

A Spiritual Body

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G.W. North's sermon emphasizes the importance of reconciliation with God through Christ, the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, and the necessity of personal surrender to experience true spiritual life.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher encourages the congregation to embrace their helplessness and allow themselves to be taken advantage of. He uses vivid imagery of bulls roaring, unicorns tossing, dogs barking, and lions crushing to emphasize the challenges they may face. The preacher also emphasizes the importance of self-justification and the need to surrender to God's will. He references the story of Jesus' crucifixion and burial, highlighting the importance of accepting death and letting go of self-justification. The sermon concludes with a focus on praising God and embracing the gift of Jesus, emphasizing the need to fully embrace all that is offered through faith and to overcome unbelief.

Transcript

unto you, that of all the time, my priest, even my high priest, the chiefest and oldest, came in, he who was as the ancient of days, among his people, came in unto me, where I dwelt behind the veil. It was a veil, my beloved. I did not hang up a curtain, for men do not veil their faces with curtains.

The veil hid my face. I was veiled. And he came in unto me, and he just brought unto me that which I required for atonement.

Even a few drops of blood, he lingered not more than a few seconds, and was gone, because it was only the blood of atonement. But now my son hath come in unto me, and he hath stayed with me, because his was the blood of reconciliation. That man, my son, stayed with me, and he is with me now.

For I have effected reconciliation. Thou art reconciled unto me, my child. Reconciled.

Not in thine own strength, not by thy prayer, not by what thou hast done. For what hast thou done? Nothing that could be accepted here with me. So I send my son, and he came to you.

And now he has come to me, and he is with me. For thee, my child, thou art reconciled in him to me. He took you on.

He took you in. And he brought you in to me. Thou art reconciled.

And I will eliminate from thee all thoughts to the contrary. I will take them away out of thee. I will remove thy fears.

I will take away thy trepidation. I will take away thy hesitancy. For in this thou art depending on thyself.

It is a form of pride, my child. And Lucifer was cast out. He is not reconciled.

He is out because of his pride. Pride has turned upside down and become fear in thy heart. Now look not to thyself.

Say not, I am wretched, I am undone, I am wicked, I am weak. Say not these things, for my son said to me that thou art reconciled. And he is my word.

He was not only my word to thee, he is thy word to me. He is the word. And all mankind has spoken in him because I chose it so.

I am God, not thee. And I have done this thing. And this is my gift to all mankind.

And wilt thou have it? Wilt thou yield and receive it? And wilt thou forsake and give up everything else? And turn away from all other things? For to me they have no existence. They are not and they have no power. For I the Lord thy God hath moved in my own strength and have established it forever for all mankind.

Therefore know that thou art reconciled. And let him who rejects it, reject it. And let the unjust be unjust.

And let he that is filthy be filthy still. Change not values, for I do not change them. I have moved in holiness and purity.

And I have called thee to myself. It is thy values, thy standards, thy thoughts, thy life that must change. And that not of thyself, come thou then and stand in the glory of thy Lord.

For I have made myself known in my Son and he hath made thee known in my presence. And one day thou shalt know as thou art known. That is as I know thee.

Thou shalt know thyself. Don't try to know thyself. Do not try to analyze thine own thoughts and motives.

Listen to me. I am thy God and I will tell thee the truth and make of thee an entirely new person. Choose ye then.

Choose this day. Choose now. For it is I that doth speak unto thee.

Dear Father, everything is light. It is light. Yea, thou hast made me light and hath given me to be the light of men.

That men should become men of light and live in the light, walk in the light. Yea, that our conversation should be in heavenly places and our sight be of thy face, O Father. Where there is only glory, where

everything is God, of God and unto God and for God and everything else is passed away.

When you go from the definite to the indefinite article often in your Bible you get down to reality. The gift is salvation. The gift is the Holy Ghost.

The gift is eternal life. They are gifts without any sort of denominating thing, no sort of definite article. They are there, but these are the things.

Prophecies, healings, they are gifts alright. They are not the, the, the, point out of their mind. The gift of God.

All the others are included if you have only got sense enough to see. Go in and have them. This is what it says in Romans.

He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up to us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things. So they are all there. Once you get the gifts right, the basic things.

Hallelujah. Go into them, go on. What are you holding back for? Amen.

Hallelujah. They are all included. Praise God.

Hallelujah. How can you have Jesus then without everything that is in him? By sheer unbelief. You have got them.

Unbelief. Hesitation. Holding it back.

That is all. They are all there. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Praise God. It is time some of you got in.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

I am sort of just about torn this morning as to what to talk to you about. There is so much that the Lord has been pouring into my heart whilst I have been sitting here. I think really I want to talk to, lastly, the thing that brother here was praying.

Lord you have given us a spiritual body. Some of you might have thought well that is not true. We have not got our spiritual bodies yet.

But you see there is a spiritual body and there is a body of the spirit. That should be your body. And when your body becomes a body of the spirit it will become a spiritual body before you get to spiritual body.

Does that sound like contradiction? It is as clear as mud to me. Mud is M U D. It is very clear. It is easy to spell.

It is simple and there is nothing about it at all. The whole thing the Lord wants us to know is the total victory of Calvary and the total work of the resurrection and the great consummating presence of the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah.

Would you have said that Jesus Christ had a spiritual body whilst he was on earth? Yes. Same body when it became a resurrection body out of the tomb. Hallelujah.

You see this is why the only time in the New Testament the word revival is used, it is used about Jesus. Revival really only has to do with the Old Testament. They had successive waves of revival because they were not regenerated.

But the Lord Jesus Christ, he had the only thing that was worth reviving. I told you about this. I won't tell you where to find the verse.

Just keep reading your Bibles. That is how I discovered it. You just keep reading and learning.

