

God's Peculiar Treasure

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Our text this evening is Exodus the 19th chapter verses 4–6. Oh, how it thrilled as I heard the young people singing that song of praise to God for bringing the children of Israel through the Red Sea. Here is God's message to Israel a few days later:

"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel" Exodus 19:4–6.

God said, "If you'll just listen and do what I say, I want you to be so close to Me, so precious near, you'll be a peculiar treasure above all the people that are upon the earth."

What a privilege, dear friends. Or is it a privilege? I tell you, it just depends on whether a person is born again or whether he isn't. If a person is born again, he rejoices in the liberty that being a peculiar treasure for God means. If he isn't born again, he looks upon it as bondage.

Everybody in this world is on one side or the other of some bars that make a jail. Many of the people that are behind bars know that they're there, and they feel sorry for themselves and would like to get out. But sad to say, some people that are behind bars but being like their peers around them think that the people that are outside the bars are the ones that are in jail. How does it look to you?

"...If ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation"
Exodus 19:5–6.

Now, notice how the New Testament echoes this message in 1 Peter the second chapter, the ninth verse. The church of Christ is the Israel of God in this new covenant time, and to us are spoken these wonderful words, 1 Peter the second chapter and the ninth verse:

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth

the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness
into His marvellous light" 1 Peter 2:9.

I should make it clear, dear friends, that the word "peculiar" as used here does not mean odd, eccentric, extreme, fanatical. It doesn't have any such connotation. The word "peculiar" here means something special. God's people who are a peculiar treasure to Him will be looked upon by a godless wicked world as peculiar. Don't worry about that. But it isn't their peculiarity, as viewed from the world, that makes them His treasure. It's the other way around. It's being His treasure that makes them peculiar.

In both the Old and New Testaments, God uses the figure of marriage to symbolize the union between Him and His children. And God's plan is not polygamy, dear friends. God's plan is not polygamy. In giving Adam one wife and giving Eve one husband, He showed His glorious ideal. And when He speaks in the Second Commandment of the Decalogue of Himself as a jealous God, He reminds us that He desires to have with His children a peculiar relationship.

What a strange thing, passing strange, it would be for a bride to desire to be just like everybody else in the relation to her husband. It's unthinkable, isn't it, friends? This is the picture of those who choose the friendship of this world and do not know their holy privilege.

And so, using that figure of spiritual adultery, James says:

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the
friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever
therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of
God" James 4:4.

What would you think of a bride who would say to her husband, "Yes, I love you, husband, but then I love a dozen others too, and I want to be impartial and kind to all of them"?

God save us from all such travesties on the word "love." What do you say? "You are a peculiar people," peculiar I repeat not because they're odd, no, but because they belong to Jesus in a very special way, and their loyalty is to Him and Him alone. Their desire to please is to please *Him*. They're willing to walk the lonely road of fellowship with Jesus.

Enoch walked with God, and he was peculiar in his generation. Abraham walked with God, the friend of God.

Notice, back to Exodus now, the 33rd chapter and the 11th verse, the man whose experience we noted two weeks ago tonight, the experience of Moses. Here's another text on this that I want you to see.

"And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man
speaketh unto his friend..." Exodus 33:11.

What a privilege, face-to-face communion with God, heart to heart, mind with mind communing. Oh, friends, some people are going to join in the song of Moses soon. I trust we all enter into that close fellowship with Jesus.

Now, I notice this prayer, the 15th verse:

“And he...” Exodus 33:15.

That is, Moses.

“...said unto Him...” Exodus 33:15.

That is, God.

“...If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence”
Exodus 33:15.

“Oh,” Moses said, “dear Lord, I cannot go without you. I cannot go without you.”

“For wherein shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in Thy sight? is it not in that Thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth” Exodus 33:16.

