

Real Heaven

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Brother Dull, when would you like to take the trip? Or would you rather take a trip to the moon? Oh, I'm so glad, friends, that God has promised us a part in that space trip where there is no possibility of loss and where everything will be worth paying for.

The men that are up there on the moon wouldn't want to stay too long, would they? No. But where we're going, we're safe. The most wonderful thing about going to Heaven is that we're going home to be with Jesus.

You remember when He left, He said:

"In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place..."
John 14:2.

Who for?

"...for you" John 14:2.

That means for me and for each one here tonight.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" John 14:3.

He wants us with Him, friends. He wants us with Him. Now, why would you like to go to Heaven? Do you like the way they do things in Heaven? Have you tried it? Wouldn't it be a strange thing, dear friends, to buy a one-way ticket to a land halfway around this planet that you'd never been to and didn't know what the conditions were, didn't know what living conditions were, but you'd buy a one-way ticket to that place with the thought of settling down? Wouldn't that be a strange thing?

I can imagine that anybody that would buy a one-way ticket to anyplace on this earth would want to know quite a bit about it beforehand. Do you agree with me? That would be the sensible thing, wouldn't it? Yes.

Are you going to Heaven? Do you know how things are? Do you like it? Now, suppose there is a chance to find out by experience right here in this world how things are up there. Would you like to try it out to see whether you can stand it? See whether you like it enough to want it to never stop, never end?

Tell me, aren't most of the experiences in this life, things that people would rather not have last forever? God wants you and me to become well acquainted with Heaven right here in this world, so we can decide for *sure* whether we want an eternity of it, or not.

Do you remember, in the Lord's Prayer Jesus taught us to pray, and let's say just the first two verses of it together? All together:

“...Our Father Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven” Matthew 6:9–10.

That's enough. Now, we pray then, for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done where?

“...In earth...” Matthew 6:10.

How?

“...as it is in heaven” Matthew 6:10.

Do you know that that would make Heaven of this earth? That's right. That's the difference between this world and Heaven.

In the 119th Psalm the 89th verse, the psalmist says:

“For ever, O LORD, Thy Word is settled in heaven”
Psalm 119:89.

This is the rule of life up there. Now, couldn't we try that out down here? Couldn't we?

“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven” Matthew 6:10.

How is it done in Heaven? God's Word settles things. If they want to know about anything, they find out what God says, and that settles it.

“Oh,” somebody says, “I'm afraid that would be a dictatorship.”

You'd better not go, then. You wouldn't want to get any place where you were going to spend eternity and feel that you were under a dictatorship, would you? You'd better find out; you'd better try it out. And the Word that runs things up there is available for us here. We can try it out.

Some people are sure they wouldn't like it. No problem. They won't be there. But those who'll taste and see for themselves that the Lord is good, who go by the Book, they are going to enter into an experience *in this world* that will fit them to enjoy the same experience forever and ever.

Do you remember in the song service tonight we were singing together, “Will You Go?” “Will you go with me?” “Oh, say, will you go?”

Well, let’s go. What do you say, friends? Let’s go. But remember, the way to go is to have a foretaste of it here. We need a heaven here to go to Heaven in.

Let’s go to Deuteronomy, the 11th chapter, verses 18–21, and we’ll see that spelled out for us here. How to have heaven on earth, here’s the recipe, here’s the program:

“Therefore shall ye lay up these My words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up” Deuteronomy 11:18–19.

Now, what is it that we’re to be talking about, sitting and rising, walking, coming in, in the house and outside? What is it? God’s Word. All right.

Now, notice what the results will be, 20th verse:

“And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth” Deuteronomy 11:20–21.

You mean we can have heaven on earth? Yes, if we’ll go by this Book. That’s what we just read, wasn’t it?

“...Lay up these my words in your heart...”
Deuteronomy 11:18.

Just fill the shelves up here with the words of God. Fill up with what God says on every subject. And then do it. In the home, not just once a week, every day, morning and evening, coming and going, rising and sitting, working and playing. Go by the words of God.

