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John's Gospel, the 1st chapter, and the 29th verse; the first epistle of John the 3rd chapter and the 5th verse:

"The next day John sees Jesus coming unto him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world" John 1:29.

Does He?

"And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins..." 1 John 3:5.

So whether it's sin—singular, all-embracing in John 1:29, or sins—one by one, in 1 John 3:5, He came to take away our sins. Can He do it?

In the *Review and Herald* of March 10, 1904, the messenger to the remnant writes:

"He who has not sufficient faith in Christ to believe that He can keep him from sinning has not the faith that will give him an entrance into the kingdom of God" *Review and Herald*, March 10, 1904.

You see, dear friends, this is righteousness by faith. This is what we've been studying all week, isn't it? All week we've been studying righteousness by faith; faith in what? The blood of Jesus.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh... Let us draw near..." Hebrews 10:19–20, 22.

Let's come close.

Now, faith is believing something that God says, simply because He says so. As I was walking over to the meeting a few moments ago, I saw one of the most beautiful rainbows I've ever looked upon. Did some of you see it out there in the east? Beautiful. That's a token of the everlasting covenant, God says. Oh, what hope it brings, what peace, what satisfaction.

Let's take another promise: Philippians 1:6. You who find it first, tell me what's the second word, what? Confident.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it..."

How long?

"...until the day of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:6.

It'll take all that time, friends, to get it finished. It's worth it, isn't it? The margin says He'll finish it. He'll perform it. He'll finish it. He began it. He keeps on with it. He'll complete it.

How many of you believe Jesus has done at least something for you? May I see your hands? Thank the Lord.

"He is well pleased when we urge past mercies and blessings as a reason why He should bestow on us greater blessings" *Ministry of Healing*, page 513.

"If you abide in Him, the fact that you receive a rich gift today, insures the reception of a richer gift tomorrow" *The Desire of Ages*, page 148.

Some of us have had the greatest blessing of our lives this last week. Am I correct? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have a still better blessing in the week ahead? It's on the menu, friends—bought and paid for. Next week can be better than this last week. Heaven has plenty. Jesus longs to give us more and more and more.

You know, if some millionaire friend would take you into the biggest department store in Phoenix, and say, "I have a charge account here. Here's my card. Take anything you want out of this store," it would be too bad to come away with a fifty-cent item, wouldn't it? Oh, that would be something to be thankful for, but what a pity to miss so much.

God is a wonderful giver. He delights to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think.

"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children" *Education*, page 18.

But friends, He's seeking to teach us how to work with Him. For in the natural world and in the spiritual world, only as we learn the way He works, and cooperate, do we get what He wants to give us. It's what we sow that we reap—And so in the spiritual work.

This week we've been studying about this saving and keeping power of the blood of Jesus. I want to review with you this simple but wonderful fact: that all the

plan of salvation is dependent upon the one offering of the cross. That was represented by the many offerings that were made here in the court upon this altar, this altar of burnt offerings. Here is where the lambs were slain. Here is where the bullocks were sacrificed. And every sacrifice pointed to that one great offering of Calvary.

There are two great things that Jesus wants to do for me through the shedding of that blood. He wants to sprinkle that blood in the sanctuary for me to cover my past sins. But friends, He wants to do more than cover the past. He wants to cure me, so I won't sin again.

Would you like to be cured? You see, that's the message of the blood on the mercy seat. The blood in the Holy Place is speaking, particularly, of forgiven sins, sins that have been confessed, forgiven, covered by the blood. That's what those blood drops on the golden horns of the golden altar are telling us.

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" Psalm 32:1.

But as we've studied, unless God can do something beyond that for us, the sanctuary will have to stay open on and on and on. For unless we are cured, we'll keep sinning, and, unless we want to be lost, we'll bring those sins and confess them, and thus the work of transferring the sins goes on, you see.

But it is written in that wonderful prophecy of Daniel 8:14:

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

That means the final atonement. That means the blotting out of sins. That means the investigative judgment, preparatory to the blotting out of sins. And remember, while Jesus is working in the Most Holy Place to accomplish that, He wants you and me, His church on earth, to work with Him to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement.

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" 2 Corinthians 7:1.

Is that what the Bible says? Did I quote it right? Yes, that's it, 2 Corinthians 7:1. May I read it again? It's wonderful.

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" 2 Corinthians 7:1.

Why, there's a whole constellation of words that scare some people. But oh, those words cheer me. Cleanse, perfecting, holiness. Now, as I have said before, we don't need to go into some extravagant claims of holy flesh. We just need to take

what the Master has told us through His Word and the Spirit of Prophecy, and believe it by faith and start moving toward Heaven.

