

ZION COLLEGE LECTURES ON PRAYER

A Series Delivered Before the Students of Zion College by the President, Rev. John Alexander Dowie,
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THE world today has learned that there is something far beyond the ordinary in the words of God's Messenger to Zion, John Alexander Dowie.

As this realization comes to the public, the first question always is, "How does he do it? What is the secret of his power?"

Those who know the General Overseer and have heard and heeded his teaching know that the power belongs to God. But the General Overseer is wonderfully used by God, as an instrument, on account of his mighty power in Prayer, taught him by the Holy Spirit.

Hence it was with the greatest joy that the students of Zion College received the announcement that the General Overseer would deliver a Series of Lectures on the subject of Prayer. It was an inestimable privilege to learn how to pray from a man whose whole life had become a mighty power of God through Prayer. But joyful as the anticipation was, it was more than justified by the realization.

Many members of the Christian Catholic Church also attended these Lectures and were amazed, from week to week, by the real depth and scope of the subject as it was opened up by the man of God.

Since the delivery of these Lectures there has been a loud appeal, from many sides to have them published.

The General Overseer was reluctant, as he felt that in the great pressure of his other duties he had not been able to give the Lectures as he might have done with more time at his disposal. He also felt that he should revise them before their publication, and this he could not find time to do.

At length, however, the appeal for them being urged, he consented that they should be sent forth,

without his revision, during his absence in Europe and the Holy Land.

Accordingly this wonderful teaching will be printed, almost as it came from his lips, from time to time, in LEAVES OF HEALING. In preparing these Lectures for the press, we have eliminated some allusions to topics of the time and place and have written in some headlines. We have also cut out opening and closing exercises and arranged the matter consecutively without regard to number and date of Lectures.

We pray that God will bless these wonderful truths to all who read in even greater measure than He did to those who heard.

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DIABOLICAL MISAPPLICATION OF DIVINE COMMANDS

The thought which I left with you in my last Lecture was that there is no future with God; that "That which is hath been already; and that which is to be hath already been;" and that God forever requires in the present an account of the past.

The race to which we belong has in it today all the good and all the evil that has ever been in the history of that race. All the blessings which are to come exist now, and we get just such measure of them as our faith, the faith of God, enables us to appropriate and to assimilate and to use.

Appropriate, Assimilate, Employ.

I would like you to get the thought in these three words which I have just used. We get all that God has

for us just so far as, through the faith of God, we first appropriate, second assimilate, and third employ.

We get nothing, even through faith in God—or, as I prefer to put it, through faith of God—unless through that faith we appropriate. The appropriation even by faith would be ineffectual, if we did not assimilate. Assimilation would be a useless thing, if we did not use what we assimilated.

We can best illustrate these three ideas by referring to food.

Food is set before you. It is prepared by loving hands. You have faith; the faith of love in the loving one who places before you the food. Her hands have prepared it. She has had great delight in preparing it.

Your faith appropriates food. You eat it, but if you have not digestive power, you cannot assimilate it. The food itself, therefore, would only be burden to you, and if you had not the assimilation power, you would fail.

You would wish to vomit and get rid of it. You would not willingly undergo the ordeal and torture of it remaining in your stomach unassimilated.

If you have the digestive and assimilating power, you not only eat the food with pleasure, but you assimilate that which you have eaten. It begins, immediately after being digested, to find its way into nourishment for your brain, nerve and muscle.

It makes the eye which was asleep flash with new life. The optic nerve as well as the brain generally has received a fresh stimulus. The feet walk quickly. The arm is stretched out, wanting something to do.

When you have assimilated the food, you have made a great gain; but if you appropriated and assimilated the food and did not use the strength which God gave through the appropriation and the assimilation; if you did not employ it; if you were a mere glutton and simply went on waiting for the next meal, that you might gobble again and assimilate again, then the food would be ineffectual; that appropriating and assimilating power would go, and the glutton would starve to death.

Truth Must be Appropriated, Assimilated and Employed.

Realize this truth in connection with the Word of God. Realize it in connection with all teaching. It is not enough that you have teaching, but you must appropriate that teaching. You must make it a part of yourself. You must assimilate it and enjoy what it imparts of strength and of power.