And it says that the Lord Jesus both died and rose and revived. Amen. That is the only thing that is ever said about revival in the New Testament.

Isn't that wonderful? Why? Because he had, well that life just revived. All other lives have to die and get born again. You see that is the simplicity of it.

And he revived. All that he was before he went into the tomb was revived. Marvellous isn't it? And it is such a glorious thing.

That life was so perfect that he was revived and it just flowed on again in that same glorious unbroken life that he had since he was born. And how God managed to compress all that marvellous eternal life into a little baby form that it should grow up to be a man is one of the miracles of the ages. How he did it.

But he did. You know he commenced something absolutely new. Until that time there had been miraculous births on the earth.

Isaacs was a miraculous birth and John Baptist was a miraculous birth. But the Lord Jesus Christ was a new birth. He was absolutely new and into the earth came the Lord.

Compressed into that little tiny frame and it was all there. Hallelujah. And he maintained that marvellous life as God intended he should to preserve it for us.

He laid it down at the cross. He said no man taketh my life from me. Do you remember what he said there in John chapter 10? He said no man taketh my life from me.

They didn't take his life on the cross. They sought to destroy it and found him indestructible. He laid his life down and only during this week I have been talking.

I seem to do this all day long. This time it was in the privacy of my little sort of cage up there where they locked me up. I was talking with someone and I said you see your real trouble my dear is this.

Let's imagine Jesus Christ now. He'd come to the cross. They'd nailed him on the cross.

He hung on the cross and it was impossible for him to die. He'd have been hanging there to this day. You'd say well it's impossible he couldn't be.

But he would be. He was eternal life. He couldn't kill Jesus.

He in the end gave his life. He yielded it. He would have been hanging there to this moment.

You say well that would have been the miracle of all miracles. Some people are trying to live that life of the miracle of all impossibilities. They're hanging on the cross but they won't yield up and give in to die.

It's a trouble. They won't do it. And you could have all the sin in the world still hanging on the cross.

That's why Jesus hung on it. To bear the sin. Don't you see.

It's when you die. And you don't do that till you give up. You've got to stop it.

That's right. There's power for you to do it. That's why the Holy Ghost has come.

It's totally impossible outside of the Holy Ghost. It's totally impossible outside from the glorious Holy Ghost. Imagine it.

Go on. Let your imagination go. You've let it go on some wrong and rotten and filthy things in your time.

Now let it go on something that's right. Imagine Jesus Christ hanging on the cross to this day. Impossible to die.

Hanging there in the agonies of the succeeding centuries and millenniums. What do you think of it? That's what you're trying to do. You're trying to accomplish the impossible.

There are some things that God couldn't even do. He couldn't redeem you without giving up his life. Jesus couldn't do it.

Couldn't do it. He couldn't save you. He couldn't change you.

Without on that cross he sovereignly. Now note this and this is why he wouldn't take the palliative. This is why he wouldn't take the drug.

They tried to drug him on the cross. He wouldn't take it. Crystal clear he hung there in all the consciousness of deity.

Alive and awake until sin was dealt with. Then he should yield up his life with the sovereign power of God. That's why it's the death.

There's never been a death like Jesus. Millions have been crucified under Roman rule. But he sovereignly brought the power of God with the full weight of eternity on it and died.

That was that. And when you do that, that will be that. We like to preach about this is that.

Let's have some that will be that. That's the end of it. Oh God kill me.

Oh God do this. Oh God do that. How many of you sob this kind of thing up? If not with tears in your heart.

Oh God I wish I could be dead. Oh Lord. Well that's it.

You'll hang on that cross and you'll go through a transfixion and an inward mental crucifixion and the devil will tell you it's horrible and you won't believe the truth. Because old Adam will accomplish his own salvation by hook or by crook or by nails or by thorns or by anything. He'll accomplish it himself if he can.

He won't have a gift. He won't. He's too proud.

He comes from Lucifer. He won't have it. Well at least.

Glory be to God. There are some who come to their senses. They come crystal clear.

They don't have the drugs. They don't have the alleviations to their pains. They see the thing clearly.

And it's Lord. I give up Lord. Stop it.

The way you've been living. Stop it. You're wrong.

You've always been wrong. You haven't got under the divine principle of proper life yet. You haven't seen the revelation of the cross.

Their minds were blinded. I said yesterday morning even to this day when Paul is read the veil is upon their minds. For it's Paul that reveals it.

Reluctantly or when Moses is read the veil is on their minds. To this day the veil is on the mind. When we come to that place.

Hallelujah. Drop away into the gutter. Let your blood run into the ground.

Let it be stamped on. Let anybody whosoever will take advantage of you in your helplessness. Let the bulls roar.

Let the unicorns toss you about. Let the dogs bark. Let the lions crouch.

Let the gamblers gamble. Let the flies come and settle on you. Let everything come.

Run out. Finish. Let your bones come out of joint.

Let everybody see. You're finished. Utterly finished.

That's that man finished. Hallelujah. That's that woman gone.

Praise God. Self-justification. Standing up at the last minute when you ought to be lying down has been your trouble.

They took Jesus down from the cross and buried him. Pilate wondered if he had been a long while dead and he inquired and they said to him, yeah he's been dead a long while now. So Pilate handed over the body to these two disciples of Jesus.

One perhaps both of them quite secret because they were two really high ups. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. And they took him and they just quickly embalmed him and put him in the cross in the tomb.

You know that had there been time Jesus it would all have been ruined. It's so marvelous how God planned it. Had there been time they would have disemboweled him and they would have put spices inside him and they would have preserved this most wonderful carcass in all history.

They would have preserved him. Disjointed. Ugly.

Just saved from putrefaction. That's what they would have done. But God he had the crucifixion arranged just right.

They could only just have time to sort of keep him like this till we can get at him after the feast day. We'll really do it. You see.

