

Christian Administration 3

Balance

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I want you to imagine something here for a moment. Here is the earth and out here in space is the moon. It has been going on this course around the earth. You and I are used to having it come around like this. But now, suppose that the earth were suddenly blotted out of existence. (This is just a suppose, you understand.) Where would the moon go? Would it proceed on around like this? No. Do you know what would happen to the moon?

Well, I will tell you. It would proceed in the same course that it was going on at the time the earth was blotted out. The thing that makes it travel in an orbit is what? Gravity. What gravity? The earth's gravity. The earth is pulling it. And if you were to suddenly remove that, instead of curving on around in the orbit, it would just keep going straight. Do you know how long it would keep going in that direction? If there were no other body in the universe, it would just keep going forever. At least that is what the scientists tell us. That must be quite a strong pull to pull that in like that.

Let's take another illustration. Here is a gun. We shoot a bullet out of it. A certain distance from here what will that bullet do? It will hit the ground. Is that right? What pulls it to the ground? Gravity.

Now, suppose that the force of gravitation were removed right at the time we shoot that gun, what would that bullet do? It would keep going straight. How long? Forever. It is gravitation that stops it by doing what? Pulling it down.

I want to ask you this question. If gravitation is that strong, that powerful, why doesn't it pull the moon down to the earth and go crash? The hand of God pushes the moon like this, and the power of God in gravitation pulls it into the earth, and those two are exactly balanced. If God were to impart more momentum to that moon than it has, do you know what it would do? Leave the earth's gravitational pull, just as big as it is. Do you know what would happen to that moon if it's momentum, power to go ahead, were increased? Why, it would leave the earth and go off in space somewhere.

Suppose, on the other hand, the Lord were to decrease that, what would happen? Why, it would keep getting closer to the earth as it made the orbit and finally smash!

You have a lovely balance of two forces here - the pull of gravitation and the momentum that God has imparted to that moon to keep going. Momentum to keep it going, is what makes it move. But what makes it move in the right direction is that it has just enough gravitational pull to keep it where it belongs.

This is one of the most wonderful lessons in Christian administration that I know of.

This same lesson is running all through the universe. We could use the same illustration with the earth and the sun. This earth is traveling around the sun, isn't it? Besides its turning over on its axis every twenty-four hours, every year it makes a journey around the sun. Well, why doesn't it go off in space, somewhere? What holds it? The gravitational pull of the sun. Just as the earth is holding the moon, the sun is holding the earth with the moon. But if all there were dealing with this earth's travel was that gravitational pull, where would the sun pull it? Into itself and we would be a part of a bonfire. Aren't you glad that God's hand guides this planet in its march around the sun? There are doubtless many ways the Lord could have arranged this, but this is the way He did arrange it.

And I want you to think of this gravitational pull as the power that keeps you and me from running off on a tangent. That is what organization is for. That is what direction is for. That is what the church is for. That is what a family government is for. That's what all government is for.

But, my friends, there is something that government is not designed to do. It is not designed to supply the momentum. It is not designed to supply the power that keeps us moving. We need to get that individually from the Lord. And if we don't, then government may have to supply that with a bayonet or with a paycheck, as I studied with you the other day.

Are there some people that move because of a bayonet in back of them? Are there some people that move because of a paycheck in front of them? But there is no bayonet in back of the moon, and there is no paycheck in front of it. The hand of God is moving it on. It is a wonderful thing, my dear friends, to be in a path that you keep going in, not because of fear or favor, not because you are being pushed from behind or pulled ahead by some selfish interest.

Now let us go to John 14:15. We read this the other day, but I want to have us look at it now. What is the third word in this little verse? Love:

“If ye love me, keep my commandments” John 14:15.

What the hand of God does for the moon in pushing it ahead, the love of God does for you and me in causing us to do what? Keep His commandments.

Let us go to 2 Corinthians 5:14. All together, the first line and a half:

“For the love of Christ constraineth us” 2 Corinthians 5:14.

What does constrain mean? It makes us do things. Constrain does not mean restrain. Restrain means to hold back. This isn't restrain, it is constrain:

“The love of Christ constraineth us” 2 Corinthians 5:14.

It makes us do things. The love of Christ to the Christian is like the motor in an automobile

that makes it go. It is like that great engine in a ship that turns the propeller and keeps it going. The love of Christ does what? Constrains us.