Your mental assimilation must not be one-sided. When we eat and digest food, we need the assimilation to take place in such a way that both sides, not one only, will be nourished. You must therefore ask God that in this teaching you shall have not only assimilation in part, but be so fed of Divine knowledge that it can be, as it were, diffused to every part.

This is what the great mass of the people do not understand. They become specialists, as they call it. To a certain extent there is room for specialists. That is to say, if you have musical talent, it is well to develop that.

It is well to develop the talent which you have, but if you throw all your strength into the development of any particular faculty or talent, you do that at the expense of the all-aroundness which is essential to completeness in your life. The result will be the mere development of one part at the expense of the rest, just as if a man were to continually work with one arm, and develop that arm to such an extent that its muscles were gigantic, powerful, and he could do almost anything with that arm; but failing to develop the other muscles, they would finally become so weak as to fail to sustain the action of the strong.

Specializing Has Its Limits.

There is nothing more disastrous to a spiritual teacher than being a specialist of such a nature that he can see nothing except the one thing which he likes to see. He cannot view even that in its proportions. He pictures a monstrosity.

I desire that in Zion the students and the officers of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion shall rather be sympathetic and helpful. I would like to see them develop capacities which will make them helpful in many ways, and give them powers of adaption to men

and women and children, rich, poor, educated, ignorant, strong, weak, thoughtful, thoughtless, patient, impatient, true, false, mean, liberal; the opposites, so that you shall enter into such a sympathy with humanity that you will meet it on all sides and that you will help on all sides.

I say these things by way of introduction, because it is a thought I should very much like you to understand and to reach out for.

Going back to the historic line of teaching, let me remind you that the main line of the teaching in these Lectures on Prayer is to show you by tracing the historic past, and especially the early ages of the existence of this race upon this earth, the way in which it became necessary for men to pray; to show you how the regrettable necessity for Prayer is imposed upon man. I am pointing out to you that man has to be supplicant continually to God for deliverance from evils which, through the primitive transgression of our first parents, and their descendants, come to be great burdens. We are inheriting the wicked and terrible consequences found in that ninth chapter of Genesis.

The Terrible Effect of Noah's Curse Upon Ham.

It is very real. What is the fact concerning the descendants of Cain and Ham?

When Noah awoke out of his shameful stupor and nakedness and drunkenness, he found that his son Ham had made sport of him in his debauchery. With the anger of a brute beast, and not with tender love of a kind and wise parent, Noah arose and cursed his son.

That curse has followed the race of Ham.

The black races of this earth have reaped long centuries of misery, of tears, of blood, as the result of that curse. There never was a time when they were reaping the consequences more than they are in this century.

The horror of the oppression of the inferior races of the earth by the superior, and especially the horror following the wickedness of the race of Shem and

Japheth in carrying out the curse of Noah, is one of the reasons why the groaning of the nations is being heard by God. Blood will yet have to flow before the matter is settled.

Racial hatreds are not ancient history. They are modern history. The conflict is not merely between the white and the black. The oppression by the races of Shem and Japheth of that of Ham has developed into a conflict between Shem and Japheth. Those who oppress the black man are today tearing at each other's throats, and the end is not yet.

Every apostasy of Japheth and the heathenism of the race of Ham are in conflict and will be in conflict with the race of Shem.

I point this out for a moment as something to think about, that we ought to pray that God will reveal to all mankind the universal provision which He has made in Christ, who tasted death for every man. Of all these three great divisions of the human race we, most of all, ought to pray on account of this regrettable necessity imposed upon us, because of the curse of that drunken prophet. That man was faithful amidst a faithless world., but he fell and dragged down his house more in his fall than did Sampson, whose eyes were put out by the Philistine powers.

The Awful Destructiveness of Alcohol.

Alcohol made Noah a drunkard. He made out of the sweetest and most beautiful, I think, of all the fruits, the most damning of all the poisons, that which destroys everything.

If it destroyed only life like the swift poison of an adder's bite, it would be innocent, compared to the destructiveness which it has. It destroys not merely the animal life and the body, but it defiles the spiritual being and makes the man to seek strange women. Wine and damning lust have ever gone hand in hand, and have ever dug the graves of empires.

I desire to go back a little further in the story and talk with you for a short time of some of the facts connected with the first part of this important ninth chapter of Genesis.

I call your attention to the fact that the command

which God gave to Noah, after He came down to earth, was:

Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

In all things God demands increase. The Parable of the Talents in the Christian Dispensation, by Christ Himself, is the teaching of God in all age.