What did we read in Philippians 1:6? Jesus, Who began the work, will what? He'll perform it. He'll finish it until the day of Jesus Christ.

One of the most important points that I want to share with you this evening is this: It's the same blood that covers that finally cures—the same blood, the *only* blood that can make atonement, the blood of Jesus, that one offering on the cross.

“Well,” you say, “How can the same offering do both?” It's very simple, friends. Let's look at it. What is repentance for sin? Repentance for sin is being sorry for sin, sorry enough to give it up. Is that right? If I'm not sorry enough to give it up, I haven't repented. Is that correct? Yes. Some people weep when they give up something, but they weep because they have to give it up. That's not repentance. Repentance is being so sorry for sin that if we had a chance to do it over again, we wouldn't do it over again. Do you see that? And unless our repentance is that deep, it isn't deep enough. We haven't really repented.

So when the Devil comes to you and me and says, “Well, here's something you want to do. Go ahead and do it, and then you can ask God to forgive you afterward, and He will.”

Don't buy that lie, friends. The Devil is a murderer.

You say, “Won't God forgive me?” He will if you repent. Repentance is a gift from God, the same as pardon is. But as I've studied with you from Zechariah 12:10, repentance comes as we look upon the One whom we have pierced, and we mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son. As we go into the sanctuary, we see the light from the cross of Calvary reflected. As we see that sprinkled blood there before the veil, we keep thinking about what the covering of our sins has cost.

But now let me ask you something. If I'm really sorry enough to give up the thing I did yesterday, the sin, the transgression of God's law, and if the thing that has made me sorry is seeing what it cost Jesus on Calvary, and that He's bearing that burden of sin for me in the sanctuary—I say if I see that and I'm really sorry, and I can keep that fresh in my mind, what will I do the next time I am tempted? What will I do? What will I say? That's right. I'll say no, and why? Because I will say to the tempter, I cannot afford to pay the price. I cannot drive the nails again. I cannot thrust the spear of pain. I cannot bear to see His grief and agony—repeating Calvary by thought of sin.

I was holding a week of prayer in one of our academies. One day two girls came to talk with me. They said, “Brother Frazee, we have a problem. There's something we are tempted to do again and again, and we do it again and again. How can we quit?” I asked the Lord to help me. And I looked into their young faces, and I said, “Girls, listen. Suppose the next time you were tempted to do that thing that someone should say, ‘Yes, you can do that. But first, before you do it, you must take a nail and drive it through your mother's hand.’ Would you do it?”

“Oh, no,” they said.

Well, I said, “Would it be easy to say no, or hard to say no?”

They said, “It would be easy to say no.”

That’s the answer, isn’t it, friends? It’s true that it is not a nail in His hand when we sin. It’s something worse. It’s a pain in His heart. And so Hebrews 6:6 says those that keep sinning when they know better:

“...Crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame” Hebrews 6:6.

Shall I crucify my Savior
When for me He bore such loss?
Shall I put to shame my Savior?
Can I nail Him to the cross?

No, I can’t do it. That is the cure for sin. It’s just a question, you see friends, of whether you have the blood sprinkled after you sin or before you sin. It’s the same blood. It’s the same awakening to the consciousness of how terrible sin is that it murdered the Son of God. If you wait until you fall, then like Peter with bitter tears, you weep in Gethsemane. But Peter could have wept in Gethsemane before he was tempted. Did someone suggest it to him? Who was it? Jesus. But Peter was so sure that he could handle himself and walk straight that he slept when he could have been, should have been interceding. Do you see, friends?

What we need is not some self-assurance that says, “All right, I’ll walk straight. I will behave myself.” Oh, no. Paul says:

“...I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwells no good thing...” Romans 7:18.

And Paul wrote that after he’d been a Christian for some time. He wrote to the Philippians:

“Not as though I had already attained... but I follow after”
Philippians 3:12.

The Christian has no confidence in himself, and he has less and less, the closer he gets to the goal. He becomes better and better acquainted with how weak he is. But oh friends, it’s a lot better to get acquainted with that in the secret place of prayer under the x-ray of the Holy Spirit; better to learn your weakness there than to wait until you are tempted out in public, and everybody else finds out what a fool and failure you are.