And He says if you do it, your days will “be multiplied, and the days of your children...as the days of heaven upon the earth” [a paraphrase of Deuteronomy 11:21].

Let me read it to you in a modern revelation, *Volume 7*, 131:

“Heaven is to begin on this earth” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 7*, page 131.

Oh, isn’t that good news, friends? Don’t have to wait till the cloud comes and we take the space trip. Try it out here.

“Heaven is to begin on this earth. When the Lord’s people are filled with meekness and tenderness, they will realize that His banner over them is love, and His fruit will be sweet to their taste. They will make a heaven below in which to prepare for heaven above” *Ibid.*

Oh, this is nice. I’m so glad that living a religious life in this world isn’t serving a sentence in the penitentiary, with time off for good behavior, and then we can get turned loose and do as we please. Oh, no, nothing like that. Heaven is to begin here in this world. Right now, we’re to enter into the joy and the sweetness of life with Jesus. Have you started? Do you like what you’ve tasted? Would you like a second helping? There’s plenty more in the kitchen. We can have more and more and more. Let’s have some more. What do you say?

I’d like to have us think tonight of a few things that Heaven is like. And of course, if we believe that, we’ll know what to expect when we get there, and we’ll also know what to aim for in the lives that we seek to live here.

You remember that I read here in *Volume 7* that if we understand this, we will make a heaven below to go to Heaven in. Now, how in the world are we going to make a heaven below to go to Heaven in? Why, by listening to the words of God. We read that in Deuteronomy.

The men that are building this new sanitarium over here, they’re going by what? Blueprints, yes, rolls of them. Every room in that building was drawn out on paper by the architect before there was a yard of concrete poured, right? And if you’ll go over there, you’ll see the men every now and then looking at what? The blueprints. What for? Well, to make it like the pattern, to make it like the blueprint.

And so, every day you and I are to be reading this Word. What for? To find out what Heaven is like so that we can make our lives, our homes and everything that we manage and direct and affect and influence as much like Heaven as possible. Is that so? For two reasons: first, so that we ourselves can be prepared to live there forever. And second, so that we can interest and influence as many other people as possible to get in on the good thing. What do you say?

I’d like to have you think tonight of this. Heaven is real. Heaven is real. Nothing make-believe about it. Now, the great enemy knows that deep in our hearts, we long for *real* things.

Have you heard the expression, “This is for real”?

All right. People are longing for things that are real. And why shouldn’t we? Why, yes. I don’t want counterfeit money. I don’t want play-like money. I want real money. It takes that to buy anything.

I want real food, not make-believe food. By the way, there are make-believe foods today. I want *real* food, don’t you? Because it takes real food to make real blood, rule our muscles, rule our brains, and I need a real brain. Everything in life,

my dear friend, can be real if we'll go by the Book. And remember, friends, it's going to be real in Heaven, nothing imaginary about it.

Now, I say, the great enemy knows that deep in our hearts, there's a longing for reality. And so, down through the ages, he has tried to bring in all sorts of fables and fairy tales, and to make Heaven and the future life seem very unreal, far away, mystical, spirit like, ghost like.

And most people today, even those that believe in religion, their ideas of Heaven are fuzzy, hazy, mystic. But friends, Heaven is real. Read about it in Revelation 21–22. Read about the city. Read about its dimensions. Read about the tree of life there, the river of the water of life.

And remember, a real Jesus left this world in a real body and went up to Heaven—a real Heaven. And He's coming back here to get you and me, real people, and take us up to that real place to have a real life. Aren't you glad?

Oh, I'm glad it's real, literal, genuine. No tinsel about it, no make-believe, nothing to peel off and show something else underneath. It's real. Are you glad? Well now, listen. Do you like real things, or would you rather have artificial things? Well, you're deciding that every day. That's right. In diet, in dress, in the things you enjoy. Do you like real things or just make-believe things?

What about it when you read books? Would you rather read something that really happened or something that just make-believe happened?

"Oh," somebody says, "but I just love stories."

