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NO NIGHT IN HEAVEN

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INTRODUCTION:

We have gone through the solemn thought of the "night scenes" of the Bible, and this is our last and final sermon -- "No Night In Heaven".

I feel like Longfellow when he wrote -

" Listen my children
And ye shall hear
Of the midnight ride
Of Paul Revere. "

On the 18th of April in '75. He went on to tell about that midnight ride.
Now since February, on each Sunday evening, I have brought to you prayerfully out of my heart something of the night time lessons and instructions, and voices that we experience in the secret places of darkness. We began with the last night at Sodom and the destruction of those cities. We followed Jacob at Bethel. And the angels came down from the Heavens and visited. We discussed the passover moon. As the Israelites crossed the Red Sea at night. We visited with Saul in the witches cave under darkness. When we talked about the demons of darkness. We followed David to his camp by the Jordan, as he fled from the rebellious in his nation. We looked upon Elijah as he was on the mountain and wishing for death to take away the darkness. We went to the wild night party when Belshazzar, who should have known better, fell along with his nation. In the night conference of Nicodemus, we listen to the words of our Lord, you must be born again. In the prison the angel visited at night and touched Peter and set him free. We followed the night of the denial. As that man who was strong turned against his Lord. We went to the midnight scene in the dungeon at Philippi where praises and prayer were offered. We traveled across the high seas in the shipwreck, that Paul and his companions suffered. Last Sunday night, following

The Night of Agony sermon, we studied the treasures of night. Now all of these scenes of earth and of night brought to us some manifestation of divine glory and of human weakness, pain, and sorrow. We learned a great deal from these lessons.

I wish tonight, that I might connect some wires of Heaven. I believe if I could we would sing the Doxology, and the Hallelujah Chorus.

Now we know that you never saw a bird sit up in a tree with a notebook in front of him to sing the praises of God. When the morning light comes and the glory of the East arrives, he just faces it and sings his song instinctively. When the North wind blows he follows the sun to the South. You never saw a bird consult a guidebook when he gets ready to migrate. You never saw him look for signboards and say, this way to Florida. No, when he gets ready to spread his wings, he is gone.

21:25
22:5
Now God has given us a book, a guidebook, and in this blessed word - he tells us to walk herein. And here is a marvelous truth - no night in Heaven. Just think about that.

I desire for us tonight to look at this under two heads. First, the dominations of earth. And second, the distinctions of Heaven.

I. THE DOMINATIONS OF EARTH 21:4

Let us think about these things that are dominate down here on earth. There is a moon to shine at night and a sun to shine at day. And life is sweet and pleasant. But when we behold this dismal word. And we think of it, then we think of Heaven - we cannot help but make a contrast. Every day of toil, along the weary path of life, every sore conflict with the trials and the temptations of the world. Every burden of earthly care and responsibility, speak to us that we would like to see a place of rest.

While we are engaged by our hands in all the things of securing the most permanent and desirable residence in this world, we give little heed to the word that tells us this earth has no home for the weary soul.

But you let poverty sweep away your possessions like the whirlwind sweeps away the leaves in the Autumn. Let misfortune make you without a house or a home in the wide world, then you will listen with tearful eyes to the words of Jesus - "In my father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

If you put forth all your effort and pour all your hopes in an endeavor to stay as long as you possibly can in this world, and to enjoy the pleasures to the utmost degree, you will take little interest in anything that will be said about a blessed life beyond the grave.

All of your experiences have been in the pursuit of earthly happiness. This has failed. All of your expectations have come to naught. Affliction follows affliction. Until this wide world scene is like a place of work and death.

With all of our studies of the night scenes of the Bible, there is no word that gives us full meaning like Heaven. That is ascribed to the blessed state of something enduring and satisfying - that is most pure. Excellent in character. Where the occupation of Heaven is endless praise. Where the possessions of Heaven are infinite glory and riches. The character of Heaven is perfect love, holiness. These things we can only have in part in this present world.

(What are) That is why the dominations of the things of this earth. We have little perception.

