

Unchangeable God

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As I came up the hill this noon, I saw three crocus blossoms. Beautiful after the snow, aren't they? And for my birthday the other day, the Lord gave me an hepatica. And by the way, I thank all of you who joined with the Lord in wishing me a happy birthday. God has been good to me. When a man reaches three score years and ten and goes on beyond that, he's living on fringe benefits, isn't he? I have a lot to be thankful for. Just about half my life has been spent on this campus. For half my life, Wildwood has been home.

Thirty-seven years ago last Christmas morning, for the first time, I had the privilege of conducting worship on this campus, up in the building called Evangelid. And for a number of years, that old home was our place of meeting for worships, our entire group, our place of eating, our place for study, our place for business meetings, and we even tucked in a few patients in some of the rooms. Many, many memories cluster around Evangelid, and this morning I saw it all going up in flame and smoke.

But I think of the time so soon to come when this whole world is going to be one great bonfire. And we're going to go off and leave it, friends, and take with us everything that's worth keeping. We're going to take all the memories that have blessed. We're going to take with us all the souls that God has given us the joy of winning. And we're going to take with us the knowledge of His character and the characters that God has built in us. All of these wonderful treasures which fire cannot destroy we're going to take with us and keep them forever and forever. Isn't it wonderful? And so, I thank God tonight.

And our text is John the 8th chapter and the 12th verse:

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of life" John 8:12.

Where is light? Jesus is the light. You notice, He says:

"...I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of life" John 8:12.

Thank God, this evening it's our privilege to walk in that Light. What do you say? Does that mean we understand everything in our human minds? No. Something infinitely better than that, dear friend: Jesus is the Light.

You notice He says, "I *am*," not just "I *was* the light" or "I *will be*." "I *am*." The eternal presence—always in the eternity of the past, always in the eternity of the

future, the eternal presence, “I am.” And “I am the *Light*.” The light then, is eternal with Him.

As we sing:

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be
afraid?” Psalm 27:1.

“The Lord is my light; then why should I fear?
By day and by night His presence is near...

“The Lord is my light, my all and in all;
There is in His sight no darkness at all.”

Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #515, first and fourth stanzas (partial).

“...He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall
have the Light of life” John 8:12.

He is not only eternal in His existence, He is eternal in His character. And so, we read in Malachi 3:6:

“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of
Jacob are not consumed” Malachi 3:6.

I like that. You and I change; by our very nature, we change. In fact, even through our future time with Jesus in heaven, we’ll be changing, always for the better, always getting closer to that knowledge of Him which is eternal life. But He is the same from eternity to eternity. All that He ever was, He is today. All that He ever will be, He is to us tonight. And this is true in the hour of deep sorrow, in the hour of bereavement, in the hour of supreme trial.

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever”
Hebrews 13:8.

I suggest, my dear friends, that however much we may have learned it in the past, there is for every one of us tonight a new and deeper perception, conception, of the security that there is in Jesus Himself, Jesus as our Savior, our Lord, our eternal friend. You see, we human beings are so inclined to be thankful for what He *does* for us. You say, “Shouldn’t we?” Indeed, indeed.

But my friends, way beyond anything that He *does* for us is what He *is to us*. Our views of what He does for us change from time to time. It rains, and if what we’re wanting is rain, we say, “Isn’t God good.” But if we’ve planned some picnic that the rain spoils, we are inclined to think, “What’s the matter?” “What’s the matter?” And so, with a hundred other things that either please us or interrupt us, children as we are.

It’s a wonderful thing to thank God when it rains if rain is what we’re looking for. It’s a wonderful thing to thank God for life, for health, for joy, for blessings of various kinds. But somewhere along the line in our experience with Him, God longs

to lead us into a knowledge of Him in which we are anchored in His character. So that we are thankful not just for what He *does* for us, but for what He *is*. And that He *is* always the same.

Just think of it, friends, what security that gives. The nice thing about a compass, the good thing about a compass, the helpful thing, is that it always points north. I like to, when the clouds are away, look up in the heavens. And although I don't know very many stars, I know the North Star, and I know how to find it, and it's always there. It's always in the same place. And Jesus is always the same. He is our North Star by which we steer.

