

Tenth Commandment

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I'm glad that so many people are interested in the study of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6–12. Are we through yet? No. There's more to study, more to study. And I'm glad that we can all be together here tonight.

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach...” Revelation 14:6.

How far?

“...unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people...” Revelation 14:6.

What does he say?

“...Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters” Revelation 14:7.

But everybody doesn't accept his message, and so the second angel comes saying, what?

“Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” Revelation 14:8.

And the third angel follows. How many more after the third? No more. This is the last. The angel of Revelation 18 comes to join his voice in a repetition on a wider and grander scale of the threefold message. The third message is the last, we're told. There are no more to follow. He warns against that false worship of the beast and his image and the reception of his mark. And then, he points out the glorious results of this threefold message in the 12th verse.

And will you repeat that with me:

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” Revelation 14:12.

Where are they? “Here.” John hears the angel repeat it twice, “Here.” Not in some far-off planet. Not in Heaven, but right here in this world, God will have a people who do what?

“...Keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”
Revelation 14:12.

Can it be done? What does it take to believe it? It takes faith. Whose faith?
The faith of Jesus.

Jesus had faith enough to give His life for the development of that people, my friends. Will we have faith enough to participate in it? I trust so. Oh, what a glorious opportunity.

But I wanted to say this, friends. The standard is so high and the experience so truly out of this world that the only way a man can believe it is by faith. The only way a man can truly hope for it is by believing God. It takes the same faith to believe that God is going to develop in this world a group of people who keep His commandments as it does to believe that He's coming to take us *from* this world and translate us to Heaven. One is just as much a miracle as the other, but we have a miracle-working God. Is that right? Thank God for that.

Now, I want us to look some more tonight at this law, this law, the two tables. I wonder why God put it on two tables. You know. Why is it? Why is it on two tables? One, the first table deals with what? Love to God. And the second, what? Love to man.

Now, which is first? We studied that last night, didn't we? Yes. What is “the first and great commandment”?

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind” Matthew 22:37.

That's the first. And these four commandments of the Decalogue are to enable us to show our love to God, is that right?

And over here are six commandments dealing with how to express our love to man, our fellow men. And thus, the ten show us how to reveal love. And love is what?

“...The fulfilling of the law” Romans 13:10.

“If ye love Me...” John 14:15.

Jesus says.

“...keep My commandments” John 14:15.

You can't keep them unless you love Him. It's utterly impossible.

Now, we've been noting that this is all an expression of love. And dear friends, love not only prompts the obedience, long before you and I had the opportunity to show our love by *keeping* the law, God showed His love by *giving* the

law. Every word of the Decalogue is an expression of God's wonderful love to man. It is for one purpose and one only—to make us happy.

Did you ever think of this question? I'd like to have you meditate it on it for a moment. Which is God more interested in, that you be good, or that you be happy? Well, I'll tell you, dear friends, He says:

“These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full” John 15:11.

The whole purpose of God is to make us happy. And all that “good” is, is what God says will make us happy. And He knows for He made us, didn't He? Didn't He make us? That's why we're keeping the Sabbath today, isn't it? We believe that He made us. And since He made us, He knows, shall I say, what makes us tick. He knows how we work. He knows how our minds work. He knows what it takes to satisfy us.

And do you know the job that God has undertaken? Sometimes, when I think of it, friends, it seems to me it's a tremendous assignment. But He assigned it to Himself. This is the job that He has undertaken, Psalm 145:16:

“Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing” Psalm 145:16.

Oh, think about that. Do you mean that God is in the business of trying to satisfy everybody? Yes. Some people cannot succeed in satisfying anybody, but God has undertaken the task of satisfying everybody and of satisfying every *desire* of everybody.

The book *Education*, page 41, says:

“Every want He has implanted He provides to satisfy...”
Education, page 41.

Now, this sounds almost too good to be true, but it's too good not to be true. Take myself, this man that's speaking. You know, friends, I'm a hard man to please. And seriously, I tell my wife that—that I'm a hard man to please. And that I know that nobody, nobody but the wife I have could have done *that* job.

But friends, I have many, many desires, many, many tastes, and God has made arrangements to satisfy every one of them. And listen, I have so many that it's going to take an eternity to satisfy them. And that's why God is going to give me eternal life.

