

**TELECAST SERMON FOR
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"HAVE WE LOST SIGHT OF HEAVEN?"
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Thank you Melvin,

We all need comfort, strength, guidance, wisdom, and solutions to the many and unending problems we encounter in our daily lives. What better way to address our human perplexities, than by seeking and turning to Jesus, our Lord and Savior, to fulfill those needs!

I thank you for joining us in today's telecast. I sincerely pray, the Lord will touch your hearts, and the sermon I have readied for this telecast and entitled: **"HAVE WE LOST SIGHT OF HEAVEN?,"** will be that important step in the right direction, which you seek.

Heaven becomes the final destination for everyone who has been born again of water and of the Spirit. The Bride of Christ will enter heaven through the Translation and will forever be with Jesus.

Some will enter through the first resurrection, when the Tribulation period is completed, making them palm wavers. After that the earth and sea will give up their dead to be judged by Jesus for their works at the Great White Throne Judgment.

The faithful should have an overwhelming desire to be found worthy to be part of the translation or rapture as it is most often referred to. Is the rapture possible? By all means, but the participants will be minimal. Let us read in Proverbs 25:7, "For better it is that it be said unto thee, "Come up hither!"

The scripture gives us two examples, which assure us that the rapture will take place. These examples confirm the promise that was made to all believers past, present, or future, and especially for those who are living in the last days.

These symbolize that not only the dead, but more so the living, will be translated, that is, addressed at the first resurrection. Why? It is because He is a God of the living and not of the dead.

As was with Enoch and Elijah, the church is expected to be laboring enthusiastically in promoting His Righteousness and promises. At the beginning of the Old Testament, Enoch was raptured, because his life proved worthy of the reward.

Enoch was blessed and escaped physical and spiritual death because of his faith. Let us read in Hebrews 11:5, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

Midway of the Old Testament, there was an appointed day for Elijah to be caught up into heaven. Elijah did not know when it would take place, but he was given foreknowledge of the event promised to him, likened to the promise of eternal life given to us in "The Gospel."

The scripture tells us that there would be an appointed day when Elijah would be "taken up into heaven by a whirlwind." However, though having knowledge of this heavenly reward, Elijah did not sit back on his laurels, waiting impatiently. Elijah personified what the church should be doing today. Elijah labored intensively preaching until the day arrived.

No one else in the Old Testament has been caught up into heaven! Not even Elisha was raptured. He, being a faithful apprentice with Elijah and who witnessed Elijah's departure into heaven, died of a sickness. However, in his life he labored faithfully, embracing the promise that he too would be raptured.

The problem with many believers today is that perhaps they have lost sight or have gotten off track regarding heaven. Believers must be mindful of the fact that entrance into heaven will be restricted. Bearing that thought in mind, they should not take their salvation for granted.

After being expelled from the Garden of Eden, a flaming sword prevented Adam and Eve from reentering the Garden of Eden. The flaming sword is the Word of God. Likened to a two edged sword, the Word of God serves a dual purpose. First it will prevent sin and unrighteousness from entering, and second, it prepares believers for a safe and assured passage.

The promise Jesus left every born again Christian is that He will return in like manner. When Jesus does return to assemble the members that make up His body, will you be ready to meet Him? The Bible tells us that the key to the Kingdom of God is the name of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit inspired the authors of the New Testament. They were holy and God fearing men. In other words these men were Spirit directed. The Holy Spirit granted them the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding needed to scribe the message that was necessary for all of mankind to hear and acknowledge.

For nearly 2000 years people, nations, and governments have tried to understand who Jesus is. Some thought of Him as a prophet, similar to those of the Old Testament. Such was the case when Jesus discussed the subject with the disciples, while on the coast of Caesarea Philippi.

Others believed that He was just one of many paths that eventually led to the Kingdom of God. However, very few believed and accepted that Jesus was the Son of God, the Son of Man, and God in the flesh in the person of Jesus Christ.

Let us read in Luke 4:16-21, "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for

to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

The council that assembled in the synagogue on that day was, indeed, blessed with the presence of God. They were, no doubt, amazed at the words, which Jesus spoke. Previous signs and wonders that were performed at His hand confirmed every word He spoke.

Thus, the statement Jesus made was plain and precise. He was the promised Messiah, the Hope of Israel, and the One to whom they looked and prayed to for deliverance and salvation.

Jesus preached, "The time is now!" Today is the day of salvation, if you will hear My voice. "The Gospel of Jesus Christ" is the only key to the kingdom of God. It is simple in nature and in content, though its origin is of God, and His understanding is unsearchable.

"The Gospel" does not favor any one race or culture, because in the eyes of God, all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God. The Lord is not a respecter of persons. Jew or Gentile, bond or free, male or female, everyone must acknowledge, and repent of their sins and come to accept Jesus Christ, as their personal Savior and Lord.

