

Look Unto Me

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I always know that when people come out at the vesper service, it's because they wish to and expect a blessing. But that is especially so when the weather is not so favorable. So I know that you are expecting a special blessing tonight, and God isn't going to disappoint us.

We want to study some things from the prophecy of Isaiah tonight, the 45th chapter, and some of the other chapters. We recognize, I think, or I'll just tell you, what we're going to study is the same thing we studied last Friday night with different verses.

“...There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” Acts 4:12.

It's the name of Jesus, beholding our Lord, trusting in Him, that gives us assurance, victory, guidance, and the comfort of knowing that He's looking after us.

Tonight we'll begin with Isaiah the 45th chapter and the 22nd verse. What's the first word? “Look.” Remember that two weeks ago in our New Year's service, we found that it's looking to Jesus that gives us assurance, looking to Jesus that gives us strength, looking to Jesus that gives us guidance to know His will. So, the wisdom to know His will, the power to do His will, and the assurance that we are accepted in the beloved all come from doing what? Looking to Jesus.

As I say, we're going to study those same great truths tonight with new texts. Isaiah 45:22, will you read with me?

“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.

I love this verse, don't you? Who's talking? God is talking. He says so, “I am God.”

What does He ask us, invite us, urge us, plead with us to do? To look. Where? Look to Him. And what will happen? You'll be saved.

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

Now, that part of the verse, “Look unto Me, and be ye saved,” has just seven words. I'd like you to repeat those words with me:

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

Again:

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

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

You have it now, don't you? All right. Looking to Jesus will save.

In the 45th chapter and the 4th verse, we have a very interesting expression concerning God, the evaluation of His people. The second line, what does He call Israel? “Mine elect,” “elect.”

Only one man can be elected president of the United States. Thank God, you and I can be elected to something infinitely more valuable, more precious, more wonderful. “Elect,” the word means chosen. In fact, some of the translations render this word “chosen.”

Jesus says:

“Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you...”
John 15:16.

We've been elected. Of course, we have a choice as to whether we'll accept it or not, don't we? But the point is God has taken the initiative, “elect.”

And so this evening, I'm thankful for the election given us in the Word of God. All *can* be a part of that elect. Jesus uses that expression a number of times. Speaking of the deceptions of the last days, He says:

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets,
and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that,
if it were possible, they shall deceive...” Matthew 24:24.

Who?

“...the very elect” Matthew 24:24.

Thank God, the elect won't be deceived. That is not because of some arbitrary decree on God's part. But the elect are those that are not only chosen of God but have chosen to accept that choosing. They are elect and precious to God. And so, our assurance is in that wonderful promise.

Well, another verse that I want us to notice is in the 24th verse of this same chapter. Where is our righteousness and strength? “In the Lord.”

“Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness
and strength...” Isaiah 45:24.

Are you the one that this verse is talking about? Oh, I hope so.

“Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength...” Isaiah 45:24.

We receive, then, not only the justification of being accounted righteous. We receive the strength to do His will. Jesus in giving us Himself gives us everything:

“...All things that pertain unto life and godliness...”
2 Peter 1:3.

“Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength...” Isaiah 45:24.

We were noting last Friday night the wonderful lesson of the full moon reflecting the glory of the sun. Turn, please, to the 60th chapter of Isaiah and notice how God uses this figure of reflected light, reflected glory, and calls upon His people to be like the moon, rising and reflecting the glory of the Sun of righteousness.

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come...” Isaiah 60:1.

Notice the connection. Our light is come. Therefore we’re to do what? Arise and shine. We cannot shine without Him. We shine only as we look to Him.

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

“Look unto Me and reflect the glory of the character of God.

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth...” Isaiah 60:1–2.

Is it doing it, friends?

“...and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee”
Isaiah 60:2.

How do we see the light from the moon? Only as the moon reflects the light of the sun. I like the way it’s put in *Early Writings*, page 71 that says:

“Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully” *Early Writings*, page 71.

Thank God, they’ll be full moons, every one of them.

And as we have mentioned before from this pulpit, that doesn’t mean we’ll ever be as wise as God or as wonderful as God. We’ll never be infinite like God is. We’ll always be little moons reflecting the divine glory.

But oh, that we may *fully* reflect that glory to the extent of our capacity, that we may show to others what Jesus is like.

