

Testimony and Message

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Venus Brooks' sermon emphasizes God's light and salvation, the assurance of no condemnation for believers, and the importance of living boldly in faith while preparing for eternal life with Christ.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares two personal stories of individuals who faced the crisis of death with absolute victory and no fear. The first story is about an 11-year-old girl who was in an oxygen tank and calmly said goodbye before passing away. The second story is about a mature man who had a deep understanding of the Word of God and eagerly awaited his introduction into glory. The speaker emphasizes the importance of preparing for the moment of death and finding victory in the face of eternity. The sermon is based on Psalm 27 and encourages listeners to trust in God and rejoice in the transition from life to glory.

Transcript

Good morning to each of you. This is the day the Lord has made you to be glad in your sin. Will you turn with me this morning to Psalm 27.

Psalm 27. The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life.

Of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though a host should encamp against me, though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me of his tabernacle, shall he hide me. He shall set me up upon a rock, and now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies. Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifice.

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice. Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my faith, my heart said unto thee, Thy faith, Lord, will I seek. Hide not thy face far from me, put not thy servant away in anger. Thou hast been my help, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path to God's of mine enemies. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies, for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. I have thinketh, unless I have believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thy heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord. One verse from the New Testament, chapter 4, and verse 17.

In your rendering, I believe it is herein, is our love made perfect, that we may have wholeness in the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. I'd like to change the first part of it somewhat. Herein is love perfected toward us, that we may have wholeness in the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

And thus my subject, wholeness in the day of judgment. Now perhaps throughout the week you've wondered why we stress the things that we have stressed with such great emphasis, and perhaps at times seemed a wee bit critical. I believe the word judgment is the word crisis often in the word of God.

Now certainly, in 1 John, chapter 4, and verse 17, there's a day coming that men and women fear. If there was not that fear within their bosoms, as far as after death is concerned, then death would hold no terrors farther. But built into the framework of every human being is a consciousness that there is someone to be faced beyond time, and so fear lays hold of them in relation to what is to come.

For the child of God, certainly, there is no judgment for us in that sense of the word, judgment for sin. God will never again raise the question of sin, so far as the child of God is concerned, and verily, I feel as far as the world is concerned. Really, in my own way of thinking, it is no longer a sin question, but the son question.

I believe God is perfectly satisfied with the work of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary. Sin has been put away forever from the face of the holy God, and so men and women are going to be asked, what did you do with my son? No matter how deep died their crimes, no matter how distant and alienated from God, no matter how wicked the life, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, suffice as a remedy for sin in its totality. Now praise God for that.

So that men now must answer to God for his son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who has put it away forever and God will not raise the question again, for to raise the question would bring into question the reality of the finality of the work of Christ at Calvary. And we praise God, it is finished. I thank God indeed that every Jonathan Tibble, everything against the individual child of God, has been put away to God's satisfaction, and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his being seated at the right hand of the Father, might assure us that sin is gone forever.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Thy sins and thy iniquities will I remember no more forever. No sins have been cast into the depths of the sea.

They are out of God's reach, they are out of God's mind, they are gone forever, for they are out of his sight, out of his reach, out of his sight, out of his mind. My sins are gone. There is therefore now no

condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

No death and judgment are behind us. Grace and glory. All the billows roll over Jesus, there they spin their utmost power.

Praise God, my sins are gone. And thus we rejoice continuously in the presence of God, that we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Praise the Lord.

I'm sure you rejoiced this morning that there is no longer any wrath in the heart of God toward you as an individual. He loves you with tenderest love. And so as far as that future day is concerned, after sin, the question never again will be raised, but certainly the judgment seat of Christ for our service here in this world.

What have you done with your life since the day you got saved? All must come into manifestation at that particular time. And let me say there will be no sense of jealousy. None of these things will be there.

There will be the realization of loss assurably. We will be thinking with his mind. We will be seeing with his eyes.

We will be feeling with his sensibilities. Therefore, we will want everything out of the way completely before we go into. And if there is, or if it appears at all, in heaven, some suggest, but at least there will be loss.