Notice that an accepted people are a separated people, an accepted people is a separated people. Separated from what? From everything else in the world. Peculiar in that they belong to Jesus, they get their directions from Him. Their one desire is to please Him. They’re not asking what’s done in this institution and that institution; what the people in this church and that church are doing. They’re asking only one thing:

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

Timbuktu? In where?

“...in heaven” Matthew 6:10.

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Won’t it be wonderful when God has a people in this world, every one of whom has *that* character written in their forehead, their mind, their experience? The happiest people in all this world are those whose names are written in Heaven and whose thoughts bear the name of Jesus, written in their minds and hearts.

“...So shall we be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth” Exodus 33:16.

God hasten the day. What do you say?

Now, as we mentioned last week, this experience of living for Jesus all alone as far as those around us are concerned can be successfully entered into only by those that spend the time alone with Jesus to know Him personally and get acquainted with Him.

Take the Song of Solomon, please, the second chapter. The Song of Solomon is an inspired love song. It represents that beautiful love between bride and bridegroom, wife and husband, that represents the union between Christ and His people.

And so, dear ones, there's much in this beautiful song, the song of songs the Bible calls it. It's a song of love. There's much in it for every husband and wife to study, every bridegroom and bride to study, and there's much in it of spiritual value to everyone, whether married or single, because God, as I've already pointed out, has represented the union between Him and each soul as like the union between the husband and the wife.

Now, notice the second chapter of Song of Solomon, the expressions of appreciation from bride to bridegroom and from bridegroom to bride. Notice the fellowship:

"I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters. As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house..." Song of Solomon 2:1-4.

That's not the nightclub, friends.

"He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love" Song of Solomon 2:4.

The fellowship of the soul with the One Who is his life is represented in these beautiful, graphic, meaningful words. Now friends, I cannot read your minds. No one can do that but God. But I ask you to examine your heart. Is Jesus the lover of your soul? We sing it in those grand words of Wesley's:

"Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly..."
Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #489, first stanza (partial).

Is He the lover of your soul? Do you love Him? Does He love you? Do you know He loves you? Oh friends, if that experience is real, is genuine, you can take the experiences of life that come to test. You can take the misunderstandings of those about you, the disapproval of those who ought to approve you, you can take it. But listen, unless you have that, all the human approval you get will never fully, finally satisfy you, never, never.

“Thou hast made us for Thyself O Lord,
And our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee.”
Confessions, by Augustine of Hippo.

Imagine the bride and the bridegroom passing hours, days, weeks, months—no communication. No communication. What’s the matter? Lack of an experience, isn’t it, friends? So with the soul that lets hours and days and weeks go by without real communion with Jesus. He needs an experience with God.

You can’t manufacture it. You can’t fake it. You must seek for it with all your heart. We get acquainted with Jesus like we get acquainted with people by spending time with them. There’s no substitute. There’s no way to get it in a capsule and swallow it. There’s no way to have it injected into you with a hypodermic needle, nothing of the kind, friends. We get acquainted with Jesus just like we get acquainted with people, spending time with them.

“...I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and
his fruit was sweet to my taste” Song of Solomon 2:3.

The last time I was in the Chicago airport, I noted as I had noted before there dozens, scores, yes hundreds of people crowding in, getting their lunches. Do you know what they were doing? They were eating standing up. That’s right. In this particular place, they were so much on the move that they weren’t even given seats. They’d go and get their sandwich and cup of coffee and stand there and eat. Well, it has its advantages if your plane is called right away.

But I’ve said all that to say this is not this picture:

“...I sat down under his shadow with great delight...”
Song of Solomon 2:3.

Did you ever see people doing this? I don’t happen to have what’s supposed to be on the wrist. But you know what people are doing when they do this?

“What time do you have? How much time have I got?”

Some people are eating that way. What a shame when people are spending so much time trying to get some money so they can get something to eat and have to do this.

And some people are having their spiritual devotions that way too, aren’t they?

“Ah,” somebody says, “Brother Frazee, we’re supposed to be on time.”

