the Alabama Governor, David Wilkerson, and quite a number of others. Thousands of churches are cooperating and appealing to this special season of prayer for the next 40 days.

You might be interested in the *background* of the call. This letter is sent out to hundreds of thousands of pastors in *America Says*:

"We have seen the steady erosion of the morals and ethical values which made being an American a source of international pride and respect. Now, more than at any time in history, America needs divinely-inspired leadership. Because of these circumstances, we have been moved to issue this call to Americans everywhere to join in prayer for the seven Sundays and a 40-day period between September 17 and November 2. Will you and your congregation join us as part of a great groundswell of 40 million Americans who will pray that we will once more become the nation that places its trust in God?" [Source unknown].

Most of this audience is thinking of the prophecies of Revelation 13 and 14 as I read. Am I correct? Yes.

"Together, as concerned Americans, we know that God is our one true hope for the future of our nation" [Source Unknown].

Quite a number of those who are issuing this call for this season and time of prayer are directly connected with the charismatic movement. A number of them speak in tongues and boast of it. It's all part of a picture, my friends.

In *the Great Controversy*, page 464, I read:

“Notwithstanding the widespread declension of faith and piety, there are true followers of Christ in these churches”
Great Controversy, page 464.

The fallen churches. And let me say, lest I be misunderstood, friends, that I don't doubt that some of these people are very sincere who have issued this call. I'm not questioning that in the least. But I think I would be false to my trust—the trust given me of the Lord—if I did not declare to you from the Word of God the truth about these things tonight.

The 13th chapter of Revelation describes a time in the history of our country, the United States, when mighty miracles will be wrought in the name of religion to lead America to join with the papacy in enforcing religious institutions. We're right on the threshold of this.

“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” *Ibid.*

That's the Latter Rain loud cry experience foretold in Revelation 18:1–4.

“The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work...” *Ibid.*

What is it he desires to hinder?

The gathering in of the true people of God from the fallen churches into the remnant church. The Devil hates that idea; he's going to try to *hinder* it. How will he do it?

“...before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit”
Ibid.

Now, I'd like to ask you a question or two about a counterfeit: Did you ever see a counterfeit \$7 bill? Why not? I want to tell you something, friends, if you had a counterfeit \$5 bill or \$10 bill in your pocket tonight, not only would you probably not know it, you probably couldn't tell the difference between them. It would take an expert to do it.

The Devil's counterfeit for the Latter Rain loud cry is going to fool millions of people. In fact, that's what it's doing:

“...This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears”
Luke 4:21.

What’s happening around us, friends, is what Seventh-day Adventists who understand the prophecies have been looking ahead expecting to see for a hundred years. It’s happening.

“The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work...”

Of the true latter-rain loud cry.

“...and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit. In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power, he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest" *Great Controversy*, page 464.

One of the men who is joining in this call is the leader of the Campus Crusade for Christ. There’re many joining in this. What do they want to see? They want to see America turned back to God. America needs to turn back to God all right. America needs to listen to Jesus Christ. But as the song says, “Where is He now?”

Did you ever put in a person-to-person call on long distance, and listen as the operator tried to locate your party? Have you ever heard the operator call for the party and the person at the other end says, "He isn't here now"? Did you ever hear that? Do you know what the next question is? “Can you tell us where he can be reached?” Those are the words. Well now really it wouldn't be important to reach him I can go ahead and give my message, can't I? Whether he's there or not.

Is it important to reach the party before we start asking or talking? Is it? Isn't it strange that men are so practical about things on earth, and so ethereal and mystical, and impractical about the things that concern eternal salvation?

Now, I want to tell you something, friends: Jesus simply is not at the telephone where most people are putting in their calls, their long-distance calls. He's not there; He moved a long time ago. But if people are interested, they can learn where He can be reached.

When Jesus came to earth 2,000 years ago, remember that the religious people of that time had been looking for Messiah to come for centuries. They'd been expecting Him. They were talking about it. There was a general expectation that the time had come for Messiah to appear, based on the prophecies. But when He came, they rejected Him. Do you know who they accepted? Barabbas.

