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"JESUS THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD STRAIGHTEN OUT THE
WORLD"
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Thank you, Melvin!

The signs of the times are upon us, because the hearts of men are turning towards ungodliness. Today, there is an unbelievable amount of turmoil all over the world, brought on by man's hate, greed, and desire for supreme power. Therefore, it is more important than ever to seek and find Jesus. I pray that my sermon, entitled, "**JESUS THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD STRAIGHTEN OUT THE WORLD**," will give you the opportunity to consider what Jesus has to offer you, if you will but hear His voice. I caution you, don't reject the Word of God, and above all, don't reject the Lord. Hopefully, in due time, others will be able to see Jesus in you, rather than merely, you in you. Always bear in mind, many are called, but few are chosen. If you want to spend eternity in Paradise with the Lord, then you want to be among the chosen. Let us begin with the sermon.

What is the greatest thing that could happen to the world? Someone will say, "Oh, if we could only have world peace, that would be the best thing that could happen to the world. Then our finest men would not be giving their lives on the battlefields of the world, then we can use the billions that we spend on defense and war for the benefit of mankind."

Yes, that would be a wonderful thing. Someone else would say, "Oh, if we could only supply the physical needs of men all over the world, that would be great. Today millions live in poverty; millions go to bed hungry and homeless every night. Just picture the local street people, the local beach people, etc. who go from street to street, from beach to beach to find shelter for the night. If we could supply them with good affordable houses and good clothes and good food, that would be wonderful." Still, someone else might say, "Oh, if we could only find a cure for cancer and the other diseases that cuts people down, that would be great."

Indeed, it would be wonderful for every day we hear of many fine people succumbing to familiar and new diseases. Someone else would say, "Oh, if we could settle racism and get rid of communism and let all men live together as brothers, that would be awesome!" But the greatest thing that could happen to the world would be for Jesus to return. He would solve all of our problems, He would straighten out the world, He would give us an era of peace, plenty and prosperity.

Now as I speak of His coming, I want to make these points from the infallible Word of God. (1) The proof of His coming is found in the Bible. The Bible is God's Word to man. If you believe in the Bible you must believe that Jesus is coming again. The Old Testament is full of this truth. In the Old Testament there are two lines of prophecy concerning Christ's coming to the world. The first tells us of His first coming as a suffering Saviour. We read

Isa. 53:5, "But he was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Now picture Him in the Garden of Gethsemane praying and sweating great drops, as if blood. We read in Luke 22:42-44, "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

Yes, picture Jesus giving His back to the smiters, the bloody welts forming, the blood flowing down to His garments, but most of all, Him on the cross of Calvary, bleeding His life away for us and enduring the most excruciating pain imaginable. All this is a fulfillment of the first line in the Old Testament. The second line of prophecy in the Old Testament concerns His coming in glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. As we read the prophecies, we find that a mighty Conqueror is coming in great majesty and power. This is exactly the opposite of His coming as a great Suffering Servant.

The first line of prophecy portrays His first coming, when He suffered and died for our sins. The second line of prophecy portrays Him coming as the great God of heaven and earth. We read John 1:11-12, "He came unto his own, and His own received Him not." The first "His own" is neuter, and speak of His own possessions, including the Jewish People. Then, the second "His own," received Him not; that is, through their leaders they officially rejected the Lord Jesus Christ as their King. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

Why didn't His people receive Him? Over the centuries they had looked forward to the coming of the Messiah, they had talked about it, sung about it, longed for it, prayed for it. Why didn't they receive Him when He did come? It was because they were looking at only one line of prophecy. They expected Him to come as a conquering King, Who would throw off the yoke of Rome and set up again the kingdom of Israel in all the glory that was theirs during the Golden Age of King David. They neglected the first line of prophecy, even as many people today neglect the second line.

