

Keep Looking to Jesus Only

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We've been meditating on some of the messages of Jesus in this wonderful Gospel of John. Tonight, we'll notice, first of all, the first three verses of the 17th chapter. These are the opening words of the prayer of Jesus on the border of Gethsemane:

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee: As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent"
John 17:1–3.

To know our Lord is what? Eternal life. What is life eternal? To know God and Jesus Christ. If you know Him then, you have what? You have eternal life.

Now notice, He doesn't say, "You *will* have it."

He says, "You *do* have it." "You *do* have it."

"...This *is* life eternal..." John 17:3.

Life eternal is to know God. You know, friends, just from the standpoint of getting acquainted with Him, it's going to take eternity because it will take an eternity of time to explore an infinity of truth. God is so wonderful that there will always be something more to get acquainted with.

But that heaven which we are to enter into in the future life, we begin here, right now.

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son" 1 John 5:11.

But eternal life consists in what? In knowing God, knowing God.

Now, turn back to the 14th chapter of this same book and the 6th verse. Tell me, is there any other way? Is there? No, there's no other way.

Jesus says:

“...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me” John 14:6.

If we come to God, Who is the way? Jesus is the way. Any other way? No. That’s what Peter said, you remember.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” Acts 4:12.

No other way, just Jesus.

Let’s go back to the Old Testament. We’ll find the same message there, 45th of Isaiah, 22nd verse. Do you have it? Will you read it with me, please?

“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else” Isaiah 45:22.

What’s the first word? “Look.” What do you look for? What do you look for? To see. All right. Where are we going to look? Unto Jesus. What’ll happen if we do? We’ll be saved. You mean just looking to Jesus will save people? That’s right. Is there any other way? No, no other way.

“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth...” Isaiah 45:22.

And I want to tell you, dear friends, there may be some other things along the way that we want to learn, but if we haven’t learned *this*, we haven’t even started, have we? No. In fact, if all the things we need to learn are wrapped up *in* this, all the things that we need to learn we’re going to learn by looking where? Unto Jesus.

If you were the Devil, what you do about it? Wouldn’t you try to divert, to distract to keep people from looking where? Looking to Jesus, yes. Well, let’s look, what do you say? Let’s look to Him and look to Him *alone*.

Those three disciples that went up with Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration, you remember at the close of the vision, it says:

“And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only” Matthew 17:8.

That’s it. If there’s one lesson the Bible teaches along with this lesson of looking to Jesus, it’s the lesson of the danger of looking to men. Do you remember that story of Gideon back there in the book of Judges?

Now, Gideon was a very humble man and a very consecrated man.

He was so humble that when the angel came to him, told him he was to deliver Israel, he said, “Well, how can I do that? My father’s family is poor, and I’m the least of all of them” [a paraphrase of Judges 6:15].

The angel said, "Never mind. You're the one the Lord's going to use" [a paraphrase of Judges 6:16].

And so finally, after various experiences, the Israelites were delivered by God using Gideon. You remember the interesting story of the trumpets, and the pitchers, and the lights, and all that, and how 300 men were used by God to put a multitude to flight. The Midianites were entirely defeated.

Well, you read back there in the book of Judges when they came back, the Israelites wanted to make Gideon king [a paraphrase of Judges 8:22].

He said, "No." He said, "The Lord's your king" [a paraphrase of Judges 8:23].

He showed a good spirit all the way through. But they wanted to do something to show their gratitude. And so, now watch.

He said, "All right." He said, "Now bring me those golden earrings that came from the Midianites. Let me have those" [a paraphrase of Judges 8:24].

And so, he fixed those up, and he fixed up an ephod, and he began a priestly work.

Now, if you read back, you'll find where he got the idea. When the Lord first called him to deliver Israel, He told him to go tear down the altar of Baal and build an altar to God and offer sacrifices. It was all right to do that when God told him, but God never told him to get this ephod and these golden earrings and start that thing.

I want you to turn to the book of Judges and see what the result was Judges 8:27. Here was this good man that God had used in a mighty and a marvelous way to deliver Israel, and he had such a clear view on some matters that he even turned down the offer of being king.

But now, he enters into the priesthood, which God didn't appoint him to. The 27th verse:

"And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house" Judges 8:27.

Did he do the right thing or the wrong thing? Wrong. Well, how could such a good man do such a bad thing? I wonder why God wrote it down. To teach us a lesson, my friends: not to look to man, nor trust in man.