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever”
Hebrews 13:8.

As we look deeper into the mystery of God's character, God's attributes, we see infinite justice and infinite mercy—justice so strict that God does not release His Son from one iota of the penalty when Christ takes our place; mercy so great that He will reach to the very depths of human degradation and lift up the worse sinner. But, my dear friends, contemplate this fact with me: God is not some days more on the justice side and other days more on the mercy side. He is not in some of His acts more strict and in others more lenient. It may *seem* to us that way, but things are not always what they seem.

And it's a wonderful thing to arrive at the consciousness, at the conviction, at the certainty, that God is always the same. His justice is now what it always has been and what it always will be, without any variableness or shadow of turning. Therein lies our security. Equally true, His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. He always loved us as much as He did when Christ was hanging there upon the cross, revealing that love to our dull senses. And through eternity, the wounds in the hands and feet and side of Jesus will tell again and again the story of redeeming love.

But remember, He *a/ways* was like that. He *a/ways* will be. And the union of justice and mercy, perfectly blended, has *a/ways* been, will *a/ways* be. And there lies our security. In the light of these marvelous facts, what a shame it is, what a pity, to measure God by the changing weather or circumstances.

In the early ages of this world, this great lesson was taught, the human family through the experience of Job. Moses wrote down the marvelous poetry out there in the mountains of Midian as he herded his sheep. The experience of that man of God who on one day lost all his property, all his children, all his flocks and herds, and there followed quickly an attack of sickness that left him lying on the ashes covered with boils. His wife told him he'd better curse God and die. But the answer of Job is very significant:

“The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed
be the name of the LORD” Job 1:21.

Does that mean that God smiles on us and gives us something, but something happens and He frowns on us and takes it away? Is that it? Oh, no. It is love that leads Him to give us something. And if in His infinite wisdom, the time

comes when it's best to withdraw that gift, it's the same love, the same everlasting love with no variableness nor shadow of turning, that leads Him to do that.

You remember that day after day, Job endured not only this terrible bereavement and loss of everything. But the men who were called his friends came around him there on the ash heap, and after looking at him for a while, they endeavored to explain it all to him. Your friends don't always understand what you're going through, my brother, my sister. And that isn't all. Job himself didn't understand, did he?

And the glory of what we're studying tonight is beyond human explanation or even divine explanation. In chapter after chapter, Job tells of his perplexity, his uncertainty as to what it all means. He knows that the explanations of Bildad and his friends are all out of order, but he cannot satisfy them, and his own mind is confused. But out of it all, he says:

"Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him..." Job 13:15.

"...He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" Job 23:10.

And finally, he rises to the heights of faith and hope when he says:

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another..." Job 19:25–27.

I thank God for the book of Job. It's written especially for the 144,000 who are being developed down here in this last generation. God is going to have a group of people, each one of whom will be tried as Job was tried. Each one of whom will learn, by experience, the fact that God is our security when every human support is gone, when every human help is swept away, when all human resources have perished.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" Psalm 46:1.

Is it strange then, that God lets us have little kindergarten lessons to help us to learn this precious fact? Ah no, friends, it's not strange.

Turn to Jeremiah 9:23–24:

"Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD" Jeremiah 9:23–24.

Riches, power, honor, wisdom, all that the world counts valuable, are on one side, and here in contrast with that is the simple faith of the child of God that knows God as his friend—an eternal security. Let us thank God for that assurance. What do you say?

One of my favorite passages in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy is this from *Volume 7*, page 272:

“He [Christ] works through those who discern mercy in misery, gain in the loss of all things. When the light of the world passes by, privileges appear in all hardships, order in confusion, the success and wisdom of God in that which has seemed to be failure... Treat of calamities as disguised blessings...” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 7*, page 272.

Some of them are surely disguised, aren't they?