Thus, when He came to suffer and die, as the poorest of the poor and the humblest of the humble, His people did not recognize nor receive Him. Paul tells us in I Cor. 2:8, "Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." But today we stand on this side of Calvary, and as we study Bible prophecy, we are looking for Him to come as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. We are not looking for a humble person to come and die on the cross, but we are "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" as found in Titus 2:13.

If you want positive proof of His coming, just read the New Testament and this great truth will leap out at you. It is mentioned 318 times in the New Testament. Many today do not believe on the second coming of Jesus in clouds of glory. The Lord said that in the latter days scoffers would arise who would mock the idea of the Lord's return. We read II Peter 3:3-4, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their

own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

The thought of the scoffers is this: "Since He has not yet come back to this earth, we do not believe His coming at all." But God's Word is still true, and in it are many promises concerning the second coming of Christ. (2) The plan of His coming: There are really two phases of His coming, in fact, two separate comings. Yes, the Lord Himself will break through the blue skies, leave heaven and come back for His own: Those who are water-washed, blood-washed, spirit-filled and walking in the light.

First, Jesus will come in the air. At that time, He will not alight upon this earth and will come thusly for a special purpose. We read I Thess. 4:13-18, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." An observation I would like to insert here is that (some of the true born again Christians had died, and their friends feared they would be overlooked and miss their rewards at the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, Paul therefore explained that: (1) all Saints who sleep in Jesus will rise first; and (2) all living Saints will be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air: this event is known as the "Rapture." It will be the First Resurrection.)

Continuing with the scriptures, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (Go before) them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

And these are very comforting words for this present time in which we live. Can any words be plainer than these? It is not hard to understand that Jesus is coming in the air for His own. It is Jesus that is coming not another. We read Acts 1:9-11, "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

This same Jesus shall come again in the same way that He went away. He went away in His glorified body. He will return in His glorified body. He went away as a Person. He will return as a Person. He was seen ascending. He will be seen descending. He was taken up in the clouds. He will return in the clouds. When He returns angels and believers of all ages will be with Him.

The number one priority for every true born-again Christian today is to be witnessing, watching and praying until He comes. He could come at any minute. At any minute we

might hear the shout, the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of the Lord and the three words, "Come up Hither!" When you ask people, "Do you think Jesus will come back today?" They reply, "We think not." But Jesus tells us in Matt. 24:44, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

The conditions of the world is worsening, and I believe that His coming is near. Time has already run out, there is no more time left. We read Matt. 24:6-8, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: (according to one magazine, there are about 40 wars going about in the world today, not including drug wars.) see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: (isn't it happening right now in or close to our own backyard: black against whites, whites against blacks; and nations who used to be friends or allies fighting against each other) and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers place. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

All over the world, people and children are dying of starvation; speaking of pestilences, we seem to have a number of them, the major and formidable one today being "AIDS." And there have been earthquakes everywhere, the last on Kobe, Japan, a major one, resulting in loss of lives and properties. Thus, we see there is nothing but catastrophe and destruction all over the face of the earth. All these are the beginning of sorrows. If these are the beginning of sorrows, I don't want to be around when the Great Tribulation comes.

Yes, there are bloodsheds and violence all over the world. Sin, graft, riots, arsons, hi-jackings, car-jackings, bombs, and lootings are among the evils that are happening in our own country. Who can straighten it all out? The President can't do it. Congress can't do it, the United Nations can't do it. It will take more than a Superman to do it, it will take a Supernatural Man to do it. And that man is the Lord Jesus Christ! He is the only One who can straighten out the world.

As I look at the conditions that exist in the world, I don't see how things can go on as they are much longer. The Lord will have to come back to straighten out the world. But before He comes back, we must straighten out ourselves first! "How?" You ask. You do it simply by being born of water and of the Spirit. There are many today who live good, clean lives. They serve well in civic duties; they are honest in business; they are kind to their loved ones; they even go to church and are faithful in their tithes and offerings. But let me tell you, that is not enough! You can't rest your hope of entering heaven upon your goodness or works. We read in Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast."