"What for?"

"Well, they're so exciting."

Well, dear friends, do you think, do you *really* think that something that never happened is more exciting than something that did happen? Cassandra was talking to us about Esther. I think that's one of the most thrilling stories ever written. And I think the stories she told us tonight from real life up in Beautiful Valley, West Virginia, are thrilling, too. What do you say?

Heaven is real. And the Heaven that is to begin here is to be filled with reality—the natural, not the artificial, the true, not the false. All right.

Heaven is happy. I wish all the boys and girls here tonight that can read would turn to the eighth chapter of Zechariah and the fifth verse. I want to show you something, all the boys and girls that can read. Heaven is not only real, friends, it's happy. Everybody in it is happy.

Now, I wish some boy or girl eight years old, or nine years old, or ten years old, or eleven, or twelve, somebody would come right up here and stand by my side and read this verse for me. Will somebody do that?

That's fine. Here she comes. She's going back to get her Bible.

"And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof" Zechariah 8:5.

Are you going to be there? Thank the Lord. All right. Thank you, very much.

"And the streets of the city shall be *full* of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof" Zechariah 8:5.

In other words, it's a happy place. Now, would you like to know why everybody's happy there while they're playing and singing instead of groaning and complaining and rioting and wanting to burn the place down?

Turn to Proverbs the 29th chapter. Everybody, boys and girls, fathers and mothers, the grandmothers and everybody else, turn to Proverbs 29:18, and we're going to find the secret. And tell me when we've read this is this something we could have here in this world, or do we have to wait till we get there?

"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that..." Proverbs 29:18.

What?

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

Is that the way to be happy? To keep the law? Why, my friends, nothing was ever more unpopular than that truth is right now on this planet. Almost everybody thinks that the way to have a good time and get what you want is to do what? Break the law. Oh, yes. The Devil has really sold that idea to millions of people. This is what's the matter with the world. That's why there's so much unhappiness, because the way to be happy is to do what? Keep the law.

Somebody says, "Well, I tried it, but it didn't make *me* happy."

Well, I've heard of people going in a kitchen with a cookbook and trying out a recipe.

And they came back and said, "It didn't work."

Did any of you ever try out a recipe and said it didn't work? How many of you? Come, fess up, yes. What did you do? Did you throw the cookbook away, or what did you do? Try again. That's right. Maybe you left out something. That's right, that's right. And if you tried to keep the law and it didn't make you happy, you left out something. Do you want to know what it is?

Turn over to Romans the 13th chapter and the 10th verse, and I'll let you in on a secret. And trying to keep the law will never make you happy unless you have this ingredient, like the yeast or any other leaven in a batch of bread. Without it, it falls flat.

“...Love is the fulfilling of the law” Romans 13:10.

What does it take to fulfill the law? Love, that's right. So, if you try to keep the law without love, it wouldn't make you happy. In fact, *nothing* will make you happy without love. God never made anything to work without love. Love is the law of life for the universe. Love is what makes heaven a happy place. But:

“If ye love me...” John 14:15.

...Jesus says, you will do what?

“...keep My commandments” John 14:15.

Oh friends, I want to go to Heaven, but thank God, I've started, I've started.

Somebody says, “Do you think you've arrived?”

Well, I've had just enough to know for sure this is what I want. I want more and more of it. I don't have enough yet, but I have enough to know this is what I want. I have enough to cancel everything else. This is it. All the other trips, canceled out. This is the trip for me. And I don't mean this foolishly, although it might sound it, I haven't made any reservations for a moon trip. Now, I mean that.

If they'd guarantee my way up there and back, all expenses paid and safe conduct, I wouldn't go. That's not the road from here to Heaven. I've got something more important to do, and that is living the life of Heaven right here on this planet. You've got that opportunity; I have. It's bought and paid for by Jesus Christ.

Friends, let's get ready to go on the real space trip. What do you say? Well, I wonder what we need to do to get ready.

You know, when Jesus came nearly 2,000 years ago, His message was, from the time He started preaching:

“...Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”
Matthew 4:17.

