

Watching Heaven's Telecast

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You remember when the astronauts took that wonderful trip to the moon for the first time. What a marvelous feat it was, leaving this planet, and going out thousands and thousands of miles in space, finally landing there on the moon and walking around, carrying out their mission, and then coming back.

May I ask you a question? Have you any idea what their families were doing while they were on that trip to the moon, walking around there on that moon? What do you think they were doing? Watching them on TV.

If it were my father, or husband, or brother, I think I'd be watching pretty intently, what do you say? Do you suppose that any of them, after they'd been watching them a few minutes, got bored and said, "Well, let's turn and see what's going on in the sports?" Do you think they did? No.

They were *involved*, weren't they? Very much involved. I was thinking about just last Sabbath morning, the heavenly Astronaut has made a trip far beyond the moon, and thank God, you and I have the privilege of watching what's going on. Not on some TV screen, but through the wonderful revelations of the Scriptures. Through the prophetic visions given to the servants of God in ancient times, it is our privilege to have clear views of what is happening in Heaven right now and to understand the mission that is to be accomplished and to become involved in it.

Now what I've just said is either so, or it isn't so. If it's so, it's the greatest thing in the world to know how to tune in on that telecast. What do you say? Of course, if it isn't so, it is just one more fable. Well, thank God, we have evidence that anyone who will listen to the evidence can be convinced. Of course, the greatest evidence in the world couldn't convince a man if he wasn't willing to listen to it. Could it? No.

Thank God, I've had the privilege of presenting that evidence to hundreds and thousands of people. I rejoice in the hope and the certainty that come to people who will look at the evidence. Not some emotional excitement that sends the blood pressure up and then eventually leaves the person down and wondering what happened. No. No. Good, solid, substantial evidence.

For through the prophet Isaiah, God says:

"Come now, and let us reason together" Isaiah 1:18.

So this evening, I would like to have us think a bit about this wonderful telecast from the temple of God in Heaven, and how you and I can become more and more involved in it. Speaking of TV, I heard about an experience (all I know is

what somebody told me about it) but one of these serial stories that they have running on TV, things happening day by day to people. And finally in one of these stories, one of the characters died, and of course, that was part of the story.

Well, do you know what happened? From all over this country, floral offerings poured in. Now it is a fictitious death of a fictitious character, but the flowers were real. What had happened? Why multitudes of people had looked at an imaginary thing so long that it had become *real* to them. When I heard that, I said in my soul, "If things that *aren't* so can become *real* to people just by *looking* at them every day, couldn't *real* things become real to you and me if we look at them?" What do you say? Do you see what I am thinking about, dear friends?

Now I want you to notice the strategy of the Lord in trying to help us with all of this. He knew that you and I couldn't visualize things in Heaven, for we've never *been* there. So, down here in this world, He arranged for a miniature model of the Temple in Heaven to be built. He called Moses up into Mount Sinai, and He gave him a view, there on the mountain, of the temple of God in Heaven.

He said to Moses, I want you to have the children of Israel make a copy, down here in this world, of what I've shown you of things in Heaven. Be sure you make it like the pattern.

Did Moses do it? Sure, he did. Did you ever wonder why there are two places in the tabernacle? Because there are two places in the temple of God in Heaven. Why two places? There are two *jobs* to be done.

Back there in the ancient service, the priest went every day into the first apartment where the candlestick and the table and the altar of incense are. Day by day, they carried on that ritual within the veil, the first veil. But when the tenth day of the seventh month came, the Day of Atonement, the high priest alone ventured within the second veil. And there, before the Ark and the mercy seat, he appeared with the smoking incense, from the censer, which covered him, and with the blood to sprinkle upon the mercy seat directly above the law of God which had been transgressed.

This was to provide for the cleansing of the sanctuary, the cleansing of the people. When that day was over, God said to them, Now you are clean. Clean sanctuary, clean people. It seems too bad that the next day they had to start over again and *repeat* that ritual. Then, a year from then, they went through it *again*.

Now, the visions of the prophets show that what was done back there was a type, an example, a shadow, of the *real* work that would be done in the *real* sanctuary in Heaven. And that is done, not over and over again, year by year, continually, but once for all.