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-1- To see the things that smite us with a dreadful curse. It speaks with thunder to us and it flames up like a fire. Plagues of infection all over this earth. Every field where the footsteps of man has trod, we find bloodshed. There is the grim shadow of fear and death, upon every path. Divine revelation tells us much of the future and the

better life when it says that in Heaven there shall be no more curse.

21:4
2 This world is under domination of death. The history of the past is a record of triumph of the king of terrors. And in all lands, the (departed) outnumber the living. All who are alive now will soon go with bitter pains to that terrible place of agony and become a part of the population of the tomb. There is no pathway of life where the destroyer may not be met at any moment. There is no home from which the grim shadow of death can be shut out. We think the blossom of youth, the strength of manhood, the glory of age, all of these will wither like a flower when the frost comes.

But the divine promise says, in Heaven there is no more death.

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3 The domination of tears - the language of the poets have decribed it. We will have a smile on our face and then there are tears. The changes and the sorrows of human life on this earth - we are creatures that weep. And this tells us much about what John saw in Heaven. God's own hand shall wipe away all tears.

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4 The domination of pain and suffering. In every human family, there is some face, some shadow of sickness that has passed. In every company of human beings, there are those who carry the weight of suffering and pain. They are bent with the burdens that are heavy. And this is a sign of the decay that must destroy us at last. Every pain stricken nerve in our bodies - every suffering faculty of our minds, the blessed God assures us - that in Heaven, no more pain. Dominated by imperfection. The best people in this world tonight that you know have many faults. The clearest mind only sees through a glass darkly. The purest heart is not without spot. All the transactions of business, of society, and of conduct are sad.

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Every heart has its grief. Every house has its skeleton. Every character is marred with weakness and imperfection. All of this helps us to understand how much

Now the dominations of the things of earth are terrific. But let us come now to our next point.

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I said we won't need Thomas Edison - or have
I raised him from the dead & he is objecting!
There's Power in this sermon!! (Response Tremulous)*

II. DISTINCTIONS OF HEAVEN

There are some distinct features of the city that are mentioned here in the book of Revelation. And of course our text says the great difference that sets it apart from earth - one of the tremendous distinctions will be there shall be no night. Night being an emblem of the reality of darkness and the mystery of gloom - that in the Heavenly state there is a time coming when there will be no more night. The things that baffle us here will be done away with.

We cannot remember the half of what our life was yesterday. We do not know what it will be tomorrow. We do not think to any purpose that the hours that we spend of our lives - are here in darkness in these mysteries. But all of these discoveries and demonstrations of modern science - Job said to his friends 3,000 years ago - what can we know.

But the most cultivated mind that was studied - the word of God, tells us that we shall walk by faith and not by sight.

And who can possess a human heart. Who has ever studied the dark problems of human destiny without a sense of feeling the heart-break and a longing for light to shine forth. And for a clear day to dawn.

The battles go on from generation to generation. The greatest and the best in the human race. Rage against opposite sides. Both parties arm themselves with mighty arguments and proofs without gaining a victory. And who can thoughtfully

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Shall o'er that glorious landscape ever come;
No tears shall fall in sadness o'er those flowers
That breathe their fragrance through celestial bowers.

" No night shall be in heaven: forbidd to sleep,
These eyes no more their mournful vigils keep;
Their fountains dried, their tears are all laid away,
They gaze undazzled on eternal day.

" No night shall be in heaven: no sorrow reign,
No secret anguish, no corporeal pain,
No shivering limbs, no burning fever there,
No soul's eclipse, no winter of despair.

" No night shall be in heaven, but endless noon;
No fast declining sun, no waning moon;
But there the Lamb shall yield perpetual light
'Mid pastures green and waters ever bright.

" No night shall be in heaven: no darkened room,
No bed of death, nor silence of the tomb,
But breezes ever fresh with love and truth
Shall brace the frame with an immortal youth.

" No night shall be in heaven. But night is here
The night of sorrow and the night of fear:
I mourn the ills that now my steps attend,
And shrink from others that may yet impend.

" No night shall be in heaven. Oh had I faith
To rest in what the faithful Witness saith,
That faith should make these hideous phantoms flee
And leave no night henceforth on earth to me."