Did you know that Barabbas claimed to be the Messiah? He claimed to come to deliver the Jewish people from the Roman yoke, and Romans and Jews united in releasing him so that Christ could be crucified. It seems almost unbelievable, doesn't it?

So they nailed Him to the cross and hung Him up there between the heaven and the earth. It was all in fulfillment of prophecy, and it was all on time. But remember, the great religious leaders of that time were responsible for His crucifixion. They led the people, and they led the Roman governor to accomplish the destruction of Jesus.

And according to the prophecies of Revelation 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, this is exactly what is to be repeated today. In the name of religion, and for the sake of religion, the world will be united by miracle-working spirit manifestations to crucify Christ afresh in the person of His saints.

Friends, I want to tell you something: Christ is no longer at Calvary. As the Jewish world of 2,000 years ago lingered with Moses and nailed the present Christ to the cross, so the Christian world of our time lingers at Calvary and is either ignorant of or rejects the present work of Christ in the Most Holy Place. This is the key to the whole puzzle and the whole problem of today's religious confusion. This is it.

I'm sorry to say that many professed members of the remnant church are caught up in the confusion, the confusion that relates to salvation, how it is accomplished, and what God expects in this hour. I repeat, in answer to the question, "where is He now?" He's not on the cross, He's not in the tomb, He's not walking this earth, He's in Heaven. But that's only half of it, friends.

As truly as He made a tremendous change in A. D. 31, a change in religious worship and how He could be reached, so surely He made another tremendous change in October 22, 1844. And if the voice that answers speaks the truth when the long-distance call is put in—for an experience similar to what was invoked before 1844—the voice of truth answers, "He has moved."

Where can He be reached? Thank God, within the second veil. But there're precious few who are interested in finding out what that means, and what it's all about. The rest will be taken in the snare of the enemy, as the Jewish leaders and those who followed them were led by the enemy 2,000 years ago.

Where is He now? In Heaven, interceding. And His intercession has two phases, two parts. His work in the first apartment, which lasted 1,800 years, its emphasis is on forgiveness of sin. That is not the emphasis of the present work of Christ. Don't misunderstand me. Christ is still in the business of forgiving sin, but that's not the emphasis of the current work of Jesus. If the emphasis is merely on the forgiveness of sin, then Christ's work could go on another 1,800 years like it did before 1844. But it is written in the prophets:

“...Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed” Daniel 8:14.

And that means, in plain English, that instead of sin like a river continuing to flow into the sanctuary, the stream must stop, so that those sins which have been sent in can be washed away, blotted out, and pardoned irrevocably, unconditionally.

Babylon knows nothing about this. Those who read the books of Babylon and depend upon the theology of Babylon know nothing of it. And their emphasis will be merely on forgiveness, not on reaching an experience where the law of God is written in the mind and heart.

You see, the law of God is central in Heaven's plan. The law of God was before the cross. It was the transgression of this law that made the cross necessary, right? If men had always kept this law, there would have been no need for the sacrifice of Calvary. But the plan of salvation is not a plan in which the death of the Creator takes the place of any obedience on the part of His subjects. The plan of salvation is an effort on the part of God to restore the harmony which sin had broken, to bring man back to full agreement with God as represented in His law.

I am sorry to say Babylon missed this over a century ago. Babylon has been fighting it ever since. Babylon's program of cheap grace points to Calvary as the way by which a sinner can be saved—"Jesus paid it all."

You say, "Isn't that true that Jesus paid it all?"

Yes. He did—He paid it all.

And you say, "Isn't it true—He paid it all on Calvary?"

Indeed. But He did it for a great purpose, my friends. He did it to separate people from sin.

"...call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people "

Not *in* their sins, but what?

"*from* their sins" Matthew 1:21.

And the cheap grace and permissiveness of this present generation will reach its culmination in a universal rejection of the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment, and a universal death decree on those who cling to the Sabbath.