“Treat of calamities as disguised blessings, of woes as mercies” *Ibid.*

Friends, that's so good I'd like a second helping. What do you say? Wouldn't you like to hear this over again?

“He [Christ] works through those who discern mercy in misery, gain in the loss of all things. When the Light of the world passes by...” *Ibid.*

Let me stop on that a minute. Do you, ladies, when you're shopping, ever take a piece of goods out into the sunlight to see what it looks like? It may look different under the artificial light of the store than it does out in the sunlight. My dear friends, there is a light that shines from the face of Jesus which makes *all* things show up in their true colors.

“When the Light of the world passes by, privileges appear in all hardships, order in confusion, success and wisdom of God in that which has seemed to be failure” *Ibid.*

No wonder then, that we're encouraged to:

“Treat of calamities as disguised blessings, of woes as mercies” *Ibid.*

What can the Devil do with an army of people that believe what we're studying tonight? He's helpless, he's helpless. He thinks they're crazy. The problem is *he's* crazy, friends. Oh, that we might all come to that wisdom which is anchored in the security of the character of God. God is not a man that He should repent, change His mind. Ah, no. He's *always* love, *always* goodness, *always* just, *always* merciful.

And Job is the example of those who believe that and repeat it, even in the midst of trials. As Whittier says:

“Within the maddening maze of things,
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed trust my spirit clings;
I know that God is good!

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.”

Excerpts from “The Eternal Goodness” by John Greenleaf Whittier.

Oh, what security, my friends. And I long that every one of us shall know it in its fullness. What a friend we have in Jesus, an eternal friend, an almighty Savior.

“Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost
that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make
intercession for them” Hebrews 7:25.

And so tonight, let our hearts unite in joyful praise to the One Who loved us and gave Himself for us, Who on the cross maintained His faith in the eternal goodness and unchangeable character of His Father and went through the agonies of separation by faith, that you and I might know an eternal hope. I thank God for that tonight. What do you say?

Now, this evening it's our privilege to unite in testimonies. There are a large number of us here, and I'm going to ask tonight that we don't tell experiences. Some of us will be tempted to. There'll be opportunities later in this weekend. But I would like to hear one after the other a score or two score, whatever you wish. If you're brief, a large number can just one after the other witness to God's goodness and your faith in the eternal security which we have in Jesus Christ.

Won't you come and just form a line here, and let's not lose one second of this precious, holy time. Let your testimony ring out in support of God. Who will be a witness? The attorney, Satan, has hurled all kinds of charges at God, but praise His name, there are witnesses that testify of His goodness.

All right, dear brethren and sisters.

[Woman from congregation] Several months ago, I gave my testimony here in this pulpit of how the Lord changed my life and is helping me to accept His providences. Today has shown me that God truly is good and I can rest in Him, and though it's been a nerve-racking day, I can truly say that I don't have the feelings that

I used to have in assuming that God was rejecting me because of something that I had done wrong.

[Elder Frazee] That's it. Thank God.

[Woman continuing] And I'm so thankful that the Lord has done what He has in my life.

[Man from congregation] I want to thank the Lord tonight for the trials that He gives us. Not only to bring us closer to Him but to build our character and prune off the rough edges.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

[Man from congregation] I've experienced lately what it means (talking about the saving power of God) when Satan comes with a temptation instead of—you know, a lot of times just, you know, little things that might get in. But I've seen that, you know, just these little things like I can see Christ, you know, and what it means. Like, "Loren, if you do that, you're just going to hurt me so much." So, I've been trying to keep that in mind, trying to keep my eyes on Christ and the cross.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

[Woman from congregation] Well, it's true that the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, and he took me out of a situation this week because I was growing in one of my talents, and He had to show me that I can't glory in myself, but I have to glory in Him, and I'm really thankful because He's really merciful to do that for me.

[Elder Frazee] Thank the Lord.

[Woman from congregation] Tonight, I just couldn't resist getting up here to tell you all how thankful I am for all the things that the Lord does and is to us every day. And particularly today, I was so thankful that He can give you a sense of security that nothing can take away.