You can read about it in Matthew 3 and 4, Mark the first chapter, in the work of John the Baptist, as His forerunner, and then His own work, that word “repent,” “repent, “repent.” Do you know what “repentance” means? It means to get your mind changed so that you're sorry about the things you used to think were funny, and you enjoy the things that you used to groan about. That's what it means to repent.

Repentance means to be sorry for sin, any sin, all sin. And of course, friends, that work will have to be complete before we can go to heaven because it would be a shame to get up there and be craving something when there's none of it up there. Any sin up there?

Somebody says, "Well, of course not."

Well friends, if there's any sin that you have to have to be happy, what would you do up there? Wouldn't you be miserable? You would.

"Oh," somebody says, "but my, I wouldn't *be* that way if I were up there."

Yes, you would, if you're that way here. Do you think a trip up to the moon changed the natures of any of those people? Why, no, friend. And the trip 10 million times further wouldn't change a one of us, not a hair's breadth. All the changing that's to be done in what we like and dislike, what we enjoy and what we don't enjoy, has got to take place right here on this planet.

Do you want to get changed? Not just so you can take the trip, but so you can make Jesus happy, so you can make Jesus happy, the One that made you, the One that loves you so much that He died for you.

But do you know, friends, that changing people is the hardest job in the world? Every now and then, I try to work at it a little, but I just notice people's hair begins to stand up. They begin to get careful and cautious and maybe ruffled. People just don't like to be changed. Do you? That's our problem. That's God's problem with us.

We're so sure we have the answers that even if we read the Book, we're tempted to read it whether we're right and some other religion is wrong, or that we're right and the other members of our family are wrong.

Did you ever get out the Bible or the *Testimonies* to prove somebody was wrong? It has been done, friends. It's a wonderful thing to study the Bible with the express purpose of getting our minds changed.

Somebody may say, "Oh, I wish Uncle Henry or Aunt Mary were here tonight. That's just what they need."

And what might help them is if you and I would get serious about letting this Book change us.

I was much impressed with something that in the providence of God came to my attention recently. It's an article called, "Repentance, Revival, Reformation, *If*." And it is in the *Ministry Magazine*, the issue of November 1970. That's just a few weeks ago. This is the magazine that goes to our ministry all over the world. Many other people read it, too. But this particular article was written by a layman, but it's in this ministers' magazine.

We hear a lot of talk today about revival and reformation, and he shows that repentance has to come first. And all of it's got to come before we get ready for Jesus.

Now, I don't ordinarily read very much in a sermon, but I don't think any of you will go to sleep if I read you a few sentences out of this. I don't think there's any danger of any of you going to sleep. I don't see how you could. Try it. Listen:

"The call for revival is of God. The need is a revival of true godliness... God expects us to prepare the way for the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Revival and reformation have never come to God's people in the past without repentance. But can a people repent if they see no reason for doing so?" Daniel A. Mitchell, Sr., "Repentance, Revival, Reformation" *Ministry Magazine*, November, 1970, page 12.

I was struck with that question. How can I change my mind about something and get sorry for something I've been enjoying, if I see no reason for it? How can I quit doing something that I've been doing all my life, if I see no reason for it?

But God says, "Repent."

"We believe that our present dilemma is the direct result of failing to believe the instructions given us through the Spirit of Prophecy writings and our unwillingness to carry them out. There seem to be four areas of deliberate departure from these instructions as we shall point out in brief" *Ibid.*

Well, I wonder what he's thinking about. Four things, he says, four areas of deliberate departure from the instructions of the Spirit of Prophecy. And he says we're going to have to repent over these things.

"First, an actual rebellion against dress reform..." *Ibid.*

Now, this is in the *Ministry Magazine* of November 1970, right up to date.

