

Three Ways to Learn Truth

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Now, there are three ways to learn truth, and I want to study those three ways with you tonight, just these three ways. Before I go into that study, though, I want to share with you part of a letter that in the providence of God came into my hands this week. Some of the things in this letter have prompted some of the things I want to share with you in the study tonight.

This letter is from a young man 2,000 miles away from Wildwood. When he was just a little boy, he was on this campus. And although he was still little when he left, he learned some things from the people that were helping him and taking care of him here on this campus that have lingered with him. And this is his letter to one of our faculty.

Now, think of this young man in his twenties. It's a long time since he's been here on these grounds.

"The hour is late and my mind is heavy with much serious thinking. I am no longer a little boy. I have grown up into a man and take life and living very seriously. I have aspired to attain many difficult goals, and have succeeded for the larger portion. But my aspirations and struggles have now brought me to a point on the crossroads of life which I know not quite how to handle.

"By next month all my debts will be paid, and I am faced with an opportunity to go into my own business here in this city. My professor from college wants to back me, but I just don't think I want to be tied into the city. I have watched city living separate my mother and father, taking away a child's dearest possession, and that is a home. My mother is slowly being drained of all her energies with no one save me to care or help. This city has her firmly held. And I'm afraid that if I start a business I'll slowly be sucked into the same awful rut into which momma and daddy and all my other relatives are now held.

"Since I was 12 years old I've been many places and have learned to do many things" [Excerpts from letter to Wildwood faculty member].

Then, he tells about his different skills and what he's doing.

"I am now faced with the decision of staying in the city where I know many people who would have me stay here, being willing to give me their financial and personal aid, or breaking loose from those things which hold me here and returning to the country where I feel I belong, with the rolling hills and woodlands full of God's natural wonders.

"I'm speaking to you..." *Ibid.*

He's writing to one of our teachers here.

"I'm speaking to you of these things because I still live by the basic principles and examples set for me by you when I was such a little boy with all of life ahead.

"You told me, 'Whenever you're tempted or you're unsure of what to do or how to handle a situation, think of Jesus and do whatever you do as you believe deep down He would do.'"

"My love for you goes back to the very beginnings of my memory, and I always listen to what you have to say. I have many heartaches deep inside with which I live. I need your words of experience man to man, and I pray the time will be soon when we will meet together. Love always" *Ibid.*

I'm sure that many thoughts come to your mind as you hear that letter. I bring it to you as a backdrop for the study, just a background for the study we want to have tonight.

I repeat, friends, there are three ways to learn truth. More than that, I want to tell you that in one or the other or the third of those three ways everybody in this world that ever has lived, or is living now will learn the truth, everyone. Everyone will acknowledge the truth, everyone, no exceptions. And the truth which they will acknowledge will be the *same* truth, for truth is one.

There are not two variant truths. Two plus two equals four is the *truth*. How many answers? Just one, only one *right* answer, only one *correct* answer, only one *truthful* answer. Do you agree with me? How many wrong answers are there? One? Ten? A hundred? There's no limit to the number of wrong answers, for *any* other answer than the *one* answer is wrong. Is that correct?

And everybody in this universe sooner or later will learn what essential truth is on every point. And there will be full and perfect agreement on every essential point of truth.

I repeat, there are three ways to learn the truth. Now, you may take your choice. In fact, you *will* make your choice as to which of these three roads you will

go, but the end result will be precisely the same as far as acknowledging the truth is concerned. Of course, the road you take will determine whether the truth will save you or whether your relationship with it will make it impossible for there to be any salvation in it. But I repeat, your acknowledgment of it will be the same, regardless which road you go.

“But,” somebody says, “Brother Frazee, you’re talking about two ways, but you said three ways.”

Yes, three ways. There are three ways.

The first way to learn the truth is to listen to what God says and do it. Jesus says in John 17:17, will you turn to it and let’s see. Let’s read it as well as hear it. All together:

“Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth”
John 17:17.

Now, this sanctification comes through obedience to the truth, not just through hearing it. Merely listening is not enough. It is doing what God says that brings us the blessing.

Deuteronomy the 5th chapter and the 29th verse, turn to that, please.