Now, I want to ask you something. Was it all right for Israel to follow Gideon when he was doing what God told him in fighting the Midianites and delivering Israel? Was it? Yes.

Was it all right for them to follow him when he put up this apparatus and started in this worship where God didn't tell him to? Was it? No, that wasn't all right. That was the time to part company with him, wasn't it? Yes. So, Israel failed because they did what? They looked to man.

Now, this story we've studied is the story of the people following the leader, looking to the leader instead of God. But now, let's turn the thing around. Go over to 1 Samuel 15, and here we have an interesting example of the leader following the people. And it didn't work any better.

Who was *this* leader? Saul, Israel's first king. Gideon had such a clear view he knew that Israel shouldn't have a king. God was the king. But in the days of Samuel, Israel just kept at it and kept at it. They wanted a king.

Do you remember what they wanted a king for? Be like the other nations. Like some people today, they want to be like other people. And so, it led Israel into many, many problems.

But here was the king, and God told him through the prophet to go destroy Amalek, this wicked, heathen nation that had been so abominable. And when they got over there, why instead of utterly destroying them, they took a lot of the sheep and oxen, took spoil, and they took the king. Instead of killing him as God said, they brought him home to let everybody see what a wonderful king Saul was, that he'd conquered that big king of Amalek, and so forth.

Well, you will remember that Samuel came and rebuked him and reminded him what the Lord had said. But he defended himself and excused himself. And finally, when Samuel told him that it was rebellion, I want you to notice how Saul laid bare the whole problem, 24th verse:

"And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because..." 1 Samuel 15:24.

Why?

"...I feared the people, and obeyed their voice"
1 Samuel 15:24.

What a king! What a king! What a leader! Instead of playing follow the leader, he was playing follow the people, blaming the people. He that was supposed to give leadership was following and blaming it on the people.

I don't doubt they were to blame, all right. But if Saul had been a man after God's own heart, no matter what the people said, he would have said, "Look here, God told us to do this, and this is what we're going to do," right?

But he was like Aaron on that point. There's another example of a man that should have been a leader being influenced by the people, and he led a whole nation into apostasy while Moses was in the mount.

My point is, friends, men are not safe, whether they're leaders or whether they're great masses of people. The people can't look to the leader, and the leader can't look to the people. What's our text?

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" Isaiah 45:22.

And my dear friends, anyone who looks to man will eventually be greatly disappointed. And anyone that builds on man will be shaken.

You know, there *is* a church that claims it's built on Peter. You've heard of that, but what a flimsy foundation to build anything on. You know, the name Peter means a rolling stone, just a little stone, but the rock that Jesus built His church on was the Rock of Ages, Christ Himself, the great mighty Rock.

But poor people, anybody that built on Peter, I wonder, I wonder what they would have been thinking that morning as they heard him curse and swear in the courtyard. Not a very good one to depend upon, was he?

But somebody says, "But the person that I depend upon isn't like Peter, and he isn't like Gideon, and he isn't like Saul."

No, no. He may have some other weakness. But I want to tell you something, friends. If there's anybody that you depend upon and look to as your example, one of two things will happen just as certain as can be. Either they'll actually make some mistake so God can teach you a lesson, or else they'll do something you *think* is a mistake, and that'll teach you the same lesson. That's right.

Never build on man, any man, any man. That's the whole story of the Bible from Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden right down to the remnant. But I come down to the remnant now; let's go to Matthew 24. Jesus is discussing the signs of His coming and of the end of the world.

The disciples had asked Him, you remember:

"...What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matthew 24:3.

In the sixth verse, He told them about wars and rumors of wars; the seventh verse about famines and great epidemics and earthquakes. They've been happening with increasing intensity, haven't they, friends?

Eighth verse:

"All these are the beginning of sorrows" Matthew 24:8.

Ninth verse:

“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name’s sake” Matthew 24:9.

Now, watch:

“And then shall many be...” Matthew 24:10.

What?

“...offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another” Matthew 24:10.

Oh, listen, if somebody you’ve been depending on gets offended and leaves God, and leaves His message, and His church, and His people, what are *you* going to do? What are *you* going to do? It’s what’s going to happen. This is one of the great final tests of the remnant.

Now, some of you have been in this message 30, 40, 50 years and longer, and some of you are just coming in now. You dear ones that are just coming in, oh let me exhort you, don’t look to human beings. Don’t look to any human being. Look to Jesus for two reasons. In the first place, He’s the only one who can save you. That’s what you need is salvation.

And in the second place, He’s the only one that you can be sure always walks straight. If you follow Him, you’ll be all right.