When we see what the mind has to give up over service, yes, behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me to give every man as his works, not his words, his works shall be. That day of manifestation is going to reveal that many of us who were first are going to be on the tail end of the line, who was never seen, she's going to be at the head of the line because in her closet, on her knees, she laid hold of the living God, might indeed convey a little of the mind. We have been speaking as we have because there is a crisis today, and that crisis in every one of our lives is the time when we leave the earth, the interglory, and we seek to minister the word as we do minister it, that at that moment there may be the realization of absolute victory in your own individual life, no fear of death whatsoever, but rejoicing that death is the capstone of life, that it is not bloom, but introduces me into glory and all of its perfection.

My, what a people of God if we could face that day in that particular manner. Then we would not fear whatever it was that came along the way. We would not get canceritis and heartitis and all the rest of the itises troubling us whatsoever.

Whatever came our way, it would be but the means of hastening us. Whatever storm it is that drives my little heart closer to that haven of rest, praise God it's good. I'm sure if you look at these things this morning.

A young lady, 11 years old, in August of 51, I think it was, they amputated her left leg close up to the... February, soon when I entered in, she looked at my face and said, Shortly after, her mother and father were standing at the end of the bed. She looked at them and she said, goodbye. And then she said to me, hold me.

And I held that little 11-year-old girl in my arms. As she passed from time into eternity. No struggle, just goodbye, and I'm going to let her go.

Victory. I heard in the meeting, I have not seen any other. Yes, I must acknowledge, I'll tell you of another.

There were in February... He was much, much older. A man of mature years, mature in the word of God. February the 11th, he went home to heaven.

But prior to that time, he was confined to bed for several months. We gathered with him night by night. Read the word of God, we sang together.

And generally he was the one to begin the prayer circle. Or a chorus. How often he would begin, thank thee Lord for saving my soul.

That would be the chorus that we would sing. People who came to visit him, he would tell them, I've got death over there in that jam and he won't come out. He, I dare him to come out.

He was a spectacle to the country round about. As they came to visit from all directions. A beloved brother.

And thus he triumphed. He had a facial cancer, his face was being eaten away. When he became very weak, he could still move about somewhat.

They wanted a registered nurse in the meeting to take care of him. He said to his wife, I don't want her to. He was doing it himself.

He was a child of God. These things have laid hold of the warmth and the warmth of their life. The framework of their life controlled by the truth of the word of God.

Death, that great crisis, there are no terror for him. It can only introduce him. And he longed for an introduction.

He loved the people of God. But he gave of his time. Mature in the things of God.

Casting his thin hands together. While tears flowed down his face. Thou knowest how fully I can say with awe.

To depart and to be with thee. Which is far better. Oh, how far better.

I do long for it. They come and talk to me about a crown of glory. I may conceive of the glories of heaven.

I beseech them, stop. I am not wanting crowns. I have himself.

Him-self. I am going to be with him-self. Ah, with the man of sorrows.

The man of sorrows. With him who stayed to cause vacuums. With the man of journey.

With the man who hung upon the cross. With the man who died. Oh, to be with him before the glory.

The crowns or the kingdoms appear. Be wonderful. Wonderful.

With the man of soccer alone. The man that gave the city a name. And I'm going to be with him forever.

Exchange this sad, sad scene. Which cast him out from him for his presence. Oh, the man.

In a short time. J.G. Billet. Was with the Lord.

I wonder. If it should be my lot today. To face this Christ.

I mentioned yesterday, I believe it was. Paul Prudell. The brethren in Washington.

Tried to get the word around. He rebuked him for it. But anyway, the third day after with my surgery.

It looked like perhaps the Lord was going to take me on. I had no fear whatsoever. And I can say this before my father, God.

There was not one ounce of fear from the beginning to the end. Of that period from the third of October. For that third day after.

At least it seems to me it must have been right. Things seemed to be rather crucial. I had of course a few.

And there was fluid going in at my foot. And a few down in my. And in the midst of it.

The Lord brought very distinctly to my heart. And I think that the Lord brought this verse to me. In order to awaken me.

And make me to realize. Psalm 50 verse 15 has been given here. And call upon me.

Do you know folks it wasn't long after. The next morning the surgeon came into the hospital. Took this one from my side.