*The Colchian of
Jerome No. 16 of the 18th*

consider a blind and an aimless way without wishing and looking to something that has a distinctiveness about it. And we find it when we look to the truth of the word of God. Our poor human vision. Our feeble capacity to comprehend the evidence. The great mystery comes and says the night will pass away and there will be no more darkness. This is what Heaven is going to be - an eternal ever-lasting light. And the strong hope of reaching that beautiful land at a distant day - gives to us patience and watchfulness for this weary journey.

A world that is dominated by wickedness, trouble, and suffering. We know that we shall live in a land where there is no night. We shall never be weary - no watching because there will be none that will be sick. No terror.

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There is "no night there" = no need for a candle or for the light of the sun. Or for the night of darkness and anguish that many of God's people have known in this poor world. The sufferings. That here will come an age and a day in that home in the city of God. The more I look at this verse, the more I see that it is so plain and so simple. That really there requires little comment if any. But the intensity of this solemn thought of passing to a place where there will be no darkness. This message sinks deeper into our hearts. And therefore I would like you to help me dwell upon this holy thought.

1. just Heaven
It will be lighted directly by the presence and the effulgence of God.

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Chapter 21:11 - The city has the glory of God with a light - like unto the stone, most precious. As it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

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Second, Rev. 21:23 - No need of sun, neither of the moon - for the glory of God did lighten it. For the lamp thereof is the lamb. We are here in the city, walking in the light of God, and the lamb is the lamp and he is the secret source of unspeakable

blessedness.

22:5

Rev. 22:5 - Night, no more. And there is no need of the light of lamp. Neither the sun.

There are three elements here.

1 - First, no more dependence upon creature or mediate light. That is an instrument or a medium of light.

2 - Second, the immediate light is constantly (from) God himself.

3 - Third, their reigning will be forever, as here spoken of.

All men have heard of Edward Gibbon, that noted infidel, historian and writer. At Putney, England, 1737 - because he was expelled from Oxford. And he changed his heart against Protestantism and his belief in God. He wrote the (Decline and Fall of The Roman Empire). He was without hope of eternity. And he offered no line, or word, or suggestion about the reverence of God.

According to an account by Christianity and infidelity - (he died in London in 1794). His last words were " all is now lost. Finally, irrecoverably lost, all is dark and doubtful. " This is the way he went out to meet God under the dominations of this earth.

Very much like Thomas Hobbes, born in Wiltshire, England, and died in 1779. They tell us that he was an (atheist) and when he drew near to death, " I am about to take

a leap in the dark. And these were the last sensible words that he uttered. "I shall be glad to find a hole to creep out of this world of. What a dark dismal way to go out of this world in your heart. In complete darkness, dominated by the evils of this world.

A chaplain in the hospital visiting some people who had been critically wounded in a bad accident on the highway outside of the city, the man and the wife had been brought in. They were in critical condition. As he went into the man's room - he died. He then went across the hall, into the room where the wife lay, and he could see at a glance that she did not have very much longer to stay here. He sat by her bed - and she recovered consciousness, and he told her who he was. She asked about her husband. He told her what he thought would be wisest under the circumstances. Then she looked at him with a searching gaze and said, are you a preacher. He told her that he was. Then she asked him the question which that chaplain could never forget. She said, "will you tell me about what is beyond the sunset."

Now, my friends, I say to you - that there is a great deal beyond the sunset. There is a great life beyond it. You and I must get ready for that life. We must prepare for that journey from earth to Heaven. Now it is not necessary to prepare for the journey from earth to Hell. You can naturally go that way because the soul that sinneth - it shall die. And you have sinned. And all we like sheep have gone astray. And the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all. I don't care how nice you are, how well educated, how cultural, how refined, and how good your connections financially, politically, socially, you are still a sinner. You are still lost. You are doomed. You are still on your way to Hell.