God gives seed that it may grow and multiply and increase the productiveness of the earth; so that large numbers of the inhabitants shall be constantly upon it, and that they shall be happy, nourished, healthy and divinely blessed.

Get this thought as applying to spirit and soul and body, but as covered always with the thought of purity.

There is a Multiplication Which is Devilish.

There is an increase which is infernal.

One man in New York even this week has made \$1,700,000, it is alleged, by a cruel trick. The man has lived in this city for some time and is well know here. I think his residence is in Chicago. He has been manipulating the stock of a certain trust over which he had control, in a diabolical way.

That is what I mean by diabolical multiplication. He conceived the plan of multiplying his wealth in an illegal and improper manner as regards Divine Law, but within human law.

What did he do?

Being the President of this trust, he was able to spread abroad the idea that there had been an over-production in this particular manufacture. In consequence, he alleged, it was necessary to close a great many factories so that production should cease. Time should be given, he said, for the sale of the product which was already in their hands, so that there should not be a glutting of the market. That was the pretense.

Under that pretense, which, it is alleged, was wholly false, he closed a number of factories until further notice, throwing all the people working in them out of employment.

That immediately caused a drop, as they call it, in the value of stock of this trust. It went down in the

market. He bought the stock which he himself had depreciated by his trick.

Today that man is afraid to face his colleagues in the trust.

He bought up the stock when it had gone down in the market. Now it has risen again, and he has pocketed \$1,700,000.

That man is a thief. Human law may have no means of reaching him. If I had the making of the laws, I would make one that would reach in short order. When Zion rules on this earth, we shall reach such a man. Meanwhile he will probably go undealt with by justice.

But he has been fruitful in the use of this talent. He as multiplied. He has replenished his own coffers. He has done it in a devilish way.

You must beware. All multiplication is not Divine.

Children were born into this world who are of offspring of damning lust and in no fulfilment of this command. Brought into this world as the result of evil passions, they are hellish in their nature.

Thousands, tens, hundreds of thousands of people are born into this world like incarnate devils, wicked almost from the hour of their birth.

I desire to warn you against a misapplication of this command of God. This command of God is always within the lines of Divine purity. Some make this command the excuse for promiscuous, damning, hell-satisfying procreation. Such has been the case in these horrible organizations which have cursed, and do still curse, this land, such as the Mormon Church, such as these various communities which have come into existence to be a curse to America, from the Oneida Community down.

The Devil Often Misapplies a Divine Command

You much watch and see that there is no misapplication of this command; for the Devil can quote a Divine command and cause people to obey as if they were obeying God, when they are simply obeying the Devil. The Church is responsible for this, because the Church itself enforces commands which

are the commands of the Devil.

The apostate churches of Greece and Rome have done this to a terrible extent. The apostate denominations are doing it today. They are letting loose the awful gates of abominations. They have done so already, secretly violating all the principles of purity in many denominations by lowering the standard of marriage and of divorce.

They have done so by lowering the standard of Christian life and permitting fellowship with the world in theaters, in dancing and in the diabolical association of musical entertainments which are born for the very purpose of dragging people down into damning lust.

The opera, for instance, is nothing else than putting into music a mass of abominable immorality and shameful wickedness. Hence you must watch and pray. One of the great reasons why we have to pray, as well as watch, is that we shall not enter into temptation, which a misapplication of even a Divine command will oftentimes create.

For instance, there is no command which is more Divine than the command "Be Patient." I wish you would all be patient.

Oh my brothers and sisters, be patient. Be patient.

To those who can earnestly work and patiently wait all good things come.

But there is a misapplication of that command.

The Church has given it the wrong meaning. It has stood beside the bedsides of the sick and said, "Be patient. This cancer, this fever, this horrible disease is the will of your God. Be patient. Take it as from His hand. He sends sickness and He sends death. Be patient." So the Church has taught its people to be patient with the Devils own work.

I mention this because I wish you to be careful, watchful upon this matter.

The misapplication of this Divine command is the cause today of almost countless miseries. A sexual impurity has to be faced in connection with the work of God continually. Just as in business the increase can be lawfully or unlawfully acquired, so it is in the matter of other increase.

I have pointed out to you an illustration taken from

history of today in the man who stole a million and three-quarters by the manipulation of the stocks this week.