False charity has blinded the eyes of these religionists. They start out by thinking that the way to do is to believe good of all evil, and as the inevitable result, they will finally believe evil of all good. They have not followed Jesus into the Most Holy Place. Do you know what they are afraid of in that Most Holy Place? What's in the Ark? That's what they're afraid of. And you know what is there? The Ten Commandments. And the special mark, or sign, or seal in those Ten Commandments that they especially are afraid of is the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment.

But my friends, that is not *incidental*; that is *basic*. Accepting the Sabbath stands for acceptance of the whole law—God's total way of life.

Why are we interested in health? Is it just so that we can avoid heart attacks and lung cancer? Oh, no. We believe we are in the time of the cleansing of the

sanctuary. We know that Heaven's books can never blot out the sins of God's people on earth while they keep *sinning* on earth. We know God's people here on earth who are heart to heart with Jesus in this Most Holy Place will be cleansing themselves:

“...from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” 2 Corinthians 7:1.

Oh friends, the issue is clear if men will only see it. But Satan is attempting to prevent all this by introducing a what? A counterfeit.

“In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out” *Great Controversy*, page 464.

Do you think there will be some things happening in answer to this national call? Be sure there will be.

“...there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world” *Ibid*.

It's a counterfeit, friends—not a \$7 bill, or a \$13 bill; it's a \$10 bill, a \$20 bill. And it looks like the genuine. But it won't stand the examination of the Expert, and the Expert is the Faithful and True Witness.

Turn, please, now, to 2 Chronicles 7:14. If those who are praying this next seven weeks will listen, God will speak to them in the language of this text.

What is the first word? “If.” Oh, I don't like that. I want promises with no conditions. Let me tell you something, friends: To every promise of God, there are conditions. Sometimes they're right where you can see them, and can't miss them; sometimes they are implied, but there are *always* conditions. And anybody that tells you anything different needs help.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, ...then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Did I read it right? I read it the way a lot of people *want* it (and the way millions are going to *think* it is). They're going to skip that middle line—maybe not when they *read* it, but in their *actions*. But that line is just as inspired as the rest. What does it say?

“...and turn from their wicked ways” 2 Chronicles 7:14.

“Oh, but we poor human beings can’t turn from our wicked ways. That’s why Jesus died. We’ll just admit we are sinners, and sing about the cross, and sing about the blood, and sing about the wonderful Savior, and about His love, and His mercy.”

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land”
2 Chronicles 7:14.

This is America’s only hope. This is the *church*’s only hope. This is *my* only hope.

Let’s turn to the 66th Psalm. Here, God tells when He will hear—if people will pray and turn from their wicked ways. Now, this text we’re going to read tells when He *won’t* hear.

Every prayer that’s offered He either hears it or He doesn’t hear it. What makes the difference? No difference in God; He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever. The only thing that makes a difference in whether people’s prayers are heard or not, is the *people*. Right? We read there, Jesus says:

“If my people... shall humble themselves, and pray,
and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways,
then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin,
and will heal their land” 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Now Psalm 66:18

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me”
Psalm 66:18.

Oh, but somebody says, “Brother Frazee, everybody is a sinner, so nobody could be heard.” That isn’t what it says. God hears sinners. If He didn’t, what would He have come for? He hears sinners who come to Him and ask Him to take the sin out of their lives. That’s the point. This whole idea of pointing people to the cross and saying, “It’s all done.” Jesus’ part of sacrifice is done, but He wants to get it done in you, my friend. There’s no atonement in your life until the thing that brought the separation is taken out of the way. What is that? Sin.

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

So the worst sinner in this world can come to Jesus right now and find salvation, *provided*...

“Oh, Brother Frazee, don’t make any provisions. *Any* sinner can be saved. It’s all done. Christ died for everybody and paid the full price.”