Indeed, friend. Let’s make our first time “on time” on time with Jesus every morning. What do you say?

Remember that text that we were having near the close of our study last Friday night? How many of you were *not* here last Friday night? May I see your

hands? Well, for their sakes don't you think we ought to go and read it together, Isaiah the 50th chapter and the fourth verse.

“...I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love”
Song of Solomon 2:3–4.

It's a picture of relaxed, loving fellowship—time to eat, time to commune, time to enjoy fellowship. You can't rush it, friend. You can't do it. If you want to know Jesus, if you want to know the joy of being alone with Him, it takes time, takes time.

Now, you have Isaiah 50 and the 4th verse, will you read it all together with me?

“The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: He wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned” Isaiah 50:4.

Oh, yes, just as we need—don't miss it—the nutritionists tell us we'll need a good breakfast before we start out for a day's hard work, physical, mental, is that right? The Lord told us that a hundred years ago, modern nutritionists are telling us, so we find it easier to believe now, don't we?

For whatever reason we believe it, it's true, friends. We need a good breakfast in our stomachs to start the day with. But oh, our mental stomachs, our souls must be fed. Let's feed our souls before we feed our bodies. What do you say?

“The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season...”
Isaiah 50:4.

What's “a word in season”? It's the right word at the right time. How can you get wiser than that, friends? Too much of what is called education tends to speak in many words, even right words, at the *wrong* time. How do you *know* when to say the word? Ah, the Holy Spirit must give us that, friends.

Don't you suppose that the Devil knows the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation? Did he have to scratch his head and think a while to quote that text to Jesus in the wilderness of temptation? Not a bit of it. He had it right on the end of his tongue.

The Devil is adept at quoting Scripture, but he's not thereby benefited. He says the right word at the wrong time, as he did with Jesus. He tried to use the words of Scripture to persuade Jesus to do something that would have been displeasing to His Father.

There are many people engaged in the same devilish business today, friends, quoting Scripture, quoting inspired writings, to try to prove something that's not so at

all. It's the right word, but it's the wrong time, the wrong application. So we need not only the right word, we need the right application.

And how do we get this? The Holy Spirit must give it to us. And morning by morning alone with God, it's our privilege to get tuned in, tuned it, and all the day keep the walky-talky going. We talk to Jesus, and He talks back to us. This is the experience of being alone with God, alone with God.

And listen. Let me make it very simple, friends. If we're going to live the life of being alone with God in our lifestyle, we must have back of it, and in it, and to it, and all the way through the experience of being alone with God in spiritual communion. Unless we have that, the other will simply build up into a pharisaical exclusiveness, which is nauseating to God and man. Or else we'll drift away from it and become just like the common herd. God save us from all such. What do you say?

Will you read that verse with me again?

"The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned,
that I should know how to speak a word in season to him
that is weary: He wakeneth morning by morning, He
wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned" Isaiah 50:4.

Did you wake up this morning? Sure you did. That's why you're here tonight. How did you wake up? What woke you up?

Somebody says, "The alarm clock woke *me* up."

There are some people who went to bed last night, and the alarm went off, and they never woke up. Do you know what was the matter?

You say, "They must have died in their sleep."

That's what happened, friends. Sister, I want to tell you something. Every time you wake up, whether it's the dawning light of a new day, or whether it's some noise in the next room, or an alarm clock at your bed, whatever the reason you assign to your waking up, the real reason you wake up is that God wakes you up. Don't forget it. Unless He does, you do not wake up. Every beat of the heart, every breath of the lungs, is the working of the omnipotent power of God.

But why does He wake you? Ah, He wakes you because He wants to visit with you. He wakes you because He wants to visit with you. Will you disappoint Him? It's a wonderful thing to go to sleep with the thought of Jesus in our minds so that we wake up with that same thought, pick up the current of thinking just where we left it in the evening.