And the Lord said oh no we're not preserving that. That's dead and finished. Glory be to God.

That's you. He rose up. It's all over.

Lovely. God's delightful isn't he. As well as precise.

And eternal. But beloved he leaves us no room for self delusion. None at all.

He showed us very clearly. And I talk to you like this because I discovered all this about myself. You've got to discover the cross for yourself.

You haven't got to discover it to preach preacher. That's why you've never got it over properly because you haven't discovered it for yourself. That's why Paul said to the Galatians.

You remember in Galatians chapter 3. He said oh foolish Galatians. Who hath bewitched you. Before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth crucified among you.

There you are you see. How did Paul get it over like that. He only did it by words.

At least that's what they heard. The cross wasn't preserved. There weren't chips of it here and a little bit of it somewhere else.

You see. They might even have used the same cross for other people to be crucified on since Jesus. I wonder if they used the same gallows didn't they when they used to hang people.

Used to get a new rope I believe. Don't do that now. We're ruled by psychologists.

But the whole thing beloved is that Paul set forth this cross. He set forth Jesus Christ among you. Crucified among you.

And why could he do it? Because two verses earlier he's told you. I was crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live.

No longer I. See that's why he could do it. Nobody else can. They set forth magical words of precious biblical things that take people so far.

Willing souls yielding up to be wooed by the artistry of the man. But Paul set forth the cross. There it is.

If others bewitched them he didn't. And the whole glorious thing is there and they saw it. I see.

I see. I can remember the times when this blinding thing came on me. God got hold of Paul and he started him right.

He gave him a vision of the light that was above the brightness of the noonday sun. Blinded him. Put him down in the dirt.

Paul you've got to get your eyes open. You're as blind as a bat. Hadn't got enough sense because he kept kicking against the bricks.

And seeing that I lived and sometimes dwelt in a bat house out in the bush. Not so long ago I know what bats can do. Blind.

Blind. Blind. He said before whose eyes oh God before whose eyes has Jesus Christ has been evidently set forth.

Have you ever seen it? They saw it first in a man. He set it forth from his own inward state. He did not read the closing chapters of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for they were not written.

Yeah. It's amazing isn't it? He set it forth from his own inward experience. Oh God if every preacher on the earth today had to do that.

What if you took our Bibles away Lord? Would there be any true Calvary anymore? Calvary is a personal experience. Not a masterpiece of writing. Though it is that.

It's that. It was God's personal experience and it's got to be yours man. Hallelujah.

It's got to be yours woman. Oh not to atone for your sin. Not for anything like that.

That you've been relieved of. Amen. But there's one thing you are not excused.

That is death. You've got to die and rise again. We can't have revivals of religious people.

Finished. Christ revived. All that marvelous life revived.

And you can recall him now as by the precious inspiration of the Spirit the records of his life are written from the details of the coming of the angel to Mary. Right through those years that God wants you to know about and has obscured some because he doesn't want you to know about them because they are not really vital to you except they were summed up in one statement of his father when he stood in Jordan and his father said thou art my beloved son in thee I am well pleased. He pleased the father for 30 years.

That's that. You know how perfect and good it was. Hallelujah.

And then he he went and lived this life and it's all there. It's not just there so that you should see the miracles. It's not just there so that you could rhapsodize about multitudes being fed or Jairus's daughter being healed or Peter being saved from sinking in the sea or Lazarus being raised from the dead.

It's not just there for that. It's there so that you should see the man that did it because people keep seeing the things he did and preach them up. They need to be spoken and not the man.

See this lovely character. See this glorious holiness. See his tenderness.

See his majesty. See his humility. See his glory as John said.

This is what John had to say. So prefacing the rest of his gospel comes for us the 14th verse and he says and we beheld his glory. We beheld his glory.

This is what John saw. John saw the man. You say well I thought his gospel was the gospel of the son of God.

The same. But John saw the man and he saw God. Matthew saw the man and he saw the king.

Luke saw the man and he saw the man. Mark saw the man and he saw this utter slave of humanity and God. This love man.

Oh hallelujah. This man who never defected, never deflected, never slipped, never never failed. This glorious one who at the last should have cracked because everybody forsook him and fled.

Turned around and said to the women that were weeping. Don't you weep for me he said. Don't weep for me.

Weep for yourselves. His compassion was flooding out in the midst of his impending agonies and everything. Glorious Jesus.

I love him. I love him. Just that.

Nothing else. As I pointed out the other night in resurrection when they said aren't thou only a stranger that you don't know these things. What things he said.

As though he'd never noticed them. See we all notice the things because we will live in the spectacular. We love the spectacular.

We love it. What things he said. Doesn't that reveal perhaps more than anything else to you.

This lovely lovely Lord. Hallelujah. Now this is the life that's revived for you my beloved and if you prefer your own way of going on for that you deserve to be damned.

And there's no plea that's acceptable in heaven for you if you won't accept the plea that Jesus is making for you. Say I'll get my mother to pray for me or my father-in-law. Will you? Will you? Please don't ask them if you've no intention of being what God wants you to be.

See there's one plea and if you don't accept that there's no hope for you. But hallelujah he's there that glorious one. Now that's the life.

And his body when he lived on earth was a spiritual body all right. He in other words he transposed if you like spiritual truth into human physical bodily truth. So that when he stood before Pilate or anything else or just talked he could say I'm the truth.

I'm the truth. I am God's faithfulness to you. You've seen the truth at last.

Amen. And he's still the truth beloved. And the Holy Spirit is the spirit of that truth.

And he has come to make it clear to every one of us. We can have this life. Blessed be God.

Beloved I want to exhort you. Never let go of that. Never accept anything less than that.

Never opt for something lower. Never settle for anything even though it be decorated with powers and I don't know what. Never have anything lower than this.