If I could get everything I want in a hundred years, a hundred years would be long enough to live, wouldn't it? Yes. Why live when you're *not* getting what you want? But oh, if God is going to continue to satisfy my every desire a thousand years, ten thousand years, a million years, a billion years. And friends, listen, do you know that a billion years from now, if you meet me under the tree of life, I'm going to want a great many things that I don't even know about tonight. That's right. There'll

be a great many more desires and plans and ambitions that will come to light. God has planned my life that way, and He's made full arrangements to give me everything I want, friends. Oh, how good God is!

But listen, He's made every individual different. And what you want wouldn't satisfy me, and what I want wouldn't satisfy you. You look around you. Compare the things that you like and enjoy with your friends.

How many of you like watermelon really well? But not every hand is going up. What's the matter with those strange people? And I could go around the list of delicious foods, delicious to you.

Somebody else says, "I don't see anything in that."

And so it is with every phase of life. We are individuals and made so. And when Jesus went to prepare a place for you, my friends, He went to prepare a place for *you, you*.

You know my dream of a home in the earth made new? There's a little lake. Not too small, but not a great big lake like Lake Michigan, you know, or even Lake Tahoe. Just a little lake like one of these lakes up here in the park, you know, Dream Lake, or Bear Lake, or Odessa Lake, one of those beautiful little lakes, and a waterfall at one end just falling into that lake. Wonderful peaks around. And out at one end, a view over a vast expanse of the most beautiful scenery. There is my home in the earth made new. Yes.

Well, you can dream about yours, friends. But it'll be better yet. But my point is, it'll be tailored to your measure. Don't forget it.

Well, what does this have to do with keeping the commandments of God? Friends, it has a great deal to do with it, for I want to study one of these commandments with you tonight that is designed to make certain that the plan of God in making you eternally happy will come to pass by giving you exactly what will satisfy you in every detail.

The commandment I want to study with you is not the first. We studied that in the early morning lesson this morning. It's the last, the Tenth Commandment. What does it say? [Man from audience] Not to covet. That's what a lot of people think it says, but that isn't what it says.

"Why," you say, "I think it does."

Well, turn in your Bibles to Exodus, the 20th chapter, and the 17th verse, and let's see if it says not to covet.

"Why," you say, "sure, I know that. I've learned the Ten Commandments by heart."

Well, you look and see whether it says not to covet. And while you're turning to it, may I remind you, friends, that if that's what it says, not to covet, then Paul

didn't write what he should have over here in 1 Corinthians the 12th chapter and the 31st verse. For he says here plainly:

"But covet earnestly the best gifts..." 1 Corinthians 12:31.

Is that what he says? That's what he says. And the Bible does not contradict itself, my friends. And when God has an inspired prophet like Paul, *that* prophet does not by inspiration contradict the Ten Commandments.

"...Covet earnestly the best gifts..." 1 Corinthians 12:31.

Why my friends, we not only have permission to covet, we're exhorted to covet, and to covet how? Earnestly, the very best in life.

Well, what is that Tenth Commandment, then? Have you found it? What does it say? Does it say not to covet? No. No, it doesn't.

All together, let's repeat it:

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's" Exodus 20:17.

Ah, then it's all right to covet, just so you don't covet what belongs to your neighbor. Is that what the commandment says? And that's what it means, my friend.

Therefore, if you want to keep the commandments and remember the purpose of the commandments is to make you happy, never covet what belongs to somebody else, for if you do you'll be unhappy. If you want to *be* happy:

"...Covet earnestly the best gifts" 1 Corinthians 12:31.

...The ones that God has made for *you*, the ones that God has planned for *you*.

Now, let's study that for a little. And the more you look at it, friends, the more glad you will be that God is such a wonderful God.

Now, you notice there, He says:

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's" Exodus 20:17.

How many times does God say not to covet what is your neighbor's there? How many times? Look at it. Seven times, that's right. That ought to be enough, shouldn't it, friends? That's the complete number, the perfect number.

Seven times God says, “Don’t covet what is your neighbor’s, don’t covet what is your neighbor’s, don’t covet what is your neighbor’s.”

And why not? Well, in the first place, friends, you may not get it, and that’ll make you unhappy. And in the second place, you *may* get it, and that’ll make you unhappy. That’s right, that’s right. That’s the two ways to be unhappy. And everybody in the world that is unhappy, friends, they take either the first method or the second method. They’re either coveting what belongs to somebody else and *not* getting it, or else they covet what belongs to somebody else, and they *get* it. And either way they’re unhappy.

