

# Tabernacle Addresses

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## LOVE

(Continued from last week.)

### ENVY DESTROYS GROWTH AND LIFE

Envy is upon every hand; it is not confined to any class. About the most envious class of people on God's earth are the preachers. They are envious of each other, more so than lawyers are, and politicians. Business men, high people, low people, how envious they are of each other, and how jealous? They cannot bear to see any one a little higher than themselves in position. It makes them envious if God Almighty honors one man more than He honors them.

The Apostle Paul dealt with that thing in his letter to the Church at Corinth and he pointed out the folly of a man being envious and jealous. One woman is jealous of another woman's dress. Another woman is envious of another woman's hat, or some one's house, or something else. There is no more cruel thing on earth than envy and jealousy. It will lead to murder of the most terrible kind. Envy! Envy!! You see it everywhere. There is very little of the true, genuine, Divine love in the hearts of men for each other, because if there were, you would not see a great many things happen that are happening.

The Word of God says, "Love is the fulfilling of the law." The Bible teaches us what love will do, and what it will not do. If a man loves a man, he will never be envious of him, or jealous of him. He will never seek the overthrow of that man, and his destruction, simply because he is meeting with greater favor and blessings from God than he is himself.

I tell you there is a lot of the old man hanging around yet. If you do not think so, just step on some fellow's toe. You will then soon find it out. Some fellows are like Lucifer matches: all you have to do is to touch them the wrong way, and away they go.

### MAN'S LOVE FOR HIS ENEMIES

Another theme following man's love for man is man's love for his enemies. This has no application to some of you, because you have no enemies. The man who has no enemies does not amount to much. He never will stir anything, or move anything. I am going to take fine care that they will not stand over my coffin and say, "Here lies a man who never had an enemy." If they do, I will get up and kick them. (Laughter.) I do not think there is a greater disgrace than for a man to die without enemies. (Turning to Deacon Forby) Forby, I thank God you have some. Keep it up. The man who does right, and stands for principal, is going to have enemies. What does the Bible say? "Love your enemies." Certainly. "Overcome evil with" what?

VOICES: "Good."

If there is a man or woman here, today, who calls himself or herself a Christian, and you have hatred in your heart toward any person, and you refuse to speak to any body, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. I speak to everybody. Sometimes there are some people so mean that they will not give you the chance to speak to them. Say "Peace to thee," and if they do not want your peace, it will come back to you. Keep it, and pass it on to another person.

### STAND FOR PRINCIPLE

We are to love our enemies, and pray for them; but God Almighty never said, "Surrender to them." I never will. My Bible does not say, "Surrender." It does not tell me to do that. I love them. Some people wonder how you can love them when you take a stick to them. Just the same way as a father or mother uses the rod on a child.

If you ask me if I believe in using the rod, I am sorry to have to say that I have to believe it. Parents, first of all, take your children; pray with them; instruct them; teach them; try to get them to do right in that manner. There are some boys and girls who, if you spare the rod, will break your heart, and you will go to the grave with sorrow for them. If they cannot be reached by grace, then use the rod, just as God Almighty, Who, if He cannot reach us by grace, will reach us by judgment. You had better walk straight and go straight under grace, otherwise He will bring judgment upon you. There are, I am sorry to say, children to whom you have to take the rod. The rod has made men out of some boys.

### THE BLESSING OF ZION'S TEACHING

What a blessing ZION teaching is! My father chewed tobacco and my parents gave me pig to eat. That lessens a man's chance for life. I have prayed to God to take all pig out of me. It is a big contract. Baked spareribs and stewed backbone I have eaten. (Laughter.) When a man eats pig it just lessens his chance for life that much. ZION teaching, you know, gives a man a good start in life. It teaches a man to abstain from unclean foods and drinks. It teaches him to lead a clean life and that accounts for a good deal.

What a wonderful machine the body is! Think of a man smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, drinking whiskey, etc., for fifty years. The body is such a wonderful machine! Sometimes even then a man lives to be ninety years old. I can easily believe Methuselah could live to 969. That does not trouble me. Just think what a man could do if he lived

to be 969 years old. He could be the President of the United States, third term and fourth term, too. The average length of life today is only thirty-three and one-third years. What does that amount to? It is all because people sin and do wrong against their bodies.

Well, I was talking about love for our enemies. Pray for them that despitefully use you. It must be for righteousness' sake—for right doing, right living, for standing up for principles and truths.

Look up all the passages in the Word of God on this subject of Love. Remember that "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend."

Jesus the Christ died for His enemies.