“O that there were such an heart in them, that they would
fear Me, and keep all My commandments always, that it
might be well with them, and with their children for ever! “
Deuteronomy 5:29.

What are the results of hearing and obeying the commandments of God? It’ll be what? Well with us and with our children. Obedience is the highway of life. And we can learn that by listening to what God says and doing it.

If we breathe pure air, drink pure water, eat good food, enjoy the blessings of the sunshine and the fresh air, exercise in God’s out of doors, rest at proper times, if we’re temperate in our living and trust in our heavenly Father’s love the results will be experienced by us. And we will learn first by revelation and second by experience that God’s law is a good law; God’s ways are good ways. This is the happy way to learn truth, my friend. This is the blessed way to learn truth.

Oh, I wish everybody here would learn it all *that* way. This is the way it was in the universe in the eternity of the past until Lucifer introduced the seeds of rebellion. Every creature in heaven and all through the other worlds was learning how good it is to walk in God’s way and do God’s will. And you know, friends, they were so happy about it. There was no yoke of bondage.

Notice, this interesting statement in the book *Mount of Blessing*, page 109 :

“In heaven service is not rendered the spirit of legality.
When Satan rebelled against the law of Jehovah the

thought that there was a law came to the angels almost as an awakening to something unthought of" *Mount of Blessing*, page 109.

They were created to obey God, not as machines, but they started obeying God and everything that God said; they found that it just worked fine. It made them happy and made everybody else happy. They never knew anything *but* happiness. But Lucifer finally conceived the thought that he could improve on the government of God. What a strange thought that the creature could surpass the Creator; that the thing that was made could do better than the One that made him. What a strange infatuation.

No, I repeat, friends, the happy way to learn truth is to listen to the One who says:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life..." John 14:6.

This is the happy way to learn truth. And if we'll listen and then do what He says, eventually, our experience will demonstrate and confirm all that God has said.

There is another way to learn truth, and to learn it in a way that at last will bring salvation. But oh, friends, it's a sad road, it's a hard road. It's a terrible road. Turn over to 2 Chronicles, the 33rd chapter. This is the story of Manasseh. Manasseh, you remember, was the son of good King Hezekiah, who did so much in bringing reformation to Judah. But Manasseh did not choose to walk in the way of his father. He took things into his own hands.

Here in 2 Chronicles 33, beginning with the first verse it shows us that:

"Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign..."
2 Chronicles 33:1.

The second verse said he:

"...did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen..." 2 Chronicles 33:2.

Third verse, the idolatry which Hezekiah had gotten rid of, Manasseh brought it right back in, worshipped all the host of heaven, sun, moon and stars.

Fourth and fifth verses, he even went right into the temple of God and built altars for these heathen gods.

Well, that made it all right when it got in the church, didn't it? Didn't it? No, that made it worse.

Sixth verse:

“...He caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom...” 2 Chronicles 33:6.

We wouldn't do that, would we? There are other ways to accomplish the same purpose. Multitudes of children today are being put through experiences just as disastrous to them.

“...Also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards...” 2 Chronicles 33:6.

Went right into spiritualism, all sorts of manifestations. In other words, he was working right with devils.

“...He wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger” 2 Chronicles 33:6.

And then he made a carved image and put it right in the temple, friends. There was that law in the Ark which said not to make any graven image and bow down to worship it. He paid no attention to it. Put up this carved image right there for the people when they came into the house of God to bow down before that.

The ninth verse says:

“So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen...”
2 Chronicles 33:9.

Tenth verse:

“And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken” 2 Chronicles 33:10.

Oh, God sent messages to that man that was leading Israel into sin, message after message. Isaiah was one of the prophets that prophesied during the reign of Manasseh. And do you know what that wicked king had done? He had the prophet Isaiah put in a hollow log, and then he commanded men to saw that log in two. That's the way Isaiah died. He killed a lot of other people that were resisting the inroads of apostasy.

We won't turn to it but put down in your notes 2 Kings 21:16. It says He filled Jerusalem with innocent blood. Now, this is one of the worst records that any king ever made all through Old Testament times. One of the most wicked records of anybody that has ever lived since the days of Cain.

But now, watch the amazing mercy of God and how God answers the prayers of good King Hezekiah that had been sleeping. Listen, 11th verse:

“Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon” 2 Chronicles 33:11.