And the other thing I was thankful for is that He's so wise that He knows each one of us and exactly what lessons we need to learn and how. And His promise today was so filled so marvelously I could hardly believe it, but it's simply stated in Philippians 4 verse 19:

"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever..." Philippians 4:19–20.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

[Woman from congregation]

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal”
2 Corinthians 4:17–18.

I thank the Lord that as we dedicate ourselves to Him, He gives us eyes of faith so that we can see that which is not seen.

[Elder Frazee] That’s it.

[Woman continuing] And even though I can’t answer why the Lord allows suffering, I know what kind of God I serve. I know that He’s a good God, that He’s a loving God. I can’t explain all the things that happen to other people or to me but:

“... I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day” 2 Timothy 1:12.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Man from congregation] I appreciated the thought about the North Star, and I also appreciate the fact that the two pointer stars on the Big Dipper always point to it so I can find it. It’s hard to find sometimes, but if you know those two pointers, they’re always pointing towards the North Star.

And it reminds me of this beautiful text. During the last days of Judah, when Jeremiah was giving so many of his warnings to the people in Zedekiah’s time, in Jeremiah 31, it says:

“Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is His name: If those ordinances depart from before Me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD” Jeremiah 31:35–37.

So, I’m thankful that the stars will endure, and so will the Lord’s love.

[Man from congregation] We had only been at Wildwood about three weeks when our mommy developed a condition of the thyroid gland. Well, this week she finally had surgery, and we’d like to thank the Lord so much that everything has gone fine. We were talking to her this afternoon in the parlor, and the soreness is going away, and we’re looking forward to having her home soon, and we’d like to thank the Lord from the bottom of our three hearts.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

[Woman from congregation] I'd especially like to thank the Lord this evening that after a lifetime of being married and raising a good-sized family that Jesus made it possible for me to return to school and prepare for service for Him. I'm going to graduate as a nurse in May, and I am looking forward to working and praying earnestly that through my service and love for Him that I might draw others closer to Him.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Woman from congregation] This week, I've had the opportunity to claim the promise that's said in James, "...Ask in faith, and waver not" [James 1:6 (Geneva Bible)]. I've never had the—been able to have the experience really with God that I've had this week—and to decide to really let Jesus live within, and to be a partaker of that which He has for us. And now to take it to those who don't know about Him the way I do is a privilege that is just wonderful. And I praise His name that I may be one of His children.

[Elder Frazee] Thank God.

[Woman from congregation] I'm thankful that our experience with the Lord doesn't have to be dependent on our own weak, sinful, erring nature but that it can be dependent on His unchangeable, perfect nature. And when I look at myself and how weak and sinful I am, I find this a comfort because it helps me to look at others with the same love that Christ has for me.

"If we keep uppermost in our minds the unkind and unjust acts of others we shall find it impossible to love them as Christ has loved us; but if our thoughts dwell upon the wondrous love and pity of Christ for us, the same spirit will flow out to others" *Steps to Christ*, page 121.

[Man from congregation] We're happy to be at Wildwood tonight. We came a long ways, just 3,000 miles to come, sitting here, to come to Wildwood. I'm happy to serve a God that's all wise and all good. I cannot tell you how happy I am tonight to be at Wildwood and to have my family and my children at Wildwood with me. I ask that you pray for us and help us that we all will make it to the kingdom. I'm happy. I thank God and I thank Jesus, His wonderful, marvelous goodness, and His great love.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Woman from congregation] I'm so happy that in the God of Heaven we have a friend who's the same at all times.

[Man from congregation] When I see how many things exist in a moment and cannot exist a little later, I think how often you are looking for things of this earth. And I recognize that I need a little more faith to look for things that are the ones that last forever.

[Elder Frazee] That's it. Thank you.

[Woman from congregation] These three months has been very, very discouraging, and I'm so thankful that God can fulfill His promises in the Bible, in Joshua 1:9. I'm thankful that we can learn scripture songs, especially this one:

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage..." Joshua 1:9.