“And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising” Isaiah 60:3.

You know what that glory is, friends? It’s the glory of love. The poor, selfish world—how it needs that revelation of love. That’s the reason God gave us medical missionary work. There’s nothing in a practical way that so fully reveals the love of Jesus as helping people just where they are. If they’re suffering pain, or if they need food, or if they need help in instruction, if they need treatments, whatever it is, the love of Jesus reflected in the life and character and activities of His children is to show what God is like.

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee” Isaiah 60:1.

You know, dear friends, right in our homes is the great place where this must happen first of all. Someone has aptly put it that the light that shines the farthest shines the brightest nearest home.

Wouldn’t it be a strange thing to see a light shining out over these snow-covered fields, and you look and you see a window, and there’s the light coming out from it out across the fields, but if you went and got in the house there’s no light there? Wouldn’t that be a strange thing? Impossible. Ah, friends, I challenge you, is there love in *your* home? How about it, dear husband, do you love your wife? Does she know it? How about it, dear wives, do you love your husband? Does he know it? What about it, parents with the children and children with the parents? Ah, it’s almost trite to say that we’re living in a time when homes are breaking up. But I’ll tell you, *real* homes, *true* homes were never sweeter or more wonderful than they are right tonight. And there *are* some, and you can have one. You can have your home a little heaven to go to heaven in.

Friends, don’t settle for any less. May I plead with you? If there’s a husband or a wife here tonight that needs that help, why not seek God yourself? And then, seek out your spouse, your companion, and say, “Darling, let’s pray together.”

Don’t argue. Don’t accuse. Don’t defend. Don’t debate. Don’t even discuss, to start with. Get down and pray because I want to tell you something. God must do for you what needs to be done. God must do it. The sun must rise over your horizon. The Sun of righteousness must enter your heart and your home.

And so, God says:

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee” Isaiah 60:1.

“Ah,” somebody says, “Brother Frazee, you don’t know what I have to live with.”

No, and I hope nobody finds out what you have to live with. I hope you and your companion and God will get that all settled. We're living in a time when people are seeking to solve their home troubles by spreading them all over the neighborhood and all over the country. We're having wonderful success, aren't we? Wonderful success. That's quotes around that, you understand. No, Jesus' way is the best way. Seek the Lord with all your hearts yourself. Seek the Lord together. Pray together.

Matthew 18:19:

"...If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven" Matthew 18:19.

But there are husbands and wives. It's hard for them to agree on anything. Couldn't they at least agree on the fact that they don't agree on anything? Couldn't they agree on that? And wouldn't that make them long for help from Jesus? And wouldn't He be ready to step in and help them if they'd each one confess that need, that longing?

Ah, dear ones, what a shame to limp along, lag along in the dark when we could have the glorious light of love shining in our hearts and in our homes.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee" Isaiah 60:1.

What are we to be, suns or moons? What's our business? To originate light, or to do what? Reflect.

Now, what was that word that I gave you from the 45th of Isaiah, that word that shows how precious we are to the Lord? "Elect," "elect."

And this one is "reflect." I've got another one for you, Isaiah 45, the 13th verse. Back to Isaiah 45 again, first two lines:

"I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will *direct* all his ways" Isaiah 45:13.

That's a promise of guidance, isn't it? Isn't that wonderful, doctor?

"I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct..."
Isaiah 45:13.

How much?

"...all his ways" Isaiah 45:13.

My, my, no wonder *Volume 5* says, speaking of the physician:

“The man who is closely connected with the Great Physician of soul and body has the resources of heaven and earth at his command, and he can work with a wisdom, an unerring precision, that the godless man cannot possess” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5*, page 448.

Ah, friends, I thank God for the privilege of having Christian physicians, men and women who love Jesus, who love His testimonies, who love to minister to suffering humanity. What do you say? But we all of us can be, if we can't be physicians, we can be nurses, and if we can't be nurses, we can be helpers. The needs of the soul are multiple, and many people have broken hearts more than broken bones. Many people have sores in their minds more than in their stomachs. Every one of us is to minister for Jesus, but we need wisdom, don't we? And that's the promise:

“I [the Lord] have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways...” Isaiah 45:13.

Go to the 50th of Isaiah now, verse 4, and notice this great promise of guidance and wisdom 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.