“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth...” Isaiah 45:22.

Now, back to that 10th verse:

“And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many” Matthew 24:10–11.

If you’re looking to man, you might be what? Deceived.

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall...” Matthew 24:12.

Do what?

“...wax cold” Matthew 24:12.

They’re cold. In other words, they’re looking to people. They do like people do.

And if they see somebody else do something, they say, “Well, I guess if it’s all right for them to do it, it’s all right for me to do it.”

Is it all right for you to do something because somebody else does it? Why, no. Was it all right for Adam to eat the fruit because Eve ate it? Was it? Why, no, friends. It didn’t make his sin any less because his wife tempted him.

Doesn’t make any difference who it is if it goes contrary to the Lord’s instruction, my friends, whether it’s the elder of the church, some minister, somebody in high office, or your closest, dearest one in the family, doesn’t make any difference. There’s only one pattern. Who is it? Jesus, that’s right. My, how this would simplify life if we’d just accept it. We’re not to look to human beings for examples.

A hundred years ago, there was a great fashion in the country to wear hoop skirts. You’ve seen pictures of them, haven’t you? Yes. You can read about them back in *Volume 1*. The Lord thought enough of His people to send an angel from heaven to tell them that that wasn’t the way He wanted His children to dress. He said they were indecent. They caused indecent exposure. Of course, we never have any problems with anything like that today, do we?

But at any rate, back a hundred years ago, they had these hoop skirts, and I was interested in what the Lord’s messenger said that some people said, in the church, you understand.

There was one sister, she’s called Sister A there. Actually, it just meant anyone, perhaps of a number of people.

But she thought, “Well now, we’re not supposed to wear hoop skirts, but I’ll just wear a little one, just a little one.”

So, she just put a little one on. Do you know what Sister B said?

Well, she said, “If it’s all right for Sister A to wear hoops, then it’s all right for me, and so I’ll wear hoops.”

But do you know what she did? She made hers a little bigger. You can read about it there. It’s really interesting.

But Sister Ct was there, too, as well as Sister A and Sister B. And do you know what Sister Ct did?

Why, she said, “If it’s all right for Sister A and Sister B to wear hoops, it’s all right for me.”

And she wore one larger still than either Sister A or Sister B, you see.

Where were they looking? Looking to people, looking to people.

Let me ask you something, friends. Are you ever tempted to do something because you see somebody else doing it? Is that a good reason? Well, there's a much better reason, friends, a much better reason.

The best reason in the world for doing something is because you're looking to Jesus, and you believe He wants you to do it. Now, in following that plan, you'll sometimes be put in situations where nobody around you is standing the way you are led to stand.

Joseph had that experience down in Egypt, didn't he? But do you know how he got ready for it? He had to stand back there in his father's house. His older brothers sometimes talked in a language that wasn't very good. And Joseph not only wouldn't talk that kind of language when he couldn't help his brothers to quit, but he also went and told the father. And you know what they thought of Joseph then, don't you? No wonder they killed him—or tried to, I should say, wanted to.

But in thus standing alone for principle among his own brothers, Joseph got an experience in looking to God that made him ready to meet the great test down in Egypt, where there wasn't anybody to help him, not even his father.

It's a wonderful thing, dear young people, to get into the habit of having an experience of looking to God for what he wants you to do. In fact, we're told in *Desire of Ages*, page 363:

“...Everyone needs to have a personal experience in obtaining a knowledge of the will of God” *Desire of Ages*, page 363.

And if we are in the groove, then if somebody else starts doing something that's outlandish, out of harmony with God's will, we'll be sorry for them, we'll pray for them, but we won't be swept aside.

Do you remember that statement in *Volume 5*, page 81, speaking of the coming test under the mark of the beast:

“Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy, will then go out in darkness” *Testimonies for the Church*, *Volume 5*, page 81.

When's it going to go out? When the test comes. Well, what's it going to do until then? Going to shine. You mean it's going to shine right up to then? Yes, yes.

Ah friends, as I look back over the history of this movement for over a hundred years, I see from time to time in the firmament there's a star, and it shines. And then, all of a sudden, it's gone, it's gone.

Where's Canright, and Conradi, A. T. Jones, and E. J. Waggoner, John Harvey Kellogg, and others in more recent days that I could name, right up to the very hour we're in. Where are they? Ah friends, what a sad commentary on the

weakness of humanity, the lack of reliability of humanity. Does that mean you need to be uncertain, shaky? Not at all, just the opposite.

Notice what the Savior says here in Matthew 24:13. Will you read it with me?