Now, someone was telling me an experience that helps me to illustrate this. A wealthy woman who had a maid looking after her little baby, little child, toddler, heard the child crying in the next room. And like a number of parents today, she supposed that the way to get a child to stop crying was to give him what he wants.

So, she spoke through the door to the next room to the maid, “Give him what he wants.”

And presently, the crying stopped. And then, it broke out again, louder than ever.

And the lady of the house said to the maid, “I told you, ‘Give him what he wants.’”

She said, “I did.”

It was a wasp. First, the child was crying because he *didn’t* have it, and then he was crying because he *did* have it. Yes. And so many times when I hear people crying for this and that, I think of the wasp, my friend, and the wails that are going up from this world.

How many a person sees an automobile that belongs to somebody else.

“Oh, I want *that*.”

Or it may be any one of 10,000 other things. But remember, unless God has put your name on it, don’t covet it. It’ll make you restless and envious and jealous and dissatisfied all the time you’re wanting it and trying to get it. And then, if you succeed, God pity you, friends, because then you’re going to get stung. That’s right, that’s right.

Do you remember David? Do you remember that one evening when he should have been engaged in some useful occupation, the Spirit of Prophecy tells us, he was just wandering about, and his eyes were wandering about. And he saw a beautiful woman. Was she his? No, she wasn’t his. What should David have done? He should have quit looking immediately. Do you agree with me? But did he do it? No.

And as he looked, he began to what? He began to covet, see. Right down here, number ten. And he coveted what? His neighbor's wife. And before he got through, did he succeed in getting what he wanted? Yes. Did it lead him to break any of the other commandments? Yes. He broke the seventh, he broke the eighth, and the ninth, and the sixth. Is that right? Yes. He committed adultery, he lied, he stole, he murdered, all because he let himself do what? Covet what was not his, correct?

Did it make him happy? No. Was he unhappy while he was coveting? Yes. Was he unhappy when he got *what* he coveted? Yes. Ah, my dear friends, David never did get over the sorrow of it, the remorse of it.

Think of those four sons of his that one after the other were taken away, as the bloody and awful result of that breaking of the Tenth Commandment by King David.

And so, I would say to you, whether it is in a big matter such as David got into, or even a little thing, never start wanting something until first, you ask God whether your name is on the tag or not. I mean that seriously, dear friends. It's the way to avoid a world of unhappiness. And the people who down here in this last generation keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus are going to keep the Tenth Commandment along with all the rest. They're going to covet earnestly the best gifts, but the best gifts for you are those that God has put your name on.

You know, this has a special lesson for young people in the teens and twenties because one of the great gifts that God gives young people is the gift of companionship, life companionship. The Bible says:

“Whoso findeth a wife, findeth a good thing, and obtaineth
favour of the LORD” Proverbs 18:22.

Does that mean that everybody that gets married finds a good thing? There are millions of people who could testify to the opposite, dear friends. First, they cried for the wasp, and then they cried because they got the wasp, you understand. Yes. Well, it would be laughable if it weren't so tragic, dear friends, but a broken home is not a funny thing, and a broken heart is not a comical thing.

As a pastor and evangelist for the last 35 years, friends, I've been through many a tragedy and have gone through many a sad, sad experience with broken hearts. And I tell you, broken hearts are not pretty.

But friends, they could all be avoided (this kind that we're looking at) if people would just ask God before they started coveting, “Dear Lord, did you put my name on this tag? Is this something for me? Is this something for me.”

Young men, before you ever start loving a girl, or wanting to love her, coveting her. You know, the Bible says:

“...Covet earnestly the best gifts...” 1 Corinthians 12:31.

And one of the best gifts a man can have is a good wife. But before you start coveting a single one, remember you're only going to have one. Is that right? That's right. Before you start, be sure that it is *the* one that God has made for you.

"Ah," you say, "well, how will I know?"

Well, that's another subject, but you can find a good deal of light on it in this book, *Messages to Young People*, in the closing section on "Courtship and Marriage," page 447. May I read just a few sentences?