Jesus wants to reveal to you your needs and weaknesses when you are alone with Him. And so He suggests that it would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ, beholding what He did for us in Nazareth and Capernaum, in Galilee and Judea, in Gethsemane and at Calvary, and

what He's doing now within the veil—every day, some time; longer or shorter as the case may be. But as we've noted, the more time we spend there, the less time we'll have to spend with the TV, the radio, the newspaper, the magazine, and a lot of other things. And that'll be all right, won't it? Because we are getting ready for the closing of the sanctuary. Our whole interest is to share with Jesus in the cleansing of the sanctuary once for all. He has promised to do the work in Heaven, and He has promised to do it in our hearts here on earth, if we'll give Him the time and put our wills on His side, learning His way, choosing His way. And the thing that provides the motivation, the thing that gives us the power, impelling, compelling, propelling is love that is awakened as we behold His sacrifice for us.

And so we read in that opening text:

“...Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world” John 1:29.

“...he was manifested to take away our sins...”
1 John 3:5.

Remember, I repeat, it's the same blood that covers and cleanses. It's the same blood that takes away the guilt of our past sins and gives us keeping power to refuse the enemy's temptations.

Look not within yourself, then, to find the secret of victory. Look away to Jesus. Look at the Cross. Look at Jesus within the veil. And when you're tempted, remember, temptation is not sin. Temptation is the glorious opportunity to choose Jesus instead of the Devil; to choose loyalty instead of rebellion. Shall we do it, friends? But remember, the power is in the blood of Jesus.

This is our last time together this year, isn't it friends? I'd like to tell you a little about what this means to me personally. And all I shall say about myself you may say for yourself. But I'd just like to tell you what it means to me.

You might like to turn to John 17. We are told by inspiration that this chapter comprehends more than any other chapter in the New Testament. This is the prayer that Christ offered just before Gethsemane.

He'd been with His disciples in the upper room, washed their feet, and gave them the sacrament. He had talked with them there around the table about His going away and His wanting to come again and get them. He talked to them about the wonderful gift of the Spirit that He would pray the Father that they should receive. Together they had left the upper room and gone down the streets of Jerusalem, down into the valley of Kedron. They'd seen that beautiful grapevine in the moonlight, and He had used it as a parable of the relationship between Him and His disciples.

And now before He goes into the garden for this final struggle, He pauses and gathering around Him that little band of chosen disciples, He pours out His heart in this intercessory prayer, John 17. The climax is in the 24th verse.

Now, I want to tell you something wonderful before I read that verse. You'll find it in *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 4*, page 529. And when I read that and over on page 530, I discover that Jesus saw me, individually, personally, as He prayed this prayer in John 17. It's just as true of each of you. He prayed for you, and He prayed for me when He prayed this prayer of John 17.

"Oh," you say, "That's impossible. There are millions and billions of people in the world."

Listen, friends. Christ is not only the Son of man; He is God, the Son of God. And God is infinite. So I believe exactly what the testimony of Jesus tells me. I know when I read this verse, Jesus was thinking about me. He was praying for me. Notice what He asked of the Father:

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am..." John 17:24.

He wants me with Him in Heaven to behold His glory and to share it with Him. Do you know why He wants me with Him? He loves me. Now, if you knew me as well as I know myself, you might wonder why He loves me. And I've wondered that more than once. But I have discovered the secret. One person that's dear to you; well, you can get along without several of them, then can't you?

Oh, my friends, I'm so glad I know tonight that there's a place in Jesus' heart that nobody but this man can fill. That's why He made me. That's why He made me different from everybody else.

Did you ever see anybody else like you? Did you? No, there are no duplicates. God only needs one of each kind. But He can't afford to lose that one. That's me. This is why He came to this world. He was hunting me. This is why He died on the cross. He wanted me. This is just as true as though I were the only one in all this world. And if this isn't true, nothing matters. But if it is true, nothing else matters. And thank God it is true.

Oh, if He had not come for me,
Forever I would roam,
Alone and lost in misery.
But up and over Calvary
The Shepherd bears me home.

He came for me. He wants me. He loves me. He wants me for His friend. He wants me not only to follow Him as a sheep follows the shepherd, or as a child his father or mother. He wants me to sit with Him in counsel. He likes to counsel with me. He likes to know what I think of Him and the way He does things. It pleases Him when what He does pleases me. It pleases Him when I tell Him so.

It's going to bring joy to His heart all through eternity as I, ooh and ah, watching all the things that He has made and that He does. As I go with Him from world to world, and He sees my face glow and my heart rejoice as he opens up more and more of His wonderful work to me, that pleases Him. And my response pleases

Him as nobody else's in the universe can please Him. He's an infinite God. He has infinite needs. He needs me. And this is why He thinks that all this price that He has paid and is paying is worth it, to get me.