For this is the life. Praise God. And the Holy Ghost has come that we may have it.

John starts off his epistle saying of his fullness have all we received. That's right. You've received of his fullness.

Doesn't matter who you are. You might be. I don't know.

I don't think you are of course. But I just want to say this. You might be the worst character in your village or town or the worst person in your home.

You know that. You might think it's someone else but they think it's you. You might be the worst person.

But beloved the whole truth is that you can have the best. You can have such a complete change. God will do this thing in your life if you will it.

But if you settle for anything lower it's no good complaining. Lord that's why I like old Oswald Chambers book. My utmost for his highest.

It could be translated his utmost for my highest. Well that's what it's all about. What the Lord has done for me and what the Lord gives to me.

And I can see and I hope you can see this with all clarity. That the blessed spirit has come to make this available to me. Amen.

Do you see that? Do you see that? Then your eyes are opened. Your eyes are opened and you can see what it's all about now. You can see beyond heaven itself.

You say what? See beyond heaven? That's just preacher's talk isn't it? Jesus is raised highest above all heavens. This is what the scripture says. So that you get your eye off heaven and see right through heaven.

Hallelujah. Just like you can see through the earth. I don't mean literally.

But you can see through the world and you can see through sin and you can see through the devil and you can see through all this. You see through all heavens. It's him.

You can see him. Not heaven for me Lord. Him.

Glory. Is that right? Now that's literally the revelation of the scripture. It's him.

And the blessed spirit has come to you. To reproduce him in you. That's what he's come for.

Yeah. Wonderful isn't it? We know when this sort of thing. It's clear.

We human beings are ever so clear aren't we? But it's very funny. There's something reactionary about us or responsive in us you see. He's come to me to reproduce Christ in me.

Glory. Don't you feel like that? You want to use your inward arms a bit. You've been free enough with your outward ones hitting this and clouting that.

Reaching into things you oughtn't to have touched. See. The holy ghost has come to me to reproduce Christ in me.

In this mortal body. So that my body can become, being a body of the spirit, can become a spiritual body in that sense. I'm putting it in quotes.

In that sense. Now then beloved. Oh this is wonderful.

Let's do some reading. I think perhaps we've come to a point where we'll read the scriptures. You don't have to read them if you can remember them and quote them right.

Just to say. It was put on the page because of short memories. And make sure too it didn't drop into mere tradition.

Hallelujah. And we look in this first Corinthian letter and I think we'll just take a versatile. And it says this.

I want to drop on it properly. Verse. It's in the chapter on the resurrection of course.

15. 1 Corinthians 15. Verse 38.

It's God who gives the body. Verse 38. I've slightly changed it but I haven't changed the truth.

It's God who gives the body. He gives the body that pleases Him. Alright.

He gives the body that pleases Him. And to every seed His own body. You see.

Oh the truth of this. Who was Jesus? The seed of God. He was the promised seed.

Promised to Eve in the garden. Promised to Abraham by repetition and confirmation. Sung about by David in the Psalms.

Can you remember a psalm where he sang about it? The sun's hot. Can you remember a psalm where he really sang about it? Well alright let me tell you one. Psalm 24.

The seed shall be counted for a generation. Hallelujah. You see.

That seed in God's reckoning was counted for the generation. The new generation. The regeneration.

That seed. And to the seed He gave the body. That's right isn't it? Yes.

The seed was conceived in Mary and He gave it a body. Hallelujah. We called Him Jesus.

Or at least He did. So we do. Call His name Jesus.

This is the seed. The body. The life.

It was all in it. The body had to be in it. If Jesus Christ hadn't put His body into it.

If His body hadn't been right we wouldn't have been redeemed because the blood came from the body. The power in the blood came from the life. The life came from the seed.

The seed came from God. Hallelujah. That's why He had to tell us.

You neither know me nor my father. Hallelujah. It's a tremendous thing.

Anyway God gives to every seed His own body. Then He drops out of that which is the great mystery and spiritual secret which we've seen in the verse. And He comes into the other world that we know so very well.

All flesh is not the same flesh. But there is one kind of flesh of men and another flesh of beasts. Another of fishes and another of birds.

There are also celestial bodies and bodies terrestrial. Isn't this marvellous? He's talking about creation. But don't you see as we were thinking yesterday morning versus together or the last two mornings.

The tabernacle was patterned on personality and life. So is all nature. Flesh, bodies, celestial bodies.

You see it. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. What have you got? Now in the physical, you see, in the physical we've all got earthly bodies.

So what we've got to do is to make our bodies heavenly by making them spiritual by the Holy Ghost. All right? This won't make you a wonderful star in God's firmament that ought to circulate all the churches quickly to let them see your brilliance. God has His stars.

He holds them in His hands. Consult John in Revelation chapter 1. That's right. He has His heavenly ministers.

They are stars. Never covet to be one. Never.

If God puts you there, He puts the stars in their places. Leave it to Him. Aspire to the highest.

But don't try and be a star. Because you see, I reckon that if you are trying to be a star, your mind is mixed up with the films still. And you're thinking about glamour.

Whereas he's thinking about glory. A totally different thing. Glamour is spit and polish on the surface.

I don't know whether Mr. Cody would like to hear me calling his stuff spit and polish. That's it. That's what it is.

But glory is nature. It's innate. It comes from the inside.

It's not put on from without. Hallelujah. Marvellous, isn't it? Well, let's get really down to this, it says.

There are bodies celestial or heavenly and bodies terrestrial or earthly. But the glory of the celestial is one and the glory of the terrestrial is another. That's right, isn't it? See, I said, oh, it's hot.

I moved out of the glory of this celestial body up there. It's a bit hot. I'm ever so glad that I sort of get used to it.