We know that Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, and the Lord spoke to Nicodemus about the new birth. We read John 3:2, "The same came to Jesus by night and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." Nicodemus was not satisfied with the rites and ceremonies in which he participated. Jesus advised him, unless you are born-again, you cannot see the kingdom of God.

Listen to John 3:5, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." To be "born of water" is to be baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ, according to Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." To be "born of the Spirit" means to speak in an unknown tongue or language, which is the Bible's way of proving the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus used the word "born," Nicodemus could think of nothing but a physical birth. Thus he questioned, "How can these things be? I am an old man, can I go back into my mother's womb the second time and be born? With all his religious background, we can see that Nicodemus didn't understand spiritual truths. The second birth is a spiritual birth. We find that baptism is essential to salvation and Jesus confirms this in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Acts 4:12 declares, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Yes, God has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name. And that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow. This has not come to pass, but it will surely happen when Christ comes again to rule and reign. First, He comes in the air to rapture the saints, dead and living, into heaven. At the Judgment Seat He will judge every Christian's works and hand them their rewards. Paul tells us in II Cor. 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

During this time, the Tribulation Period or Jacob's Seven Years of Trouble will take place on earth. We read Matt. 24:21, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." As the title implies, it will be a time of great trouble and distress, but true born-again Christians will not be here, they'll be gone up to be with the Lord. We read I Thess. 5:9-10, "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him."

On His succeeding return, He will not stop in the air, but will come down to earth and His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives as we read in Zechariah 14, "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, and the Lord shall come, and all the saints with thee." (3) What is the purpose of His coming? Why will He come in the air? First, He will come to raise up all those, who sleep in Jesus, be it from their graves, from the bottom of the sea, from the sands of the desert, etc. Jesus' favorite word is "Come." Maybe that is what He will shout when He comes! And as those bodies rise up to meet Him, they will not be as they were when they died.

No, those diseased, broken, emaciated and/or, aged bodies will be transformed into His own glorious likeness. We read Phil. 3:21, "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

Yes, Jesus will change our worthless or human body, so that we will be perfect and live forever. Jesus performed many wonder working miracles while He was here on earth, but when He changes all, who were sorry sinful human beings into His own glorious likeness, when they are made like Himself, that will be the greatest miracle of all. When a Saint dies his body is buried in the ground, but his soul and spirit, his real self, goes up to be with the Lord.

Paul said, in II Cor. 5:8, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." He also said in Phil. 1:23, "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better." He was simply bearing out a truth, that the soul and body are separated at death, with the soul and spirit going on to be with Jesus. When Jesus returns, He will bring our spirits, our souls with Him. He will raise up our bodies; soul and body will be joined again and then, and not until then, will we be complete in Him.

Next, when He emerges in the air, He will catch up all living Christians to be with Him. They will not go through the experience of death. Some may be in the church, some may be at home, some may be at work, some may be asleep. But wherever they may be, they will be snatched up from the world like an eagle snatches up its prey and carries it to the heights. No one will be left. All will go up to meet the Lord and their loved ones in the air. And as they go up, they, too, will be transformed into His glorious likeness.

You see, the tribulation period is coming to this world. All the wars, bloodshed, troubles, accidents, earthquakes, tornadoes and sorrows of this present age will not compare with that period. God does not want His people to suffer these things, therefore, He will take them up to be with Him. Isn't that wonderful and awesome? And finally (4) We prepare by coming to Him for full and free salvation. There is only one way to be saved and that is through "repentance toward God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."

When Jesus arrives in the air and when the trumpet sounds, there'll be no more opportunities for anyone to be saved. When Paul came to the end of the way, he said, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:6-8).

Are you ready to meet Jesus in the air? It won't happen if you do not first meet Him here on earth. We prepare by living consecrated Christian lives. The Bible says that if a man has this hope, he purifies himself. Since chances are such, that we may meet Him at any minute, we should straighten out our lives and cast aside everything that would be wrong in His sight.

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