There was a girl down in Florida that was kidnapped. Her father was wealthy and the kidnappers demanded a half million dollars ransom. The father paid it—a half a million dollars to get one girl. Was she worth it? She was to the father.

And what a strange thing it would be if a few weeks later some of her friends come to visit her and say, "Well, look here, Barbara, your father sure thinks you're important, doesn't he? He sure thinks a lot of you." Wouldn't it be strange for her to hang her head and say, "I don't know, sometimes I wonder."

Did you ever hear any Christian talk that way about Jesus? Were you ever tempted to talk that way yourself? Oh, my dear friends, Jesus wants you for His friend, and He wants you so much that He paid a ransom—not of a half a million dollars, nor half a billion or half a trillion—He gave *everything*. He gave His *life* because He wanted you.

Shall He have what He wants? Wouldn't it be a shame to keep it from Him? And what's His prayer here on the borders of Gethsemane? He's praying for me. He's praying for you:

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am..." John 17:24.

Why does He want me with Him? Because He loves me. You know, love loves to be with those it loves. Am I correct? Were you ever separated from somebody you love very dearly? God has allowed me to learn that lesson in various experiences. He probably has with you. And friends, when the one you love the most is far away, the happiest thing you can think of is to be where that one is. Am I correct? Did you know Jesus thought that way about you? That's what He says, and I believe Him, friends. I know it is so. He has demonstrated it. He has proved it.

Well, He finished this prayer and went on into the shadows of Gethsemane. And there He agonized until the bloody sweat ran down His face. The mob came. They hurried Him off to the judgment hall. And seven times, He was arraigned before the priests and rulers, twice tortured with the scourge, and then led out to Calvary to be nailed to the tree and hung up between the Heaven and the earth.

And as He was hanging there in those dark hours, Satan scourged His soul with the temptation that if He should go ahead and die for me that He, Christ, would never live again. As the shadows gathered about His soul, the light of hope went out. But the light of love never went out. He was determined to die for me even if it meant to die forever. That's what He thinks of me. And He has told me that He wants me to value myself according to the price He has paid for me. And it's true of you, my friends, for He thought of you.

Well, at last, the moment of death came, and they laid Him in the tomb. Early in the morning of the first day of the week, that mighty angel came down the skies, rolled the stone away as if it were but a pebble. The Son of God was called forth. He's on His way to the Father's throne, but He lingers to comfort a poor, weeping soul, Mary, that sinner, that forgiven sinner. And as finally, she recognizes her risen Lord, she springs to embrace His feet and worship Him, but He says, "No, Mary, not yet. I'm not yet ascended to My Father. Go and tell My brethren I'm going to the Father."

So she went with the message and He went that morning up to the heavenly temple. And all the angels there were waiting to welcome Him, but He waves them back. He cannot accept their worship any more than He could the worship of Mary. He had something on His heart.

He goes in to meet the Father from whom He has been separated all the time that He has been in the world. But before He accepts that embrace from His Father and the glad welcome home He has a request to make. He has a prayer. What is it?

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am..." John 17:24.

"Father, I've died. I've paid the price. If it's sufficient, I want to know before I come back here that I can bring all my friends with Me." And He was thinking of me.

The Father's heart is as the heart of the Son. And the Father granted His prayer and embraced Him, gave Him the assurance that He could bring you and me home with Him.

At once He came back to this world, met with the disciples that evening, was with them 40 days. Ascension Day came, and He led them out to the Mount of Olives, gave them the blessing, and again He was on His way heavenward. This time the representatives from all the universe were gathered together. This was the official inauguration of Christ as priest in the Heavenly Sanctuary after His sacrifice on the cross.

You can read it in that closing chapter in *The Desire of Ages*. Get that wonderful scene as all the universe is represented there. He comes. The escorting angels sing as they approach the city. "Open the gates and the King of glory will come in." And back comes the challenge, "Who is the King of glory?" You know that wonderful song.

The angels want to worship Him again, but He waves them back. He's going in to see His Father. And there before the representatives of all the worlds unfallen, Christ again asks His Father, "Can I bring with Me all my friends from that fallen planet?" Once again, these words are heard from His lips:

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am..." John 17:24.

And friends, it touches my heart to know that Jesus would not accept the throne of the universe from His Father unless and until He had the assurance from God Himself that He could bring me with Him to share that throne. That's how much He thinks of me.

And thank God, that prayer was heard, that request was granted, and the assurance is given Christ by the Father that I can be there with Him. He wants me there. The Son wants me there. The Father wants me there.