I don't want it on the back of the neck when I'm preaching. And there are glorious bodies on the earth. It isn't glamorous bodies.

Keep that glamorous flesh. I understand that. Glorious bodies on the earth.

Hallelujah. Do you know a glorious body on the earth? The church of Jesus Christ. That's a glorious body.

What's the church made up of? Glorious bodies. Glorious people. Isn't that right? Who's the glorious person? We're the one that's like Jesus, of course.

And listen, I don't want to shock you, but Jesus never preached the sermon in his life. I know they say the sermon on the mountain. It wasn't that.

It was an exposition from the spiritual point of view of the Ten Commandments and the truth contained in it. We know that thou art a teacher come from God, not a preacher. Of course, he's a preacher by our

standards, but not by what earth turns out.

And the whole glorious thing about it is you find this exactly in all the stars. None of the stars. The apostles preached sermons.

You can read it. Paul said he was appointed an apostle and teacher of the Gentiles. Marvellous, isn't it? I just drop these little things as we go along.

Of course, he preached as well. But we are following our trail. Here's the trail.

He says, the glory of the trestle is another. There's the glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, another glory of the stars. One star differeth from another star in glory.

That's absolutely true. Old Paul differed from Peter and John differed from them both. Not in their ministry, not in their message, but aren't they all different? Have you ever read them to get acquainted? Hallelujah.

They differed in their glory. And the Lord wants us to see and understand this. And then he goes on and he says, so also is the resurrection from the dead.

It's sown in corruption. Hallelujah. That's right, isn't it? We were thinking last night about people losing loved ones.

But let's come into the spiritual. Let's come back to Jesus. It was surely sown, if it had been left in corruption, as anything could have been.

It never was, of course. It was preserved. That's the wonder of God having these people around with their preserving spices.

It never did corrupt. Hallelujah. But they never mummified him.

So don't you get mummified, will you? And don't get too daddy-fied either. We've got to see, beloved, what we're doing, moving here. It was sown, that blessed body.

It would have been in corruption. Glory of God, it wasn't. It's raised.

And where resurrection is concerned, it's in corruption. Hallelujah. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

It's sown in weakness. It's raised in power. Dunamis, that's your word? Amen.

That's regeneration by our preaching. Amen. Raised in power.

Why do you receive the power? To be a witness to him that he's raised from the dead. It's regeneration. It's clear as anything.

To be a witness to him. Raised in the power. Glory be to the name of the Lord.

The Bible only teaches one truth, if you look into it properly. And on we go. In this whole glorious truth, it's sown a natural body.

It's raised a spiritual body. There it is. There is a natural body.

There is a spiritual body. And so it is written, the first man, Adam, was made a living soul. The last Adam was made a life-giving spirit.

Howbeit, that was not first, which is spiritual, but that which is natural. And afterward, that which is spiritual. We move between the spiritual and the natural in this realm.

God takes this whole thing up for us to see it. Amen. Sown in weakness.

When you get so weak that you give up struggling against God, and not so all-powerful, the old man is never stronger than just before he dies. And when you get weak, crucified in weakness. This is what he wrote in the second letter of the Corinthians.

Jesus was crucified through weakness. Hallelujah. Amen.

And when, beloved, you see these great truths and God wants us to understand it. Sown in dishonor. Sown in corruption.

Praise the name of the Lord. Let's see this, beloved. Corruption, dishonor, weakness.

Who's ready to admit it about themselves first, before they can come into the spiritual truth? Or who will keep saying, I'm not so bad, really. I'm not as bad as all that. You see.

But you are as bad as all that. Or you were. The Lord cuts it right off.

And suddenly, Jesus shouted and yielded and went through with the plan of God for you and me. Finished it. It can all finish.

It can. In you. And because it can, it must.

In you. And because it can and must and you believe it, it shall all be finished in you. You see.

And because you accept the promise in faith, then I want to say it is finished. That's right. Glory.

Isn't this so wonderful? And all this great trouble that I have in myself, I want to bring to myself like the great Apostle Paul did. Instead of talking about someone else when it got to the very nasty things, he talked about himself. He brought it all out from himself.

What had happened in him. He didn't say, now you. You know Mrs. So and so.

She lives in number so and so. Now we're going to talk about her this morning. He didn't say, now you know that man over there.

He thinks he's great, but you know this is what's going on inside and I'm letting you into the spiritual secret. He comes all to himself. Hallelujah for men who follow in the steps of Jesus Christ who was made sin for us.

And Paul is prepared to let it all be outworked through the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical experiences through which he went. He lets it all be set forth upon the pages of the scripture. Lest we should think hardly of someone else instead of of him.

And there it is. Oh, you know, this is grace. It's absolute grace.

The blessed scripture absolutely flows with grace. The way it's formed. The fact that it's there.

The message it contains. The men who moved in it. Responsible for it.

It's all grace. And God wants us to come into this great area of truth where we see this great thing. It can all finish.

Everything. The workings in my very mortal flesh. These obnoxious workings.

These things. Oh, let's go back to Romans 7, shall we? We'd better sort it out there in Paul's grace to us. He says, verse 22 of Romans 7 says, I delight in the law of God after the inward man.

Amen. But I see another law in my members. I sort things out in my members.

It was against the law of my mind. My mental powers, my will power, none of them are strong enough to deal with the situation that I find rampant in my members. You've been like that.

You see? Brings me into captivity to the law of sin, which is in my members. Oh, wretched man that I am. Who should deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So then, with the mind, I myself serve the law of God. With the flesh, the law of sin. You know, I'm not very happy with many of these modern paraphrases.

I've given my reasons for that quite often. But one thing I am happy about, I think it could be J.B. Phillips. I don't.

I tell you, I let lots of things run off me. I'm selective in the things I retain. I'm not too sure about it.