That is a ritual, but it's an experience. Won't it be that way in the resurrection? Won't the Christian who has gone to sleep with his eyes on Jesus wake up in the resurrection with his eyes on that same Christ and Lord?

Oh, let us cultivate that habit. Let us practice that experience night by night as we go to sleep and morning by morning as we wake up. This is the last thing of one day and the beginning of the new day. This is the way to be happy. This is the way to be wise. There's no substitute for it, friends. All the so-called education in the world that does not lead you to this experience may be wood, hay and stubble.

Even though you memorize the entire Bible unless it leads you into a personal experience with Jesus, what is it? What is it? It's like reading books on nutrition as a substitute for eating. It won't give you very many calories or proteins or minerals, even though you can talk about them.

Let's turn now to Revelation the third chapter.

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

Now, let's listen to His voice, Revelation the 3rd chapter and the 20th verse. This is the climax of which message? The Laodicean message. Anybody here tonight that claims identity with that church? Oh, I trust so, friends. Here is Heaven's last appeal to the church on earth. Here is the heavenly Bridegroom's voice appealing to His bride to let Him in and let their fellowship be close.

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me” Revelation 3:20.

Did you know that's borrowed directly from the Song of Solomon? It is, the fifth chapter and the seventh verse.

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will...” Revelation 3:20.

Do what?

“...come in...” Revelation 3:20.

Do you know why more people don't let Him in? Do you know why more people don't enter into this experience of being alone with God? I'll tell you the secret. It's in the 19th verse.

Will you read the 19th verse with me?

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent” Revelation 3:19.

We're living in an age, in a generation where millions of people think that love means permissiveness. They have no idea what rebuke and love have in common. They haven't the slightest conception that reproof would have anything to do with affection. They do not know either love or affection. It's a sad, selfish generation.

But friends, God has chosen you and me to learn a better way, and teach a better way, and to experience a better way, to demonstrate a better way.

“As many as I love, I...” Revelation 3:19.

Do what?

“...rebuke and chasten...” Revelation 3:19.

Does Jesus love you? How do you know it?

“Oh,” somebody says, “Oh, I just feel it inside.”

Does He ever rebuke you? It’s a wonderful thing when we’ve gotten well enough acquainted with Jesus that we want that kind of love. Come now, friends, if you really love somebody, don’t you want to please them? If you displease them either ignorantly or carelessly, wouldn’t real love on your part for them be reflected in a desire to find out what it is that caused you to miss the mark? Do you see what I mean?

The sweetest experiences of fellowship with Jesus are in letting Him tell us what needs to be changed in our lives. Some people are so afraid that somebody’s going to tell them what’s wrong in their lives that they act that way with Jesus. I’m sorry that some of us have made it difficult for some people. Some parents with their children, some teachers with their students, some pastors with their members. Some brothers and sisters with one another that made it hard to associate love in the group.

But I bid you in Jesus’ name look past all those human ambassadors and look directly to Jesus, dear friends. The best of human beings may fumble. They may bungle. They may do it in an unkind way. God help us not to do it, but friends, Jesus will do it in a kind way, but He’ll *do* it. He’ll point out the sin of the life. And when He does in the secret place of prayer, what shall we tell Him? Shall we tell Him to mind His business, we’ll run our own lives? No.

Or shall we say, “Dear Lord, I know You love me, and that’s why You’re telling me. Oh Lord, if you love me enough to die for me, I love you enough to live for You”?

What do you say?

Just a few days ago, I came across a new gem. Let me share it with you. It’s in this new book, *The Upward Look*, page 267.

Some of you’ll say, “Well, Brother Frazee, what is that book anyway?”

It’s the new devotional book for next year, but it’s already out in the press.

“Night after night, scenes have been presented to me of little companies pleading with God. He would show them

some idol they had been cherishing. Some would give this up, and some would not. But the light of heaven shone from the faces of those who would put away their idol. Then other idols would be shown to them, and again some would put these away. But the light of heaven shone upon all who would give up all for Christ" *The Upward Look*, page 267.