But watch, dear friends. Along with this love of Christ we need a love for the bodies He has appointed to influence us. Should a child be influenced by the home that he is a member of? Yes. Are there some directions that God will give the child through the parent?

Does the student in a school get all his directions directly from God? How does he get some of them? Through the teacher. He shouldn't have to get the motivation from the teacher. He gets that from God. But he gets some directions, and those directions are to help him keep in orbit.

Suppose we go out on the job to the farm, shop, building, in the sanitarium, and kitchen. Does God tell each one of us directly what job to do and how to do it? Who does God have for that? Leaders, supervisors, foremen, superintendents.

Now, we come to the church which is the greatest organization in the world. You and I are members of the church. Suppose we think of ourselves individually, as like this moon out here. We think of the earth here, this body, as the church. Should the church have an influence on our lives? Yes. But, should (Now don't miss this question, the way I am going to ask it!) the church be the only thing we depend upon to know our duty and keep going? Should it? Should we have an individual experience with God? Well, if I have an individual experience with God, then I don't need the church, do I? What did we already see happens to this moon if there is no gravity pulling it down here? It goes out of orbit and goes off on a tangent. And ah, my dear friends, how often we see that.

Let us take a look at it. Jude 13, the little epistle of Jude, just before Revelation. Anything there about stars? What kind of stars? Wandering stars:

“To whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever” Jude 13.

You see, the moon shines only with what? Reflected light. The planets shine only with reflected light. And if one of these planets or moons should get out of place and just go off through the universe, it would soon be so far away from the sun or any other light, luminous object, that it would simply be in what? Darkness. And this is what happens to the individual who gets out of orbit.

To show you that this is what Jude is talking about, notice the eighth verse. Here is the people he is describing as wandering stars:

“Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh” Jude 8,

What is next?

“Despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities” Jude 8.

What is dominion? Government. Control. Are there individuals that despise control, they don't want to submit to direction? They do not want to be in orbit around some larger object or organization. They want to choose their own course, plot their own career, carry it out. Jude says they are what? Wandering stars. Instead of shining like the stars we read about yesterday, they have what? Darkness.

(My dear friends, may I say this, before I finish that sentence? I know that it is a warm afternoon and it is after dinner and some of you are a bit sleepy. I am going to give you permission to do something. Just before you fall asleep, stand up. If you need to put your hands up, stay awake, because what we are having this afternoon is of supreme importance. Don't be embarrassed and don't let what other people would think bother you. Stay awake at any cost.)

Now what are we on? These wandering stars, and I was about to say: My dear friends, oh, I hope that everybody here as the result of our class together, will make up your mind that you want momentum enough in love for God to keep going, doing something for God, and you want an understanding of and respect for the authority He has established in the church, the home, the school, the institution, that it will keep pulling you and keeping you in orbit.

Now, if that moon could think (It can't, of course.), but suppose that it could, it would think like some people. Do you know what it would say? "Why can't I go where I am headed for? Why do I have to be pulled at, continually?"

The answer is to stay in orbit. Is that correct? Viewed from one angle, the moon is being interfered with, every minute, by the gravitational pull from this earth, isn't it? But viewed from the other angle, that is the only way to keep it where it belongs. If you were the moon, what would you think about it?

Some people if they were in the moon's place might say, "Well, now see here, which am I going to do? My momentum is pushing me that way, and the earth is pulling me this way. Now, which way do I go?" In God's infinite plan it is a balance between the two. Is that right?

In religious organizations, we have the supreme example of making the gravitational pull supreme in the Roman Catholic body. And in certain religious organizations we have just the opposite of that, just the extreme. There are some individuals that think that the local church is all you need to pay attention to, and even that is loosely bound, and there are other individuals that feel they are responsible alone to God for their religious experience. And you have all shades in between. They need to study what we are studying this afternoon.

Now let's go to Revelation 1. Well, it is right here, the same page with Jude. This is Jesus as John beheld Him in this first vision in the Revelation. What did Jesus have in His hand? Seven stars. Now I wonder what they are. Let us go to the twentieth verse. Will you read it all together?

"The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are

the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches” Revelation 1:20.

What are the candlesticks? The churches. And the stars are what? The angels of the seven churches. Do you know what the word “angel” means? It means messenger. That is right.

John the Baptist was an angel as far as the New Testament Greek is concerned:

“Behold I send my messenger before thy face” Matthew 11:10.