"The underhand way in which courtships and marriages are carried on is the cause of a great amount of misery, the full extent of which is known only to God. On this rock thousands have made shipwreck of their souls. Professed Christians, whose lives are marked with integrity, and who seem sensible upon every other subject, make fearful mistakes here" *Messages to Young People*, page 447.

In fact, we're told that the great enemy works harder at this business of leading those who are not suited to each other to marry than anything else because he knows that:

"...By it he can produce more misery and hopeless woe to the human family than by exercising his skill in any other direction" *Ibid.*, page 455.

Well, I wonder, I wonder if God, Who is interested in every detail of your life, is interested in this mighty and momentous thing in your life? Oh, yes. And He says, "Do no covet your neighbor's wife."

"Well," you say, "I wouldn't covet somebody that belongs to somebody else."

But I want to tell you something, friends. Every girl in this world belongs to somebody. Some know who they belong to, and some don't, but every girl in this world belongs to somebody. It would be too bad to covet your neighbor's wife *after* she was your neighbor's wife. But it would be tragic, friends, for you to get her *before* she became your neighbor's wife. That would be too bad because she wouldn't fit you, and he would be missing, you understand. I mean this seriously, friends. God has a plan for every life.

But let's go back of that. Do you know who a girl belongs to before she's married?

"Oh, she belongs to herself, doesn't she?"

Or does she? What do you girls think about it? Who do you belong to? Well, I'm going to read you a little sentence here, and maybe you can come to a conclusion as to who a girl belongs to before she's married. This is page 445 of *Messages to Young People*.

“A young man who enjoys the society and wins the friendship of a young lady unknown to her parents, does not act a noble Christian part toward her or toward her parents. Through secret communications and meetings he may gain an influence over her mind; but in so doing he fails to manifest that nobility and integrity of soul which every child of God will possess. In order to accomplish their ends, they act a part that is not frank and open and according to the Bible standard, and prove themselves untrue to those who love them and try to be faithful guardians over them. Marriages contracted under such influences are not according to the word of God. He who would lead a daughter away from duty, who would confuse her ideas of God’s plain and positive commands to obey and honor her parents, is not one who would be true to the marriage obligations...’thou shalt not steal,’ was written by the finger of God upon the tables of stone; yet how much underhand stealing of affections is practiced and excused” *Ibid.*, pages 445–446.

Read the rest of that next page 446. Tell me, dear friends, here I am. Suppose I’m a young man. I’m looking for a wife, and I see a young woman that looks good to me. Can’t she and I fix the thing up? What have I read here? If I just go and deal with *her* and get her affections, I’m doing what? I’m stealing. Listen, can you steal something that belongs to you? Why, no. The only thing a man can steal is something that does not belong to him, right?

Now, I know that what we’re studying here tonight is revolutionary. That is, it *would* be if it were believed and practiced. It would be very revolutionary. But do you know, friends, that’s what keeping the commandments of God *is*. It’s revolutionary.

Do you know what they said about Paul and his company when he came to a certain city there?

“...These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also” Acts 17:6.

Do you know why Paul and his group turned the world upside down? It was wrong side up. That’s right, that’s right. And anybody who will seriously and conscientiously and fully obey the Ten Commandments will find himself turning things upside down.

So, young people, both young men and young women, I challenge you to make a study of this chapter that I’ve been reading from here in *Messages to Young People* in the light of the Tenth Commandment. And I suggest to every young man, before you covet anybody, be sure that you have a right to. And that young woman that you might be thinking about belongs to somebody. Haven’t I just read that here? That’s right.

“Oh, but,” you say, “but she doesn’t care about what her father and mother think.”

Well, if she doesn’t, friends, you’d better be careful. You may get a wasp. That’s right. No, I mean it seriously, friends. If a girl doesn’t care enough about what her father and mother think to want to *know* what her father and mother think before she takes the first step in giving herself away, what makes you think that she will be true to her marriage vows? What makes you think that she’s a prize?

Listen, were you ever at a wedding?

Quite often (not always in these days but quite often still), the minister, as a part of the ceremony, says, “Who giveth this woman to be the wife of this man.”

How many of you ever heard that? I wonder why they ever put that in there. And when the minister says that, then what happens? Why, her father is supposed to stand up and say what?

“I do.”

Now, when is that said, before the wedding or after? Before. Is that right? I wonder why. Is that supposed to have anything to do with it? I wonder why they put that in there.

