

# Response of a Loving Heart

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It's a privilege for me to be here tonight. I just want to talk some things over with you. Since Brother Baldwin asked me to have some words to say tonight, I said, "Well, brother, have you something on your mind or heart?"

"No."

He said he wanted me to get that from the Lord. So, I've got two things on my mind tonight, and I'll give the first one first. As we were walking down this evening, somebody remarked that a little later, a beautiful moon would be coming over the mountain. How many of you think that will happen? May I see your hands? What makes you think so? Can it be depended on? Can *you* be depended on?

The Bible speaks of the moon as "a faithful witness in heaven" (Psalm 89:37). There are things that may hinder our arriving when we're expected or accomplishing what we wish. But I want to be as much like the moon as possible. What do you say?

Now, we've just seen some very interesting pictures. And our hearts are with the dear group up there in New York City. Am I right? They're right on the front line of the battle. Some of us are getting basic training here. One of the essential things that a soldier in the early days of his training learns, if he hasn't learned it before, is to obey.

Have we learned that lesson? The moon obeys. It has no will in opposition to the Creator's will. You and I have the privilege of obeying in a way that appeals to the Creator, and that is the free response of a loving heart.

He says:

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We're just talking tonight. I'm not preaching or even giving a Bible study. I just want to talk with you.

Now, dear ones, everything in this universe is under law. And even in this world of violence and crime and war, there still is quite a bit of authority being manifested. Some of us are glad there is, aren't we? It sometimes gets abused, misused, perverted, but even when the terrible Caesars were ruling the Roman Empire, the apostle Paul was inspired to write:

“Let every soul be...” Romans 13:1.

What?

“...subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God”  
Romans 13:1.

And I’m sure that there’s nobody in your home or the institution where you happen to be that’s as terrible to live with as Nero must have been. I’m just persuaded of that.

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers...”  
Romans 13:1.

Now, there are various ways of reacting to that. Some defy authority. Some evade authority. Some tolerate it. And some love it. Which class are you in? Which class are you in?

Did you ever see a little child that didn’t want to go somewhere but it had two older people, perhaps father and mother, one holding one hand and one the other and pulling it along, and its little feet had to go whether it wanted to or not? That’s one way to travel, isn’t it? One way.

But that method will not get us to the battlefield with the victory in sight. We must learn to be self-propelled, self-motivated and motivated through love and love alone.

“For the love of Christ...” 2 Corinthians 5:14.

Does what?

“...constraineth us...” 2 Corinthians 5:14.

Does it? Does it move us? Oh, what a wonderful thing!

You know, this thing of our response to authority is manifested in a thousand ways literally. The apostle Paul tells us in Hebrews 13:

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief...”  
Hebrews 13:17.

Do you make your supervisors happy or sad? Your home heads? Your leaders in the church? In the institution? You *can* make them happy. You *will* make them either happy or unhappy. But whichever way you do, God has given them a responsibility that they cannot lightly regard. They cannot abdicate. No. They have to be under authority the same as you and I do. We’re all under

authority, as that Roman Centurion said to Jesus [see Matthew 8:9]. We're all under authority.

Being under authority is not something that we go through as children, merely looking forward to the time when we grow up and don't have to be anymore. Being under authority is not something we endure as students, hoping for the time when we can graduate or "quituate" so that we don't have to be under authority anymore. No. Rather, in the home and in the school and in the institution and in the church, we are learning to be under authority so that we can *be* that way all the rest of our lives. And it's too bad if it, in any sense, is a bondage, a burden, a confinement. People who are in prison experience that. But we're to:

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free..." Galatians 5:1.

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous"  
1 John 5:3.

That is, they're not grievous to the converted heart, to the unselfish heart. No. But the selfish heart finds all authority undesirable. There is no way to placate the unconverted selfish heart. No matter how hard the leader, the homehead, the pastor, the supervisor, no matter how hard the leader tries to please, there is no way to really, fully, finally please the unconverted selfish heart.

On the other hand, if we have known the love of Jesus, if we have experienced the converting power of the Spirit, then:

"Duty becomes a delight, and sacrifice a pleasure" *Steps to Christ*, page 59.

And so, my dear friends, young and old, students and staff, let us be among those of whom it is written that they:

"...keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus"  
Revelation 14:12.

And let's be happy in it because we're going to endure it all through eternity.

"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" Revelation 22:14.

"...He that keepeth the law, happy is he" Proverbs 29:18.

