

Song of Moses and the Lamb

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Recently, a poll was conducted, and it was discovered that a sizeable fraction of the people of this country are real believers in astrology. And that another sizeable fraction are interested in it enough to study what sign they were born under and what effect that's supposed to have upon their life.

It has come to such proportions that a large group of scientists were called together to study the matter and to give what counsel they felt would be suitable. They were all agreed that there was nothing really to the matter of astrology. It's an entirely different thing from astronomy, as you're all aware.

But I was quite interested in the remarks of one of these leading scientists. He said he believes that this deep interest comes from a great desire of people to know the future.

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn..." 2 Peter 1:19.

Oh, how thankful I am for the searchlight of revelation focused on the road ahead, my friends.

This beautiful chart, which you see before you, was made for me just a few weeks ago. This is my first opportunity to share it with you. And this evening, we're going to look at some of the events that lie between us and the great climax of history, the personal appearing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

That we may first of all, have our minds focused upon the goal, the objective of it all, we're going to hear the song, "To Look in His Eyes," sung by Cassandra Cancellor. These words were written by Brother Warren Wilson, and as they're brought to us tonight, I know that the Holy Spirit will witness to them and we shall be blessed as we contemplate His glorious appearing.

"A tiny black cloud in the blue, eastern sky,
In wonder we gaze as it's fast drawing nigh;
As lighter, and whiter, and brighter it seems,
While ten million angels on bright shining wings
Come winging and singing a triumphant song,
'til heaven seems filled with their radiant forms.

A cloud of such glory, so dazzling white,
The bottom like fire, Oh, wondrous the sight!
A rainbow above it, with colors so rare;

What splendor! A glorious scene in the air!
And lo, in the midst rides the great King of kings;
No pen can portray how majestic the scene.

Are you ready for Jesus' coming,
Or will you be surprised?
He's coming in heaven's bright glory;
Oh, friend, can you look in His eyes?

He rides forth in glory; Oh, great His renown!
Upon his fair head many glittering crowns;
His hair is pure white, Oh, as white as the snow.
His voice like the sound as when great waters flow;
His countenance shines like the sun at its height.
His eyes are like fire, Oh, fearful the sight.

And now, all is silence; Oh, look in His eyes!
He reads every motive and every disguise;
The secrets of life His eyes read as a scroll,
And pierce to the depths, Oh, the depths of the soul.
Ah, terrible, wonderful, awful surprise,
Oh, friend, are you ready to look in His eyes?

Are you ready for Jesus coming?
Or will you be surprised?
He's coming in heaven's bright glory;
Oh, friend, can you look in His eyes?"
"To Look in His Eyes" by Warren Wilson.

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him...this is the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation" Isaiah 25:9.

Now, I invite you to turn to the 14th chapter of Revelation. This book of Revelation is Jesus' special message to the last generation, focusing the light of the ages on the last battle between right and wrong, between law-keeping and law-breaking.

In the 14th chapter of Revelation, John is given a preview of the triumph of the church. I read:

"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song..."
Revelation 14:2–3.

In Revelation 15 verses 1–3 we're given a view of this same company singing. In the 2nd verse, it says:

“...Them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints” Revelation 15:2–3.

So, this song that the 144,000 sing, the song of Moses and the Lamb, is a song of victory, of triumph, of deliverance. Various comments on this from the Spirit of Prophecy indicate two things. The critic would say they are contradictory; the reverent student will see in them a beautiful harmony.

The facts are that this song of Moses and the Lamb will be sung by all the redeemed from Adam and Abel on down to the last one. It is equally true that this song will be sung especially by the 144,000.

Perhaps, it'll be a great oratorical with various choruses and choirs; perhaps, solos and duets. A friend of mine has indulged in a very interesting bit of reverent speculation, and I don't often say anything from the pulpit that I can't prove with a reference, but this is so beautiful I'm going to share it with you.

He said that he believes that he is going to have a solo part in that song and that when he comes to his part, Jesus and he are going to sing it together.

Well, I'll tell you why I think he said that he felt he was going to have a solo part. The reason the 144,000 sing this song in a special way, or at least there are some parts of it that they will sing alone, is it is a song of experience. You notice here in Revelation the 14th chapter, the 3rd verse, it says:

“And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth” Revelation 14:3.

It isn't something you learn like A-B-C, or “Do-Re-Mi-Fa-So.” It's a song of experience. Now, I'm going to read that in *Great Controversy*, page 649:

“...They sing ‘a new song’ before the throne, a song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand. It is the song of Moses and the Lamb—a song of deliverance. None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience—an experience such as no other company have ever had” *Great Controversy*, page 649.