"First, an actual rebellion against dress reform..." *Ibid.*

And he gives several quotations. I'm not going to read you the whole article. But he says:

"Can there be a revival so long as we are unwilling to conform to the purposes of the Lord? It is not only in dress that we demand to be like the world about us. We need to see that we have turned away from the plain paths where the Lord has directed us to walk. We must become willing to take up the cross of being different from the world if we are to meet with heaven's approval. This is the test we face today" *Ibid.*

What do you say? Well, that's number one.

Number two, health reform:

“Near the turn of the century came a disregard of and indifference to health reform...” *Ibid.*

And then, he gives some references. And he shows that there never can come a latter rain and loud cry experience until we as a people fully embrace the precious light that God has given us on health reform. What do you say about that? Would you make any changes? Would you? Would you make any changes to your dress? Would you make any changes in your diet?

“Oh, but I don’t need to. I know some people that do. I hope they’re listening, but I don’t need it.”

All right, number three, education.

Now, remember, what you’re hearing that’s so strong and warm from the altar of God isn’t what the preacher is saying tonight. It’s what I’m reading from the *Ministry Magazine* from Washington, D. C.

Listen:

“Third, between 1930 and 1940 we find the denomination in a titanic struggle over accreditation with the worldly schools” *Ibid.*

I’m not reading out of a mimeographed sheet. I’m reading from the *Ministry Magazine*.

“...Between 1930 and 1940 we find the denomination in a titanic struggle over accreditation with the worldly schools. Should we seek it or not, was the burning question in the minds of teachers, ministers, physicians, and laymen. This very same question had also plagued Israel under Solomon” *Ibid.*

And he gives some inspired statements on it. He says:

“Much more might be set forth on this matter, but surely anyone believing the messages of Ellen G. White to have been inspired of God, cannot relate them with much of what may be seen and heard in SDA schools today. May it not be possible that through neglecting to follow what has been written, we are actually influencing our youth to be like the world in seeking another door into the kingdom of heaven?

“Fourth, the greatest evidence of our unbelief is to be seen in the elimination of the sanitarium. We have even eliminated the name in many cases. In doing this we

have lost the meaning of that work that must characterize the effort of those who receive the latter rain, namely medical missionary work..." *Ibid.*

And then, he gives quite a number of quotations.

Friends, this heartens me. Shouldn't it hearten every child of God to hear the trumpet giving a certain sound?

"To the careful student of Biblical history and of the course the Seventh-day Adventist movement has taken, it seems that the Lord has allowed us to have our own way that we might realize that man's ways are not best...

"Some may think we are too critical, but God says that this whole people are critical, for as a church we are 'neither cold nor hot.' We are completely indifferent, and someone has said that 'the most destructive criticism is indifference.' Ancient Israel never strayed more willfully than have we, and we have had a great advantage over them. Now will we turn and seek the Lord for forgiveness, or press on in darkness? Do we really want a revival, a revival of true Godliness, our greatest and most urgent need?

"...Before we ask, would it not be wise to consider that reformation must follow revival?

"...May we each realize, leaders and laymen alike, that where there is no realization of our need, there can be no repentance; no repentance, there can be no revival; no revival, there will be no reformation; no reformation, there will be no place among the redeemed for those who might have known the time of their visitation" *Ibid.*

Now, nobody went to sleep while I was reading that, did you? No. This ought to wake us up, every sleeping saint, and it ought to challenge every lukewarm Laodicean. What do you say, friends?

Now, the question that comes to my heart as I read, is this just for the people in California, Michigan, Timbuktu, or could it be that we need it right here tonight?

When we have prayer here tonight, are we going to pray, "Lord, please open the eyes of all the people that read this so they'll make some changes"?

"But please, Lord, don't bother us about changing any."

Of course, if we've already arrived, we don't need changing, do we? I want to tell you something, friends. If we had arrived at what this article is talking about, there would be such mighty power operating here that we'd know the latter rain was

falling and the loud cry was on. And until we arrive at that, we'd better be seeking and seeking with all our hearts. We can't bring the rain, but we can seek God for repentance.

Now, I wonder if he was right about the four areas. I'm sure he didn't mean he was exhausting the subject. But he picks these out as four areas of deliberate departure from the instructions of God through the Spirit of Prophecy and an unwillingness to carry them out.