What a trip that was. That king that had been doing all this wickedness for years and years and years and years, and now he found himself a captive in thorns and chains and fetters and carried to Babylon.

Twelfth verse:

“And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, And prayed unto Him: and He was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD He was God” 2 Chronicles 33: 12–13.

Did he finally learn the lesson? Oh yes, friend, he learned it. He learned it, to use an expression we sometimes hear today, he learned it the hard way. But I want to tell you something, friends. His repentance didn't bring back all those martyrs that were slain through his wicked reign. His repentance did not save the hundreds and thousands and tens of thousands of Judah that had been drawn into idolatry through his long reign. He tried to bring reformation. Look at the 15th verse:

“And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars...and cast them out of the city. And he repaired the altar...” 2 Chronicles 33:15.

But when he died pretty soon, his son went right on, not with the reformation but with the wickedness that had characterized most of his father's life. And Jerusalem was finally completely destroyed, the inhabitants carried to Babylon. And the wicked reign of Manasseh was one of the great things that brought this about. But Manasseh was saved in answer to the prayers of a praying father who had died before all this happened. God taught him the hard way, in affliction.

Somebody says, “That isn't fair.”

The whole plan of salvation is a revelation of mercy, my friends. Manasseh deserved to die and die forever. There's no question about that. He deserved to suffer in hellfire until every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward.

But oh, the mercy of God went out to that man, and God purposely allowed the armies of Assyria to come in there and pull him off his throne and drag him into captivity, carry him in chains and thorns to Babylon. And there, as he lay in misery in his cell, his heart went back to the God of his fathers, his early life, and he repented in dust and ashes. God heard him and brought him again to Jerusalem.

“...Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God”
2 Chronicles 33:13.

Isn't that a wonderful experience of mercy, friend? Would you like to go that road? Is there anybody here planning to go that road? Not too long ago, somebody said to somebody else, “Go ahead and do a certain thing, and people will have to get used to it.”

They even told them, “You may repent later, and you'll be accepted.”

Oh, my friends, people do not know the awful cost of sin. They do not know the awful sorrow of learning things the hard way. The Lord Jesus wants us to learn the lesson of the pain that sin brings not by sinning and suffering but by looking at the suffering that He endured when all that sin was put on Him. And that's the lesson of the cross.

And Jesus did not suffer on the cross so that you and I could be saved in disobedience. He suffered on the cross that we might look and live that we might behold and be transformed, that we might see the awful character of sin and turn from it with abhorrence. He did not die to take away the law or its penalty. He died to take away sin which is the transgression of the law. He bore our sins:

“...in his own body on the tree...” 1 Peter 2:24.

And everybody who is saved in the kingdom of God, friends, will have learned truth and come to its full acknowledgment and acceptance, in one or the other of the two ways I've presented to you tonight: either by listening to God and learning the joy of obedience or by not listening and learning the pain of disobedience and finally turning to God in repentance. The thief on the cross went that road, the Manasseh road.

Now, there's a third way. Let's turn to Revelation, the 20th chapter, verses 7, 8 and 9. This is the time when everybody that has ever lived in this world will be alive upon this planet at one time. At the end of the millennium, the thousand years, the saints come with Jesus from heaven. The New Jerusalem comes down and settles on the place prepared for it. Jesus raises the wicked dead. From all over this plane, they come. By the thousands, by the millions, by the billions, by the trillions, here they come. They're deceived by the Devil. But as they come up to try to take that jasper city, they're arrested by a sight high above the city.

The 11th verse:

“And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And

the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell..." Revelation 20:11–13.

That is, the grave.

"...delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works"
Revelation 20:13.

The books are opened, the books of record. Every man's life record is thrown open to the gaze of the universe. And as the wicked see their life record and the history of the entrance of sin and the plan of salvation down through the ages on that great canvas of the sky, a living panorama, a conviction comes into their souls, my friends. And there is a unanimous acknowledgment of truth.

Turn to Romans the 14th chapter and the 11th verse:

"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God" Romans 14:11.

Is there coming a time when every knee will bow? That's what he says. Is there coming an hour when every tongue will confess? That's what he says. But to those teeming multitudes outside of the city, that acknowledgment, that confession brings no salvation. It merely vindicates the truth of God and the justice of God.