That's why they sing a special song—they've had a special experience. And in a sense, all the redeemed of this earth have had a special experience, indeed very special, very special. The angels will sing through all eternity about the wonderful love of God and about the blood that was shed upon the cross, for it is through beholding the cross that even the angels are kept loyal and true in their allegiance to God.

But no one other than the inhabitants of this planet has ever experienced what it means to be converted, to be born again, to be lifted out of the pit of sin and cleansed and changed and made like Jesus Christ. So, all the redeemed will sing this wonderful song of deliverance. But the 144,000 have a special experience, and so they'll have a special song.

May I read this again:

"...No man can learn [that song] save the hundred and forty and four thousand. It is the song of Moses and the Lamb—a song of deliverance. None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience—an experience such as no other company have ever had" *Ibid.*

Now, look again at Revelation the 14th chapter, and this time we'll look at the 4th verse:

"These are they which were not defiled with women..."
Revelation 14:4.

That is, they are not in communion and fellowship with Babylon, the fallen churches, either the mother harlot or her daughter harlots.

"...for they are virgins..." Revelation 14:4.

That is, they have a pure faith. They believe what Jesus believes. They have the faith of Jesus. Now, the next sentence, will you read it with me:

"...These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth..." Revelation 14:4.

Isn't that beautiful?

"...They follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth..."
Revelation 14:4.

Commenting on this, *Acts of the Apostles*, 591, says:

"But all who follow the Lamb in heaven must first have followed Him on earth, not fretfully or capriciously, but in trustful, loving, willing obedience, as the flock follows the shepherd" *Acts of the Apostles*, page 591.

Oh, I want to begin that walk with Him here that I will continue with Him through all eternity. What do you say? And I want to begin that song with Him here that I'll sing with Him there on Mt. Zion. What do you say to that? Thank God.

So, we're going to look at it tonight. Now, there is a peculiar significance to this expression:

“...They... follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth...”
Revelation 14:4.

And this is why they are able to sing not only the song of Moses but the song of the Lamb. They share the Lamb's experience, such as no other company have ever shared. I'm going to presume upon your knowledge of coming events tonight, and if there are those here tonight that find something unfamiliar in what we present, if you'll mention it to us after the meeting, we'll be glad to refer you to the things that you may study in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy that will help you to become well acquainted with the road ahead.

Of course, there are many things ahead that we don't know. I haven't even learned yet all the things that have already happened in this world, have you? But oh, I'm so glad that the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy pick out of all the millions and billions and trillions of things that have happened in the past, the important things for us to focus on. Likewise in the future, friends, likewise in the future.

Now, just by way of review, you know that we are a people of prophecy. The great date 1844 is our birthday. It comes at the end of the longest prophetic period in the Bible, the 2,300 days or literal years of Daniel 8:14.

And at that time:

“...The temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the Ark of His testament...”
Revelation 11:19.

The third angel has been pointing upward ever since October 22, 1844, directing the minds of God's people to the Most Holy Place and the work of cleansing the sanctuary that is going on there, the work of judgment preparatory to blotting out the sins of God's people, preparatory to sealing them with the seal of the living God that they may be marked (spared) people in the time of trouble that's ahead.

You remember that immediately preceding that eventful date of 1844, Christ hung out the signs in the heavens: the dark day, the bloody moon, the falling stars, omens of His soon return.

Jesus said:

“...When ye see these things...” Luke 21:31.

“...know that it is nigh, even at the doors” Mark 13:29.

So, He's been at the door for over a hundred years, at the door. Oh, let's open the door and let Him come in and finish the work in our hearts. What do you say?

Now, we're about here on this chart. This waymark here represents a great event foretold in the 13th chapter of Revelation, dealing with the formation of the image to the beast and the enforcement of the mark of the beast. The seal of God is shown to be the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment. The mark of apostasy is the false Sabbath, the Sunday, changed by the Pope of Rome and passed on to Protestantism as a mark of its power. That mark is soon to be enforced, as the labor unions, the popular churches, and government unite to persecute the remnant people of God.

During the time immediately after this, as God gives His people the mighty power of the Latter Rain, the Loud Cry is sounded as predicted in Revelation 18:1-4, and every honest-hearted person in this world, no matter what church he *has* belonged to, or whether he has belonged to a church or not, will leave the ranks of lawbreaking and identify himself with the remnant church:

“...which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” Revelation 12:17.