So, our opening thoughts, our first thoughts, are to be making contact with Jesus. He wakes us in the morning. Isn't it wonderful to have that concept that Jesus comes to my bed and wakes me because He has something He wants to say to me? Wouldn't it be too bad to rush off and miss it? Wouldn't it be too bad to skip the lesson?

Thank God for the great privilege we have of listening to Jesus in the early morning, looking to Jesus before the dawn.

And what do we get from it?

“...The tongue of the learned...” Isaiah 50:4.

This is real education. Day by day, Jesus experienced this because He had put Himself in our place and was receiving help as we must receive it. And every morning, the Father woke Him, and every morning He received the help He needed for that day. Thank God, you and I can have it, dear friends.

“I have chosen you,” He says. “I have redeemed you, and I will direct you.”

So “elect,” “reflect,” and now what's the word? “Direct.” All right.

Now, the last one is “protect,” “protect.” I want you to notice what the thought of God’s protection enables a man to suffer and accept. We’ll read on here in Isaiah the 50th chapter verses 5–7:

“The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting”
Isaiah 50:5–6.

Who’s this? Jesus, written 700 years before He was born.

But now, notice what it was that enabled Him to go through those experiences with peace.

“For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed” Isaiah 50:7.

Ah, dear ones, we’re going into persecution. This is the month when special emphasis is being given to our religious liberty message. Everyone who studies the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation knows that we’re in for troublous times. And those who are going to stand for God and His Sabbath and His law are going to be put in hard places and suffer. But in and through that all, God’s people will go straight ahead because they know they have a divine wall of protection around them.

“For the Lord GOD will help me...” Isaiah 50:7.

Notice the 54th of Isaiah 17th verse:

“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper...”
Isaiah 54:17.

Doesn’t make any difference whether it’s a sword, or a spear, bow and arrows, or an atomic bomb.

“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the LORD” Isaiah 54:17.

In other words, it’s God that is vindicating us. That word that’s translated “righteousness” there in this particular verse is also translated “vindication.” In other words, we do not have to defend ourselves. As we studied last week, Jesus told His followers, if you’re hit on one cheek, do what? Turn the other. Why? Leave it with God, leave it with God.

Turn please, to the 12th of Romans 19th verse:

“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves...”
Romans 12:19.

What does “avenge” mean?

“He hit me so I’ll hit him.”

“He said something bad about me, so I’ll say something bad about him.”

“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” Romans 12:19.

Who does vengeance belong to? Ah, but God is so slow sometimes. Yes. He allows Herod to take off John the Baptist’s head. He allows Nero to behead Paul and crucify Peter. He allows the backslidden apostate church in the Dark Ages to persecute and torture and put to death millions for conscience’s sake.

But through it all, God’s people have been learning and demonstrating and revealing this precious truth:

“...Avenge not yourselves... for it is written, Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” Romans 12:19.

The place to learn it is not in the torture chamber. The place to learn it, friend, is in your home. That’s where Jesus demonstrated the beautiful principles. He spent most of His life not in public ministry but as a child and a young man in the home at Nazareth and in the carpenter shop. And we’re told:

“Jesus did not contend for His rights. Often His work was made unnecessarily severe because He was willing and uncomplaining” *Desire of Ages*, page 89.

Do not think, my dear friends, that if you fully embrace these precious truths that we’re studying tonight, that that means that God will see that nobody ever hurts you. Nobody can ever *injure* you if you’re living under this plan. It may hurt. There’s a difference. They hurt Jesus. The serpent bruised His heel, but not His head or His heart.

The only way that good can conquer evil is for love to be revealed instead of selfishness. Are you willing to leave all revenge with Jesus?

Back to what we were saying a while ago about the home, how many difficulties arise in the home because husband or wife, parents or children want to get even with somebody else in the home? “Get even with them,” you never get even, friends. Tit for tat, you know, back and forth, that’s a long, long fight. It gets worse as time goes on. Don’t start it. If somebody else starts it, don’t go ahead.

What does this verse say?

“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” Romans 12:19.

Then, if you try to take over the vengeance if you try to do the avenging of yourself and get revenge on others, whose place are you getting into? God’s place. That’s antichrist, isn’t it? Oh, don’t worship the beast, nor his image. Don’t even be like him, friends. Rather, turn it over to Jesus.

