



## *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.