I wonder if we ought to work on them right here. What do you think? Would you like to see some changes? Would you really? Would you like to come nearer to God's blueprint in education, in medical work, in health reform and dress reform? Would you?

But suppose we get out the Bible and the volumes of the Spirit of Prophecy and study them, and then *do* what they say. What do you say? Here is a voice crying, pleading with us to take hold of this glorious opportunity to turn homeward, to leave the world in all its ideas, and just do what God says in these matters. Shall we do it, friend? Shall we do it?

Now, the Spirit of God will have to help you know where to begin. One of our greatest dangers is to look about us, and if we think we're farther up the road than somebody else, or most people, we must be getting along pretty well.

But I want to tell you something, friends. It's going to take more than that to get ready for the latter rain and the loud cry because most of the people we're looking at and comparing with will never get ready. And so if we are in *any* sense being motivated by them or influenced by what they do, we'll never get ready. There's only one thing that will get us ready, and that is to take these inspired pages and study them on our knees, and then just do what they say.

Now, if there's anything the Devil hates, it's getting down to business. If you study the teaching of John the Baptist, who got the people ready for Christ's first coming, he was quite specific. He was plain spoken. He got down to business. He laid the axe at the root of the tree.

And as I've been studying and praying over this earnest call in our *Ministry Magazine*, I've felt impressed to make a beginning in a certain area and see what God will do.

It's the first thing spoken of in this article. It's the area of dress reform. And my dear friends, nobody needs to get worried for fear that somebody is going to pressure you, for as I've thought and prayed over this, I believe the Lord has helped me find something that doesn't need to pressure anybody.

I don't like to be pressured, do you? No. You see, folks, it works like this. If it's something we want to do, the opportunity to do it isn't pressure. Is it? No. You never were pressured to eat strawberry shortcake and watermelon, were you? Oh, no, not if you like it.

And my dear friends, I believe that there's somebody here tonight that will want to take hold of this call to repentance and revival and reformation in these specific things.

At the right time, I want to study with some of our sanitarium folks about what's written in this article about the revival of the old-fashioned Seventh-Day Adventist sanitarium. We still have the name, don't we? Let's have the program. Let's have it in its entirety. What do you say?

On this educational thing, there are some things we may not have that some places have, but friend, I'd like to see every vestige of Egypt gone from our educational program. What do you say?

But now, this first thing that he speaks of here. What was it about? Dress reform. And as I say, I've been studying and praying about how we might do something about it that wouldn't step on anybody's toes.

"Well," somebody says, "Brother Frazee, some people need their toes stepped on."

Well, I'm not in that business. And if the Spirit of God troubles people, God's responsible for that. But friend, I believe that God is laying upon some hearts a burden, and they *want* to do something about some of these things.

But do you know what the matter is? So much time has been spent studying the fashion plates and keeping up with the Joneses, both out of the church and in the church, that there's precious little knowledge of what God really requires and what He expects, precious little knowledge about it.

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

I'm going to have a little meeting in this chapel Monday night at 6:30, but not everybody will be here. There'll be a few people here. You might be one. Listen, this meeting isn't for everybody. We'll have a meeting here next Friday night on some more of this, and that's for everybody.

But I want to meet some folks here Monday night that mean business on this number one point. And I'll tell you who I'd like to have come Monday night. I'm going to deal with a specific segment, one of the biggest points on the whole dress question at the present time. It's the length of the dress, the question of modesty. I'm going right at the heart of the problem.

But I don't want anybody to come that already has your mind made up. You don't need to come. If you already know exactly what God wants and you're doing it, you don't need to come. You're not invited.

On the other hand, if you are not interested in being changed, then perhaps you'd better not come.

I'll tell you who I want to come Monday night. I want to see some women here Monday night that are convicted by the Spirit of God that the time has come for a change, and that you mean business and that you'd like to learn what's involved and that you're willing to be changed, you *want* to. You're not coming to argue; you're not coming to fight back what's presented. No. You're coming with an open heart, and you really want to know the whole counsel of God, and you're coming with a purpose to do it as fast as you see what God requires.