Once for all, the Sacrifice is slain. Once for all, the Priest enters the Holy Place and carries on the work there. Once for all, He enters the Most Holy and cleanses the sanctuary and the people. And when that's over, then things are over in this world. And thank God, it will be time for the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom that God showed Daniel when that stone hit the image, and the kingdoms

of man tumbled—gold, silver, brass, and iron and clay. The wind blew them away as chaff, and the stone became a what? A great mountain. And did what? Filled the whole earth.

We wish it could come immediately, don't we? But the sanctuary must first be cleansed. God must have a *clean people* to inhabit a *cleansed world*. Otherwise they'd pollute and destroy the *next* world the same way they have *this* one. Wouldn't they? Lest the characters are changed. The sin problem must be solved, and God does it in the sanctuary.

Now, many people who follow TV programs have a schedule that shows what time a certain program is on and what time another program is on. And through the prophecies of the Bible, God has seen fit to give *us* His schedule. If we study those prophecies, we'll know.

We don't think there's anything strange if a man says, "I'd like to have you look at a certain program that's going to be on next Sunday morning at 10:00." We don't look at him kind of funny and say, "What makes you think you can tell the future?" What do you think is going to happen next Sunday morning at 10:00? Why can he tell what is going to happen on TV next Sunday morning at 10:00? Why, he's got a program; he's got a schedule.

Of course, something *could* happen that that program could fail. Usually, it doesn't. The electricity might go off, or the program directors get sick, or any one of a number of things. But ninety-nine times out of a hundred, it happens. But listen, in God's telecast, things always happen *on time*. He doesn't get sick, He doesn't forget, and His program doesn't break down. And long ago, long, *long* ago, He gave the prophecy that would direct our minds to the heavenly telecast at the right time.

That's what Daniel's prophecy of Daniel 8:14 and Daniel the ninth chapter is all about.

"He said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed" Daniel 8:14.

And a day in prophecy, according to Ezekiel the prophet, fourth chapter and the sixth verse, represents what? A year. Very simple. When you go out on a trip, you have a map. But the map isn't as big as the country; if it was, you couldn't put it in your automobile. There's a scale of miles, and one inch may represent a hundred miles, or twenty miles, or whatever. There's a scale of miles.

And in God's prophetic visions, He says to the prophet, "Each day for a year." A day for a year. So, when Gabriel explains the vision to Daniel, he's talking about prophetic days, but literal what? Years. Literal years. So, we are dealing with a long period of 2,300 years. May I remind you, dear friends, that this is the longest time prophecy in the Bible. There must be something important about an event that Heaven points out over two millenniums in advance.

Now, as Daniel sought for light on this, along with the other things in that vision of Daniel 8, the angel Gabriel came back in the ninth chapter and explained it to him.

He gave him a starting point; you'll find it in the 25th verse:

“From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks” Daniel 9:25.

That's 69 weeks, seven days in a week, 483 days, and a day stands for how long? A year. So, it's a day for a year. So, here we have 483 prophetic days, or literal years, reaching from the beginning of this great prophecy on down to Messiah the Prince. And the starting point is given as the decree to restore and to build Jerusalem.

At the time that Daniel was given this vision, Jerusalem was in ruins. The temple had been destroyed by king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and Daniel and the other faithful of Israel were praying for the restoration of the city and the temple. God heard their prayers. He moved upon the Persian king Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes to make arrangements for the people of Israel to return to their native land, and to build the temple and the city. And the climax was in the decree of Artaxerxes in the seventh year of his reign, which is B. C. 457. So, in the fall of that year, that decree went forth, and after a period of time, Jerusalem was restored in harmony with the prophecy.

Reaching from that time, the angel said it would be 69 weeks (483 years) to Messiah the Prince. And right on time, in the year A. D. 27, Messiah appeared. He came right on time. Think of it, dear friends, right on time!

Anyone who came *before* that couldn't be the true Messiah; he came too *early*. Anybody who came *afterward* couldn't be; he came too *late*. He came *right on time*.