This is pictured in Revelation 14, beginning with the 14th verse, as a great harvest, the harvest of grain to be gathered for the garner of God. Thank God, we're in the ripening process now, and souls are being made ready.

When this work is done and all the true people of God in all churches have been gathered into the remnant church keeping God's Sabbath, when they've endured the persecution and been sealed with the seal of the living God, probation will close and immediately follows the plagues of Revelation 15 and 16.

During this time of trouble, the people of God will be greatly tried. They'll be put into the crucible, and during this time, called the time of Jacob's trouble, God will complete the work in their hearts and lives that will fit them for glorification at the voice of God at the seventh plague, and translation as Christ appears, in that wonderful, wonderful day when there will be a reunion and never any more parting.

These are the experiences that lie ahead. Now, for a few minutes tonight, I would like to have you notice how in all these steps we are to be following the Lamb, following the Lamb.

As Jesus in the closing days and hours of His life went through a series of events, culminating at last in His resurrection and ascension, so the remnant church will go through a series of experiences in some ways paralleling those that Jesus went through.

Let us note them very briefly. You'll remember that as Christ gathered with His disciples in the upper room on that Thursday night before His crucifixion, He told

them that there was coming a terrible test to them, which would cause them to be shaken and sifted. And He urged them to do what? To pray.

He Himself, knowing the time that prophecy had foretold, took Himself to prayer and went into the garden of Gethsemane. There He urged the disciples to pray, but what did they do? They slept.

Volume 2, 205, I read:

“By these sleeping disciples is represented a sleeping church, when the day of God’s visitation is nigh. It is a time of clouds and thick darkness, when to be found asleep is most perilous” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 2, page 205.*

This is the time we are in now. The same Jesus that foretold a sifting of His band of disciples has foretold a sifting of this church. Never forget it, friends. I have indicated the glorious experience when multitudes *from* Babylon are going to leave the churches that break God’s commandments and come and identify themselves with this movement.

But sad to say, at the same time that multitudes will be coming in *from* Babylon, there will be multitudes *leaving* the remnant church and identifying themselves with the law-breaking religious movements of this hour. It seems unbelievable, but we’ve been told who they are.

We’ve been told in *Volume 5, page 81*, that under the persecution of the mark of the beast:

“Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, page 81.*

So (mark it), we are approaching a sifting as real as that sifting that Jesus foretold concerning His little band of disciples. And we have the choice—don’t miss it—of going to prayer as Jesus did and continuing through in earnest, agonizing pleading, or falling asleep as did Peter and his brethren.

Now, what was the result back there? Jesus received the power to go *through* the time of test into which He was entering. The disciples, failing to persevere in prayer, were surprised by the coming of the mob. But did they at once leave the Savior? Oh, no. What did they do? They tried to fight to protect Him.

Volume 6, page 400–401 says that:

“As trials thicken around us, both separation and unity will be seen in our ranks. Some who are now ready to take up weapons of warfare will in times of real peril make it manifest

that they have not built upon the solid Rock..." *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 6, page 400.*

Believe me, friends, when the National Sunday Law is passed, when persecution begins, there will be men and women who will be earnest and eloquent in their defense of the truth, who a little while later will faint and fail as the persecution gets hard. We cannot number Israel tonight nor tomorrow. God has the records. He knows.

Remember, it was Peter who asserted his loyalty in such a vehement way. It was Peter who got out his sword and started to fight for Jesus. It was Peter who finally led the retreat, leaving the Savior alone in the hands of the mob.

And my dear friend, your earnest avowals of loyalty are good, but if like Peter you sleep, like Peter you will after a period of fighting for God run away, and perhaps like him deny your Lord with cursing and swearing.

Oh, that in this hour, the hour that heaven has marked as the hour of prayer and intercession, we may know the time of night. This is our glorious opportunity, dear friends. Very well.

We see the parallel, then. Like Jesus, we know what's ahead. Like Jesus, we take ourselves to prayer. Like Jesus, we receive the energizing presence of the Spirit. Like Jesus, we shall meet the mob, meet the rulers of church and state as they unite to persecute the remnant church as they persecuted Jesus back there. And like Christ and His disciples, the remnant church will be sifted. And only those who have prayed earnestly will have the victory to go ahead.

Read the vivid description given us in *Early Writings*, page 269, 270 and 271.