### DO NOTHING SIMPLY FOR POLICY'S SAKE

I want to see in ZION true love, but not any of this sentimental love—the love that hides the truth, the love that is on good terms with everybody and everything, the love that has no backbone. I want to see the love that will recognize good, and recognize and attack evil. A good lover is always a good hater. Whenever I meet a man, and get talking with him, and he agrees with everything I say, I do not take much stock in him. I would not give anything for a man who agrees with me on everything. He has an axe to grind. A man who agrees with me on everything will do the same thing with the next fellow he meets. A man will join a church from a selfish motive—will be a Methodist if there is a good job in sight—and will be baptized by sprinkling if there is a better job in sight. He will become a Roman Catholic if there is more money in it. He will even come into ZION if there is more money in it.

May God move upon your hearts today, and help you to be men of principle. The world, no matter whether professedly infidel, latitudinarian, or Christian, admires men and women of principle, who stand for what they believe to be right, but they have no confidence in the man who is a "policy man," who will advocate anything for dollars and cents or for position.

In politics, which is part of ZION'S mission, we must have men of principle, and not men who are anything in order to get votes. I think there are men who will welcome the day when they can take a decided stand for principle, and stand there, and not have to cater to all kinds of people in order to get votes.

### ZION TO HOLD UP A LOFTY STANDARD

It is a part of ZION'S mission to educate and train the people to take a higher stand in all the walks of life. May God bless ZION today, and help us to realize something of the love of God for us, to help us to love God better; and help us to love our fellow-men even enough to serve them and die for them; and help us to love our enemies and pray for them; and help us to sacrifice our lives upon the altar of service that humanity may be exalted and brought nearer to God.

All in this congregation who are determined, God helping them, to be true to Him and to His Word, and to serve humanity stand, and let us pray together.

(The congregation rose and repeated, clause by clause, the following Consecration Prayer.)

My God and Father, in Jesus' Name I come to Thee. Take me as I am; and make me what I ought to be in spirit, in soul, in body. Help me to repent of every sin. Help me to make right every wrong. Help me to confess and restore. Receive me, my God and Father, into a sacred nearness with Thyself, and bless me, and make me a blessing in my day and generation. Bless all mankind. Bless ZION throughout the world. Hasten the Coming of the King, and the establishment of THY KINGDOM. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Doxology was then sung, after which the Benediction, as follows, was pronounced by the General Overseer:

### BENEDICTION

Beloved, abstain from all appearance of evil. And may the very God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and

I pray God your whole Spirit and Soul and Body be preserved entire, without blame, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus the Christ. Faithful is He who calleth you, who also will do it; the grace of God, the Father, the communion of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the peace of Jesus the Christ, be with you and all of God's people everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was then observed.

## JESUS THE HEALER, AND SATAN THE DEFILER

The ministry of Jesus the Christ is summed up in three things: Teaching, Preaching, Healing.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

What did He teach?

He taught His own Divinity.

He taught His own incarnation.

He taught that every man on earth was in need of a Savior.

He proclaimed Repentance first, and Faith next.

ZION proclaims that there is no salvation in any other name than that of Jesus.

### SATAN THE DEFILER.

"He that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."—I John 3:8.

"How that God anointed Him with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him."—Acts 10:38.

"And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath Day?"—Luke 13:16.

ZION, in her teaching, smites the wicked lie that God makes His children sick.

## WHAT SHOULD A CHRISTIAN DO WHEN SICK?

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the Elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—James 5:14-16.

A Christian should obey the commands of God as contained in His Word.

"What should a Christian do when sick?" is plainly answered by the above Apostolic command, which was inspired by the Spirit of God. It shows you what was the practice of the primitive Church.

Nowhere in the Old Testament, nor in the New, is there a single word approving doctors, surgeons, or drugs. You may search the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, covering four thousand one hundred years of human history, of Divine Revelation, and you will find no provision for any other healing of God's people than God Himself.

"What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of His people shall trust in it."

ZION has been called into existence as a place of refuge for the oppressed and afflicted of God's people.

The ministers of the apostate Churches are, for the most part, false shepherds, and they have turned the sick, the suffering and the dying over to doctors and drugs, surgeons and knives. The sick know better than to ask the ministers to pray for their healing, for they will tell them that the day of miracles is past, that Jesus used to heal but that He does not heal now, and they will advise them to go to the doctors.

Requests for prayer may be sent to ZION from any part of the world, and every Request will be given careful consideration. Send in your Requests. If you can come to ZION HOME and attend the meetings and get the teaching, all the better!

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