Then Daniel's prophecy said, in the midst of the week (and the midst of seven is three and a half) which would be three and a half years later, Messiah would be cut off, not for Himself. So, three and a half years after the fall of A. D. 27 in the spring of A. D. 31, the Savior gave His life as the offering for sin. He was crucified between thieves there at Calvary. And thus was fulfilled that prophecy of Daniel that He would make His soul an offering for sin. Notice that He not only *came* on time, but He also *died* on time. This is a wonderful *accuracy*.

Now, I'm coming on down to the telecast that affects us today. As you follow through that prophecy, you can see that those waymarks of things on earth make it possible for us to know that we're *starting* at the right time; we're going to *end up* at the right time. After His resurrection, Christ ascended to the Temple in Heaven, there to enter upon His priestly work, presenting the offering that He had made as the atonement for sin. But there was to come a time when He would cease His work in the Holy Place, and enter the Most Holy Place—when He would go within the second veil for the cleansing of the sanctuary, the blotting out of sin. This is the antitypical Day of Judgment. And when would that come? At the end of the 2,300 days, Daniel 8:14.

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When? At the end of the 2,300 days, or literal years, “then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”

Now, in 1844, which marks the end of those 2,300 years, there had been no sanctuary on earth for centuries. The only sanctuary dealing with the sin problem in 1844 was in Heaven, not on earth. Really folks, the place to get problems solved is in *Heaven*.

Jonah felt that when he was in the belly of the whale. He prayed to God in His holy temple, and God heard him and restored him for his mission to Nineveh.

David said:

“I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth” Psalm 138:2.

Isaiah caught a view of God sitting between the Cherubims in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary. In all ages, those who are really initiated and instructed in the things of God have recognized that the *real* center of worship is not something on earth, this chapel (this is just a little tent-like place here at Wildwood). The *real* center of worship is in *Heaven*, my friends, where the King of the universe is, and where the dear Savior is carrying on that priestly work within the veil, represented by the ancient service of the Day of Atonement.

Now I want you to go back to the 23rd chapter of Leviticus. I want you to see something very interesting here which bears on this heavenly telecast that’s now in progress:

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement...” Leviticus 23:26–27.

What does “atonement” mean? It means bringing together what has been separated. What’s been separated? God and man have been separated.

“Your iniquities have separated between you and your God” Isaiah 59:2.

Sin separates because it is the rebellion of God’s creatures against His love and His law. Sin is the transgression of His holy law. Sin separates. The atonement must bring man and God together by taking out of the way that which made the separation. And what’s that? *Sin*. All through the sanctuary service, we see that that can be done only by the offering of *blood*. The sacrifice must be slain in the court, ministered in the Holy Place; the blood must finally be ministered there in the Most Holy Place on *the* Day of Atonement.

So, our blessed Lord, having given His life here in this world, went to Heaven to present that offering in the sanctuary above, first to forgive our sins, and second, in this work of cleansing, to blot out those sins forever and present a clean people.

Now, watch what Israel was to do on this Day of Atonement in the type:

“Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you” Leviticus 23:27.

What’s a convocation? A coming together. This was one of the great gatherings of Israel. And through the centuries it has been, in some ways, the most solemn, the most urgent of *all* the convocations of the chosen people of God. Why? Because it’s the Day of Atonement.

Now watch:

“There shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people” Leviticus 23:28–29.

They either came to the sanctuary and participated or else they were cut off. You see, one way or another, God had a clean people. They were either cleaned *up* or cleaned *out*. This is what’s going to happen today, my dear friends. God is going to develop a group of people that are in full harmony with His law and have sin cleaned out of their lives, or else they are going to be cleaned out of the congregation of the Lord. What a solemn day!

Now watch. While the priest was there in the sanctuary sprinkling the blood upon the mercy seat and making the atonement, where were the people? They were coming to the sanctuary and getting as close as they could. Those who could, got in the court, and those that couldn’t were around outside.

Think of those thousands of Israel gathered there! And later, when they came to the Promised Land when the temple was at Jerusalem, they came from near and far and gathered there. My point is: while the priest was in the sanctuary, they had just one business—to gather and afflict their souls and participate as much as they could in what was going on.

