

# Tabernacle Addresses

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## The Law of the Spirit of Life

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### THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH THE WORD

When the Word is sown, the Holy Ghost lays hold of it. You pray, "O God, drive this home to that man's heart," do you not? Well, what do you mean by that? You have done your part. You have preached the Word, and the Word has been sown in that man's heart. Now the Holy Spirit (the Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit) must take the Word and drive it home to that man's heart with convincing power.

There you have the beginning — just the same as when you put your grain of corn into the ground. Then the sunlight, the rain, the heat, and the various elements act upon that grain of corn, until it shoots out a green stalk.

Either the "law of the Spirit of life" or the "law of sin and death" operates in a man's life. They are the two laws — and we are following either the Spirit or the flesh.

That ought to be plain enough for a child to understand. How can you obtain Divine Healing for a person who is walking after the flesh?

How can "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" operate in a wooden block, or in an iron post? It cannot be done. Therefore, you see that it is very necessary for us to *get out of the old and into the new.*

So then they who are in the flesh cannot please God. That does not mean a person of flesh and blood who is walking on this earth. It is a literal statement — it means a person who is giving way to the desires of, and who panders to, the flesh.

What is everything outside of Zion but the world, the flesh, and the devil? That is all the rank and file think about.

A person who reads the Word, who prays, who communes with God, who has fellowship with the saints, who does something in the Master's vineyard, and who avails himself of the means of grace, is thoroughly alive and in tune with heaven.

"—Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

So you see, there are a great many people who call themselves Christians, who are nothing.

### THE CRASS IGNORANCE OF THE RANK AND FILE OF CHURCH MEMBERS

You know what the rank and file of church members are just as well as I do, and you know that when I speak as I do I am speaking God Almighty's truth.

The rank and file of church members are totally ignorant of what I am talking about here this afternoon.

Why, if you say anything to them about having been to a dance last night, they are astounded; they do not think anything of it.

If they went to a theater last night and listened to the voluptuous and the vulgar and the disgusting, and you say something to them about it, they think nothing of it.

They do not think anything about these things. They think nothing of telling lies. A number of people in Zion have had to give up their positions for that reason.

Two of our Zion girls had to leave a wealthy home in a suburb of Melbourne because they were instructed by the lady if any one called they were to say she was not at home. They refused to do it, because it was a lie. She was at home.

Now, if she had said, "Tell them that I am not at home to you," that would have been all right. I would have permitted them to do that.

The rank and file of people do not think anything of lying to you, nowadays. They do not think anything of taking the Name of God in vain. They do not think anything of a fit of anger.

What about the Word of God? It is very plain.

### ONLY TWO WAYS SET FORTH IN THE BIBLE

How many ways are spoken of in the Bible? There are just two ways, are there not?

The narrow way and the broad way!  
Where does the straight and narrow way lead?

It leads to LIFE ETERNAL!  
How many walk in it — few or many?

(PEOPLE: "Few.")  
The other way is called the broad way, and many walk in it. That is it, exactly.

Here we are this afternoon, a little company — and although I do not know all of you, God knows. I hope it is true that every one here is in the straight and narrow way.

If you are not, and you are over in the broad way, I want to take you by the hand and lead you into the straight and narrow way.

In the broad way is where you find the pleasure-loving, money-seeking crowd. They think of nothing but banquets — eating, drinking, and stuffing — amusement, pleasure, and all the rest of it.

Just think of the things that transpire! They are — well, they are unmentionable in public, and that is about all there is to it.

Last week, one of our ZION men attended a convention at which there were six hundred delegates, and he delivered an address. They assigned him a seat at the speakers' table at the banquet, but as they were to have a vaudeville performance he politely informed the committee that he would not be present. They were horrified.

A short time ago, when there was a similar gathering of six or seven hundred leading business men, the principal item of their program was a dance by a girl dressed in beads.

They were married men — fathers, some of them; and fashionable church members, I suppose.

Twenty years ago, such a thing as that could not take place in any civilized community, but anything can take place now.

All of us here this afternoon are walking in one road or the other.

### THE BROAD WAY LEADS TO HELL

It is for you to say whether you are going to get into the straight and narrow way, or whether you are going to stay in the broad way, which leads to hell.

Of course, nowadays people do not believe there is any hell. Everybody is all right (?). Well, everybody is not all right!

When you older people were young, you did not hear anybody get up in a church meeting and say, "There is no such place as hell," did you?