I was thinking of that parable that Jesus told about the feast where all the guests were invited, and they gave various excuses. And you remember the man sent his servants out, and they came back and reported. And he sent them out again to call certain others, and they came back and reported. Then, he sent them

out again. You know, it is a wonderful thing to get in the habit of not only accepting assignments but reporting our results.

It's a wonderful thing for a leader—don't miss this—it's a wonderful thing for a leader to have the support and help of helpers who keep in touch with *him*, rather than his having to take his time to locate them and get them to keep in touch with him. Think that over, dear ones. It's a wonderful thing to feel the support of an Aaron or a Hur, one on either side, holding up the hands of Moses as he intercedes in prayer.

It's a wonderful thing to have an armor-bearer such as Jonathan had, who keeps right close to the one whose armor he's bearing. There can be a fellowship there.

But my dear ones, no leader—don't miss this—no leader can *make* a helper like that unless the helper has it in his heart. There is no way to force, to pressure that kind of response. It's the kind of experience that Elisha had with Elijah, that Timothy had with Paul. And if you are fortunate enough to know that experience, blessed are your eyes, your hands, blessed is your heart.

But it costs something. It costs putting aside *your* ways, *your* desires, for the good of the work as manifested in that leader. This is heaven's plan. This is the way heaven runs tonight. This is the way it's been running in the eternity of the past. This is what Lucifer questioned. This is what Jesus came to demonstrate. And this is what the 144,000 will fully demonstrate. They will be under law, under authority, without sacrificing individuality because they are there by choice. They are there because they love.

You know, dear ones, if you love somebody enough, you want to keep in touch with them. If you love somebody enough, you want to please them. And if, besides loving them and along with loving them, you know that God has put you in that relationship in order to accomplish His work, oh, then twice blessed you are and twice happy you are.

But dear ones, this is just as different from the way the world looks at things as the Sabbath is different from Sunday, or our position on the state of the dead is different from spiritualism, or our health reform is different from all the oyster, lamb stew, pork and beans diet of the world. Yes.

So, do not think that there won't need to be changes in our dispositions and attitudes, our way of looking at things. One of the greatest reasons that God brought you and me to this campus is to learn what I'm talking about this evening. And you can't learn it by being a prisoner. No. Even though you try to get on good behavior so you can get out quicker. No, no. This is something that must come on our knees alone with God and on our knees with those to whom we are bound in ties of loving service.

Praying together binds hearts together. So, if there's somebody that you're supposed to help that you find it very hard to relate to, why not pray with them and get them to pray with you? Not so that they won't be in charge any more, not pray

so that you'll get your way all the time. That isn't the thing to pray about. Pray that God will give you both such a love for Jesus and each other that the relationship can be a joy instead of a pain.

Oh, someday soon, we're going to say, "I wish you a happy New Year." Let's get a month's head start. What do you say?

Now, that's my first study. Now, my second one. The promise is *Desire of Ages*, page 370. It reads like this:

"The work of building up the kingdom of God will go forward, though to all appearance it moves slowly and impossibilities seem to testify against advance. The work is of God, and He will furnish means, and will send helpers, loyal, truehearted disciples, whose hands also will be filled with food for the starving multitude" *Desire of Ages*, page 370.

Now, I suppose that if there were opportunity tonight, a dozen different phases of our work could plead for more help, perhaps in our homes, perhaps on the farm, in the press, or in the recordings, or in the grounds, or in our missionary activities. Well, I suggest all of you in those activities pray because that promise in *Desire of Ages* 370 is not departmentalized. But I have a special burden on my heart tonight for a phase of our work that is in more than ordinary need. I refer to our nursing work at the sanitarium.

Now, nobody has asked me to say what I've said tonight on either one of these subjects. If somebody put it in my heart, I believe the dear Lord put it in my heart. But I read in Galatians 6:

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" Galatians 6:2.

We're told that it is selfishness that causes men to feel that the department of the work they're connected with is the most important of all. Oh dear ones, do we know the joy? Yes, we do, thank God, of bearing one another's burdens.

Now, what can we do about this? Well, I've thought of two very practical things that we can do. One is to pray, and then as we pray, the Lord will help us to do the next. I venture that there are at least 50 people here tonight. Let me repeat that. I venture there are at least 50 people here tonight, and if you think and pray about this even five minutes, the Lord will bring to your mind some good nurse that might fill a useful place and get a real blessing by entering into the medical missionary nursing at Wildwood Sanitarium.