Now a man might say, “Well, I’ll tell you, I’d like to come, but it’s time for fall plowing, and the weather is just right, so, sorry, I won’t be there.” God would say, “We’ll take care of that, no plowing today. Some other man might say, “Well, I’d like to come to the Day of Atonement, but my *business* keeps me.” The Lord would say, “We’ll handle that too, no business today. Somebody else might say, “Well, I’ll tell

you, I'd like to come, but somebody's got to cook and wash dishes." The Lord might say, We'll handle that too, no eating today. Isn't that right? Yes.

Now you say, "Yes, but here in the type since 1844 we can't get along without working, and we can't get along without business, and we can't get along without eating. Therefore..."

Now, what's the "therefore"? Let me tell you what it *ought* to be. It shouldn't be to sweep all that aside and say, "Oh well." No, no, my friend! Listen! What the Israel of God are to do today is even *more* important than back there. Isn't it? This is the *real* work in the *real* sanctuary in Heaven. God's people on earth today are to put aside anything that would hinder. If we work, and we ought to work, it ought to be work that will help us get ready for the judgment.

If we eat, and we ought to eat, it ought to be food that will get us ready for the judgment. Whatever we do, in business, in labor, in eating, drinking, dressing, it ought to show that we are in the Day of Judgment and that we are conscious of what is going on within the veil in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly temple, where the full and final atonement is being made to solve the sin problem.

Now I'm back to the astronauts and their families. You told me that while those men were on the moon trip, walking around up there on that moon, their families were doing what? Watching their movements. On what? TV.

It must have been a thrilling thing for them to watch. You know, it's one thing to just watch it as something happening; it's another thing to watch it if somebody that you're involved with is up there. Oh my friends, is your elder Brother there at the throne? Is your best Friend there, engaged in that final work of cleansing the sanctuary? Is He? Are you interested? Are you involved? Are you concerned? That's my question.

It seems to me, folks, that we have several *reasons* for being concerned. Personally, I'm concerned because my *case* is on the docket in that heavenly court. I am involved. I want *my* sins blotted out. I want to be *sealed* on this Day of Atonement. Don't you?

But I have another reason. I have friends and loved ones, and every man I meet is dear to the heart of God. I want to get others. Listen, did you ever go down the street and see a crowd of people looking up into the sky? Maybe on some airplane or whatever? What did you do as you drew near? You looked up too. You couldn't help it, could you?

Why did you look up? You wanted to see what all the other people were looking at. Listen, one of the greatest reasons you and I should be looking up at what is going on in that heavenly temple is that we may encourage others to look *with* us and see what we see. What do you say?

But oh, there's another reason. This is the greatest reason of all. My Elder Brother, my Best Friend, that Priest-King like Melchizedek, He's there, and He's

asked me, while I can't be with Him there in the flesh, to be with Him there in the spirit—in my mind, in my thoughts. What do you say?

Do you know, it must have been a cheering thing to those men on the moon to know that their families were following them on the telecast. Don't you think so? And it's a cheering thing to our Lord in Heaven when He sees that you and I are more interested in what *He's* doing than what's going on on the sports field, or Wall Street, or a lot of other things. What do you say?

Now, I want to read you something:

"The great plan of redemption, as revealed in the closing work of these last days, should receive close examination. The scenes connected with the sanctuary above should make such an impression upon the minds and hearts of all that they may be able to impress others. All need to become more intelligent in regard to the work of the atonement, which is going on in the sanctuary above" *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5*, page 575.

There are wonderful things that happened thousands of years ago. There are wonderful things that are going to be happening through the eternal ages. But the most thrilling thing that you and I can behold right now is what's going *on* right now, my friends.

Oh yes, the heavenly Astronaut has made His trip through space and landed at the center of the universe. Moonwalk, oh friends, that's so little, so trivial compared with what we're talking about. Isn't it? Yes. He has made that space trip and gone to the center of the universe, a real Redeemer gone to a real place—the real temple of God in Heaven. And He's preparing for His return trip to this planet to get you and me and to take us with Him on this space trip. Oh, and it's real!