Now, back to Isaiah that 54th chapter, the 17th verse. I want you to see the background of this wonderful promise.

Will you read the verse with me this time?

“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the LORD” Isaiah 54:7.

You know, there’s coming a time when everybody that has ever lived in this world will be alive upon the earth all at one time. That’s right. From Adam and Eve, and Cain and Abel, and Seth and Enos on down to the last person that lives upon this planet. All will be alive. When is that? The end of the thousand years.

John pictures it in the 20th chapter of his book of Revelation. And everybody in this world will either be inside the city looking out or outside the city looking in. Do you know what the people outside the city are going to be busy doing? Remember Revelation 20? Getting ready to attack the people of God. They’re right up to their old tricks to fight, to persecute, to get their way by force.

We’re told in that marvelous description in *Great Controversy*, the eyewitness account of the Lord’s messenger:

“Skillful artisans construct implements of war”
Great Controversy, page 664.

Take a look at them here in the Bible, verses 15–16 of Isaiah 54:

“Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by Me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy”
Isaiah 54:15–16.

Isn’t it too bad that men have taken the skills and the talents, the abilities that God has given them and turned them, prostituted them, used them in the awful service of selfishness and force and rebellion?

But God says to His people, “Never mind.”

Will God’s people fight in that last battle? Why, no. We’ll abide safely with Jesus in the city. We’ll witness the great judgment. We will see the wicked come. Will we be afraid? No, not afraid at all, because God’s promise is:

“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper...”
Isaiah 54:17.

No. Now, notice in the 13th verse where we’ve learned the lesson:

“And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee” Isaiah 54:13–14.

If we’re learning these lessons now, dear friends, the lesson of looking to Jesus and learning His peace, His purity, His love, His forgiveness, instead of meeting rebellion with hatred and opposition, we’ll meet it with the love of Jesus. This was how Christ conquered at Calvary. It was His forgiving love that broke the hearts of those who were susceptible to His divine influence. And this is what God is wanting to teach us.

“And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children” Isaiah 54:13.

So, here’s “protection.”

So, this evening we’re looking at the election of the Word of God, and He’s chosen us. We’re looking at the reflection of His character in the lives of His people. We’re looking at His direction that we may know the path in which we should go. And we’re looking at His protection, which is like a wall of fire round about His people.

Because of His election, we have no worries about our acceptance. Because of looking at Him, we reflect His image and are looking to *Him* for help and strength and light and love instead of ourselves. Because of His promise of direction, we know that we’re guided.

I want to give you a wonderful promise on this. This is in the Bible commentary, Book 3, page 133. It’s the comment on Proverbs 3:6:

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

There’s the “direct” again.

“So long as we come to our heavenly Father humbly and with a spirit to be taught, willing and anxious to learn, why

should we doubt God's fulfilment of His own promise?
You must not for a moment doubt Him and dishonor Him
thereby. When you have sought to know His will, your
part in the operation with God is to believe that you will
be led and guided and blessed in the doing of His will"
SDA Bible Commentary, Volume 3, page 1155.

Turn to Mark the 11th chapter and the 24th verse. I want you to notice how Jesus puts it so clearly. We're not only to ask for wisdom, but we're to open up the way for God to answer our prayers by believing what He says.

"...Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" Hebrews 11:6.

Mark 11:24, all together:

"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" Mark 11:24.

When we have asked then for acceptance, shall we believe that we're accepted as we give ourselves to Him? When we've looked to Him for light and strength to resist evil, shall we believe He hears us and go forward in faith?

When we've asked for His guidance, shall we believe that He is directing us according to His promise? Seek to follow the best we know?

And when we've asked for His protection, shall we believe that the angel of the Lord indeed is round about us, to defend us so that we don't have to vindicate ourselves? We don't have to argue and debate or hit, either with our fists or with our tongues. Oh, wonderful love, wonderful love of Jesus to give us these precious promises.

I love my Lord tonight. He's done so much for me. I praise Him with all my heart. I thank Him that I'm one of His elect. I don't deserve it, but He does. I got in on His name and His card. And I know you've come the same way.

If there's anybody here tonight that hasn't gotten in yet, come in tonight, dear friends. Come in and join the circle. Come and get into the family. Jesus died for you the same as He did for me. He loves you the same as He loves me. He wants you to enjoy these things. He wants you to enter into them with all your heart.