I could tell you another story of a fair and honorable increase with which we have had something to do ourselves. That is the purchase, skillfully and carefully, of that land north of the city. That land is now worth at least twice as much as when we bought it, because we have made a compact city site out of a great many disunited pieces of property which, separately, were only valuable as dairy farms. The mere change of the map from disunited farms into one united and suitable site has increase the value of it legitimately by just as much again.

An Honorable Increase.

I therefore say that we made that million dollars honorably.

If we shall establish a Lace Industry there which will give us an honorable profit of millions a year, by and by, for Zion, that will be good and honorable. But if we were to establish an industry and manipulate the stock in such a way as to rob other stockholders and simply enrich ourselves, the increase would be simply diabolical.

The whole question of increase, therefore, must be watched carefully. We must beware that the misapplication of that principle shall not take place in ourselves or in Zion.

We have met at the outset again the necessity for watching and praying lest we should enter into temptation through a misapplication of a Divine principle.

The longer you live, the more you will understand the significance of these remarks.

The next thing which I desire to introduce in this teaching is between the seventh and the seventeenth verses; the establishment of a certain Covenant.

In the new conditions which obtained upon the earth after the fall, we find the necessity for new relations to exist between God and man; between man and the lower creation.

God had already put Noah at the head of creation. The fear of him, the dread of him was to be upon every beast, fowl of the air and fish of the sea. Into his hand and into the hands of men were they delivered.

We must therefore remember that we are to realize our lordship over inferior creatures. These inferior creatures are not to be looked upon or considered as claiming from us the same attention as human beings. For instance, horses, dogs, cats, cows and pigs are to be dealt with according to their proper relation; as inferiors.

As a matter of fact, it is true that the great mass of men are dominated by their property. They are not merely dominated by their live stock, but they are dominated by the dead, dull, cold earth. They are earth hungry.

Of all the horrible things that can ever happen to a man, the most horrible is when he shall become an earth-worm and gobble up earth, earth, earth until the worm destroys itself; bursts itself feeding upon earth, and dies.

The only good thing about it is that it makes good earth—a good fertilizer. That is about the only good thing some men ever do to the earth—they make good fertilizers when they are buried.

It is a horrible thing for a living man to become a mere earth-eater.

Men and Women Who Bow Down to Beasts.

It is a horrible thing to see women in ecstasies over their brute pets. They pay them attentions and have them cared for with a degree of consideration which they would not give to their babies. Such women leave their own babies to servants to be brought up according to the ideas of the servant. They care more about the feeding and fondling of a pug dog.

If there is anything disgusting, it is sending out the baby in the care of a nurse and taking a dirty little pug into the carriage.

If there is anything more detestable, it is fashionable society women sending to Paris for costumes for the spring races, and thousands and tens of thousands of men and women going down and

bowing before the horse.

Another abomination is a fat-stock show, with all the farmers and their wives and children from far and near going to look at prize pigs. (Laughter.)

It seems very ridiculous to talk about those things, but we are dealing with practical humanity.

Instead of humanity ruling the beast, the beast is ruling humanity.

There are people so angry and mad with Zion because we have attacked the sacred American hog, that they want to murder us.

They want to murder every minister of this Church who dares to attack the sacred hog.

That is not imagination. That is fact. You will see this as one of the needs, therefore, for Prayer, that you shall, in thinking about your fellowman, see just where his god is.

The Covenant which God established with man at that time was a Covenant of Salvation, a Covenant of preservation up to a certain time.

Remember, that the Covenant which God made with Noah is limited. It is unlimited so far as God's promise is concerned; that the world shall never again be destroyed by water.

That bow in the heavens, with all the brilliant colors in it, made by the sunshine through the raindrops, is the emblem of God's promise that there never shall be such another flood upon the earth which will destroy mankind as it did in Noah's Time.

It is limited, however; for there is to come a destruction by fire. It is reserved for the fire the next time. Water did not clean up things, and water never will.

Water Cannot Clean Everything: the Fire must Come

Water is a good thing. We could not get along without water. But when earth and water both are afire, then things will be cleaned up.

The next housecleaning which the earth will have is when God lets loose these elements; just the formation of elements now existing. It is not a difficult thing to do, because it is being done all the

time scientifically. Oxygen burns with hydrogen.