“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved” Matthew 24:13.

Many offended, many waxed cold, but he that goeth through to the end. We’ll never go through to the end looking to men, dear friends. We’ll go through looking to God.

Go back to Jeremiah. Here’s something interesting in the 9th chapter, verses 23–24. Oh, I hope every one of us will get acquainted with God every day a little more; every day know Him a little better.

“Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom...” Jeremiah 9:23.

Or in anybody else’s wisdom.

“...neither let the mighty man glory in his might...”
Jeremiah 9:23.

Nor in anybody else’s strength.

“...let not the rich man glory in his riches” Jeremiah 9:23.

And don’t get to admiring people who have a lot of riches.

“But let him that glorieth glory in this...” Jeremiah 9:24.

What?

“...that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD” Jeremiah 9:24.

What’s the thing to glory in? That you know God. Do you know God? Are you acquainted with Him? Well, if you do, you have something to be happy about, and God wants you to be happy. God wants you to be happy. Not only in knowing God but knowing His will.

John 7:17, not only knowing Him as a person but knowing what He wants you to do. This is Jesus talking:

“If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself”
John 7:17.

Does Jesus want us to know? Yes, He does.

Notice again in the 8th chapter verses 31–32:

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” John 8:31–32.

How will we know the truth? Continue in what? His Word, His Word. The Spirit and the Word always agree, and whenever you find people that depend just upon the Spirit, just upon impression, without taking counsel with the Word, that’s dangerous, friend. But on the other hand, the true Holy Spirit comes to lead us into the Word and help us to understand this book.

“Look unto Me, and be...” Isaiah 45:22.

What?

“...saved, all the ends of the earth...” Isaiah 45:22.

Now, I want to tell you a little secret. It’s found in *Steps to Christ*, page 71:

“...It is Satan’s constant effort to keep the attention diverted from the Savior...” *Steps to Christ*, page 71.

What does “diverted” mean? Turned away. Now, I don’t know very much about prizefighting, but I know this much. When some fellow wants to hit me, he tries to get me to look at what he’s doing with one hand, and while I’m watching that, what does he do? He hits me hard with the other, where I’m not looking.

Now, that’s the Devil’s way. He tries to divert the mind. He tries to get me diverted. All right.

Now, here are four things that he tries to use to divert us with:

“The pleasures of the world, life’s cares and perplexities and sorrows, the faults of others, or your own faults and imperfections—to any or all of these he will seek to divert the mind” *Steps to Christ*, page 71.

Now, will all of you take your right hand and just take your forefinger here and put it on these four fingers. I want you to see something. See that index finger there? What’s that? That’s the pleasures of this world, the pleasures of this world.

“Oh, what a good time you can have,” the Devil says.

“See what a good time the people of this world are having.”

Now, what's the big finger? Life's cares and perplexities and sorrows. That's another thing that the Devil gets people looking at, all the worries, and the fears, and the distresses.

"How are we going to pay the rent? How are we going to meet the payments on the automobile, and the deep freeze, and the radio, and the TV, and all the rest?"

And home troubles, and political troubles, and so on, and on, and on, and on, and on.

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for *looking* after those things which are coming on the earth..." Luke 21:26.

All right. Now, what is that third finger? The faults of others, oh, yes.

"Did you hear what Brother So and So did?"

"No, I didn't hear. What did he do?"

"Oh, he did this."

Oh, did he?"

And my mind is diverted from looking where? To Jesus, maybe for a minute, maybe for five minutes, but do you know, friends, a lot of damage can be done in five minutes, can't it? All right.

Now, what's that little finger? That's the biggest one of all? What's that? Your own faults, your own faults, your own faults.

Now, there are the four things that the Devil is trying to get you to look at. What's the first one? The pleasures of the world. The second? The cares of the world. The third? The faults of others. And the fourth? Your own faults.

By the way, if you'd take those four things out of the daily newspaper, you'd have an awful lot of white space left, wouldn't you? Wouldn't you, friends? Yes, sir.

And if you'd take those four things out of the ordinary radio or TV program, there'd be a lot of blessed quiet, wouldn't there? Wouldn't there? Yes.

Now, we can't control the newspaper, but we can control what we *do* with it, can't we? We can't control what's put on the radio, but we can control what comes out of it, can't we? Yes, the same with the TV.

But I want to tell you something, friends. This was written before there were any radios and TVs. Do you know the greatest method of communication? Right here. That's right. And do you know the greatest receiver? The eyes and ears, your own. That's right.

“Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips” Psalm 141:3.

That’s right.

“Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity...”
Psalm 119:37.

“Keep me from being diverted.”

But now, listen, do you know the best way in the world to keep from being diverted? You never keep from being diverted by looking at the thing that diverts you. The way to keep from being diverted is not to *look* at the thing that’s trying to divert you. Look at something else. Where? Oh, back to our text:

“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth...” Isaiah 45:22.

Why, the worst thing about all these four things is not the bad things in them. That’s bad enough. The worst thing is that they divert us from looking where? To Jesus, because that’s where our help is.

Do you remember that text in Isaiah 26:3?

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee” Isaiah 26:3.

Now, wouldn’t you think about that as the thumb? Just look at your thumb now. Just close up your fingers, and just put your thumb right out there where it’s the big thing you’re looking at. And that thumb now is to represent whom? Jesus

You’re not going to look at the pleasures of this world. They may allure you if you do. You’re not going to look at the cares of this world. They’ll worry the life out of you if you do. You’re not going to look at the faults of others. It’ll make you either critical or else you’ll follow them, one or the other, friends, if you look at the faults of others, and either one is not good.

And thank God, you’re not going to look where? Your own faults.

“Oh, but I can’t help it.”

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed...” Isaiah 26:3.

Where?

“...on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee” Isaiah 26:3.

Isn’t that nice?

“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth...” Isaiah 45:22.

Somebody says, “But I tried that, and I fell.”

Did you? So did Peter, didn’t he? Yes, he got out of the boat looking unto Jesus and he walked at least a few steps, and then he began to drown. So, it didn’t work, did it?

Well, why was it that he began to sink? Why, he quit looking at Jesus and looked back at whom? The men in the boat. It worked all right as long as he looked to Jesus.

And my dear friend, if you fell, if you began to sink, it is simply this, that you took your eyes off Jesus. And you either looked at the pleasures of the world, the cares of the world, the faults of others, or your own faults, right? It’s wrong, but it’s correct, yes.

Now listen, friends, what did Peter do when he began to sink? What did he do? He cried out. Can you do any better? If you begin to sink, do just what Peter did, cry out. Did Jesus hear him? Yes. Put out his hand; pulled him up. Said:

“...O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?”
Matthew 14:31.

And then, Peter subdued and humbled walked with Jesus back to the boat.

Friends, let’s look and live, what do you say?

Now, I want to read you something interesting from *Volume 5*, page 199. I think is wonderful. See if you don’t think so.

“Many make a serious mistake in their religious life by keeping the attention fixed upon their feelings and thus judging of their advancement or decline” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5*, page 199.

“How are you today?”

“Oh, I just feel good. I’m full of faith.”

“Are you?”

“Yes.”

No, you’re not. You’re full of feelings. Not full of faith at all.

“How are you today,” another day.

“Oh, I’m just way down.”

“What’s the matter?”

“Oh, I don’t know what’s the matter. My prayers don’t seem to get through. I’m having an awful time.”

Listen:

“Many make a serious mistake in their religious life by keeping the attention fixed upon their feelings and thus judging of their advancement or decline. Feelings are not a safe criterion. We are not to look within for evidence of our acceptance with God” *Ibid.*

Not to look where? Not to look within.

“We shall find there nothing but that which will discourage us” *Ibid.*

Listen, brother, if you looked inside and got some encouragement, you just haven’t looked deep enough. If you look a little deeper, you’ll get utterly discouraged. That’s right.

“Our only hope is in ‘looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith.’ There is everything in Him to inspire with hope, with faith, and with courage. He is our righteousness, our consolation and rejoicing. Those who look within for comfort will become weary and disappointed. A sense of our weakness and unworthiness should lead us with humility of heart to plead the atoning sacrifice of Christ. As we rely upon His merits we shall find rest and peace and joy. He saves to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him” *Ibid.*

You remember back there in the desert when the Israelites were wandering along over those sands? They finally became so complaining and full of murmuring that God gave them something to feel bad about. He let those serpents, which hitherto He had protected them from, He let them come in from the desert and see really what kind of place it was they were in, and they began to bite the people.

Oh, you can picture those swollen limbs, those people dying here and there over the camp, and the wails going up. And they cried to God, and God in mercy heard them.

He said to Moses, “Moses, make a serpent of brass and put it on a pole, and tell everybody in the camp, if a man is bitten let him look and he’ll live” [a paraphrase of Numbers 21:8].