You know friends, there’s many a father, if he told the truth, would have to stand up and say when the minister says, “Who giveth this woman to be the wife of this man,” he would say, “To tell you the truth, nobody has done it. This fellow right here, the groom, came in and *stole* this girl.”

Now, that isn’t done at a wedding, is it? No, no. It’s supposed to be the polite thing and the courteous thing for the parents to go along and be good fellows and not make any trouble.

My dear friends, God is going to have some people, young and old, in this last generation that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. And I challenge you, young and old, study these counsels in the Spirit of Prophecy, for they bring to view a standard which is entirely different both in kind and degree from what is going on around us.

And keeping the commandments on *this* subject will mark the people of God as peculiar just as much as keeping the Fourth Commandment, or any of the rest of the ten. All right. I leave that phase of it.

Let’s take another look. Did you ever see a person with a job that you wish you had? A position that you wish you had? I was talking with a young man a few years ago. He attended a week of prayer that I conducted. And thank God, as the result of the meetings that he attended and the studies he listened to, his view of life was completely changed. Now, he wasn’t a student. He was a teacher of experience but still a young man.

Do you know what he told me as we counseled together after he had gotten the view of life that he didn't have to take anything that belonged to somebody else, that he didn't have to engage in competition and rivalry?

He said, "You know, Brother Frazee," he said, "for several years, I've had a certain path marked out for myself that would lead me at last to the presidency of the General Conference."

Now you notice, friend, that he wasn't intending to be the president of General Motors, nor the president of the United States. He wasn't planning to be wealthy. He wasn't planning to do something big in this world. He was planning to do something big in God's work, to be the president of the General Conference.

"Well," somebody says, "wasn't that wonderful?"

My dear friends, do you think that God is leading young people to carve out a career for themselves, to pick out some office for themselves in the church of God, and then plan like the politicians of this world do, to at last grasp that office as a prize? I tell you, no.

It is written in the law of God:

"Thou shalt not covet... any thing that is thy neighbour's"
Exodus 20:17.

And when this young man got hold of that, he settled down to do a good job in what he's doing, and he's left with God as to who's going to be the president of the General Conference 10, or 20, or 30 years from now if time lasts. Do you see what I mean, my dear friends?

Never covet the position that somebody else has. In the first place, it'll make you restless and dissatisfied while you're wanting it. In the second place, you just might get it, friends, and oh, what a wasp it might turn out to be.

God hasn't called everybody to be president of the General Conference. How many has He called? Just one, just one. And I believe that God is capable of placing the man in the leadership of His people that He selects, and barring the revelations of the Spirit of Prophecy, such as Samuel coming to David and anointing him when a youth, I do not believe friends, that God is telling *today* the man who's going to be a future General Conference president, do you? No, that isn't His way of doing things.

What a blessed thing it is to be happy in the work that lies nearest; to do the work that Heaven has appointed us, and not to be coveting what belongs to our neighbor.

Closely allied to this is another thing that makes people unhappy, and that is the matter of talent. How many of you ever heard Ben Glanzer sing? Oh, yes. Do you enjoy it? Well, most people do.

But you know, some people, they hear a man like that sing it makes them unhappy. Do you know why? Because they can't sing that way. Yes.

"Well," you say, "that's foolish."

Yes, it is. But it all comes from not understanding and keeping the Tenth Commandment:

"Thou shalt not covet... any thing that is thy neighbour's"
Exodus 20:17.

Why dear friends, I know I can't sing like dear Brother Glanzer, but do you know friends, I can do something that he can't do. And do you know that *you* can do something that he can't do?

"Oh, what is it?"

Friends, there's a soul that I can reach that he can't reach. I have a key in my pocket that fits a certain lock. *You* have a key that fits a certain lock. And friends, there's somebody that you can reach and take to Heaven, and nobody else can reach them.

What a shame it would be to lose even one minute from that holy and wonderful opportunity by vainly wishing that we could do what somebody else can do and be what somebody else can be.

What did God say to Moses out there by the burning bush?

"...What is that in thine hand..." Exodus 4:2.

What did Moses say?

"...A rod" Exodus 4:2.

"Just a shepherd's stick."

What did God say?

"...Take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs" Exodus 4:17.