It could be J.B. Phillips. But he has set this in its correct order, as it should be. And in Romans 7, he doesn't finish up with, so then, with the mind, I myself serve the law of God.

But with the flesh, the law of sin. He finishes up with, I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation.

He transposes those words and puts them in their right position. Because in this form, it looks as though, there you are, that's the end of it all. You see? But it isn't.

Glory be to God. He's a thankful man. He's a freed man.

He's a released man. And you see where he's got to next? In Christ Jesus. He's got that life.

He's in it. In Romans 8, he's in there. That's the revived life.

That's the precise life which the man lived. That's it. And that's the wonderful life that is God for you.

God, man. Hallelujah. I'm in Christ.

And this is the life for my new man. He's glorious, wonderful. Oh, how can you pile up enough superlatives or praises to Jesus? So precious.

It's like that, beloved. I don't know whether you ever get there. Do you ever get there in your spiritual life that you want to praise Him and praise Him and praise Him and praise Him? And you don't slip into

another tongue just to get yourself liberated and free and floating like everybody else.

But because you've got no words, your mind has failed to produce His excellent glorious. Hallelujah. Oh, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Isn't that right? Don't you ever get there? Oh, Lord, Lord, Lord. And not just objectively as someone now high enthroned in glory, but subjectively. You're in the experience of it all.

Oh, Lord, Lord. Sometimes you want to kneel. Sometimes you want to fall on the floor.

Sometimes you want to stand up and praise Him, praise Him, praise Him. And this is what the Lord wants us to be in. OK? That we should have a spiritual body in the sense which Christ the man had a body of the Spirit and moved in this way.

And this thing, whatever you want to call it, sin and he, you may call it some other word. It doesn't make any difference really, except that you're not by the use of words trying to dodge the point. And sin is dealt with in your life.

Glory. Not permanently. In other words, there's no sort of it's dealt with now and forever.

It's dealt with now and forever at Calvary. Amen. But it's dealt with in your life and will be constantly if you will abide in and walk in the truth.

Yeah, that's right. For hallelujah, quickening to life means that he's brought us to a state of cooperativeness. If we're not going to cooperate, we're not alive, we're still dead.

And it depends upon that cooperation. This is the whole point. He brings us into a place of life so that now we love and if life and love aren't the same to you, then you haven't got life.

You're really in love with the Lord and you cooperate with him and you go with him and you love his company and you talk with him and he talks with you and he moves your heart and on you go with him. Hallelujah. And it's marvelous when you first begin.

Have you ever made a real beginning? Have you? Can you describe it? What it was like to me when you first began walking this way? Can you? Oh, it was tremendous, wasn't it? Do you know what happened to me? I was in a new world. I believe I've said this before, that if people had said, walking along the street behind me and said, do you know, your feet weren't on the ground, I would have believed them. Oh, hallelujah, I would have believed them.

But as I got on, it became habitual rather than ecstatic. That's what Paul means when he said, when I became a man, I put away childish things. People keep trying to depend on the initial ecstasy and that's when reaching after that, we've produced a false position.

But when you become normal, by Jesus Christ's standards, normal. I never heard John record, I never read it in Matthew, I never read it in Mark. We went along the road one day and just started skipping along the road.

I never heard that, did you? But did you ever read that? So that can't be the height of spirituality then, can it? Really? Mind you, you've just seen me skip, I can skip. Like a young roe or a heart on the mountains. That's fine.

We didn't say it was an old heart or a roe, it was only a youngster. You noticed what it said. It's so absolutely glorious.

And we move in these great exercises of God. We've got to go on with God. We've got to see this marvelous naturalness of our walk when this thing called sin is dealt with.

And our laws that are in our members, there are laws in your members, you see. There are laws in your members and they function whether you want them to or whether you don't. If you didn't have these laws, you wouldn't even be here.

They have to work. And when they cease to work in your natural body, then you're going to die. In fact, you've already come to death in several things.

Laws that work in your members. But what we do not find, or ought not to find, is that these laws that work in your members don't bring you into captivity to the law of sin at all. Because the law of sin now is not in your members.

The law of sin and death is not in your members if you've come via Calvary, if you've died. You've got another law working in your members now. It's the law of righteousness and life working in your members.

Righteousness is the opposite of sin and life is the opposite of death. Hallelujah. Proper life.

Hallelujah. The real life that God intended man to live. The life that Jesus Christ lived as a man on the earth.

The life that Adam originally lived before he started hearkening to the voice of the devil relayed to him through the voice of his wife. And he lived this life. He wasn't in bondage to sin and death.

Hallelujah. This was a glorious and a marvellous thing and it's in your members. Isn't it? Amen.

All the natural functionings of your members now are not under the control of the law of sin and death. You don't have to sin because of the natural functions in your body. See? You don't have to.

Isn't that glorious? Be natural, won't you? Be natural. If you're not natural, you see, that's where you go wrong. Be natural.

Some people, they think the way to be spiritual is not to be natural. And they come right up out of their net. You can see them.

They sort of float about like this. You ever seen them? Oh, I've seen them. They're living in a complete world of fantasy.

Complete world of fantasy. It's not all this business. Praise God.

We all have our lovely times when we worship God and magnify his name and it's glorious. And if you can't do it, then you need releasing. You've got a law in working in your members that won't do it.

It's under the domination of your mind. And you won't do it. Fears, doubts, inabilities, repressions, inhibitions, all sorts of things, cultural upbringing, background of denominationalism or this, that or the other through the historic denominations for which, thank God, don't let's get it wrong.

Well, I mean, thank God that they're historic. In other words, and I don't mean it quite in the way your mind took it. I mean that they have held the truth in some form or another down through the ages.

The way they may have dressed it up, we may object to. But the fact is, it's there. Amen.

