



Wells of Salvation Ministries

Sermon Outline 3

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“From A Tent To A Mansion”

Scripture – John 14:1-3

Text – II Corinthians 5:1

Introduction: I’ve made various trades in my life – probably most of us have. Sometimes we’ve made a good deal; at other times, not so good. The best trade a man can make is that of trading his sin for God’s salvation, for in doing so, he automatically qualifies himself to trade his earthly tent for a heavenly mansion, when he completes his journey across the sands of time.

I. Our Tent Of Time

1. Frail, fragile
 - A. Frame bows with weight of years
 - B. Canvas wrinkles and deteriorates with age
 - C. Seams separate before the winds of adversity
 - D. Cloth shreds with the many thrusts of opposition
2. Cold
 - A. Chill of an unfriendly world that rejects us
 - B. Frost of unkindness that surrounds us
 - C. Wintry blasts of grief that shake us
3. Lacking in conveniences
 - A. The strongest among us is weaker than he wishes to be
 - B. The wisest here desires greater wisdom
 - C. The best informed of us is so lacking in some areas of knowledge
 - D. The most affluent present today longs for possessions beyond his grasp
 - E. The best loved person here reaches out for more acceptance
4. Temporary
 - A. Our earthly dwelling is not made to last
 - (1) Not our final home
 - (2) Adam & Eve’s sin set termite of death gnawing into the timbers of our being
 - (3) We are glad for this – for who would want to live forever, enduring...
 - Sickness, pain, sadness, gloom, grief, heartache (all result of Adam’s sin)
 - B. After 3 score years and 10, more or less –
 - (1) Our earthly tent collapses
 - (2) Our earthly tabernacle dissolves
 - Like Peter, all of us can say, “...shortly I must put off this my tabernacle...” – II Peter 1:14
 - (3) And we are no more...
 - Or are we?

II. Our Mansion Of Eternity

Solomon said, “The house of the righteous shall stand.” – Proverbs 12:7. A wiser man than Solomon said, “I go to prepare a place for you.” As the tent of earthly life cascades

to the ground, the tower of heavenly life arises before us.

1. Firm, strong
 - A. Not made with hands – earthly hands
 - B. Built by the carpenter with nail-scarred hands
 - (1) The One who said, “Let there be light,” and there was light
 - C. A place to match the mansions already there
 - (1) He didn’t go to create a ghetto for us
 - (2) He didn’t leave to build a slum for His people
 - (3) He went away to prepare a place that will harmonize with...
 - Golden streets
 - Jeweled walls
 - The tree of life
 - The river of life
 - The glowing beauties of a perfect world
2. Warm
 - A. With friendliness
 - B. With kindness
 - C. With joys unspeakable and full of glory
3. Filled with every convenience
 - A. Perfect health
 - (1) Leaves of the tree of life guarantee this
 - For healing of nations – Revelation 22:2
 - B. Wisdom we want
 - C. Knowledge we need
 - (1) “We’ll understand it better”
 - D. Anything our hearts desire
 - (1) “No good thing will he withhold” – Psalm 84:11
 - (2) Think of it – if it’s good, you’ll have it!
 - So-called modern conveniences are primitive by comparison
 - E. Acceptance by celestial society
 - (1) God, angels, fellow men – including loved ones gone before
4. Eternal
 - A. Paul said it’s built to last – II Corinthians 5:1
 - (1) It’s our final home
 - (2) Sin has not, nor cannot, mar this house built by God
 - (3) We will be content to live forever...
 - Healthy, happy, free from all care – all the result of God’s gift
 - “...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”
 - Romans 6:23
 - B. “When we’ve been there ten thousand years...” – from “Amazing Grace”

Conclusion: This is the greatest bargain of all time – or eternity. We give up sin and gain salvation. We give up this life of pain and gain His life of joy.