Wonders, marvels. Did it happen? Ah yes, friends. Moses, with the gift of God, went to Egypt, and with that rod, he turned the Nile to blood. With that rod, he brought plague after plague upon that rebellious nation. With that rod, he led Israel to the Red Sea and through it. With that rod, he brought water from the rock.

Oh friends:

"...What is that in thine hand..." Exodus 4:2.

Don't covet anything that is your neighbor's. Whether it be a gift, a position, wealth, talent, influence, *anything* that is thy neighbor's. Don't covet it.

"But covet earnestly the best gifts..." 1 Corinthians 12:31.

And believe that Jesus loves you enough to *give* you the best, the very best for you. Believe that Jesus has given you a mind that is peculiarly adapted to do the particular work He has planned for you to do.

Don't look at life and think, "Oh, what would I like to do."

You don't know what you'd like to do. You might pick out a wasp. How many a disappointed man there is 35, 40, 50, 60 years old that looks back and says, "If I had life to live over again, I'd do something different."

Do you know what Einstein said at the end of his life he'd do if he could live life over again? He said he'd be a plumber. He was utterly dissatisfied and disgusted with what had been accomplished by his contribution.

You don't need to do that way, friends. *You* can, like the apostle Paul, look back over your life and say:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" 2 Timothy 4:7.

"I'm happy for the way God has led me."

Oh friends, I thank God that I know something about what we're studying tonight. As I look back over my life, over a half a century now, not too old but old enough to reminisce a bit, while I'm sorry for the many, many failures that this poor man has made, I can truthfully say that the God in whose hand I placed my life when I was a boy has in spite of all my failures and mistakes led me a wonderful way.

Oh, if I had time tonight, I could tell you of experience after experience where He kept me from the wasp. And to Him be all the glory. It wasn't any wisdom of mine. It wasn't any goodness of mine. And He has led me an interesting way. When we get over under the tree of life, I'll tell you all about it. And it's a wonderful story. It's my book of life.

But the point is, friends, God loves you just as much as He loves me, and He's just as anxious to satisfy your every longing as He is to satisfy my every longing. He wants to make you just as happy as He wants to make me.

And listen, shall I tell you something far more wonderful than that? You'll find it in the last thing that Sister White ever wrote, a personal letter which in God's providence is printed for us in the closing chapter of *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 518. It's one of those grand, sweeping statements that stand like a great mountain. Listen:

“It would not satisfy the heart of the Infinite One to give those who love His Son a lesser blessing than He gives His Son”
Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, page 518.

“What? Do you mean that God wants to give me just as big a blessing as He gives Jesus?”

That’s what it says.

“Oh, I can’t comprehend that.”

No friends, I can’t, but I can keep eating on it day by day. Did you ever get a present so big that you couldn’t eat it all in one meal? That’s what refrigerators are for, aren’t they, and deep freezes, cupboards. Listen. Here is a fruit cake, if you please, so big that you can eat on it for a million years.

Can I repeat it?

“It would not satisfy the heart of the Infinite One to give those who love His Son a lesser blessing than He gives His Son”
Ibid.

That’s a direct quotation. Look it up if you think it’s too big. You’ll find it in the last chapter of the book *Testimonies to Ministers*.

Oh friends, in that parting message that came from the servant of the Lord, to me there is wrapped up God’s great longing desire to please, to satisfy, to thrill every heart. Let’s let Him do it. What do you say? Because that’s what makes *Him* happy is making us happy. That’s what satisfies Him is satisfying you. And He’ll do it.

“Ah but,” you say, “if all this is so, then there are some things I don’t understand.”

Well friends, why not ask Him about those things you don’t understand. The answer to it you may find in John 13:7:

“What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter” John 13:7.

And listen, it’s better to wait God’s time to explain things than to grab for the wasp and get it and spend the rest of your life crying.

“In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths” Proverbs 3:6.

How many of us would like to send Him the word tonight that we appreciate His wonderful love which is planning for us individually, and that we’re going to give *Him* the satisfaction of working out for us the best gifts, not coveting what belongs to others but letting Him give us what He has planned and made for us here and through eternity?

How many of us would like to send Him that word tonight? Would you stand?

We're so happy Elder Crawford from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference is visiting us tonight, and I'm going to ask him to offer the benediction as we stand with bowed heads.

Our next meeting is here Monday night at seven o'clock, as we continue our study of the third angel's message.

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