Decompose water into its elements and you have oxygen and hydrogen the most inflammable materials.

Now that is going to come. Everything is going to melt. The elements will melt. Meanwhile there is a Covenant of God that until that time comes man will be preserved.

That Covenant needs to be very carefully studied.

It is the first Covenant that God entered into with man after the Flood; a voluntary promise on God's part.

It is a Covenant, not only with man, but with animals.

And I, behold, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your seed after you; and with every living creature that is with you, the fowl, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that go out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. And I will establish My Covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of the flood; neither shall there be any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the token of the Covenant which I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations. I do set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a Covenant between Me and the earth.

It is a good thing to remember that the mercy of our God extends not only to us, but to the lower animals. In our lordship over the lower creation, we are under Covenant with God to deal with the lower creation as being covered by the covenants of God.

Creatures have their rights as well as we. Dogs have their rights. They have no right in the drawing-room. They have no right in their master's rooms to the exclusion of the baby.

Cats have their rights, but they have no right to be objects of idolatry.

Horses have their rights, but when a whole people goes mad over a horse race, that people has gone to the Devil.

They will drink the cup of devils on the night after the horses run for the prize cup.

Horse-Worship in Australia.

In Australia, that sunny land, horses flourish and

are magnificent. Horses there can live out all the year through and never go into a stable, except as they are brought in for cleaning.

In that climate, so comfortable for horses and their development, the most of the people in the great cities have become horse-worshippers. In the City of Melbourne, with a population of over half a million, sometimes 200,000 people will be gathered at one time upon the race course.

It is said that oftentimes more than ten millions of pounds—that is \$50,000,000—will be lost in one race, and as many as ten millions of dollars will be spent on wine and women and dissipation during one meeting.

We see in these colonies of Australia the horrible thing of equine worship; literally equine worship. Men who have abandoned their wives and families regard horses.

Men worship horses and bet upon them in admiration of their qualities, who will steal to get the money to do it with, robbing the widow and the fatherless.

When the Melbourne Cup is run for, it is a scene when the Cup of Devils is triumphant.

I say these things to you because I want you to realize that while the Covenant extends to the lower creatures, you are to carefully remember there must be no animal worship.

Animal worship is only one of the powerful forms of heathenism. In Egypt the bull was the first personification of a god. The highest form of god known to them became incarnated in the bull.

You will notice that word bull is just the word Baal with a slight difference in spelling. It is the same thing. The worship of Baal was simply another form of the worship of the reproductive powers of nature in the sun-god. It is the most hellish, filthy form, therefore, of a disgusting thing; idol worship. The worship of Aphrodite by the Greeks and Venus by the Romans, horrible as it was, was not to be compared to the worship of Baal.

Into such worship the children of Israel had gone when Freemasonry was triumphant in the days of Elijah.

The Shedding of Blood

As we study this Covenant, we certainly are stronger in standing upon the ground of not shedding blood.

We know that to eat blood is sin. Not only did God say to Noah, "the blood which is the life thereof shall ye not eat but in the first Council of the Christian Church held in Jerusalem, which considered such matters, the apostles dealt with the decree to be sent to all the nations of earth commanding to "abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication."

This Covenant which God made extended to animal creatures.

I do not say that you have not right to kill anything and eat it. Yet I do say that the animals which can be killed and eaten are few. There are animals, and fish, and fowls which it is simply doing the Devil's own will to touch or eat.

"Their flesh ye shall not eat, their carcasses ye shall not touch," rang out in the Moasic Dispensation. It rang out in all the ages. Christ denounced and destroyed the swine.

The Sin of Blood-Eating

Great care must be taken. Zion must stand by the principle that whatever flesh is eaten, must be flesh which is permissible, and that the blood shall never be eaten. To eat it is wickedness; it is sin.

If you eat the blood of the brute and be like it, you will be as the prize-fighters are. They love to eat blood, and they become like the brute. The longer I live, the more I am inclined to believe that you should have less and less to do with flesh as food. I do not say you should avoid it altogether.

Today I have taken no meat, although I have had a very long day of labor, and a very long night of labor. I intensely enjoyed fruit and cereals and just a little fish. That has all been appropriate and assimilated and I am employing it now. (Laughter.)

The appropriation and assimilation of food is an extremely important matter.