Now Gibbon and the atheist went out into darkness. But this is one of the distinctions of Heaven - there will be no night and we'll recognize one another in glory. Jesus is the one in whom our trust is centered. Our object and our love - and this will mean a reunion with us. And I believe that we shall gather with our loved ones, a symbol there. And moreover he created us in his image. And we rejoice in the fellowship that we have here on this earth. The bonds of love which he has created will continue to exist. For I think the grave will certainly not end our ability to know and to feel. God's Word speaks of a bodily resurrection. According to our faith. I Cor. 15:35-57. The bodies of corruption will be raised in corruption. Dishonor will be changed to glory. Weakness to power. The natural to the spiritual. I Cor. 15:42-44. Here on this earth we bear the image of the earthly. But we shall bear the image of the Heavenly. That is our present body shall be raised in a glorified condition. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Neither corruption. But the transformation of the body will be prepared for the entrance. And so the resurrection of the body will be both different and the same. They will be different in that they are made ready for Heaven. They will be the same because they retain the necessary continuation of personality, to enable us to worship the land and to engage in a service that will be to the praise of Heaven.

Paul says, for our conversation is in Heaven. We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. With all our hearts - when he comes, what will happen to our bodies. Paul says, who will change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his. We will receive our new bodies. Comparable to the body of our resurrected Lord. Was his body recognizeable - on this point, it all depends. Indeed it was recognizeable.

Mary's eyes were blinded by tears and sorrow. She did not know him at first.

The Disciples, their eyes were temporarily holding - they were slow to believe. With that belief and faith, there came recognition. And He was seen 40 days with them

after his resurrection. Our Lord's body was recognized. Our resurrected bodies will be recognizeable too. Now I know in part, then shall I know even as I have also known.

There will be light all around. Grace Davis said of her mother who died in 1898. on the day she died, she prayed, dear Lord, prepare me for the country, to which I am going! And before the close of that day, she had talked about being homesick for Heaven. She spoke to the Doctor. Sometimes my way has seemed dark, but it was like the farris wheel - it always came around to a point of light.

To a young person who had just recently married, she said, you are just beginning life. "It pays to begin right." Everything you do for God is on compound interest. Compound interest - it will be doubly repaid you.

Her favorite words were - surely goodness and mercy shall follow me. And on that night she said, there is light all around me.

Does that not co-incide with our Scripture, no night in Heaven.

Light has always been a problem down here on earth. We've had problems in our cities keeping the light shining.

Isa. 60:19

If the sun and the moon did shine, they would give no added light in the presence of the glory of God. V. 11 - For the glory of God is that light. Their splendor is

simply put to shame by the glory of God, himself. And the lamp bearer is the lamb.

John means to compare Christ to the moon - the lesser light, Gen. 1:16. But that contrast is not necessary as he talks about him as the lamp - Rev. 1:12, 20. No words could more clearly demonstrate the purely spiritual character of John's concept of the New Jerusalem.

Top Lady who died in 1778 at the age of 38, who wrote Rock of Ages, "cleft for me - let me hide my self in thee, let the water and the blood, from the wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, saved from wrath and made me pure."

When Top Lady died, he said bursting into a flood of tears, after glories of God hath manifest to my soul - all is light, light, light. The brightness of his own glory. Oh come, Lord, Jesus - come, come quickly. Then he closed his eyes and he fell asleep. To awaken with others of precious faith on the great day when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with his mighty angels, glorified with his saints, and admired in all them that believe in the land where there shall be no night.

No wonder that great preacher, F. D. Myers went away from home and very ill, he wrote his wife. He had just been told that his hours were numbered. "Maybe before you get this letter, I will be in the palace of the King. Don't bother to write, we will meet in the morning." The great preacher had hope that in the daylight, the sunrise, beyond the sunset.

And this was very much like the experience of Peter Marshall. That all the world has read about. Who told his wife, when he left for the hospital "I will see you in the morning." Yes, in Heaven, there will be no night.