Read the story again back there in Revelation 20. When the judgment is over, and every case has been made clear, and the justice of God fully vindicated, and Satan himself acknowledges that God is right and he's been wrong, then the wicked will be destroyed by the cleansing fires of hell.

And I want to tell you something, friends. That experience of hell for a lot of people is not going to be over in a few seconds. Inspiration has told us that while some are consumed as in a moment, others suffer many days. I want you to think about that, friends, many days. That's longer than 24 hours. That's longer than 48 hours.

My point is, every soul in this universe, one way or another, is going to understand that the wages of sin is not noble independence, joy and life, that the wages of sin is pain and misery and darkness and separation and death. Not by some arbitrary decree of God. As the nature of righteousness is to give us life, so the nature of sin is to bring us suffering and pain and death.

And so, you see, I have shown you three ways that men learn the lesson, and everybody's going to learn it. And there won't be anybody down there in hell that's saying, "Oh well, just as all roads lead to Rome, all roads lead to Heaven. You go your way and I'll go mine."

It is true that all roads lead to the acknowledgment of the truth, my friends. But for the great majority of earth's inhabitants, that acknowledgment of the truth will

come late, too late, far too late to bring any salvation. The character has been formed.

I want to ask you, friends, if what we've studied tonight is true, and we've read these things from God's book, do you think we ought to be pretty careful how we relate ourselves to truth?

Let's turn to John the 12th chapter and the 35th verse:

"Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light" John 12:35–36.

Oh friends, the only safe road is this, to every day be asking God for His will, His *best* will, His *highest* will, and then immediately by the grace of God starting in to obey what God has made plain. That's the only safe road. If in the mercy of God, having failed to do that, our conscience is awakened by the pains of lung cancer, or ulcers of the stomach, by the scourgings of a guilty conscience because of the transgression of some other law, thank God for it, friends. But that's a hard road, a long road, a painful road, and a very risky road, I'll tell you.

Oh, so many that take *that* road wind up in the third road. They'll be awakened at the final judgment day to meet life's record and to discover as they scan the record just where their feet diverged from the path, just where their feet diverged from the path.

And do you know, my dear friends, it is possible for people to come up to that time expecting that they will be in the city. Turn to Matthew the 7th chapter verses 21–23:

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" Matthew 7:21–23.

And that word "iniquity" is lawlessness. Any transgression of the law is lawlessness, iniquity. But my point is "these many," Jesus says. Do you notice He says "many"? Many are going to come up to that judgment day, and they're going to think that they belong where? Inside the city with Jesus. And do you know why? Because what they've been doing all along is using the name of whom? Jesus. But they didn't do what? They didn't obey His law.

And 1 John 2:4 says:

“He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him”
1 John 2:4.

Somebody says, “Brother Frazee, you make the way pretty narrow.”

No, I don’t make it that way. It’s that way. Matthew 7:13–14:

“...Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” Matthew 7:14.

Listen carefully while I ask you a question. Whose name did these people use that Christ speaks of here? The name of Jesus. And they’d done many wonderful things in His name. Are they saved or lost? Which are they? Lost. He says so. Well, while they were here on earth, did they think they were saved or think they were lost?

Are there a lot of people that know they’re on the road to hell, that know that? Oh, yes. But these people, do they know it? What do they think? They think they’re saved. And what name are they trusting in? Whose name? Oh, how can that be? Doesn’t everybody that repeats Jesus’ name, isn’t he assured of salvation? Who’s telling us this? Christ Himself.

My question now—and don’t miss it—if this is so, do you think we ought to think a long time before we start out encouraging people to think they’re saved just because they repeat after us the name of Jesus? What do you think about it? Do you think we ought to think that through?

You see, dear friends, there is no magic formula which if it is learned and repeated, gets everybody who will parrot that off into the kingdom, nothing of the kind. The fruit of salvation is manifest in the life. And the purpose of the death of Jesus and the resurrection of Jesus and the intercession of Christ in the sanctuary above, the purpose of preaching the Gospel and getting people to pray and give their hearts to Christ is not merely that they might by some miracle land in a safe place off this planet. But that here in this present world their lives might reveal a likeness to God’s law.