“If my people,” God says, “will do this and this and this, then I’ll hear them.” Did the penitent thief find salvation? Yes. But it was the *penitent* thief who found salvation—the *penitent* thief, the *repentant* thief. Right? That’s right.

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me”
Psalm 66:18.

What does that mean “regard iniquity?” Why, *cherish* it; I *keep* it, in other words. The smallest sin in this world will send you to hell, my brother, if you hang on to it. The worst sin in this world does not need to prevent your salvation, if you’ll give it to Jesus. He’s in the sin-cleansing business.

Hear the testimony of the Word of God:

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law...

“Oh, there you go again, you legalists, talking about the law.”

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even
his prayer shall be

What?

“abomination” Proverbs 28:9.

Oh, can it be, friends? Millions of people sending prayers where Jesus is not. They don’t want to hear about the law. They want to hear about grace, *cheap* grace, bargain counter, *basement* bargain counter.

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even
his prayer shall be abomination” Proverbs 28:9.

Great Controversy, page 467:

“The first step in reconciliation to God is the conviction of sin. ‘Sin is the transgression of the law.’ ‘By the law is the knowledge of sin.’ 1 John 3:4; Romans 3:20” *Great Controversy*, page 467.

No wonder the Devil seeks to hide this law. No wonder he tries to get men’s attention on something else, *anything* else, particularly in this “sealing time.” Remember, he’s introducing a what? A counterfeit. And a counterfeit looks like the genuine. Your genuine bill has on it the United States of America. What does the counterfeit have on it? The United States of America.

The genuine experience has Jesus in it. And the counterfeit talks about Jesus, sings about Jesus, repeats His name endlessly, but they don’t know where He is.

Where is He now? In Heaven, interceding. He's no longer at Calvary. He left there 2,000 years ago. He's not at *Old* Jerusalem; He's at *New* Jerusalem. And as I said, that's only half of it. He left the Holy Place 132 years ago, and He's in the Most Holy. Lord willing, I'll tell you more about what that means next Friday night.

Do you think it's important to know where Jesus is and what He's doing? Oh, I pray that not a soul here will be caught in the net. I pray that every one of you will be anchored with Jesus within the second veil. That's where Christ is now. Don't you think it reasonable that those who love Jesus would want to know where He is, and share with Him in what He is doing right now?

May we kneel in prayer?

Heavenly Father, as the counterfeit outpouring of Thy Spirit is coming more and more to the attention of multitudes, we pray for the manifestation of the True Spirit of God. We pray for the true latter rain, the true loud cry. Give us the patience of the saints that we will wait on God, and not get restless and be taken in the snare of popular religion.

Oh, help us to bring every doctrine, every call to prayer, every miraculous working to the test of the Bible. To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

We thank Thee that probation still lingers. May all of us here tonight study our Bibles, study *Great Controversy* and *Early Writings* that we may understand the time of night, and know the prophetic hour to which we have come.

And Lord, while we rejoice in all that our Savior has done for us on the cross, keep us looking where the light from the cross of Calvary is reflected, and focused upon present duties and present experience. Give us an experience, not only in knowing that our sins are forgiven for His name's sake; give us an experience in knowing that there is *keeping* power, *cleansing* power, *perfecting* power in the blood of Christ. Dismiss us with Thy blessing, and send us out to help others to know Thy truth. We ask it in Jesus' name, amen.

Let us stand.

I will follow Thee, my Savior,
Wheresoe'er my lot may be.
Where Thou goest I will follow;
Yes, my Lord, I'll follow Thee.

I will follow Thee, my Savior,
Thou didst shed Thy blood for me;
And though all men should forsake Thee,
By Thy grace, I'll follow Thee.

Before we go home, I want to ask you a question: Is there somebody here tonight who got a ray of light from Jesus, and you are going to walk in it? Is there somebody here tonight that some arrow from the Lord's quiver pierced your heart, and you are

going to let Him help you to do what He's convicted you of? May I see your hands?
Thank God. Thank God for everyone. Go in the light and love of Jesus. You're
dismissed.

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