One of the most glorious experiences in trials. Our goals are not meant. I rejoice that he entrusted that particular time.

To me as an individual. Today I want to try to bring these five thoughts to you. Boldness.

And I'm sure any particular crisis. That may arise in your individual life. During World War II.

We had 11 German divisions. They were trying to break out. The commanding officer asked me to see.

To surround our forward echelon. So that we might not be seen. I couldn't find a single man in the forest.

And then the man who worked under me. The man who worked under the S3. Her gallbladder ruptured.

I took these men and went out into the forest. With a carbine cradle across my knee. Hence.

Not knowing what moment. And of course. Certain things came before my mind.

But there. Before God. I determined.

If it pleased him. To bring me back to America. I would seek to devote my life to my country.

I went into the educational field. Planning to help. Before I had completed that.

The board of a large school. Came to my house. Teenagers.

College students. And finally. I went to the brethren of the meeting.

And said. I am exercised. About giving myself.

Years where it had become a moral standard. As far as our origin is concerned. But there's a stigma associated with it.

All kinds of difficult circumstances. What a joy it is. Whenever one of them.

Has to leave in the circumstances. Two young fellows. Ground to pieces.

Another young man. Ground to pieces. Dare anybody to take.

How sin is present. Boldness in the day of judgment. The boldness of assured.

I know where I am going. I know who has procured it. The boldness of assured.

Illumination. There's no room. To be.

The Lord. Gives. Doesn't say the Lord.

Gives life. But that the Lord. Gives.

Life. And Jehovah. The Old Testament.

Is Jesus. Of the New Testament. John chapter eight.

In verse twelve. He that followeth me. Shall not walk in darkness.

But shall have. The light. Of.

Life. First John chapter one. In verse five.

This is the message. That we have received. Of him.

God is life. That is always the message. God is life.

And men and women. Must be brought to him. But in that very place.

As we've already mentioned. Prior to this. There we have the token.

To the redemption. Of our Lord Jesus Christ. So the light reveals.

What we have received. The Lord. Is.

My life. Praise his name. It's present.

It is. There's light now. I praise him.

Not only did I have life. Back there. In the initial phase.

Of my salvation. When I knew deliverance. And the penalty of sin.

And I knew that great truth. For myself. But.

As the people of God. We have life. For the people of God.

Apostasy. Is around us. Indeed.

Some are wondering. What should I do. If the foundation.

Is being destroyed. Keep on walking in the light. And according to the light.

Keep on walking with him. Where two or three have gathered together. He is shining now.

They looked up at him. And their faces. Were radiant.

And these men and women. Of the world. God has provided.

No need to be ignorant. Of anything. I would not.

That you should be ignorant. We should not. Be ignorant.

There is no reason. For ignorance. As far as.

I hear over the radio. Go to the church of your choice. I said.

That didn't come from God. So it had to come from somebody. God is not an energizer.

Of lawlessness. I said. I have no more right.

To choose. Where I'm going. Than I had to choose.

I was going to be saved. If this. Or it is nothing.

Except a man be born again. He cannot see. The kingdom of God.

Except a man be born. Of water and of the spirit. He cannot enter.

The kingdom of God. I either take that. Or go to hell.

And whenever it comes. To the matter. Of gathering.

He has not left me. In doubt. At all.

The word. Is ample. And sufficient.

To show me. What I ought. The Lord.

Is. Present. Very present.

For everyone. As we search this book. The spirit of God.

Will be only present. But it's personal. God is not an impersonal God.

It's not in great company. But as our Lord Jesus Christ. Spoke to men and women.

Individually. Along the way. And so he is.

Individually. Interested. In you and me.