So He began His priestly work. Have you ever wondered what Jesus prays about? Would you like to listen in on one of Jesus' prayers there within the veil? If you'll look in the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Volume 5, page 1145, you'll find a Spirit of Prophecy comment on John 17 that shows that this prayer of John 17 is a sample prayer, an illustration of what Christ is pleading for there within the veil. What is it?

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am..." John 17:24.

This is the burden on His heart. This is the one longing. This is what He has been praying for all these years in the Holy Place and now in the Most Holy Place. He wants me with Him.

Now let us look forward to the time of trouble. The plagues are falling. The death decree is made. The saints are agonizing in prayer. And finally comes the moment of deliverance at the midnight hour as the voice of God sounds down through Orion. The heavens are opened and the saints look up through that open space in Orion. There we see Jesus standing at the Father's throne. May I read it here in *Great Controversy*, page 636?

"...they look up steadfastly into heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne. In His divine form they discern the marks of His humiliation; and from His lips they hear the request presented before His Father and the holy angels: 'I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am'" *Great Controversy*, page 636.

You see friends; this is what He prayed before Gethsemane. This is what He was thinking about on the cross. This is what He was thinking about on the resurrection day. This is what He was thinking about Ascension Day. This is what He prays throughout His mediatorial work. This is His request just before He comes. He wants us with Him.

Say, friends, if I'm willing, do you think He will get me there? Oh, yes. It's all for me. It's all for you.

One of my dear friends at Wildwood has written a song about this, Brother Warren Wilson. Sister Eulene Borton is going to sing this for me now:

Jesus climbed the lonely road up Calvary,
And He bore the heavy cross to set me free,
But He fainted 'neath the load, how can it be
That my Savior would have borne it just for me?

It is for me, friends, as if I had been the only one. The good news is it's just as true for you.

Jesus climbed the lonely road up Calvary,
And He bore the heavy cross to set me free,
But He fainted 'neath the load, how can it be
That my Savior would have borne it just for me?

I can never understand His love for me,
For to Him I was a bitter enemy.
O! forever it will be a mystery
That my Savior would have died for only me.

O behold Him hanging there in infamy.
See the haughty priest, the scowling Pharisee.
See the crown of thorns He wears, how can it be
That my Savior would have worn it just for me?

I can never understand His love for me,
For to Him I was a bitter enemy.
O! forever it will be a mystery
That my Savior would have died for only me.

See the darkness that descends on Calvary.
See the lightening flash, the earth quake violently.
Hear His dying, bitter cry of agony;
And to think He would have died for only me!

I can never understand His love for me,
For to Him I was a bitter enemy.
O! forever it will be a mystery
That my Savior would have died for only me.

Do you agree with me, my friends, if this isn't true there is nothing that matters, but if this is true, nothing else matters? I care not what this world is bidding for your soul, for your time, your money, your effort. There's no way to outbid what already has been paid for you.

How many of us tonight would like to send Him the word that He can have what He paid for? Would you like to stand?

I can hear my Savior calling.
I can hear my Savior calling.
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."

Now as we get ready to sing that chorus, "Where He leads me, I will follow," I want to give an invitation, friends. There's somebody here tonight that'll never be the same again. Some heart here has felt the arrow from the Lord's quiver, and you know that as you leave this pavilion tonight to walk with Jesus means a different road than you've been walking. It means some definite change in your life.

Maybe you're not a church member, and God is calling you to get ready for that. Maybe you're a sinner that has never given your heart to God, but tonight as you see how much He loves you, you are going to do it. Maybe you're a backslider that has wandered away, and tonight you are coming back.

Maybe you're a church member in good and regular standing, but you see that the world has gotten between you and the Master, that some TV program, some radio mania, some obsession with business or professional careers, some family problem, some malice, some difficulty, some Sabbath-breaking or tithe withholding, some lust, some folly, something has gotten between you and the Master. Tonight you're coming to put that down at Jesus' feet and let Christ have all that He paid for.

Whatever it is that God is convicting you of just now, as you think of all Jesus has paid, oh, come, my friends. There may be somebody that has been holding back because of doubt that you can make it. Say, friends, if He has paid all this for you, do you think He can finish what He started? Do you think He can? No question about it.

All right:

Where He leads me, I will follow.
Where He leads me, I will follow.
Where He leads me, I will follow.
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

God bless you folks. So glad you are here.

I'll go with Him through the garden.
I'll go with Him through the garden.
I'll go with Him through the garden.
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

Where He leads me, I will follow.
Where He leads me, I will follow.
Where He leads me, I will follow.
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

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