Now, as Jesus was taken by the mob and hurried to the judgment halls, first of the Jews and then the Romans, He endured all manner of insults, derision, cruelty, so the members of the remnant church will be persecuted, and they will be tested. But as Jesus gave a revelation of His Father's love, so the remnant church will reveal God's love to this closing generation.

Finally, a death decree was passed upon Jesus. The argument was that it was better for *Him* to perish than for the whole nation to be thrown in confusion. This will be the argument that will be used to pass a death decree against the remnant church. They're only a tiny minority. It's better for them to be put out of the way since they're so stubborn, so obstinate. It's better for them to suffer than it is for the whole world to be thrown in confusion.

And so, a death decree will be passed, and during this time of the falling of the plagues, the wicked will be looking forward to this crisis hour, when the commandment keepers are marked for death. But the remnant church will be pleading with God earnestly.

During this time, we are told that the righteous must stand upon the earth without a mediator, without an intercessor. During this time, they will experience

something (you notice, I say “something,” not all, oh, no, but something of what Jesus suffered upon the cross. Christ suffered in many dimensions, and there are many things that Christ suffered that none of us will ever suffer.

“...Christ suffered...the just for the unjust...” 1 Peter 3:18.

“...the LORD hath laid on *Him* the iniquity of us all”
Isaiah 53:6.

And so, nothing of this kind do I suggest for the remnant. But I do say this, friend. As Jesus suffered upon the cross without an intercessor and without being able to see His Father’s face, so those who go through Jacob’s trouble will experience a time when it will be by faith and faith alone that they will maintain their loyalty to God. Here, they follow the Lamb in a special way.

Now, Jesus finally died. The remnant church, the members, will not die. They’ll be delivered by the voice of God at midnight. And then, as Jesus was resurrected, they will be translated and will ascend with Him to the throne of God.

With that brief outline, you may be interested in going over again those wonderful chapters in *Desire of Ages*, beginning with the last supper in the upper room on through to the glory of the resurrection and ascension.

And with your study of those wonderful chapters in *Desire of Ages*, correlate what you find in *Early Writings* and *Great Controversy* concerning the experiences of the remnant, from the present on through the time of shaking and sifting, the time of persecution, the death decree, the time of Jacob’s trouble, the deliverance and translation and ascension.

Now, I come back to this wonderful picture in Revelation 14 and 15. Do you see a new meaning, a new glory, a new beauty in that expression:

“...No man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth”
Revelation 14:3.

“...It is the song of their experience—an experience such as no other company have ever had” *Great Controversy*, page 649.

In the *Review and Herald* of March 9, 1905, I read from the Spirit of Prophecy:

“Those whom the Lamb shall lead by the fountains of living waters, and from whose eyes he shall wipe away all tears, will be those now receiving the knowledge and understanding revealed in the Bible, the Word of God...Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand” *Review and Herald*, March 9, 1905.

What a destiny, friend. To share with Jesus in a special way in prayer, when those around us are sleeping; to share with Jesus in a special way in being the object of persecution, even when we're betrayed by false brethren and denied by those who should be our friends; to share with Jesus in a special way in the dark hours when only faith keeps us loyal and true; to share with Jesus in that trip to Heaven. He loves us so much that He's coming Himself with all the angels all the way from Heaven down here to get us. It'll be a wonderful trip, as we share with Him for seven days that marvelous space travel on, on to the throne of God. I want to take it, don't you?

But now, I want to ask you this question, friends. As we face the future and see what's ahead, is there anybody you want to take with you? Aren't you glad—I mean it, *glad*—aren't you glad that the time to leave is not this evening? Don't you have some relative, some friend, some neighbor, some dear one that you want so much to take with you on that trip?

And remember, every one of the lost ones in this world is so precious to Jesus that He would come down from Heaven and die all over again if that's what it took to save just one. Am I correct? I'm so glad that souls are worth that much. This is what our time is for—to rescue them.

Some of you have heard me tell the story of an experience that came to an Italian fisherman, John Napoli, on the 25th of August 1950. He was approaching the Golden Gate from a fishing trip out on the ocean waters. He'd made a good haul. He had about \$3,000 worth of fish in his boat. He was proceeding cautiously through the fog that often gathers around the Golden Gate there.

But as the fog lifted a little, he chanced to see out in the waters near his boat a struggling man. He looked out, and there in the clear waters near his boat, he saw the United States hospital ship that had been rammed in the fog. And suddenly, he saw that in the waters, there were many others struggling for survival.