Good courage. I'm so thankful that I can see my beautiful valley group down here. I made this valley as my home, and I'm thankful I can be down here again and see each one of you. It's a privilege to serve the Lord with the talent that you have.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Man from congregation] It's been a day of blessings, and someone might ask, "How come?" with all the adverse effects. But you know, as I came out this morning and I saw a dwelling engulfed in flames, I couldn't help but think how helpless man was to try to put out that fire which was beyond control. And then, I thought for a moment how helpless I allow my life to become when Jesus isn't by my side, when He can sustain me and give me all the assistance that I need.

During the course of the morning, I met with various individuals who were curious about what had happened and what went on, and the effects of our reaction—how we were going to take this and what a terrible physical loss it was, et cetera, et cetera. And I said to one TV man, I said, you know, I said, "The most heart-warming thing in the experience of all this was," I said, "certainly there's been a lot of physical loss," I said, "but no one was physically hurt." And I said, "That's a blessing."

And I said, "One thing that I've learned from it, and that is that even though we've lost a lot of material things, our brethren was there to help one another," and I said, "There's also another individual who looks upon all His children ever to help whenever we need."

And as I mentioned to him that we were all in the morning devotions that morning, that group was, and so were we, and he said, "Are you still praying?"

And I looked to him straight in his eyes and said, "Through all this, amen, we're still praying."

[Elder Frazee] That's right, brother.

[Woman from congregation] I, too, am extremely thankful that we serve a God Who is stable, Who is there always, Who doesn't change. And I'd like my testimony to be that of Psalm 106:1–2:

"Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can show forth all His praise?" Psalm 106:1–2.

[Man from congregation] I'm thankful for the experience of Job tonight. I want to be thankful, I want to be cheerful, so that those who see me will realize that I've been with Jesus. I have a little quotation here:

"One of the divine plans for growth is impartation. The Christian is to gain strength by strengthening others. 'He that watereth shall be watered also himself' (Proverbs 11:25). This is not merely a promise; it is a divine law... In the fulfilling of this law is the secret of spiritual growth" *Signs of the Times*, June 12, 1901.

[Elder Frazee] Amen. Now, when these who've come up have spoken, we'll close this part of our service.

[Woman from congregation] This morning when I was taking Bible Signs at the sanitarium, there was a little stir in the parlor, and I went out to see some of my patients there, and there was a great big blaze, and they looked at me, and they said, "What's that?"

I said, "Well, that's my house."

And they all kind of stepped back and just spontaneously they said, "Oh, your poor child."

And I looked at them, and I thought, "Well you know, really, there's nothing of value there," and I told them that, and they looked at me.

And they said, "Well, isn't that where you live?"

And I said, "Well, I did, but," I said, "any treasure we have is laid up in heaven."

[Elder Frazee] That's it.

[Woman continuing] And I'm thankful for that assurance. I'm thankful that the Lord can give us that when we need it, and when I woke up this morning, I had a few possessions. Right now, I have a few left. But everyone here has wonderfully provided, and I've seen that promise fulfilled, too, that the Lord does fulfill our needs, through friends and even people that I don't know very well, and I'm thankful for the family we have here. I feel perfectly at home at any of the tables. I know I could just walk in and feel at home.

But you know, even if no one was here and we didn't have any friends, the Lord is able to fulfill the promise in Romans 8, spelled out in verses 35–39, that nothing can separate us from Him ever—nothing at all.

[Elder Frazee] Thank God.

[Woman continuing] And I'm so thankful for that assurance.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Woman from congregation] You know, one of the ways that Satan tries to make us think is that God isn't real, and if you've come to the place where you know that He's real, well, he'll try to make you think that you're too sinful, that you won't make it. But you know, I'm thankful that as I stand here, I know that God is real, because in the past I used to be one of those persons, but I cried and I said, "Lord, help me to know you. Reveal yourself to me."

And like David in Psalm 57 verse 7, it says:

"My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise" Psalm 57:7.