He was an angel. He was a messenger. So the ones we call angels are not the only angels. There are human angels too, human messengers. The reason the beings we call angels are called angels, is because they are God’s messengers. They fly from heaven to earth with messages all the time. But they are not the angels that are spoken of in this verse. And you will see that, as you look at Revelation 2 and 3:

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write” Revelation 2:1.

Did John need to write a letter to a heavenly being? Would he be the angel of the church? No. The messengers of the church. Now, who are the messengers of the church? Well, I will read it to you here in *Gospel Workers*:

“God’s ministers are symbolized by the seven stars” *Gospel Workers*, page 13.

God’s what? His ministers. They are the leaders of the church, you see:

“The sweet influences that are to be abundant in the church are bound up with these ministers of God who are to represent the love of Christ. The stars of the heaven are under God’s control. He fills them with light. He guides and directs their movements. If He did not, they would become fallen stars” *Gospel Workers*, pages 13, 14.

(So would His ministers.)

“They are but instruments in His hands, and all the good they accomplish is done through His power” *Gospel Workers*, page 14.

So the seven stars represent what? The ministers, the messengers.

Now, I come back to this. Where do these stars get their light? What did I read there in *Gospel Workers*? From God. The moon and stars of the solar system, the planets, they all shine by what kind of light? Reflected light. The only way any human being can shine is with reflected light. The only way we can be in our places as heavenly bodies or earthly

bodies is to have some momentum that God supplies and some gravitational pull that He supplies, also.

But He supplies it, (Don't miss this next point!) always through a larger body. Isn't the earth bigger than the moon? Isn't the sun bigger than the earth? If it were not, the pull would be the other way, wouldn't it? Now, if you have studied some of these things in science, you know that the moon does pull the earth some, even though it is smaller. But the earth has more pull and so its pull is greater.

So, my dear friends, every member of the church affects the church. Every one of us has a gravitational pull on the church, don't we? But the gravitational pull of the church on the individual member is to be greater than the pull of the individual member on the church. The mass is greater than the one individual. Do you see that?

Suppose we have a million members, and here I am out here just one. The gravitational pull is much greater, you can see, with these millions in the mass, than just this one out here.

Now, I want to read another statement on this. This one is from Volume 9. I am thankful God has given us, both in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, so many precious lessons on how to work together, how to be organized for efficient work:

“The stars of heaven are all under law, each influencing the other to do the will of God” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 9, page 258.

Do the stars influence one another? Some of you remember the story in scientific history, of how at least two of the planets were discovered before they were ever seen by the astronomer. The effect of their gravitational pull on nearby planets was studied, and from that the astronomer said there must be a planet out there in a certain direction, and it must be a certain size and a certain distance. And finally, with more powerful telescopes, they discovered the planet. But they knew it was out there. I think that is true of Neptune and Pluto both. They are outlying members of our solar system.

This illustrates what this says:

“The stars of heaven are all under law, each influencing the other to do the will of God, yielding their common obedience to the law that controls their action” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 9, page 258.

Now, you will be interested in the setting of this. The name of the chapter is “The Spirit of Independence”:

“Oh how Satan would rejoice if he could succeed in his efforts to get in among this people and disorganize the work at a time when thorough organization is essential and will be the greatest power to keep out spurious uprisings and to refute claims not

endorsed by the word of God” *Testimonies for the Church*,
Volume 9, page 257.

What is the greatest power to keep out spurious uprisings? Let me read it again:

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What is the greatest power to keep out spurious uprisings? Organization. What kind of organization? Thorough organization. That will keep out spurious uprisings. But, an organization is of no value to me if I do not recognize its authority and yield to its influence, is it, friends? No.

The government of Spain is having no influence over me this afternoon at all. I have not put myself under it. Have you? And so with France or England. We have chosen to put ourselves under the United States government. And in certain ways, we all yield to its gravitational pull. We do every time we buy a gallon of gas, don't we? We are yielding to that gravitational pull. We have chosen to live in the United States and be subject to its law.

When we come into the church organization, we place ourselves under the direction of an organization whose Head is in heaven. This is more than a human government. This is a divine government, and yet it is exercised through human beings. We have already seen that it isn't enough to do just anything that we are told to do, like Roman Catholics are supposed to do with the priest. Oh, no. But the answer is not just the opposite of that - to rush off on a tangent. We are to have such respect for the church that it will help to hold us in orbit without destroying our individuality.

