

That Great Day

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of waiting for the Great Day of God Almighty, when God's rule will be established in the earth, and the redemption of body, soul, and spirit will be fulfilled.

Scripture: Isaiah 43:13

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Description

Charles S. Price preaches about God's eternal purpose and plan ordained before the foundation of the world, now being revealed in the days of consummation. Despite man's impatience and self-rule, God's plan to establish His Kingdom on earth and manifest His sons remains unchanging. The counterfeits and subversive elements attempting to thwart God's rule will ultimately fail as Jesus, the King, comes to reign in triumph and power, subduing all enemies and bringing everlasting joy to His ransomed ones.

Transcript

AS WE view God's purpose and plan ordained by Him from before the foundation of the world, we are aware that we are now in the REVELATION of this plan. Such revelation is coming to His children in these the days of the Consummation! We remember He has told us of that GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY! We are always conscious of the persistency and long-patience of the all wise God and Father and it is in contrast that we view the impatience, haste and scurrying, especially today, of man in his activity. As we look to Him and His working we are "fully persuaded that He had promised, He was able also to perform!" Roman 4:21 "Yea, before the day was I am He; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand: I WILL WORK, AND WHO SHALL LET (HINDER) IT?" Isaiah 43:13 "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and has long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be you also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draws nigh." James 5:7, 8

No sooner had man chosen the way of disobedience, than we hear God's purpose that would be consummated in the ages to come. Yes, the Seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent. God made man in His own image and likeness and would have chosen communion with that which was like Himself. But man's choice was one like himself - some thing he could rule over rather than choosing to be ruled over by an all wise and an all-powerful God! Down through the long, dark centuries man has chosen to rule rather than to be ruled over! And now, in the darkest hour of the existence of man, we see the effects of that choice of self-rule.

Yet the glorious plan of our Eternal God has never been abrogated! There was to be a DAY WHEN THE RULE OF GOD WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE EARTH! A day when the greed and ambition of man would be subservient to the wisdom of Almighty God! A Day when He would establish His Kingdom, in very truth, upon the earth! A Day that our hearts have so longed for! A Day of the manifestation of the very sons of God!

And, as always, we see the COUNTERFEIT rule in its vain attempt to outwit God and to set up a ruling force irrespective of God; a force that would be so unlike God that it would enslave the hearts and minds of the inhabitants of the whole earth! A slavery that would, if possible, bring God's own dear children under its tyrannical rule of brute force which is now trying to engulf the world. With what cunning they have worked in the darkness, receiving from those who would provide for them all the necessities of life. And while receiving these benefits with one hand, they have been acquiring of the skill of the many nations under duress to manufacture for them the accoutrements of another war! It Is Finished

We view a similar picture to that which we are now witnessing when we watch those for whom He died ministering to His death. They were to receive forgiveness and a free bill of health from Almighty God by the very death they sought. They purposed to do away with Him once and for all. When at last we hear the cries from His precious lips. "Father forgive them. They know not what they do!" and once again the cry "It is finished!" He gave up that form of a man, and the Spirit departed. No man took it away from Him but He yielded it up to the Father. With fiendish glee they felt that they had succeeded in their one purpose of doing away with Him! Now they could rule and reign without this disturbing factor of the Son of God in their midst!

The scene changes down these many centuries and we are feeling the call of God to be merciful; to remember the poor, the sick and the afflicted. And in answer to that call, God's children everywhere are pouring out of their earthly treasures to send their substance across the sea and providing money for those in want. And yet we know the subversive elements they send to our shores. In the midst of our endeavor to help them, we realize their anxiety of doing away with this Christian nation! Surely we see the day of the "unwalled villages" - our utter helplessness in the hands of this great foe. A foe not only to this nation but the foe of God Almighty!

The scene is a dark one! But

"Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Saviour

Waiting the coming Day, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes

He arose a victor o'er the dark domain

And He lives forever in His saints to reign.

Hallelujah Christ arose."

"In His saints to reign!" The Day of HIS REIGN THROUGH HIS SON and through THE SONS will soon be manifest to the whole world! This light shall shine out of darkness and the earth-dwellers will behold, not

the lowly Nazarene as in the days of old, but they will behold the very God of very God coming in triumph - coming in glory in His saints to reign! And He shall take the place given unto Him by the Father of subduing all His enemies; of bringing the mountains low and exalting the valleys, and of walking in triumph over all that would oppose Him. Yes, beloved, make way for THE KING! For He comes to reign in triumph and in power and glory! "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away!" Is. 35:10

In the stillness of the night-watches we hear the footsteps resembling those that walked among His disciples when He said, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF: 'that where I am, there you may be also.'" John 14:3 O, Father, I pray "that they all may be ONE; as thou, Father, art in Me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou have sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that THEY MAY BE ONE, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made PERFECT IN ONE; and that the world may know that thou have sent me, and has loved them, as thou has loved me." John 17:21-23

All and In All

We could never hope for such a oneness in the building up of our own mental capacity, either political, moral or spiritual. But in seeking Him we find He empowers us with a willingness to lay all upon the altar; all of our spirit, soul and body - that He may become in us our ALL AND IN ALL. He shall be the light that shines forth in darkness illuminating the pathway. The pathway that He has promised will shine more and more UNTO THE PERFECT DAY! Yes, beloved, when we see these things begin to come to pass we may LOOK UP! Rejoice for our redemption draws nigh! Redemption of body, soul and spirit! He that has begun a work in us shall He not finish it? He whose purpose it was from before the foundation of the world emptied Himself of His glory that He had with the Father and took upon Himself the "form of a man" humbling Himself to be born of a Virgin! He was crucified; dead and buried and on the third day He arose and is now on the right hand of God waiting for that CALL TO EARTH! That call when He shall come forth in triumph! Do you realize that Jesus has not yet seen of the travail of His soul that He might be satisfied? But He shall be! Jesus our loving Saviour, shall be satisfied And we, who are the members of His Body shall be satisfied also! Yes, we shall be satisfied when we awaken in His LIKENESS!

O glorious Day! O triumphant Day! Once again our Redeemer shall come in triumph to this earth! Come to hold undisputed sway over the creation He redeemed. And He shall reign for ever and for ever, and of that everlasting kingdom there shall be no end. This promise is that we shall reign with Him. What a marvel of grace - what a story of love. But in my heart He whispers, "You can not reign with me - unless first I reign IN you" Oh, Christ, here are our hearts - come and reign.

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