Instantly, he reached out over the edge of his boat and pulled in the man nearest to him. And then, another and another. But presently, he had a problem. Do you know what it was? Space, space, where to put another man.

The decision took only a moment. Overboard went a big box of fish, and in came another man or two. And the process went on. And when the sunset hour came, he steamed into the wharf in San Francisco Harbor with 70 men on board, every one of whom he had rescued himself, pulling them in out of those briny waters.

And the fish—all of them were in the bottom of the ocean. Was it worth it? If anybody you love was one of the 70, it was worth it. Am I right? Oh, yes. Ah friends, soon we're coming into the harbor. How many can your boat hold? How many can your boat hold?

We've been told:

“...Let us aim, in the strength of Jesus, for the crown heavy with stars” *Review and Herald*, October 25, 1881.

As I see what so many are filling their boats with, many with trash, many with trivia, but many with good things, but I want to tell you something, friends. If my brother, my sister, my son, my daughter is going down within reach of your hand, I hope, oh, I hope, you'll throw overboard that box of fish and take in the one I love.

And the One who gave His life that you and I might be saved has given His life that these whom he brings us in contact with may be saved.

You know, I've thought of it, friends. There are so many things that we *could* do now that we'll have the opportunity to do all through eternity. But there's one thing we'll never have the opportunity to do. A million, million, million years from now, we'll never have the chance to save a soul, never have the chance to add one to the crown of Jesus Christ.

Oh, now we can, now we can. This is earth's last hour.

"The sunset burns across the sky,
Upon the air its warning cry,
The curfew tolls from tower to tower,
Oh, children, 'tis the last, last hour."
"The Sunset Burns," by Eulene Borton.

And whether you think of it as gathering men from the waters or gathering sheaves from the harvest field, friend, it's the last opportunity, it's the last opportunity.

"The work that centuries might have done,
Must crowd the hour of setting sun,
And through all lands, the saving name,
Ye must in fervent haste proclaim.

We hear His footsteps on the way,
Oh, work, while it is called today,
Constrained by love, endued with power,
Oh, children, in this last, last hour."
Ibid.

Sister Eulene Borton is going to sing this message for me just now. May the Holy Spirit witness.

"The sunset burns across the sky,
Upon the air its warning cry,
The curfew tolls from tower to tower,
Oh, children, 'tis the last, last hour.

Chorus: We hear His footsteps on the way,
Oh, work while it is called today,
Constrained by love, endued with power,
Oh, children, in this last, last hour.

The work that centuries might have done,
Now crowd the hour of setting sun
And through all lands the saving name,
We must in fervent haste proclaim,
Chorus.

The fields are white to harvest, weep,
Oh, tardy workers as ye reap,
For wasted hours that might have won,
Rich harvest 'ere the set of sun.
Chorus."
Ibid.

How many would like to send Jesus the word that for us, there's just one mission, to help Him win souls and finish things so He can come? Thank God for everyone.

Now, we're going to have a special prayer tonight for those who are leaving soon to help in launching some of these new enterprises.

Sister Birch, wouldn't you like to come up. Is Alberta here? All right. You come up. Sister Birch and Alberta are going up to help at Lithia so that some others can go to New Hampshire.

And I do not know who all are here tonight, but will you come and stand right here, please, facing this way. And any others that are soon to be changing their place of labor in order to help man some of these new places, or the places that have already gotten started, will you come up. We want to have a special prayer for you.

John, are you in on this? Well, that's all right. All right, my brother, come. Anybody else that's soon to go from this campus, or one of the other campuses to help in this expanding work, we just wanted to have a special prayer tonight. That's right, Sister Eulene.

Johnny, come over here. Somebody wheel Leroy up, will you. We're going to be strengthening our New England work. Anybody else? All right.

Now, I want to give another invitation. You know, every one of these folks that leave this campus, or one of the other campuses leaves a vacancy. You know that, don't you? Besides that, this expanding work is calling for new people. And it may be that the Lord has brought to this meeting somebody who will help us fill some of these vacancies, either here on this campus, or in the institutions that have already been started, or the new ones that are about to be started.

A few minutes ago, we heard about the wonderful providences in this offer of hundreds of acres of beautiful land, but friends, land can't make an institution. It takes people, it takes people. There's no limit to what God is waiting to do in the way of lands and money. He's short on people, people.

Is there somebody here tonight that believes that God has spoken to your heart in this meeting, and you want to volunteer to be used as His providence shall indicate, near or far, here or elsewhere, but you feel that God is calling on you in a special way to lay your life on the altar tonight? Won't you come forward and stand with these. This is good. The Holy Spirit will impress your hearts, friends.