“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.

Not that we are saved by our works, friends. But if we are saved by Christ, our works will show it. And if the works are lacking, we do well with ourselves and with others to get down to business and get a salvation that saves, not that hypnotizes and lulls people to sleep with a religious tranquilizer.

Oh, my friends, that God may help us to give the trumpet a certain sound in this day when every wind of doctrine is blowing. But now, I would pray that God’s Spirit may bring the lesson closer home to our hearts than this.

I want to ask you something, friends. If this is true, do you think we ought to be pretty careful how we encourage people or congratulate people or in any way help people along in any path unless we *know* that that's the will of God? What do you say?

Wouldn't it be too bad at judgment day for somebody when the scales fall from his eyes, and he sees that he's lost? Wouldn't it be awful for somebody to turn to you and say, "Brother, why didn't you tell me?"

And will we weakly say, "Oh, I was afraid you wouldn't like me if I did. I was afraid I might hurt your feelings. I was afraid it might spoil our friendship. Well, I wouldn't do that for anything."

"No, you'd sooner see me lost in hell."

Oh, my friends, God pity us and awaken us. What do you say?

I've been meditating this week on a text in Proverbs. Turn over to it, Proverbs the 27th chapter and the 6th verse.

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful" Proverbs 27:6.

Which will you take, my friend? We usually think of wounds as coming from whom? Enemies. That's it. That's the sentimental idea of this sentimental generation.

A friend is one, Brother Finley, who pats you on the back and says, "Good fellow. Congratulations. Yes. I like what you're doing. You're going to make a success."

But oh, God says here:

"Faithful are..." Proverbs 27:6.

What?

"...the wounds of a friend..." Proverbs 27:6.

If I love this man and I see him on the road to hell, won't I try to do something to change his vision, to change his mind, to change his attitude? Won't I? If I really love him. Of course, if I love my own feelings and his right now better than that, that's another question.

"...The kisses of an enemy are deceitful" Proverbs 27:6.

I want to tell you something, friends, and may I repeat it? Truth is one. There is only one answer to any question of *essential* truth. I'm not talking about things that don't make a difference. One man can paint his house white and another brown

and another red and another green and another blue. That's okay. That's not what I'm talking about. I'm talking about essential truth.

And God means what He says. And if all the people in the world would vote the other way, it wouldn't make a bit of difference. Truth is one. Do you know, there was a time when everybody in the world—at least I guess everybody in the world thought that the world was flat? Well, that made it that way for them, didn't it? It had not one slight effect upon the roundness of this planet, did it? The world went right on spinning just like those people. They never thought or said or taught anything about it. And finally, some people discovered that the world wasn't flat. It was round.

And in the same way, my dear friends, everybody in this world is going to learn essential truth about everything God ever said. Let's learn it the first way, not the third way, or even the second. What do you say? You see, the One who loves us has given us His life, hoping that we'll learn it the first way.

"Ah, but," somebody says, "Brother Frazee, you don't understand the wonderful experience that I've had."

The more wonderful the experience you've had that is contrary to God's law, the more dangerous it is, my friends.

Turn to 2 Thessalonians, the 2nd chapter verses 9–13. This warns us that in the closing hours of human history, Satan is going to work:

“...with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all
deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish...”
2 Thessalonians 2:9–10.

Why?

“...Because they received not the love of the truth, that
they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send
them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie...”
2 Thessalonians 2:10–11.

Well then, if they believe a lie they'll be saved, won't they? If they really believe it? No.

Twelfth verse:

“That they all might be damned who believed not the truth,
but had pleasure in unrighteousness” 2 Thessalonians 2:12.

Now, you notice that these people that go this other way, have signs and wonders and miracles. All sorts of wonderful things happen. Many years ago, I knew a young man in his teens who decided he'd run away from home, leave home. He'd been infatuated with a girl of his own age, and his parents in harmony with the Lord's instructions were not giving their permission for that sort of thing.

So, he took things into his own hands, encouraged by a number of “good” people, quotes around “good.” And when he ran away—don’t miss this—he prayed and he made a sign with the Lord. He had over a thousand miles to go to where this girl was at that time.

And he said, “Lord, if You want me to do this, help me to catch good rides so that I’ll get there quickly.”