Through the test of time, and through the efforts of Spirit filled and conscientious Pastors, "The Gospel" has maintained its integrity and remains intact, as it was on the first day it was preached by Jesus because of God-fearing and Holy Ghost inspired pastors.

The gospel is good news that Jesus saves, Jesus heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and Jesus is coming soon.

On a particular night, a dramatic change took place within the heart of a God fearing man. His name was Nicodemus, and he was by profession, a Pharisee. He learned how traditions, or a person's religion, could not save him.

However, in the gospel of Jesus Christ, eternal life and incorruptibility of this human body was brought to knowledge and made achievable.

Let us read in John 3:5, "Jesus answered, 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."

There is only one explanation to this scripture, which is a quote from verse 7, "Ye must be born again." Water baptism resembles the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Baptism was never omitted from salvation, and in the Lord's eyes, it continues to remain an integral part in his plan of salvation.

Over a period of time, baptism has been omitted or made into an option, a convert can choose or not choose. In my opinion, when there is an absence of the Holy Ghost, there is also an absence of righteousness, discipline, wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Jesus tells us in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

Turning to I Peter 3:21, we read, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

I cannot over emphasize the point that faith and obedience are required to have our souls saved from the consequences of sin. The New Testament reinforces this statement, as it tells us, that faith without works is dead, and further more, without faith it is impossible to please the Lord.

It is unfortunate that this world will remain unsaved due to its negligence and ignorance. Paul concluded the Jews as being unsaved because of their lack of knowledge.

The Pharisees continued to object to the baptism of repentance by John the Baptist. Because they refused to be baptized, they lacked faith, foresight, and understanding. Salvation has been simplified for our sake. No longer do we have to celebrate feasts, or offer sacrifices for sin. All that is required is to turn to Jesus Christ and keep His commandments.

To reinforce this point, let us read of Naaman. Naaman of II Kings chapter 5 desired to be healed from his leprosy. We will find in this passage, how the opportunity to be saved is set before us and is readily accessible.

What will be learned is that we can become a hindrance to ourselves, by failing in faith, and obedience. The absence of humility will also prevent the eyes from seeing the simplicity of "The Gospel."

Naaman had an arrogant heart. He desired to do some great thing, and preferred the rivers of his homeland than the river Jordan. However, the healing he greatly desired was conditional. Elijah told him to go and dip himself seven times in the river Jordan, and he would be completely healed.

Upon hearing the instructions, he staunchly objected, and offered every reason why he need not go to Jordan. After being convinced by his servants, who lived insignificant lives, finally Naaman, went to Jordan and was healed.

Though to some faiths and doctrines, baptism appears to be insignificant and non-essential to salvation, it nevertheless remains an integral function in making one's peace with the Lord. In essence it is an act of faith, confirmed with works. If Naaman did not humble himself and follow God's instructions, he would not have been healed.

If we do not acknowledge ourselves as sinners, we would never come to Jesus. Therefore, if we do not humble ourselves and follow the path and pattern set by the Lord, we cannot and will not be saved. Mark tells us, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Thus, the simplicity of "The Gospel" confounds the wise, and brings an end to their profound wisdom.

On Pentecost, the Apostle Peter revealed the keys to the kingdom of God. Let us read in Acts 2:37, "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" In Acts 2:38 it reads, "Then Peter said unto them, 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."

Yes, the scriptures found in John 3:5, Acts 2:38 and Matthew 28:19, compliment each other. They all say the same thing, that ye must be born of water and of the spirit, calling upon the name Jesus.

Have you ever asked yourself, what could have generated such a huge response on this phenomenal day of Pentecost? After all, the words, which Peter spoke, caused three thousand souls to be saved; that is, they were baptized in the name of Jesus. Ask yourself, what did they see? What did they hear? What did they feel, that could have moved so many souls to repentance?

We read in Acts 2:11-12, & 21, "...We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying to one another, what meaneth this? And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

What they saw and heard on that designated day was something new and marvelous. God manifested His glory in a manner never seen since the days of the prophets. What they witnessed of the Holy Ghost was never seen before. Additionally, they heard out of the mouths of these impoverished Galileans, in the numerous native tongues residing in Jerusalem, the wonderful works of God.

We read on in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

Yes, Jesus was given a name that ranked higher than all the names of the earth. He was given a name at which every knee would bow. He was given a name that at the mention of

it the devils would fear and tremble. Thus, calling on the name of Jesus in water baptism removes the barrier, which stands between man and God.

Let us turn to and read II Corinthians 6:1-2, "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation!"

Yes, I encourage you to seize the moment of grace. Time is short, and Jesus is coming soon!