“Some have advanced the thought that as we near the close of time, every child of God will act independently of any religious organization” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 9, page 258.

Did you ever hear that? Oh, I have. I have heard that the church is merely a temporary arrangement, until we can all get the Spirit and get sufficiently educated so we don't need men to teach us anymore. Did you ever hear that? Well, you will if you haven't. And there is a certain angle of it that sounds reasonable. In other words, children need parents, but after a while, they ought to do what? Grow up. Then they are supposed to be adults and know how to make choices themselves. And so the lesson is supposed to be: Sure you need a church when you are a baby, but somewhere along the line you ought to grow up to the place where you do not need the church to tell you anything, anymore. See? And it sounds reasonable.

But there is something greater than reason. What is it? It is the word of God. I think if a person is really grown up they appreciate the opportunity of counseling with parents, don't you? But there is a relationship we have to the church, far greater than the responsibility that

we might have to counsel with our parents when we are adults.

Let's come back to this sentence again:

“Some have advanced the thought that as we near the close of time, every child of God will act independently of any religious organization. But I have been instructed by the Lord that in this work there is no such thing as every man's being independent. The stars of heaven are all under law, each influencing the other to do the will of God” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 9, page 258.

Oh, friends, I want to learn this lesson, don't you? And can I learn it without it destroying my individuality? Oh, yes. I don't have to go smashing down, pulled by nothing but gravitation. I can receive enough love from God to keep me looking to Him, and moving toward Him all the time, and yet the thing that keeps me in orbit is the balance between my individual guidance and the guidance I get from my brethren.

A good example of this is the apostle Paul. Do you remember the life of the apostle Paul? He met Jesus where? On the road to Damascus. What did Jesus say to Him? (I am asking you questions for two reasons. One, I would like to have the answers. And another, I want you to do what? Stay awake. Thank you.) Jesus said, “Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” What did Paul say? “Who are you, Lord?” What did Jesus say? “I am Jesus whom thou persecuteth.” And then what did Paul say? “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?”

Did Jesus tell him what to do? Did He? Well, let us go to Acts 9 and see whether or not He did. Did Jesus tell him what to do? What did He tell him? He said, “Go into the city” and what?

“It shall be told thee what thou must do” Acts 9:6.

Why didn't Jesus tell him? He had him right there, didn't He? Wasn't that a wonderful opportunity for Paul to find out directly from Jesus what to do? Don't you think he was ready? Don't you think he would have listened to Jesus?

All right. Let me read the divine comment. We are not left to speculate on this. Would you like to find out? Paul cries out:

“Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” Jesus did not then and there tell him, as He might have done, the work that He had assigned him. ... Christ sends him to the very disciples whom he had been so bitterly persecuting, to learn of them. ... He answers the question of Paul in these words: ‘Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.’ Jesus could not only have healed Paul of his blindness, but He could have forgiven his sins and told him his duty by marking out his future course. From Christ all power and mercies were to flow;

but He did not give Paul an experience, in his conversion to truth, independent of His church recently organized upon the earth” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 3, page 430.

If Paul had gotten all his directions from Jesus that day, he might have been hard to live with in the church. He might have been hard to live with. Jesus deliberately got him to the point where he would listen, and then as soon as He got him to the place where he would listen, He said, “Now, go to those very people that you were planning to put in jail and murder, and ask them what you are supposed to do.”

“What? Go up there? I was planning to put those people in jail.”

“Yes, I know you were. Those are the ones. I want you to go to them. They will tell you what to do.”

Did he do it? Thank the Lord. Oh, my dear friends, it is a wonderful thing when the proud pharisee’s heart is humbled, and he is willing to learn of the lowly disciple, isn’t it? Will our hearts be humbled? Will we be willing to come into orbit and stay in orbit? This is Christian administration.

“He did not give Paul an experience, in his conversion to truth, independent of His church recently organized upon the earth.

“... Jesus directs him to His agents in the church for a further knowledge of duty. Thus He gives authority and sanction to His organized church” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 3, page 430.

Christ gives authority and sanction to what? His church. What church? His organized church. How could an unorganized, disorganized church tell anybody what to do? How would they know? And how would the individual know who it was that was speaking for Jesus? Do you see? There has to be an organized church:

“Thus He gives authority and sanction to His organized church. ... Christ directs Paul to His chosen servants, thus placing him in connection with His church” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 3, page 430.