If you have not a good digestive apparatus, you will not be much of a preacher; you will not be much of a teacher; you will not impress humanity much. Humanity has only to look at you and say "Ah, that is a dyspeptic. That person has no religion but a liver out of order."

Of all the creatures whom I do not care to see, are persons who have asthenic diseases which have succeeded in reducing them to asthenic shadows and skeletons.

Be careful. "Eat that which is good." Let your soul delight itself in fatness;" There is no delight in leanness. Be rich. Let your blood be rich, but let it be clean. The more blood you have in your brain, if it is clean, the larger will be your thinking capacity.

You may think that you can think better when you fast. If you keep on fasting, the machinery in your brain will work at a terrific speed until it runs down and lands you in insanity.

When you can think with out being the victim of a brain which is working at a terrific rate, you will have the power God gives you to think quietly, to think carefully, to think with an all-around view of things, which will give you consideration for others who do not think as you do, and while you strike the wrong, will give you love and make you very patient with the wrongdoer. When anybody does me a wrong in attacking me publicly, I usually have two thoughts concerning it.

My first impulse is laughter. I do not always laugh aloud, but, as the Quakers say, I laugh inside.

The next thing I think is, "How wicked to lie about me as they do; to make me out an enemy of God, when I am God's servant all the time, toiling and living for Him; willing to die for Him." I begin to think how serious it is. Their lies are an incitement to wicked men to commit murder.

A man might be kidnaped in this city, and taken up to some lodge room, and who would know he was there?

These rooms are never inspected. They are not inspected any more than nunneries are inspected. Who knows who are inside of nunneries?

You will have to fight out in the light. Fight for

God to establish His Kingdom. Study the Everlasting Covenant which God has given here. Remember that the great purpose of God in Zion is to establish the Covenant: to let men know that they are under the Covenant, and to let animals know they are under the Covenant.

Animals Realize That They are Under the Covenant When Well Treated.

How well a horse knows that he is under the Covenant when he belongs to a kind Christian man.

The horse comes up and rubs its head against its owner, who loves it.

We have two little horses over at Ben MacDhui. They would run all around the place for my daughter, because she carries around sugar for them. They know it. She has apples for them, and they know it.

Let your kindness and love extend to them without worship or without putting them in your heart.

Above all things, remember that the first Covenant continues to be the Covenant of Salvation. It is not a Covenant for one particular man or one particular woman. It is a Covenant for all men.

God will ultimately triumph over all.

Get that established. God will win.

Jesus said, "I, If I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Myself."

I am glad that we can pray with confidence for the establishment of this Covenant extending "to the whole creation," which "groaneth and travileth in pain until now."

I am glad that in Zion we can teach you how to pray with confidence for that. The vilest may yet be saved.

Nothing that God has made shall ever be finally lost. "The Times of the Restoration of All Things, whereof God spake by the mouth of His holy prophets which have been since the world began," will continue to come.

Man But a Little Lower Than God.

I am so thankful that although we do not yet see all

things put under Him, we see Jesus crowned with glory and honor, made a little lower than God. We see man but a little lower than God. The words in the eighth Psalm are not "Thou has made him (man) a little lower than the angels," but the Revised reading is the correct reading: "Thou hast made him but little lower than God, and crowned him with glory and honor."

The next creature to God on this earth is man.

Keep thinking. Keep praying. Watch and pray. Get the Covenant. See how far it reaches. See how Christ only makes it clearer and more beautiful and establishes it.

May God establish Zion as a home for His Covenant, that His people may find a refuge in Zion and realize that the Covenant means Salvation, and Healing, and Holy Living.

May He bless you.

You who are in Zion should consider it a Divine favor to be here at the beginning of things, and that God should see in you that you are really trusting Him, and that you are consecrating your all to God, and that you are coöperating with Zion, with every Divine power that God gives you.

The man who keeps back from God and from Zion anything now, is not worthy of the Kingdom. I should think if the Lord came, that such a person would have to be left behind with the foolish virgins.

He is not prepared. He will not be among the wise.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, command Thy blessing upon Zion College. Bless this talk today in the days to come, when our voice shall no more speak on earth. Preserve every good thing which is worth preserving. Bless these young men and women, that they may be pure in spirit, soul and body; that all their increase may be such as God shall bless, and that they shall be spiritually very fruitful. May they be a blessing to Zion, and to all the lands wither they shall go in the coming time, for Jesus' sake.

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