Believers have so much to look forward to. The Lord will bring with Him new heavens and a new earth wherein dwells righteousness. In the process, our bodies will undergo a change and will be likened to that of an angel. However, in heaven the Bride of Christ will be superior to them. In heaven, the causes of that bring about death, pain and sorrow will be no more and non-existent.

At present, there is no bodily form dwelling in heaven, with the exception of Jesus Christ. Enoch and Elijah rest in the bosom of Abraham, that is the promise, waiting for the day when Spirit, soul and body will be reunited with Jesus. Jesus, when He ascended into heaven, He did so with a glorified body.

Let us read in I Corinthians 15:47-53, "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

One of the answers that Jesus gave to a society that preferred to ridicule the doctrine, rather than to believe in it, was that in heaven everything will be different. Mankind, earth, and heaven will not be the same as we experience it today. Everything will be made better.

Paul attempts to explain the change that takes place at Jesus' return. Paul carefully differentiates the earthy man and the heavenly man. The earthy man meaning man, who desires to live in sin, and the heavenly man, a man who has been delivered from sin, by being born again.

The earthy man lusts for the things of the world, whereas the heavenly man prefers the things that come from above and desires to be with Jesus. The earthy man does what

seems right in his own eyes, whereas the heavenly man desires to have his name listed amongst the saved in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The scripture also reveals that we cannot enter into the presence of God the way we are. Physically speaking, flesh and blood cannot enter heaven. Paul used this analogy to make the point clear; the perverseness and wickedness of man will not be rewarded with eternal life.

Paul was excited about the anticipated change as many of the faithful were at the very moment. Thus, when Paul said, "We shall not all sleep, but shall be changed," he was tremendously inspired by the promises of God. The fate of man, that is, physical death, and spiritual death, as well as eternal separation from Jesus did not deter Paul's faith at all.

Paul knew that physical death was no respecter of persons! Death is not avoided by the way we live, or by what we have achieved in this life. The rich the poor, great and small, man and woman has been destined to suffer physical and spiritual death.

Solomon in all his wisdom, concluded that everything in life is vanity. Solomon resolved that since we will all meet the same end, that is, death, mankind should realize that fearing God, and keeping His commandments is a much better way of living.

The apostle spoke of the transition into and in the manner it would take place. First it would be when the Lord sounded the call. For the believer, the words, "Come up Hither," are very much anticipated. What was once considered a mystery in ages past, is now being revealed through a mouthpiece inspired by the Holy Ghost.

The rapture will take place instantly and unbeknownst to the world and its unbelief. It is described as happening in the twinkling of an eye! Great events will take place. Graves will be opened and give up the saved, who have died, embracing the promises. These are the corruptible donning incorruption in the transition.

The saved that are laboring upon the earth will be translated after them, with both parties of saints meeting the Lord in the air. Those who are alive and laboring in the vineyard until day's end, are what Paul referred to as mortals who are donning immortality. In the end, death is conquered and the saints live on forever with Jesus!

The description of heaven given by John the Beloved in the book of Revelation is food for the soul. His experience continues to inspire believers to live a life upon this earth that will be rewarded with eternal life when Jesus returns. Jesus said, "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved!"

Paul also was privileged to view Paradise. His description of Paradise could not be put into words. As eloquent a speaker as Paul was, he admitted how the revelation of heaven to him was so wonderful that no words that he could ever utter would do justice in describing heaven. He just knew that it was wonderful, magnificent, and it was beyond words and something to look forward to!

Jesus ministered to His disciples for a period of 40 days, following His resurrection from the dead, and then was caught up into heaven from the Mount of Olives. As He was being caught up, His arms were outstretched and spoke in tongues as He ascended.

This was a blessing upon them, and their first experience with the manifest of the Holy Ghost. A greater blessing was in store for them, as they waited for the Day of Pentecost.

The church cannot afford to waver in doctrine, in ordinance, in the Word of God and in spirit, in the last days. Let us read of the negative influence the word ridicules the church with.

Let us turn to and read II Peter 3:1-4, "This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior:

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?..."

Peter spoke with confidence, knowing how easy it was for the believers to be led astray. He did not want any of the saved to be lured back into sin. After all, what kept him humble was a most regrettable experience, when he denied the Lord.

He did not want the same thing to happen to any members of the church, but wanted them to serve the Lord with purity, sincerity, and honesty and reap the promise given to the church.

He also assured them, regardless of the false teachers and destructive heresies. As believers, we must put everything in perspective. Time will run out, and Jesus will bring everything to a timely end.

Knowing this, we must live in the Spirit of the Lord right up until the very day when he returns in clouds of glory. Jesus' return is true, and He is coming soon.

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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