And I'm grateful that we have the privilege to be God's children.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Woman continuing] And let us determine that we will make it to heaven because Jesus is our assurance.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Woman from congregation] I just wanted to come up to say that I'm so thankful to God that He answers prayers, and He's done so many good things. I'm just thankful.

[Man from congregation] We do have a God who is very good to us who hears our prayers. Today has been a day of many prayers. Believe it or not, He's heard them all; He answers them all.

"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD" Psalm 31:24.

The 23rd Psalm, last verse:

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever" Psalm 23:6.

[Elder Frazee] Amen.

[Man from congregation] Take a little stone from off the road and put it into your hand. It'll never leave your hand as long as you don't throw it out. But take a little stone that's on the road. It'll never get in your hand unless you pick it up. I'm thankful that Jesus is my Rock and that when I take ahold of His hand, He'll never let go.

[Elder Frazee] Somebody here translates Spanish. Here comes doctor. All right.

[Man from the congregation through translator] He wants to say something that he has felt very deeply in his heart that he learned just this morning. After seeing so many disasters are happening every day, in every earthquake or fire or flood, it is not God's purpose to cause fear but to teach faith. I am confident.

Bible experience teaches like Job that material goods are taken away and almost his life, and after that, he came with more faith and confidence in God. This morning, I learned that still, God is teaching the same way as He did with Job. Today still, that voice teaches in faith on Jesus' second coming have to be near. Everything that's happening is not fear because fear is contrary to God's love. I learned this morning not to have so much confidence in myself but a real faith experience with God.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God..." Romans 8:28.

[Elder Frazee] Muchisimas gracias.

Was there somebody else? Remember, we've closed this service now.

[Woman from congregation] Tonight in the service, and I noticed you used one of my favorite texts which is Psalm 27:

"The LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear..." Psalm 27:1.

The Lord is the Light of my life, I know, and He's taught me to not be satisfied with the things of this earth but to lay up treasures in heaven. And I want to thank all you brothers and sisters in the church for being so loving and kind throughout this day and so many things that you've given—it really has touched my heart, and I thank you each one and all. And I praise the Lord.

[Elder Frazee] You're welcome, sister.

[Woman from congregation] I just had to add a quickie because it was just so beautiful today to see the love of our brothers and sisters just being poured upon those that were in trouble today. The blessings were just in their hearts, and they just wanted to give, and to see this and witness it, it was just so beautiful. I just want to praise the Lord for that.

[Man from congregation] I came home after being away for a week, and I looked up on the hill here, and I saw this big chimney, and I thought to myself, "I wonder what they're building." And I stopped over by the recording studio, and I looked down the road a ways, and I said, "Oh." At first, I thought the Pilgrim had been torn down, and then I looked again, and I said, "Something isn't there." And I realized what it was.

But I have a text here that's meant a lot to me, especially the last couple of weeks, and I've seen it fulfilled again and again and again and again, and it's just marvelous. And I've shared it with several people already, and I'd like to share it

with those that were involved in this recent incident. It's 2 Corinthians chapter 9 verse 8, and even though we don't know what's going on, God knows what's going on, and God's in control.

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work”
2 Corinthians 9:8 (*New Revised Standard Version*).

And that's the one that's meant a lot to me, and it's something that we each can grab ahold of and see fulfilled in our lives.

[Elder Frazee] Amen. Wonderful Savior, wonderful Lord. Wonderful Savior, wonderful Lord. And our anchor tonight is not in people.

“Every human tie may perish,
Friend to friend unfaithful prove,
Mothers cease their own to cherish,
Heaven and earth at last remove;
But no changes
Can attend Jehovah's love”
The Faith I Live By, page 281.

“For I am the LORD, I change not...” Malachi 3:6

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”
Hebrews 13:8

“Blessed Lord, we anchor in Thee,
Thy love *from eternity to eternity*.”
Author unknown.

“...Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail”
Hebrews 1:12.

We thank Thee for this assurance and sweet peace tonight. Bless those who have stood to come back to Thee, bless all who have stood in a renewed response to Thy love and a special choice tonight to anchor in Thee rather than in things. We ask it in Christ's name, amen.

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