In 1950. There was an Indian boy. He put drink.
And all that follows. Drink. And laid hold of him.
And spoiled his life. And he came to the place. Like he had tried everything.
Even religion. He said. God is an impersonal God.
He isn't interested in me. And on September the 8th. Or 10th.
It was September the 10th. 1950. The car that he was driving.
At terrific speed. He deliberately. Threw it into an approaching car.
And picked him up. And carried him to the hospital. And the doctor took a look at him.
And pushed him over. And for some reason or other. Went back and gave him.
Some kind of a shot or something. He lived. Between life and death.
For weeks. In darkness. And his testimony afterwards.
He came out of it blind. His testimony afterwards was. That God took him.
And shook him over hell. In the midst of that time. He came out of it blind.
But he wanted to be a priest. So he accused me. Of accusing me.
Of pushing him forward. Between fire. But anyway.
The Lord is. Mine. And he has learned.
That God is a personal God. And he's interested. In your individual problems.
The least. And the greatest. And the greatest failures.
I suppose. Is trying to carry things. On our own shoulders.
small thing. And we should go to God. With everything.
Because he's concerned. So the Lord is. My.
Life. Present. It's personal.
And then praise God. It's perpetual. It's the Lord.
The sun went down. At Calvary. But praise God.
It arose. In glory. And it shines for you.
It's perpetual life. Any moment. You look to him.
He'll cast. Light. On you.

On the page for you. He'll give you the guidance. That you need.
He'll give you the help. And your particular situation. If any of you like wisdom.
Let him ask of God. We've been giving already. This week.
He never upgrades. Because he didn't use the wisdom. He gave you yesterday.
He's still ready to give. So we praise God. For the wholeness.
Of assured. Illumination. Secondly.
The fullness. Of assured. Salvation.
And I like to think of this. Not only in the sense of the past tense. Most of our mind.
Encounters the cross of Calvary alone. But the tabernacle of old. That dream compartment.
The court. The holy place. And the holy of holies.
Though maybe not just make a racetrack around the cross. But maybe go on. To know the Lord.
Consider Him. That. I. Yet.
That. We. May.
Know. Him. An ever increasing.
Knowledge. Of Himself. Truth unfolding.
Continuously. Through our hearts. So the Lord.
Is. My. Salvation.
The complete round up. He delivered in the past. He delivers in the present.
He's going to deliver. In the future. There are some folks who will say it though.
But they don't know too much about them. He delivers. The Lord in His death has defeated all of our foes.
Throttled them all down by being throttled up. Taken the sword. The very weapon of the enemy.
And destroyed the enemy with it. The nature. Or a body like yours.
Through death. He might destroy him or unknow the power of him who has the power of death. That is.
The devil. And delivered him. Who through fear of death.
Were all their lifetime subject to God. No fear in life. Does not indicate we are to look inward.
But we are to look to the cross of Calvary. And there it seems. Perfect love in its manifestation.
It's from God's side. I'm never going to see perfect love with Ian as long as I'm down here. But I look away
to that place.

Where the Son of God. Who was holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners. Where He died there in agony and shame for a rebel sinner like me.

This is as He is. Not as He was. Or as He is going to be.

But as He is. First of all He's a judge. Over all the earth.

And as I'm as He. Much born as like Him. Who sits now and prays.

Our great high priest thinks. May we lift up. The feeble hands.

And those weak knees. Oh God give them strength. That we may make straight paths for our feet.

Lest the lame be turned out of the way. God help us. Individually and collectively.

And I'm sure some of these things will work. Within the framework of our lives. We're going to be such men and women here in the world.

That we'll be all bold. And it certainly becomes those who know the Lord Jesus Christ. To be bold.

As far as their faith is concerned. The source of this salvation indicates its sufficiency. The subject of salvation indicates its scope.

I'm a subject. Fine. The apostles say with the chief of sinners.

And I oftentimes say. If the chief could get saved. His lieutenant certainly can too.

No matter where. Whether your life is a protected life. That in its greatness.

He kept the violence of that heart from being seen. For the Lord Jesus sent out the heart. To see evil thoughts.

Adulterous. Murderous. Fornication and so on.

All of these evil things. I'm deceitful above all things. And desperately wicked.

Who can know it? So the subject of salvation. Indicates the scope of that salvation. The substance of it.

Indicates the satisfaction. Because it does. This day.

It was said to Zacchaeus. This day of salvation. Comes at this hour.

Whose salvation? Salvation is in the first day. Surely it can never end. That ship can never go down.

Thirdly. There is the fullness of assured preservation. Short and sweet.