And you can be held in all these ways. And you should be absolutely free. Free to do right, not wrong.

Free to behave yourself properly, not improperly. Free to love. Free to be considerate of others.

This is the man, Jesus, you see. Amen. I hope you don't regard me as a shocking person.

But this is true. There's a quotation in Hebrews 2, and this is what it says. It says, I, in the midst of the church, this is speaking of Jesus Christ, I will sing praises unto thee.

Alright. In the midst of the church. This is in resurrection.

Now notice where he's going to sing praises. He never, you never heard that he was walking along the road singing, Hallelujah. You never read Jesus singing in the man.

Well don't you think he ever sung, I'm only telling you what the Bible says. Not that I'm Bible bound. And the only place you ever hear of him singing a hymn was when he was with the church in embryo in the upper room at the Lord's table.

Isn't that right? With the embryonic church. But in resurrection, in the church he sings praises. In the midst of the church.

Hallelujah. That isn't to say you shouldn't sing Hallelujah when you're washing up tomorrow morning. I'm only wanting to get things in perspective.

I want to get them in spiritual perspective. I want to get them in scriptural perspective. Don't you? I do, personally.

This is what I want to do increasingly. Not that we should all be liberated to sing in the bathtub. If we want that, that's wonderful.

And it may be best that you do. Amen. As long as they don't mistake it for the water going down.

And even if you've got a voice like that, sing. But this is how the Lord Jesus really wants us, beloved. In the midst of the church.

Glory be to God. We should all come together and hear Jesus sing. Yeah.

Glory. In our hearts. You make the melody, I'll sing.

Jesus. You make the melody in your heart, I'll sing. Singing.

Making melody. Glory be to the name of the Lord. We're in a glorious new inward spiritual realm.

But you and I have got to live in this physical body of ours. There are laws that govern them and work in them and God wanted them to. It's the rectification of them by the withdrawal of the dominating sin principle.

And substituting the principle of righteousness in us. Amen. And assure as you go on with the Lord by these things called laws that you never can put your hand on.

God removed the laws you could put your hand on. They were written on tablets of stone. He removed those.

They are laws now governing personality and human being. And they're there. They may say, well, it's because this chemical explosion takes place.

There's something to do with the spleen and the adrenaline. And I don't know what. And all sorts of things like that.

You don't worry about that. All the doctors that I know and I know quite a few. And real doctors at that.

I don't mean, I know them from beginners to finishers. They all tell me we don't know anything. That's what they say to me.

We don't know anything. You're putting yourself in their hands. They say that.

We don't know anything. Really. Glory be to God.

Glory be to God. You needn't take too much notice of these people at all. Not when it comes to this realm.

We're in the realm of the spirit. And it's God's ability to transmit from the spirit to the body. Through the soul.

It's what the Holy Ghost has come for. That's why your body has got to be the temple of the Holy Ghost to your body. Well, when you look at your body, I don't know whether you ever do, if you look inside, you know, you haven't got much empty space in there, have you? Unless it's nearly lunchtime.

You haven't got much empty space in there. Where would he live if he's got to live in an empty space? He lives in your body. In your spirit.

Permeating you. Permeating you. It's glory, isn't it? God was in that body, that man of Nazareth.

He wasn't separated from the body. He was in that body. In fact, that body was the body of God, the Son.

Isn't it precious? What's your body? Whose body is it? His servant she are, to whom ye yield your members to obey. They're not stern words. They are true words.

They're not issued in any sense of destruction, but in the interests of truth. Whoever you yield your members to obey. This is Romans 6, I'm quoting.

His servants you are, to whom you obey. Your members, that's your body. Do I give this member, that member, or any member of my body to serve myself? Then I'm my servant.

Do I give them over to the devil? Then I am the devil's servant. Do I give them over to sin? Then I am the slave of sin. Do I give them to you, Lord? By the blessed indwelling of the Spirit, by the glory of God's divine power, is the Spirit taking hold of me? And is he really reforming my whole inward self on the pattern of Jesus Christ? Is he? Hallelujah.

The glory of an initial experience is wonderful. The glory of the sun, for instance, is marvellous. Call that your initial experience.

When all of a sudden you, woo, hallelujah. But there's also glory of the moon, and that shines right through the darkness. Isn't it? You've got a glory of the moon that shines all through.

Oh, that's only a reflected glory. Well, of course, that's right. It's the sunshine, really.

Isn't it? It's moonshine. I tell you, it's sunshine. That's right, it's sunshine.

So, the sun shines all night by reflecting its light from the surface of the moon. So, through the darkness. Ah, but you know there are times in my heavenly experience when even the moon doesn't shine.

Don't you know there are seasons when the moon doesn't shine? Ah, but there are the stars. The stars. And they shine all night through.

They shine. Whether the sun shines or whether the moon shines, they shine. Hallelujah.

He made the stars also. So, you get Jesus, the sunshine. Alright? The church, the moonshine.

And the apostles, the starshine. The ministers. Alright? We're in the new creation.

Amen. God give us some apostles. Amen.

How many do you know that shine like that? How many? When Jesus was coming into the earth, tell me, did the sun shine or the moon shine or was it starshine? We've seen his star in the east. See? And then we watched it and we saw that it was the day star because we know that the sun is really a star. So, they tell us.

I mean, I don't know. You can please yourself whether you believe the scientists about this or not. I've never been there.

And one forecast I will make to you. Thou never launch a spaceship onto the sun. Thou never land on the sun.

They then land on the moon. They might get to some of these other stars and planets. But thou never reach the sun.

Hallelujah. And we're told that the day star has got to arise in our own hearts. Peter tells us this.

The day star must rise in your hearts. Hallelujah. With his powerful shining, he'll do better than x-rays.