You can use the mail, but I'm going to make you a very practical offer. If you will think of someone and the Lord burdens your heart to get on the telephone, I'll pay the long-distance call. I mean that, friends. The need is that urgent. The need is that urgent.

You might want to do some counseling with Sister Christine Payne, the superintendent of nurses, or some of the other folks in the administration. But brothers and sisters, God wants these nursing stations filled with those who love Jesus and love people.

Not only that, we are a training institution. We need not only enough to adequately staff our hospital and sanitarium, but we also need enough, I was going to say, to spare so that we can send them on to Yerba Buena and Eden Valley and many other places yet to be started besides those that are going. Am I correct?

And besides all that, how many of you have heard of the OB wing? Yes, we've prayed for that and given for it and worked for it, haven't we? How many here have had some part either by giving or working to make that OB wing possible? May I see your hands? Well, dear ones, it takes more than a wing. It takes more than a building. It takes more than equipment. What does it take? It takes people. It takes people. It takes nurses. Am I correct?

Where are they going to come from? Ah, let me quote my promise again:

"The work of building up the kingdom of God will go forward, though to all appearance it moves slowly and impossibilities seem to testify against advance. The work is of God, and He will furnish means, and will send helpers..." *Desire of Ages*, page 370.

He will do what?

"...send helpers, loyal, truehearted disciples, whose hands also will be filled with food for the starving multitude" *Ibid*.

This is the promise, the particular promise, *Desire of Ages* there, that has brought us the people that have built the buildings on this place and have done things here and staffed this institution for 37 years, my friends—that particular promise. It can happen again, and I want you to be involved in it. Oh, I want, I was going to say, I want at least 50 people to get in on this one.

"Well," you say, "Brother Frazee, what would we do with 50 nurses?"

Well, you just let's see what we'll do with them. No, I'm not thinking that 50 nurses are going to come overnight, but when my father taught me gardening, he taught me to plant more seeds than I wanted to come up, and then to thin them. And you'll find that circumstance and providence will thin them enough. You won't have to worry about that.

But I want *you*, my dear friend, to let God use you in this as if it all depended on you. I want you to think about it and pray about it and take a burden on it.

What was my verse in Galatians 6?

“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” Galatians 6:2.

Now, we’re going to do something very practical. It’s five minutes to eight. Can I close this meeting? I want us to have some prayer bands of two or three. I mean two or three. To have a prayer band, you need at least two, right? If it’s only one, it isn’t a prayer band. It’s just a prayer season alone with God, and this is good. But we’re claiming tonight the promise in Matthew 18 verses 19–20:

“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall...”  
Matthew 18:19.

What?

“...agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” Matthew 18:19–20.

Brother Fournier, come up here. I haven’t had a chance to welcome this man yet. Brother Fournier is the leader of our work in Woodland Park in Ontario, Canada. He just came in this afternoon, and we’re glad he’s here.

What’s your good word from the old north, brother?

[Testimony from Brother Fournier]

Thank you, brother. We’re glad you’re here—courage in the Lord, and you too, sister.

All right. Now, what are we going to have? Prayer bands. What are we going to pray about? We’re going to pray about nurses, going to be specific. And we’re going to pray that God will help a lot of people here tonight—I won’t limit it to 50. There are a lot more than 50 people here. Remember, put enough carrot seeds in the row so that if some of them get thinned out, you’ve still got what we need. Remember, ask God to put in your mind and heart somebody that you can write to, or get in touch with.

And dear ones, may I make a suggestion about what you say. Don’t tell the people that here’s a chance to make more money than they ever made in their lives. Don’t tell them about all the fringe benefits that the world is so fed up on today. Don’t tell them a hard-luck story. Tell them that here is an opportunity to learn more about and to participate in medical missionary nursing. Tell them here is an opportunity to be on a staff where every physician and every nurse is a Christian who knows the third angel’s message and is seeking as a team to reach people with this glorious message of health and salvation. There are nurses out there that would love to get in on this, dear friends.

All right. We’re going to have our little prayer bands now. And I’ll leave it with you. Two or three people ought to have a chance—shouldn’t have any difficulty in

getting together, should they? And I'm going to be up here in front, and if somebody can't find anybody else to pray with, you come up and pray with me.

You're dismissed. When you've finished your little prayer bands, why, then you can go home and get to bed early so you can get up early and have a wonderful day tomorrow.

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