And so, Moses did; and all over that camp those wounded ones, those bitten ones began to look, and they lived. And 1500 years later, the Savior took up the illustration and told that ruler of the Jews, Nicodemus:

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That
whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have
eternal life” John 3:14–15.

And then He said those words which have been repeated millions of times since:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him...”
John 3:16.

Looks to Him.

“...should not perish, but have everlasting life” John 3:16.

Brother, sister, look and live; *keep* looking and *keep* living. What do you say? Oh, let's do it. It's that simple. Shall we?

Now, who has some word of response you'd like to give right on this point, friend? We had some good experiences at the beginning of the meeting, but right now, we'd like to hear a number of short, right-to-the-point responses right on this point.

[Testimony meeting followed.]

“My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

[Refrain] On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.”
Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #522, first stanza.

[Following are comments by Elder Frazee during testimony meeting.]

Back there in the wilderness, that last picture we were looking at, there are the Israelites dying all over the camp. How many years did it take them to learn to look and live? Well, they'd have all been dead if it took them years, wouldn't they? Yes.

Now, don't misunderstand me. There *are* lessons we need to learn that take years. That's the thing. But it doesn't take years to learn to look and live, does it? Why, no, thank God.

The biggest lesson we need to learn, friends, is to *keep* looking. Nearly all here, if not all at one time or another, have looked, haven't they, friends? But oh, to keep living, they must keep looking.

...I'll give it to you in two short lines:

“When we look to man, trouble grows,
When we look to God, trouble goes.”

...When are you going to learn it? Good, that's fine. I just hope I haven't made this thing so mysterious that it looks like it's going to take us years to learn. Those poor Israelites, they learned it right now, didn't they? Yes. There they were bitten, and Moses said, “Look,” and do what? “Live.”

Did they look? Did they live?

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That
whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have
eternal life” John 3:14–15.

“And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee...”
John 17:3.

Oh, friends, just as soon as we begin to look, we begin to live. And if we keep looking, we keep living. If we stop looking, we stop living. But oh, if we'll begin to look again, we begin to live again.

... I love to hear when any soul comes through to this experience of finding how to get the knowledge of the will of God. And remember, God has a little different way of dealing with every human soul. Just as there's a certain lock that that key fits, and your key won't fit that lock, takes this key to fit it. God has a key on His ring that fits your heart, your mind. Let Him use it every morning. What do you say, friends? Oh, let's make it the first business of our lives with the waking moment to find out what God wants us to do.

Is there a verse that tells about that? Where is it? Isaiah 50 and the 4th verse:

“The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the
learned...” Isaiah 50:4.

Another version says, “A tongue for teaching,” sister.

“...that I should know how to speak a word in season...”
Isaiah 50:4.

The right word at the right time.

“...He wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned” Isaiah 50:4.

This is education, friends, to know the will of God.

... Wouldn't you like to sing a Sabbath song right now? Yes. Let's sing 459. Now, all of you may not know this particular song. It's an old one, but it's a simple tune; majestic but simple.

And if you'd play it through for us, Ayla, and I want you to notice these words. It's a song for the beginning of the Sabbath.

“Welcome, welcome, day of rest,
To the world in kindness given;
Welcome to this humble breast,
As the beaming light from heaven.

Day of calm and sweet repose,
Gently now thy moments run;
Balm to soothe our cares and woes,
Till our labor here is done.

Holy day that most we prize,
Day of solemn praise and prayer
Day to make the simple wise,
O, how great thy blessings are!

Welcome, welcome, day of rest,
With thy influence all divine;
May thy hallowed hours be blessed
To this waiting heart of mine.”
Church Hymnal (1941), #459.

As we close this service with prayer, is there a burdened heart that would like to have the burden lifted? Just come and stand here with bowed head.

Jesus says:

“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest” Matthew 11:28.

Whatever the burden, dear one, whether it's a burden of care, a burden of concern, a burden of sin, a burden of fear, whatever the burden, what a blessed rest in casting our burdens upon the Burden-Bearer.

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Yes, thank God, we want the larger gift, the richer blessing, don't we, friends? And if we abide, the fact that we received a rich gift before ensures the reception of a richer gift now [a paraphrase of *Desire of Ages*, page 148].

We thank Thee for the invitation and for the response. Thou dost give the invitation, and Thou dost inspire the response. And surely, Thou wilt honor the invitation Thou hast made. And surely, Thou wilt bless the response Thou had each heart make.

Oh Lord, fill each heart with joy. Take the load and give light and life and love and peace in Christ. We ask it in the Savior's name, amen.

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