What an experience. You get the picture? Here are people praying individually and in groups. Does Jesus answer? Yes. How does He answer? He begins to talk to them about some idol in their life. It may be somebody that they love better than they love God. It may be some article of dress or diet that they're enamored with. It may be some music that is hard for them to get help from Jesus through. It might be some jealousy, some envy, some faultfinding, some criticism, some evil temper. It could be any one of a thousand things.

The point is Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, answers the prayers of those who are seeking to get close to Him, and says, "Dear ones, if you really want to get close to me, here's something I'd like to take out of your life."

What was the response of these that the prophet was shown?

Some said, "Yes, Lord, take it out."

Others said, "No."

What happened with the ones that let the Lord take out the idols? Their faces shone with the light of Heaven. Was that the end of the story? No. Pretty soon, they were shown some more idols, and again the separating process went on. Read it in *Volume 1*, 187.

"At every advanced point the heart is tested and tried a little closer" *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 1*, page 187.

Some go on, and some turn back. And dear ones, remember, this is an experience that in the ultimate must be had alone with God. There are some things that are settled in congregations, in meetings like this. But the real experience that you must have if you're to be successful must be alone with God.

There are several reasons for this. I stress it. God has many things to sharpen you up on, polish you up on that no preacher will ever talk to you about. That's right. No preacher knows you enough to sharpen you up and polish you up the way God wants to do. God will reprove you for things that your best friends may not dare to talk to you about. God talks to me about a lot of things that other people don't talk to me about, either because they don't know them or because they don't dare do it.

But oh, will I give Him what He talks to me about? I thank Him that He gives me Himself to take it out of my heart. And I want Him to keep on and not get discouraged because I've been such a slow student.

You know, to most people, it seems that I've lived quite a while. Methuselah would think I was just a youngster, but I am getting along in years, as they say, and I want to share a thought with you.

Do you know why God lets some of us live as long as we do? Because we haven't finished our school yet. That's right. I know people a lot younger than I that have gone to their rest that I know I'm going to see in the kingdom. I've preached a funeral of more than one person that I knew was ready much younger than I am. But ah, dear ones, I thank God that He's given me more time to ripen up.

Anybody here share that thanksgiving with me tonight? What shall we do with the time we have left?

Shall we say, "Dear Lord, pour it on. I want to *run* the way of Your commandments"?

Or shall we say, "Hold off, Lord. Tell me as little as possible just so I can get by and finally get in by the skin of my teeth"?

What do you say? Which shall we do?

"Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly..."
Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #489, first stanza (partial).

Oh, that there may come into our hearts a longing to be alone with Jesus in the daily walk, alone with Jesus in communion.

Now, let me read you the paragraph before the one I read. Don't miss this.

"The Lord will not accept the work of any man that is not done in tenderness and love and kindness" *The Upward Look*, page 267.

Ah, that spoke to my heart. I wish that all the surgery I had tried to do for God I'd done with a sharp knife, sharpened by love. Some surgery has to be done, dear ones, but it needs to be done, not with a dull knife. It needs a sharp knife. What do you say?

It's the Holy Spirit that makes the sword "newly edged with power and bathed in the lightnings of heaven" [a paraphrase of *Acts of the Apostles*, page 38]. I want to learn to do everything I do in love and tenderness but do it.

"The Lord will not accept the work of any man that is not done in tenderness and love and kindness. He has not set us as rulers, to lord it over His heritage" *Ibid*.

Jesus told the rich young man exactly what was wrong with him, but did he *make* him go sell all he had and give to the poor? No. Did the rich young man do his own thing? Yes. Did Jesus force him to change? Did He make it clear to him what he needed to do? Why?

Oh, Mark says in the 10th chapter:

“...Jesus... loved him...” Mark 10:21.