Faith is simple. It isn't complicated. There are many things in the Bible that *are* complex, some of them enough that we'll be studying them through eternity. But to give our sins to God and believe He accepts us—that can be very simple, dear friends.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” 1 John 1:9.

“...He hath made us accepted in the Beloved”
Ephesians 1:6.

So, we’re a part of God’s elect as we accept Him, for He’s accepted us. We reflect His image, His glory as we behold Him. He has promised to direct our ways and to protect us. Praise be to His wonderful name—wonderful, wonderful, grace.

“Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight,
Rolls a melody sweeter than psalm;
In celestial-like strains it unceasingly falls
O’er my soul like an infinite calm.

[Refrain]

Peace! Peace! Wonderful peace,
Coming down from the Father above;
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray,
In fathomless billows of love.”

Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #466, first stanza.

Redeemed! how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever I am.

[Refrain]

Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed,
His child, and forever, I am.

Ibid., #337, first stanza.

“Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied,
Glory to His name.

[Chorus]

Glory to His name, Glory to His name,
There to my heart was the blood applied,
Glory to His name.

Christ in Song (1908), #300, first stanza.

Now, what was our opening 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.

Let's keep looking where the light is. Let's not let any devil in hell or any human influence, any circumstance divert our minds. Let's be like that man in Pilgrim's Progress.

He put his fingers in his ears and ran straight ahead, saying, "Life, life, life that will not end," and refused to listen to the diverting invitations.

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

Well now, this Sabbath evening we have the opportunity for many to take part in this service. I'd like first to give an invitation for somebody to speak that hasn't spoken here yet this year. I want to give an opportunity to those who haven't spoken yet.

And especially, I'd like to hear from somebody that never *has* spoken in this chapel, maybe some visitor, maybe somebody that through the weeks has just been sitting listening to others. Wouldn't you like to just press right up? It'll cost you a little effort. That's all right. It's worth it to make Jesus happy.

Yes, my dear brother, come right up. And while he's speaking, let somebody else come. Let's have a wonderful time making Jesus happy. We're doing it for His sake, right?

[Testimony meeting followed.]

[The following comments were made by Elder Frazee during testimony meeting.]

...God bless you, my brother. Keep looking to Jesus.

"Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you,
Take it, then, where're you go.

[Refrain]

Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven'
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #474, first stanza.

...Thank the Lord, sister. It makes Him happy.

"Often our plans fail that God's plans for us may succeed" *Ministry of Healing*, page 473.

All right dear ones. We'll change the order of meeting now.

As we close this service with prayer tonight, my heart goes out to anyone who wants more help than he's yet received. Some hearts are bubbling over with blessing. Some hearts have a calm, settled peace. But others will be dry, and they're longing for something.

I wish you'd turn to number 567 [old *Church Hymnal* (1941)] in your hymn books.

"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.

If there's somebody here that needs that special help, and if the Spirit speaks to you, says, "Yes, you need the special blessing," let your heart respond, and you come. I'll leave it with the Spirit to direct you.

But oh, friends, I hope that nobody will go out of these doors tonight without a blessing, a rich blessing, a wonderful blessing. If you already have a blessing, thank the Lord for it and pray for those who need it. And you come, and we'll pray with you.

"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 blessing to bestow;
Plunge now into the crimson flood
That washes white as snow.
[Refrain]

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

Now, dear ones, my heart goes out to somebody here tonight that's hesitating, somebody that wants it but hasn't the courage to come. Oh friends, put all you have into the response.

Say, "Yes, Lord, I've *got* to have help. I've *got* to have help."

Then come, come, seek God for yourself, and we'll seek God with you. I know He'll hear you. He says so. Come, 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.

Shall we kneel together as we seek the Lord?

Oh, Lord, we've come for a special blessing. We read the promise:

"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.

We're looking where You told us to look, and we believe in the salvation that You've offered us. Lord, hear every seeking one; grant the desires of each heart. And dear Master, my heart goes out to any who may be in the congregation who need a special blessing. Help them to tarry with us in this after meeting.

Lord, keep our faith simple, just coming where you've told us to come, responding as you've told us to respond. Keep us like the moon looking to the sun, reflecting the light of your love.

We thank you. In Jesus' name, amen.

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