He'll irradiate out of you the seeds of your moral cancer. He'll bombard every diseased cell with the spiritual man. Everything.

The inward man. Everything. Hallelujah.

That's what he'll do until we're irradiated with his life and glory. And that's why I said that it isn't spit and polish, shadows and sense on the outside. It's glory from within.

Hallelujah. There's a glory of the sun. There's a glory of the moon.

There's another glory of the stars. And each star differeth from another in glory. Amen.

When you come to the place where you will voluntarily die. If you think Jesus has been hanging you on the cross for the last three days. Die.

Stop kicking. Weren't his legs nailed down? Stop fighting. Weren't his arms pinned up? Stop it.

Hallelujah. Be honest. Tell your husband.

Tell your wife it's been you. Oh Lord. You know we fight.

We do. That's the desolation of your family and home. Mother and father can't even love and live together.

We argue. We do it. Say you're wrong.

Die. All spiritual salvation for you will come flooding in when you start saying it's my fault dear. I'm sorry.

I've been a beast. Weren't the beasts around the cross? Unicorns. Lions.

Dogs. See? Weren't they all there? Bulls. That's where they all stayed.

But only a lamb on the cross. They never get on. They get far.

They bark. They roar. They do all sorts of things.

Only a lamb. Oh lamb I can make more noise than a lamb. Listen to me roaring says the lion.

Listen to me mooing says the male cow. That's right. Look at me totting says the unicorn.

That's right. Jesus said look at me die. Yielding.

Come on all you bulls and unicorns and goats or whatever you are and cats and dogs. Stop living a cat and dog life. Come and die.

Yield up. Oh God. There are some who are naturally weakling.

Oh God what's wrong with me? Yield up. It's finished. Self pity is but one of the worst little worms that was ever bred from the serpent.

Do serpents bleed worms? Well they're like big worms and more vicious. Finished he said. Finished.

Now I've got to read a start. I see why God talked to me about this psalm earlier this morning. I've only just arrived.

Psalms 20. Everything's right when you live in the spirit. It comes in somewhere.

If you let it come in and don't try and force it out. I mean out of your mouth or out of your preaching repertoire. In Psalm 20.

The Lord hear thee in the day of thy trouble. The name of the God of Jacob set thee on high. That's your word to send.

Set thee on high. Send thy help. You've got thee.

It's thy in the Hebrew. In other words there's a help that's thine. Just thine friend.

Oh we can all have this. Oh God it's very particular. Thy help.

Just the thing that you need. You're such a peculiar person. You were fearfully and wonderfully made.

And David goes on saying that my soul knows right well. Talking about himself. Amen.

Send thy help from the sanctuary. And support thee out of Zion. Remember all thy gift offerings.

And turn thy ascending offerings into ashes. My word. Hallelujah.

He stops. He says pause and think of that. You pause and think of that.

Everything to ashes beloved. Everything to ashes. In God good.

Lest we should think that ashes are diamonds. Grant thee according to thine own heart. Isn't that lovely.

And fulfil all thy counsel. We will rejoice in thy salvation. And in the name of our God we will set up our banners.

Hallelujah. The Lord fulfil all thy petitions. Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed.

Amen. Glory be to the name of the Lord. How tremendous this is.

He'll hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. Some trust in chariots. Some in horses.

But we will remember the name of Jehovah our God. They are brought down and fallen but we are risen and stand up. Save Lord.

That's your word Hosanna. Let the King hear us when we call. Hallelujah.

You've got to set up your banner beloved. Glory to God. Finished.

Raise the standard. Set up the banner. Amen.

It's done. It's all over. Glory be to the name of the Lord.

And that's what God wants us to set up. That's God's standard. Finished.

He's the standard. That one. Him.

What he accomplished. He's the standard. You must rally to it.

You must come. That's what this is all about. All the tribes of Israel had a standard.

When the trumpet blew they had to rally to their own standard. That's what they had to do. They had a standard.

Glory. If you read through the Mosaic prayer and prophecy you'll find what the standard was. Each standard was.

Would you like to do that? I won't tell you. I'll tell you the book. Genesis.

That's as far as I'm going. I'm sorry. Exodus.

But before you read Exodus read the standard in Genesis. There's one there too. And then move on to Deuteronomy.

And click these things together and see the way that God has woven his marvellous standards. The emblazoned his symbols. Things for which they stand.

Hallelujah. We rally here. It's finished.

It's all over Lord. I'm dead. I'm dead.

I stopped it this morning. It's all over. Isn't that marvellous.

This is what the spirit does. Yes this is what the spirit does. Let's pray.

We'll move in shall we. Hallelujah. It's all over.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if human voices blended with angel voices this day and sang over your appearing. Unto us a son is given. Unto us a child is born.

Glory to God. His name. What are we going to call him? Oh call him wonderful.

Wonderful counsellor. Hallelujah. Prince of Peace.

Prince of Peace. Hallelujah. Let it steal all over your being.

Let it flood you. Everlasting Father. The mighty God.

It's going to increase. It's going to increase. The government will be on his shoulder.

That's right. You won't be at the mercy of all these laws that work through you. The government will be on your shoulder.

Amen. The increase of your kingdom and of peace. There shall be no end.

Visualise it. No end. Lord I can't see the end.

Oh hallelujah. Hallelujah. This is better than launching on the river.

It's going out into the sea. Amen. Hallelujah.

Father. Father. Oh great is thy faithfulness Lord.

Thank you Lord for truth. It sets us free. You said it would.

We want to move out of it Lord. Our longing souls Lord stretch to this. Blessed art thou Lord.

And blessed is thy counsel. And blessed is thy truth. And glorious art thou in thy majesty.

Hallelujah. Jesus thou art my head. My head is removed.

Thou art my head now. Thou art my head. My new head.

My new husband. My new wonderful God. Jesus.

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