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Does Jesus love you enough, my friend, to point out some weakness in your life? If you love somebody well enough, you may point out some weakness in their life, but don't try to make them, lord it over them, no.

Now, comes this sentence that I think is tremendous:

“Let others be moved by Christ, just as we desire to be moved by Him” *The Upward Look*, page 267.

I'm going to read that again, and then I want you to read it with me or say it with me.

“Let others be moved by Christ, just as we desire to be moved by Him” *Ibid.*

All together:

“Let others be moved by Christ, just as we desire to be moved by Him” *Ibid.*

Again:

“Let others be moved by Christ, just as we desire to be moved by Him” *Ibid.*

Why? There are two reasons at least, friends. Jesus loves the sweet response of the soul because Christ has told him to do it. Second, not only is Jesus happier that way, *you're* happier that way. You're happier when you discover something in the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy by the impression of the Holy Spirit *for* yourself, *by* yourself that needs changing in your life.

I was going to ask you to raise your hands on this next question, but I won't ask you to raise your hands. I'll just ask you the question, and you answer it yourself.

I was wondering, how many of you can think of something definite—remember, you don't raise your hands on this one. How many of you can think of something definite that God changed in your life somewhere along the line that

nobody had ever talked to you about it at all? You discovered it yourself by the Holy Spirit. Ah, friends, if you've had that experience, you know what I'm talking about, don't you? If you haven't, seek for it.

Open your heart heavenward and say, "Dear Lord, anything, everything, if only I can be like You."

"But," somebody says, "Brother Frazee, the trouble with me is I think other people *think* I ought to do this, that, and the other thing, and I don't think so."

Well, don't do what they think. Do what you believe God wants you to do, and be happy in it.

Let me tell you something, a little secret in case you haven't learned about it. Everybody in this world except you is either too strict or not strict enough. You didn't know that, did you?

You say, "Brother Frazee, did I hear you right?"

Yes, you did. I'll say it again. Everybody in this world except you is either too strict or not strict enough. Now, if that needs interpreting, you ask the Holy Spirit to interpret it. But I'll tell you this. It simply means that you've got to have an experience all alone with God when it comes to some of the tiny little details of life. And don't let it worry you.

"...I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste" Song of Solomon 2:3.

So, what is it that happens to those that walk in that light?

Turn to 1 John the 1st chapter and the seventh verse. What's the first word in that verse? "But." What's the second word? "If." "But, if."

"But if we..." 1 John 1:7.

Do what?

"...walk..." 1 John 1:7.

Where?

"...in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" 1 John 1:7.

The basis of fellowship, dear ones, is not that everybody sees every detail just as I do, or just as you do. The basis of Christian fellowship is walking in the light that God sheds on each individual's pathway. So, don't let it worry you if somebody eats a little different than you or dresses a little different than you. Don't let that worry you

in the least, either about them or you. Pray God to guide them as you want to be guided, and pray that God will guide you.

But listen, if *you* want fellowship with Jesus and His church, you must do what? Walk in the light that God shines on *you*. Be very tolerant of others, but be very careful to please the Lord yourself.

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another...” 1 John 1:7.

Now, take that word “light” and put “D-E” in front of it, and what have you got? “Delight.” What does that mean? Oh, it means joy and happiness. Light is associated with joy and happiness, isn’t it?

“Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun” Ecclesiastes 11:7.

If we want to be happy, it’s the way of light.

“The path of the righteous is as the light of dawn,
which shines more and more unto the perfect day”
Proverbs 4:18 (*American Revised Version*).

So, dear ones, I leave it with you tonight. And once again, I appeal to you, let’s enter into this personal fellowship of being alone with Jesus. What do you say? How many would like to send Him the word that we appreciate it tonight? God bless you, every one.