Somebody has said. Stand up speaker and shiver. But thirdly the fullness of assured preservation.

The Lord is the strength of my life. How often people say to me. I'm afraid.

If I say that I'm saved. I can't hold out. But I say to them right away.

You might as well acknowledge that. Now you can't. Nobody can.

We're going to hold on. Isn't that right? Yes. He holds my hand.

Don't reverse it. I hold his hand. But he holds my hand.

And I often times try to illustrate it to some of our people. We have lumber. All drowning.

Preach it. It's dead waters in a minute. I say to them.

Suppose there's a very narrow. And you have your darling. Little girl along with you.

And you must to approach that pattern. Do you say. Honey.

Take my finger and let's go over it. Is that what you say? I say certainly not. If you do anything.

You reach down your big hand. You get that little hand in your big hand. Or better still.

You reach down both arms and take that precious little jewel up. Put it in your bosom. And on the shoulder.

On the breast. The strength of his love. Preserving us.

For himself. Who are kept by the power of God. Unto salvation.

Ready to be revealed. In the song. The song that set me new.

The nearness of the Lord. He shall hide me in his pavilion. In the secret of his tabernacle.

There is protection. In his presence. The godly.

Are God's. Guarded. Gift.

The boldness. Of assured. Fourthly.

The boldness of assured consolation. The Lord will take me up. When my father and my mother forsake me.

Then the Lord. Will take me up. Praise his name.

What consolation for every one of our hearts. There are those certainly in the world. They come to Christ.

They're rejected by those who are nearest and dearest to them. Often times they're cast out. The man in John chapter 9. Who was blind.

His parents for fear. Of the rulers and so on. Would not acknowledge in one sense of the word that he was their son.

They put him on his own. Left him alone. Answer for his spell.

They threw him out. But they threw him in. Into the arms of the Lord.

Will take me up. He broke me up. He has set me up.

He has tuned me up. The boldness of assured consolation. Certainly this particular thought could be a sermon in itself.

We can go over it. Those comforting portions. God is our refuge and strength.

The very present help in trouble. Therefore we are not least here. Though the earth be removed.

Though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Though the waters thereof roar. And be troubled.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God. The holy place of the tabernacle. God is in the midst of her.

God shall help her. Let us be still and know that I am God. Finally there is the boldness of assured consolation.

As for the ending of our lives. He says weigh on the Lord. Be fast before the Lord.

Weigh on the Lord. Be of good courage. And he shall strengthen thy heart.

Wait, I say, on the Lord. I waited patiently for the Lord. And he inclined unto me and heard my cry.

They that weigh on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall not acquit winged egos. They shall rather not be weary.

O my friend in the meeting. Go to the Lord. Cast all your burdens on him quietly and confidently.

Wait on the Lord. Now is the kingdom and patience. You're in the kingdom already.

Translated us into the kingdom of the son of Islam. But it's the kingdom and patience. Soon the kingdom and glory is going to be revealed.

Now we know the suffering. But then, thine are going to know the reigning. Now we know the cross perhaps.

Then the crown. Now we know the form. Dreadful migraine heavy.

Flipping over the end of the receiving. May you have boldness. As you face whatever crisis may develop in your life.

You're not belittling these things. They're very real. Very, very real.

I face the few. Try to help others as they face them. Praise God.

For him who never, never. O God our Father, in thy holy presence we bow and humbly acknowledge that we are unworthy of the least thought from thyself. We deserve to be cast into the flames of eternal hell.

But in its stead, through Christ Jesus our Lord, we are going to enjoy the beauties and glories of heaven. O God, as we journey through time. Here in the valley of Baca, the valley of Acre, we know the presence of him.

He, who the psalmist knew the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He made me to lie down and dream faster. He leadeth me beside the still water.

He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of my name. Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. We bless thee and we praise thee that we are thoroughly furnished. Do thou comfort the hearts of every child of God here.

Should there be one distracted because of present problems, be pleased, O Lord, to give that individual the joy of resting all on thee and waiting for thee. We wait for thee, commending the entire camp to thyself, thy servants who are laboring with the youth. O God, may there be souls saved and lives saved as well.

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