"A call for loyal soldiers comes to one and all,
Soldiers for the conflict, will you heed the call?
Will you answer quickly with a ready cheer?
Will you be enlisted as a volunteer?"

A volunteer for Jesus, a soldier true,
Others have enlisted, why not you?
Jesus is the Captain, we will never fear,
Will you enlist as a volunteer?"
Author Unknown.

Somebody else that says, "Yes, Christ has tapped me on the shoulder tonight. He's spoken to my heart. He's put His finger on me, and I respond. I want to fill a place."

What a glorious opportunity. God bless you, my boy. That's right. I heard the call when I was your age, and I'm glad God put it in my heart to respond.

"...He that winneth souls is wise" Proverbs 11:30.

Ah friends, isn't it a shame to be busy catching fish when we could be saving men and women? Isn't it? Isn't it? Isn't it too bad? God bless you, my boy. Come and put your life on the altar for God. Yes. God bless you, God bless you.

You know, I make no apology, friends. I'm a recruiting sergeant. That's right. I'm a recruiting sergeant. I've been in the army all my life and it's a wonderful, wonderful army. God bless you, girls. That's right, on the altar for Jesus.

"I will follow Thee, my Savior,
Where so e'er my lot may be,
Where Thou goest I will follow;
Yes, my Lord, I'll follow Thee.

I will follow Thee, my Savior,
Thou didst shed Thy blood for me;
And though all men should forsake Thee,
By Thy grace, I'll follow Thee."
Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #623.

There may be somebody here tonight that's in the balance. You may be going through a struggle right now, either a struggle to know what to do or a struggle, on the other hand, to do what you already know. Whichever it is, if there's somebody going through a struggle right now, right where you are, and you'd like our

prayers in this closing moment, raise your hand. God bless you, friends. God help every one of you.

And I tell you, the answer is a complete and full surrender, without knowing ahead of time all that it involves. That a fact, that's a fact. Jesus made you. Trust yourself with Him. Jesus bought you with His blood. Trust yourself with Him.

Say, "Lord, I'll go anywhere. I'll do anything. No matter how hot the weather is, no matter how cold it is, no matter how poor it makes me—anything, if only I can be a part in that volunteer army that plants the banner of triumph on the eternal heights."

What an opportunity, friends, what an opportunity.

All right. Brother Wilson, will you come forward, and will the congregation unite with us in prayer, as we all kneel together, and after the prayer, if you who have come up will take the front seats.

[Brother Wilson] Our Father in Heaven, it's with a great desire to be faithful soldiers in your army that we kneel here this evening. We think of these who are leaving our campus and a good many others who are not with us tonight that are going to pioneer new places, and we think of the hardships that await them and the trials and the privations.

Lord, our hearts are filled with sympathy and love for them. And we pray that just now you will in a very special way bless them. We know that only as we put ourselves in your hands, as we put our hand firmly in yours can we stand through the trials that await us as we march forward into battle. But Lord, we pray that you'll bless us that we might be faithful. Bless each one of these, we pray.

We bless these others who have enlisted this evening. Lord, lead each one and guide each one. We can't know the human heart. We can't know what each one of these was created to do, what post he was created to fill, but you know all things, and you're the Creator, and we pray that you will help each one to find just the place that you want them to fill in the army of the Lord.

And Lord, we pray for those who are in the valley of decision tonight that don't really know what your purpose is for them but are seeking. Lord, help them to claim the promise:

"...Seek, and ye shall find..." Matthew 7:7.

And help them to ask for wisdom in faith, knowing that they will receive, and guide them.

We pray for those who know what they should do but are struggling, having problems making right decisions. Bless them, Lord, and bless others who haven't put up their hands, who are also having a struggle in their own hearts. We know how the Devil battles for us. Lord, we're all sinners, we're all lost without Jesus, but

we think of the day so soon to come when we will see Him coming in the clouds of heaven.

Lord, it's our great desire that we shall be faithful and have many sheaves to lay at your feet, that we will have rescued many drowning men. Help us, Lord, as each one of us goes to take up our post of duty that this may be the great burden of our hearts—to save men.

Now, we ask that You will follow each of us with the deep movings of your Spirit, that You will help each of us to have clear light as to the next step that you want us to take. And we are thankful that we can claim these wonderful promises that assure us of victory. In Jesus' name, amen.

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