Now, what was it Paul asked Jesus? “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” Where did Jesus send him? To the church. Did Paul go? Did he get the light? Yes. And he stuck with it, thank the Lord.

As you study the experience of Paul, you notice two things. There is no man in all the New Testament that had so many problems in the church as Paul did. And there is no man that writes more about church organization and church loyalty than Paul did. Both of those are significant. You can study that a long time. I hope you will.

We are told that the people of God down here at the last that stand in the crisis will have to have an experience like Paul. We have to have an experience of loving the church like Paul did, and we also have to have some convictions of duty that we get not from men, but from God.

Let's go to Galatians 1 and you will see something of what I mean. This almost sounds to contradict what we have read so far, but it does not contradict it at all. It supplements it. Will you read together Galatians 1:11, 12:

“But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ” Galatians 1:11, 12.

That sounds like he got it all direct from heaven, doesn't it. Both are true, friends. If he had not had the revelation from heaven, not only on the Damascus road, but later, he never would have had the momentum to go ahead in the course he was on. But on the other hand, if he had not been put into contact with the church, he never would have stayed in orbit. He would have become a wandering star. Do you see? He needed both. He needed to be taught of God. He needed to be taught of the church. Do we need both?

Now, let's look at some more on stars. I like to study stars. Such a wonderful illustration of order and organization. Revelation 12:4, first part:

“His tail” Revelation 12:4,

Whose tail? The dragon of the third verse. His tail did what?

“Drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth” Revelation 12:4.

Who are these? They are angels. They are the messengers of heaven. And the devil drew with him in rebellion how many? One third of what? The stars, those bright, brilliant, glorious stars in heaven. One third of them were what? Drawn out of their orbits, out of their places. Do you remember what Jude says?

“The angels that kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation” Jude 6.

Yes. Do you know why they got out of orbit? Well, I will read it to you:

“The angels who fell were anxious to become independent of God. They were very beautiful, very glorious, but dependent on God for their happiness and for the light and intelligence they enjoyed. They fell from their high estate through insubordination” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 3, page 418.

What is insubordination? It is rebellion, a refusal to submit to order - in-sub-ordination.

“They fell from their high estate through insubordination. Christ and His church are inseparable. To neglect or despise those whom God has appointed to lead out and to bear the responsibilities connected with His work ... is to reject the means which God has ordained for the help, encouragement, and strength of His people. To pass these by and think your light must come through no other channel than directly from God places you in a position where you are liable to deception and to be overthrown” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 3, pages 418, 419.

So why did these angels fall? Through insubordination. They wanted to be independent. They wanted to go where they pleased, when they pleased, without being under the orders of Christ. They didn't realize they were choosing a cruel bondage in going with Lucifer. That is the strange thing, friends - to obey Christ would be bondage, but to obey Lucifer was liberty? Isn't that a strange infatuation? But it is still happening today. Strange thing.

I want to tell you something, friends. Everybody in this universe is influenced by something and somebody. If we are not under the mild rule of Christ, and fitting into the orbit He has established, then we are headed for the midst of darkness forever, as we follow the influence of Lucifer and those who fell with him. Oh, I want to learn this lesson, don't you?

Perhaps we might have a little illustration of how this works, and maybe you will understand why one third of these angels could not take it anymore. Is that literally true, one third of the angels of heaven pulled out? You know, if one third of the people at Wildwood would all leave in one day, somebody would say, “Where there is much smoke there must be some fire.” Wouldn't they? “There surely must be something wrong there.” Was there really anything wrong? What do you think?

Let me read this and see whether or not you would like this:

“There is perfect order and harmony in the Holy City” *Early Writings*, page 39.

Did we have a reference the other day with order in it? What was it?

“Order is heaven's first law” *Counsels on Health*, page 101.

All right:

“There is perfect order and harmony in the Holy City. All the angels that are commissioned to visit the earth hold a golden card, which they present to the angels at the gates of the city as they pass in and out” *Early Writings*, page 39.

Could you take that? Just suppose you were about to go out through the gate down here at Wildwood, and somebody steps up and says, “Your card, please.”

“What? You mean I have to show a card before I can get out of here?”

“Yes.”

“I won’t have that.”

Here is somebody else coming in. Somebody stops them at the gate. What do they say?

“Your card, please.”