And you women who are married, if you come, you meet the qualifications I have just mentioned, and you want to bring your husbands, your husbands will be welcome.

But please, brothers and sisters and friends, and I want to repeat it because I want to make it as plain as can be. I'm not here to pressure anybody. That's why I'm setting aside a meeting where everybody knows before they come exactly what's happening. Do you see, friends? Nobody can blame me then for giving the counsel of God, can they, friends? No.

Everybody that's afraid of pressure, just don't come. It'll be all right. Nobody's going to judge you, no. This may not be the time for you to see this particular thing. You may have some other weeds in your garden that God may want you to be working at. We've looked at some of them tonight, haven't we? But I'm trying to get down to business and be specific with some things that God and Heaven are burdened about.

All right, I leave that with you. Now friends, this is just one point, this last point I've mentioned, the first point he mentions. But it's one point. You know, no matter how many weeds there are in the garden, if you're pulling them by hand, you have to start somewhere, don't you? That's right. This article starts right where we're going to start.

But now, God may lead you this week to start somewhere else in your particular garden. You may need to. You young men, I challenge you to get the victory over looking at the undressed and half-dressed women of today and having the evil thoughts that Jesus points out in Matthew 5.

Men, you and I have got to be like Joseph was in Egypt. There are a lot of things that our eyes are going to have to turn from. And if we want the latter rain, we'll never get it having fun watching the exposed anatomy of people, whether it's in the flesh, or on the billboards, in the movies, on the TV, on the bathing beach, or anywhere else, my friends. God's got to give us an experience in victory. Can it be had? Oh, yes. Sure, it can be had.

We were talking a while ago about going to Heaven. I want to tell you something, folks. People wear clothes up there. That's right. You can read about it in Revelation. Read about it in Revelation 7:

“...Arrayed in white robes...” Revelation 7:13.

Not aprons, not bikinis; nothing of the kind. No. True, they're garments of light, but they're *garments*, my friends, and don't forget it. And never be influenced by this pagan art that displays Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden as if they were in a nudist colony. It's as foreign to fact as any fairy tale. It's a fable.

Adam and Eve, the only time that they looked that way in the Garden of Eden was when they *sinned*, and then they were ashamed. God give us some shame today, my friends. God give us some shame today.

Oh, I thank God, friend, that if we'll take the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy and follow it, we can get ready for Heaven. What do you say?

May we kneel and pray together?

We thank Thee tonight for the call homeward. This world is getting so full of sin and crime, of riot and revolution, of bloodshed, of sickness, suffering, of fear, of everything unhappy. We long to get everybody we *can* get to go with us and go home.

We thank Thee that we can have a taste of the happy world above, right here on this planet. We thank Thee that we can have the peace of Heaven in our hearts, the joy of Heaven in our lives, and we thank Thee we can have the concern of Heaven for others as we walk these earthly paths.

Tonight we've heard a call to repentance, to revival and reformation, from this voice that speaks to the ministry of Thy church. The best we know, Lord, our hearts respond. We don't want to spend another hundred years wandering in the wilderness. We want to cross Jordan and enter the Promised Land.

And so, tonight, the best we know, we're setting our hearts to seek a true revival and reformation. We've heard the call of our leaders, Lord, and our hearts respond. By Thy grace, we'll seek for this.

Lord, we've dealt with some specifics tonight, but there are a lot of other things that haven't been mentioned that Thy Holy Spirit will talk to hearts about. Just now, here on our knees, the best we know, we open up our lives to the inspection of the Holy Ghost, and we pray that Thou wilt help each one of us to know where to begin weeding in our personal garden. Help us to be determined by Thy grace to get every weed out, that the fruits of love and peace and joy and long-suffering may grow unhindered.

Oh Lord, may every soul of us tonight go out of this chapel determined to have all that God has for us in victory and joy and a life like Jesus'. Just now, we choose to seek this.

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