The evidence is there by mathematical prophecy. Let's look where He's doing something. What do you say?

"All need to become more intelligent in regard to the work of the atonement, which is going on in the sanctuary above. When this grand truth is seen and understood, those who hold it will work in harmony with Christ to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God, and their efforts will be successful" *Ibid.*

Here's the key to victory—victory over that inordinate appetite that makes you eat too much and get sick, victory over those lustful thoughts that corrupt your imagination, victory over that angry temper that makes trouble in the home, victory over every sin, my friend—it comes by beholding what our Savior has done and is doing in this great plan of salvation. We are changed as we behold.

So He says:

“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.”
Isaiah 45:22.

Another wonderful statement; listen to this matchless paragraph:

“The temple of God is opened in heaven” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 6*, page 368.

The temple is what? Opened. Thank God.

“The temple of God is opened in heaven, and the threshold is flushed with the glory which is for every church that will love God and keep His commandments. We need to study, to meditate, and to pray” *Ibid.*

What does meditate mean? Think about it. Can you think about things that aren't here tonight? Oh yes. I can describe something in Washington or New York and describe it with a word picture, and you can see it in your mind—in your imagination. God intends that, as we behold what the priest did in that ancient service, we shall, in our imagination, think of what Christ is doing in the temple of God in Heaven.

“Then we shall have spiritual eyesight to discern the inner courts of the celestial temple... Murmuring and complaining over little disappointments and difficulties will cease” *Ibid.*

What does cease mean? Stop. This is the way to get rid of these peanut-sized problems, folks: get the mind on something more important. And I say that the telecast from the heavenly temple is more important than whether somebody burns the toast or not. What do you say? Yes. Oh, what little things irritate people, and worry people, and bother people. Listen friends, if we'll look up through the skies and behold what our Great High Priest is doing in the Temple in Heaven, it will get our minds off of these petty things.

“As we apply the golden eyesalve we shall see the glories beyond” *Ibid.*

So, I suggest to you: study the book of Leviticus, study the book of Daniel, study the book of Revelation, study the book of Hebrews, study the book *Great Controversy*—these wonderful chapters “What is the Sanctuary,” “The Holy of Holies,” and “The Investigative Judgment.” And remember what I said and proved to you from that TV illustration: If *fictitious* things can become *real* to people when they *look* at them every day, what about *real* things becoming real to you and me if we look at them every day?

Do you see why God has invited us to spend some time every day in the study of the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy, beholding His wonderful plan of salvation? How many of us would like to send Him the word tonight that we appreciate what He's doing, and that we want to join in beholding day by day?

God bless you, every one. Now, would someone like to give your witness tonight? Did you get something tonight that has blessed your soul? Has God been doing something for you in hearts, either doing the week or tonight, that you want to thank Him for? Bring your word of praise and lay it on the altar tonight.

[Testimony service]

Dear friends, thank God for each one that's seeking, and you who know the Lord in this congregation tonight. Unite with us as we seek Him in behalf of these. I know God will hear your prayers as He'll hear ours.

As soon as we're dismissed, as the audience passes quietly out, these who have come to the front, if you'll tarry with us a few minutes, we'll have a little after meeting and seek for an added blessing. If there are those in the congregation who wish to tarry with us, you're welcome. Shall we kneel together?

Dear Lord, we're so glad tonight to see people seeking God. We know You're in the business of helping those who want help. And so we come on their behalf tonight, and we bring the name of our Redeemer as the reason why we should receive the blessing. We don't deserve anything, but He deserves everything and He's invited us to use His name. And as the children of Israel came with their lamb, we come with our Lamb. We thank Thee that He died for us, He lives for us as our Priest, and just now as He's there at the mercy seat, we choose to lift our eyes and view the heavenly telecast, watching His movements within the veil. Oh, we pray that we may share in that cleansing work, that our lives may be indeed sealed with the seal of God. Hear each pray tonight, lift the burden, and bless us in the little after-meeting. Dismiss this congregation with Thy blessing and give everyone a Sabbath joy and blessing and peace, through Christ. Amen.

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