I have had my hands full in cleaning up Zion City, and I have some work out there yet; and so far as cleaning up Chicago is concerned, never for a minute do I think I am going to clean it up.

There is only one way to clean up Chicago, and that is for God Almighty to destroy it and blot it off the face of the earth.

I wish that it could be cleaned up by the preaching of the Gospel, but it cannot be done.

As you go out on Restoration work, how many do you find who are intensely interested in the Kingdom of God? Very few!

Well, let us go back to our subject.

### THE MYSTERY OF THE GLORIFIED BODY

Read the Fifteenth Chapter of First Corinthians. Notice the Fiftieth Verse:

"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

"Behold, I shew you a mystery;" — Notice this:

"—We shall not all sleep," — That is a very remarkable statement.

"—We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed," — How long is it going to take to make the change?

"—In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," — That certainly is a short time, is it not?

"—At the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible," —

That is, the saints. Now, not *all*, but THE SAINTS. They are with God today.

As I have said, the glorified body, in some sense, comes out of the body — I do not know how; it is not necessary to know. God knows.

The glorified body will be inhabited by the same spirit that inhabited the body which was sown in the ground.

"—And the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

That is, the saints who are here when the Lord comes. They will be changed "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."

Do you not think that that ought to be enough to make people want to be right with God, and, so far as they know their own hearts, always to be ready?

Look at the multitudes — wasting their time, their lives, their strength, their talents — living lives that are absolutely useless, worthless, and a curse!

### TWO COMPANIES COMPOSE THE RAPTURE

Now, there are the two companies — the saints who have gone on before, and the saints who will be living when the Lord comes, who will be changed "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."

In First Thessalonians, the Fourth Chapter, we have a little more about the Rapture. Paul says:

"I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning

them who are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others who have no hope.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

That is, when Christ comes He will bring the saints with Him.

"For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not go before them who are asleep.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Just before the Second Coming of Christ, the Holy Spirit will leave this world. There will be no more striving with men — they will have no more sermons, they will have no more invitations.

Then Christ will come and take every saint out of the world, and the devil will have his way.

There is very little interference with the devil in Chicago now, so far as that is concerned.

I had a letter from one of our families this morning saying that one of their children was sent home from school, and asking what to do.

### ZION SCHOOLS A REFUGE FROM MEDICAL TYRANNY

Well, all I can say is: Get out to Zion City and put your children in Zion Schools, because if it is not one thing it will be another.

The infernal doctors go through the schools and examine every child's mouth; then they take an instrument and cut a little piece out of the throat, which they call a culture. They take this away and do something with it, and then they say the child has diphtheria germs in his throat, and that he must be taken to a doctor and have them killed before he goes back to school.

Probably the "germs" were a few pieces of lint from the rag with which they wiped the microscope!

God established Zion as a place of refuge for His people.

Chicago is under the thumb-nail of the tools of hell — the doctors. If you knock them out on one thing, they will trump up something else the next day; therefore, I say that Zion people should come to Zion City. That is what it was built for. That is my advice.

In Zion Schools, the children meet every morning to sing a hymn, to read the Word of God, and to pray. They also have classes in Bible study.

That is the kind of school to which to send your children! You know, some people laugh when I say that the time is coming when they will want to come to Zion City and it will be impossible, but that is just how it will be.

### ZION IS GOD'S ARK FOR THESE LAST DAYS

Now, I am not one to set any dates nor to dogmatize, but I will tell you, things are moving with great rapidity.

"... And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation..." — Daniel 12:1.

I believe that Zion is God's ark in these last days, just as truly as was Noah's ark in the close of the Antediluvian Age.

Why, it will not be long until you will not be allowed to breathe unless you have a certificate from some doctor!

It is almost as bad as that now, and the devil and his forces are closing in on the people.

Let us turn to the Fourth Chapter of John, the Forty-sixth Verse. I will read this for any of you people who want to look to God for healing.

"... And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

"When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto Him, and besought Him that He would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

"Then said Jesus unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way."

That is very wonderful! Talk about faith in God!

It is enjoyable to see people struggling on — climbing up the hill; but, let me tell you, we are all a long way from the top rung of the ladder.

"—And the man BELIEVED the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way."

Now, as to what WE believe — that is the question. Do we believe in God?

Do we believe in His Son, Jesus Christ?

Do we believe in the Holy Ghost?

Do we believe the Bible as the Word of God?

Do we believe that the Zion of prophecy has been born?

Do we believe that the Lord is coming?  
*What about it?*

As to whether people do believe, and what they believe, their lives will prove.

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