Billy Sunday had a dream. He said, I was carried away to a land where the inhabitants never grow old. A place where there will never be darkness. There will be no night. Jesus is the light. I saw people smile and I saw them moving in joy. I asked, when will the working men go by. With their calloused hands and their empty dinner buckets. As they had labored in dust and toil. And the answer came - we toil not, neither do we sow nor reap in this land. I strolled out to the suburbs and over the hills which would be a fit resting place for the dead to sleep. I looked for monuments, I looked for marble slabs, I looked for tombstones and graves - but saw none. Instead I saw towers and spires. I asked, where do you bury the dead of this great city. Where are the grave diggers. Where are the hearses that haul the dead to the graves.

They replied, we never die in this land.

Again, I asked, where are the hospitals, where you care for the sick. Where are the Doctors and the surgeons who operate. Where are the nurses who come and give medicine for pain. And they answered, we never get sick here - no one ever dies in this land.

Once again, they were asked, where do the poor people live. Where are the homes that have little. Again they answered, there are no poor people in this land. There is no want here. And none are ever hungry.

He said, I was puzzled - he said, I looked and I saw a river. It's waves were breaking against the golden jeweled beaches. I saw ships with sails of pure silk. And the oars were covered with gold and silver.

Suddenly I saw a great multitude which no man could number. Rising out of the

jungles of roses and flowers. And the birds were singing and the voices of the angels were sounding. And I realized that time had ended and that eternity had dawned. And I cried, are all here? And they echoed, yes, all are here.

Wouldn't it be (marvelous) when at last you could get to that home - that home where your friends are. Where those who have gone before you.

On one occasion, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, was traveling with Dr. Lee and they spent the time together in a motel. Dr. Johnson was pastor in St. Louis for many years. And he led the prayer that night and he prayed aloud, this prayer, before they went to bed.

"
Our Father, Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ
Keep me and Bob faithful as we travel life's road
A road that is sometimes rough
May we show faithfulness in all matters
Until we reach the bend of the road, or the end of the road
And see thy house all lite up
And we want to have you welcome us and say
Come in, fellows. "'

Isn't that marvelous. As he prayed, to make that last road and journey and come to the Father's house where it is (all lite up). Everything is lighted, and there will be no night there.

Someone tells a touching story about two children - a girl 12 years old and a boy of 6 - who had lost their mother. They were sent from their home in Europe in care of steamship and railroad companies to join their father who had gone to America to establish a new home for his family. The younger child had made the trip well until they were transferred to the train in New York. Night was coming on, being weary, and missing his mother - he began to cry aloud.

The sister, with a mother's instinct, took her weeping brother in her arms and softly sang to him, a familiar lullaby that he had heard his mother sing many times. As she tucked the blanket around him, she whispered in his ear, the re-assuring words - go to sleep now, this is the last night. When morning comes, we will see father."

How grateful we should be that sometimes the last night will come on this earth for us - in the morning we shall see our Heavenly Father, which shall be an eternal day.

As we turn from the dominations of earth to this wonderful distinction of Heaven, where there shall be no night, I close with this poem whose author I do not know.

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the Bible means. When it speaks of a life without sin, or a home without sorrow, or a place where the defiled are made pure. And the just are made perfect.

There are enemies and dangers in the blackness that dominate this earth. The inhabitants of the oriental city seldom ventured outdoors after dark. Bandits and thugs lurked in the corners. Night was therefore a symbol of wickedness. The streets of the ancient cities served as sewers and a dumping ground for garbage. There was decay and filth. These were evident on every hand and accepted as normal.

But now the Bible tells us that God's presence in Heaven is going to be sacred and it is going to be free from the contaminations that dominate this world. The city of God is going to be free from everything that dominate this city in which you and I live. And the place, in the countryside, where those who join us by radio are listening in tonight. The symbolic wickedness and danger will pass away - since night will be banished.

No artificial light will be needed. The stumbling and the tripping over obstacles will cease. The inhabitants will be able to walk securely in the light of God.

The highest attainment of this life that we can make today is imperfect. God profits us and promises that there will be complete satisfaction. Worship will be established. There will be a perfect place where all the ignorance will be dispelled. A perfect society, with all the wickedness removed. And there will be perfect knowledge. And they shall see his face and their names shall be upon their foreheads. The saints will occupy a place and will be with Christ in triumph and permanence. And perfection will be centered in that place where Jesus is and there will be Heaven.