Now, turn to 567 (old *Church Hymnal* (1941)], and as we sing this song, I want to give an invitation. If there’s somebody here tonight that the arrow from God’s quiver has reached its mark in their heart, and they recognize that this meeting was to help them get a new experience with God, I hope that everybody here wants to be better. That isn’t what I’m talking about. I’m talking about a specific thing that God has talked to your heart about. You don’t need to tell me what it is, but be sure you respond to Jesus.

I’m talking about somebody that wants to seek an experience with God. Wouldn’t you like to come, as we sing this hymn of invitation?

“Come every soul by sin oppressed,
There’s mercy with the Lord,
And He will surely give you rest,
By trusting in His Word.

[Refrain]

Only trust Him, only trust Him,
Only trust Him now;
He will save you, He will save you,
He will save you now.”

Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #279, first stanza.

Somebody that knows that you need to seek that experience you come as we sing.

“Come every soul by sin oppressed,
There’s mercy with the Lord,
And He will surely give you rest,
By trusting in His Word.
[Refrain]

For Jesus shed His precious blood
Rich blessings to bestow;
Plunge now into the crimson flood
That washes white as snow.
[Refrain]”
Ibid., first and second stanzas.

Before we sing that next stanza, let me make it clear what we’re talking about, friends. I’m not asking all the good people to come up here. I’m asking the people who would like to be like Jesus and know they’ve got to have some help to get it. I’m asking them to come up.

Somebody says, “Brother Frazee, I don’t feel like it.”

What has feeling got to do with it? Oh, you know that Jesus loves you and died for you. Won’t you seek Him with all your heart? And listen, if there are a dozen things that aren’t clear, seek Him for help on those, but let Him have what *is* clear. Isn’t that fair enough? Let Him have what is clear.

Never let what’s dark or moot or uncertain keep you from doing what you know is clear and certain. Come, as we sing this next stanza.

“Yes, Jesus is the Truth, the Way,
That leads you into rest;
Believe in Him without delay,
And you are fully blest.
[Refrain]”
Ibid., third stanza.

Before we sing that last stanza, I want to tell you about an experience I had many years ago. I was preaching in a tent at a camp meeting in Oakland, California. We were having a young people’s meeting. And I was giving a call such as I’ve given here tonight, and people were coming.

But there was a young woman sitting way at the back of the tent. She was there only because her mother had wanted her to come. She hadn’t the slightest idea when she came to that meeting of surrendering to Jesus, any more than flying to the moon, not a bit of it, dear friends.

But somehow the dear Lord helped her to come up and seek Him, and she got help, made an entire change in her life. Oh, I want somebody to get an experience with God that you didn't know that you could have. God works miracles for those who open the way.

Will you seek Him? He says:

“And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart” Jeremiah 29:13.

So, will you not come as we sing this last stanza and see what God will do in changing your heart and life? I know He can do it. I know He *will* do it if you let Him. Come.

“Come, then, and join this holy band,
And on to glory go;
To dwell in that celestial land,
Where joys immortal flow.
[Refrain]”
Ibid., fourth stanza.

Is there somebody out in this audience that knows that Jesus has been calling you? Even though you haven't come, you'd like our prayers just now that Jesus will help you to do what you know you must do. May I see your hands? God bless every soul of you.

After the benediction, if the audience will very quickly and very quietly pass out, we want to see these that have come, and any of the rest of you that would like to get the blessing, you press in. But let us be very quiet about it all. We're going to have a little after meeting right up here in front for you who've come up and any others that would like to get the blessing.

Remember, the meeting is dismissed as soon as we've had the benediction, but those who want more, please tarry.

Blessed Lord, we thank Thee with all of our hearts for the revelation of Thy love. We're willing to be peculiar people if we can be that peculiar treasure, Lord. We want to be a part of that bride of Christ that is something special to the King of the universe.

Lord, bless us as we enter into this after meeting that these who have raised their hands in the audience could seek for themselves what God is seeking to give them. And may we all, as we go to sleep tonight, rest safe in the arms of Jesus and wake up in the morning to hear your loving call.

We ask it in Jesus' name, amen.

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