He was thumbing his way, hitchhiking. But do you know, my dear friends, he made better than train time. He got there faster than if he’d had the money to get on a train and go there night and day, got there faster.

Now, you’d be pretty slow about condemning that, wouldn’t you? Wouldn’t you?

“Why, look how God heard his prayer. Look how marvelously things worked out.”

My dear friends, if we are in the *least* influenced by that sort of thing, we are getting ready to be deceived by the marvelous working of Satan that’s just ahead. If any kind of so-called providence influences us the tiniest bit in weighing truth, then friends, we’re on a false foundation.

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is...” Isaiah 8:20.

What? What?

“...no light in them” Isaiah 8:20.

And if there’s no light, what is it? Darkness. Well, dear ones, may I read you something that the prophet of God said at the General Conference of 1901. You’ll find it in this book by Olson, *Through Crisis to Victory*, page 184. Listen to this sentence:

“But truth is not truth to those who do not practice it.
Truth is only truth to you when you live it in the daily life”
Through Crisis to Victory, by A. V. Olson, page 184.

And so, for Jesus’ sake, friends, and because He loves you so much and He wants you with Him in His eternal kingdom, I plead with you for His sake, listen to Him speaking through His Word, through His law and through the testimonies of His Spirit. And determine that you will do what God says regardless of any experience that you or anybody else has. Make up your mind that you’re going to learn things God’s way. He says:

“For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light” Matthew 11:30.

That's the yoke of obedience, the yoke of the law of God. But oh, my dear friends, if somewhere along the line you have chosen your own way, and either in direct defiance or in being deceived you've been led into the path of disobedience, I plead with you for Jesus' sake, don't wait until you get carried to Babylon like Manasseh. Don't wait until the thorns prick you and the chains hold you, and the cruel lash of the jail master makes the blood run down your back. Don't wait until life with its lessons bows your head in pain and sorrow and shame.

Now, turn back to God on the basis of what He says, not on some experience you've had. Listen to the Word of God. Listen to the testimonies of His Spirit. Listen to the appeals of Jesus to you. Because remember, ahead of us is judgment day when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess.

Will you kneel with me in prayer?

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that the wounds of a friend are better than the kisses of an enemy. And we thank Thee that our best Friend has brought the sword of the Spirit to pierce our inmost souls. Oh, we thank Thee for the love that wounds to heal. We thank Thee for the tender mercy that warns us of danger and pleads with our hearts to listen and learn and obey.

Regardless of any miracle that Satan may do, regardless of any sign or wonder that may have happened in our experience, or the experience of others, we pray tonight that as little children, we shall do what God says, not what we've twisted His word to mean. Oh, we pray that the scales shall fall from our eyes and that we shall learn ere it be forever too late the lessons of loving obedience.

As we've gathered at judgment this evening, as we've seen that great white throne and the panorama in the skies, we know that everyone here tonight will be there, either inside the city looking out or outside the city looking in. We know that when that hour comes, there will be no question left unanswered, no problem left unsolved, that everyone here tonight will see truth and see it the same because there is one truth.

Oh, I pray that Thou wilt help us to take tonight the road that will teach us that truth before judgment day. I pray for the sake of Thy dear Son who took the pains of hell, the darkness of separation, that we might know the joy of obedience and reconciliation with Thyself. I pray for His dear sake, take us, Lord, and let us walk with Thee the path of true sorrow for sin, our own and others.' And thus, know the joy of seeing souls redeemed, our own and others. And thus, bring great rejoicing to Thy dear heart. Just now, do this work in our souls, I pray.

Just now, while we're leaving here before we finish this prayer, is there a soul that says, "God has been talking to my heart. I see that I have been deceived. And I see that I need to take steps fast in the right way, the true way. And tonight, I'm putting my hand in the hand of Jesus for full obedience."

If God has thus spoken to your heart in that special way, will you raise your hand where you are? Jesus will see it, dear friend. Jesus will see your hands. Oh, I thank God for these many. Christ sees your hands.

Is there another one that says, “Yes, God’s talking to my heart. God is talking to my heart”?

Dear Lord, you see every hand, and you know every heart, and we thank Thee with all our souls for these responses. In Jesus’ name, amen.

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