“You mean I can’t get back in here without that card?”

“That is right.”

Would you want to live in a place like that? Do you know what the next sentence is?

“Heaven is a good place. I long to be there” *Early Writings*,
page 39.

The prophet of God wasn’t discouraged when she saw that. She said, “I want to get there.” That is the very next sentence:

“Heaven is a good place. I long to be there” *Early Writings*,
page 39.

She must have learned to love order. What do you say? Do you love order? Do you really love it? Do you like to be directed? Do you like that pull? Or are you like a horse, or mule, that is always pulling off to one side, and you just have to pull and pull and pull to keep him in the road?

“All the angels that are commissioned to visit the earth hold a golden card, which they present to the angels at the gates of the city as they pass in and out” *Early Writings*, page 39.

I think that is interesting.

Here is another example of it. Maybe here is another reason why a third of the angels said, “We can’t take this any longer.”

“I have been shown the order, the perfect order of heaven, and have been enraptured as I listened to the perfect music there. ... There is one angel who always leads” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 1, page 146.

Oh, I wouldn’t like that. Would you? You mean even in heaven they have to have leaders. That is what it says. Maybe I had better read that again:

“I have been shown the order, the perfect order of heaven, and have been enraptured as I listened to the perfect music there... There is one angel who always leads, who first touches the harp and strikes the note, then all join in the rich, perfect music of heaven. It cannot be described. It is melody, heavenly, divine, while from every countenance beams the image of Jesus, shining with glory unspeakable” *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 1, page 146.

Oh, friends, it is a wonderful thing to love group work, to love teamwork, not as slaves but as free individuals.

Those two thirds that stayed up there with Jesus, how do they put up with that program, anyway? They love God. And for ages, the past eternity, they all loved God, and they were all happy together. Then poor Lucifer, in that mystery that can never be explained, came to the point where he thought that he had a better way. That was selfishness. That he had a better order than heaven’s order and that was for everybody to be free and independent, choose their own course, each one make its own orbit. One third of the angels went with him, and two thirds said, “No, we are staying with God. We love Him. We love His law.”

Which group are you going to be with, friends? Are we all going to wind up with one or the other? Were there some vacancies made up there in heaven? Will they ever be filled? Have you heard the news how they are going to be filled? How many of you know how those vacancies are going to be filled? What is it, Betty? That is right. We are going to fill those vacancies, if we learn the lessons they failed to learn. But can you even imagine, friends, that it would make sense for you and me to fill the vacancies if we flunk the lessons they failed to learn? That wouldn’t work at all, would it?

Can you see that we will be tested, then, on this very point of whether we love order and organization? We will be tested that way in the home. A sign of the last days is that children are what? Disobedient to parents, doing just like Lucifer and one third of the stars up there did, six thousand years ago. We will be tested that way in the school. You have heard of the riots, haven’t you? Wouldn’t it be a strange thing to see a riot here, friends? Wouldn’t it? Oh, I am so thankful we do not have that, aren’t you? Yes.

But you know, unless we learn the full lesson of perfect obedience and perfect cooperation, eventually we will be in a mob, friends, that may destroy all these buildings and drive the saints to the rocks and mountains. That is right. And it could be, oh friends, it could be that somebody sitting right here today would lead that mob, like Judas led the mob that betrayed and arrested Jesus. Could you do that? Could I do it? Ah, friends, unless I learn the lesson, that is where I will be. Unless I learn the lesson to love order, love organization, love direction, love government, I will be with the mob that tries to tear everything to pieces. I want to keep in orbit. Don’t you?

Shall we pray together about it? I wish we could have a little season of prayer about it. We have plenty of time. No ordinary season of prayer today, friends. Let us just pray, each one

who is burdened not about a lot of things, but about this one thing. Wouldn't you like to? And before we have prayer, let us just open up our hearts to Jesus and to one another.

Let me ask you something. Is there anybody here, this evening hour, that as we have studied these great things, in your heart you realize that here is a lesson that you need to learn, and you would like our prayers this afternoon, that Jesus will help you to learn it? Would you like to raise your hand if there is somebody like that? Well, thank the Lord, my dear friends. All right. Let us pray together. And will the Lord hear us? Oh, yes:

“A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise”
Psalm 51:17.

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit” Psalm 51:17.

He will help us, friends. And He will hear our cry this evening hour. So let us kneel and whoever would like to pray, you pray.