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A Change Is Coming

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“A change is coming.” There is a day coming that there is going to be a change. A change is coming, in our lives. A change is coming. The Lord being our helper this morning, that is what I want to talk about. A day is when a change is coming.

Job 14

Job 14:1 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.

Job 14:2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

Job 14:3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?

Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.

Job 14:5 Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

Job 14:10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Job 14:15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

Job was a guy; we know that the Bible says he was a fellow that feared God and eschewed evil. We know that. Don't we? Do you know what that means? Job was a good man. He lived right. He did what was right. He feared the God of heaven. He revered the God of heaven. He knew who the God of heaven was. He respected Him, His authority, and His power that He had, not only over the universe but also over Job's life. We know that. We know that Job was a wealthy guy. God had blessed him, no doubt, with riches, and a great family and so many things that he had.

However, there came a day, there came a time when it was all gone. We are not going to go through that whole story because we don't have time. However, there came a day, there came a time when everything Job had was gone. Everything except his wife—everything that he had; his children, all his possessions, everything that Job had there came a day that it was all gone.

You talk about a guy having a bad day; Job had a bad day. Everything that he had, everything that he had worked for, everything that he had labored; there came a day that it was all gone. We know that his wife comes out, after Job has been struck with boils from the top of his head to the sole of his feet. Here Job is sitting and scrapping himself with an old piece of clay. He is there. His wife came out and said, "Why don't you just curse God and die? Why don't you just throw up your hands and quit." Do you know what Job said? He said, "You talk like a foolish woman."

Listen. There is never a time in our life that we need to give up. There is never a time in our lives that...it does not matter how bad things get. There are going to be bad days. There are going to be bad times. We may not face all that Job has faced. We may not lose everything in a short period of time. We may not have all our friends turn against us. We may not have all those things. However, I promise you something; living on this earth, there are going to be bad days. There are going to be bad times.

Do you know what Job understood? Job understood that there was going to be a day that there was going to be a change come. Job understood that there was going to be a day that things were going to change and he was not always going to be setting out here in the ground and his friends looking at him, and scrapping himself with an old piece of clay. Job knew there was a day coming that God was going to call, and he was going to answer. Job understood that there was a day coming that things were going to change. Job knew that there was a day coming that the pain that he was going through was all going to be gone. Job understood that. Job understood that there was a God that loved him and he loved his God and he knew that God knew what He was doing and he knew that God was going to take care of him. Job knew that there was a change coming.

I want to ask you this morning, do you know there is a change coming? Do you know beyond a shadow of a doubt there is a change coming? Listen. If you are a child of God this morning, you know that there is a change coming. We may hurt in this life and we all do. we face cancers, heart disease, and heart attacks, and we face all kinds of obstacles. However, I am so very glad of one thing. There is a change coming. There is a day coming that I am no longer going to be here on this earth. There is a day coming that you are no longer going to be here on this earth. Do you know why? Because Jesus made the promise. He said, "Let not your hearts be troubled. You believed in God, you believe also in me. "In my father's house there are many mansions and if it were not so I would have not told you. I go away to prepare a place for you, and if I go away, or since I go away and prepare a place for you; I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also."

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Do you know what I know today? I know there is a day coming that there is going to be a change. I know that there is a day coming that Jesus Christ is going to come back and He is going to get you and I and take us to heaven. I say glory to His name. I am glad that there is a change coming. Do you know that this morning? If you don't know that then you don't know anything. If you don't know that there is a change coming, then you are missing out on so much.

Listen. The Bible tells us that if we have hope in this life only, we would be of all men most miserable. Do you know what that means? If we don't have hope in Jesus Christ, then we don't have any hope. We are miserable people. We live in a land full of miserable people. They may be religious but if they do not have hope and they do not have a hope that goes beyond the grave...then they don't have any hope.

Listen. There is a day coming, for the children of God, there is a day coming. Some of you may be old this morning and some of you may be young. Some of you may be facing difficulties and some of you may be sitting on top of the world.

Listen. There is a day coming. There is going to be a change coming. Do you know why? Because things have to change. You and I have an earthly body. God has given us an earthly body. It is made up of flesh and blood. Do you know what? There is a day coming that it is all going to change. There is a day coming that we are going to lay down this natural body and it is going to pick up a spiritual body. Thank God there is coming a day that there is not going to be any issues in this body anymore. Do you know why? Because the place that we are going has nothing to do with flesh and blood. Amen! That excites me to know that. Does it you? It should!

Paul is writing to the church at Corinth. People had come to Corinth and they were teaching. They were teaching and trying to convince people that the resurrection had already passed. We have all kinds of false teachers and false prophets everywhere today. They carry Bibles under their arms. They pastor churches. They do all kinds of things in the religious world.

Listen. There is a day coming that things are going to change. There is a day coming that Jesus Christ is coming back to planet earth and you make no mistake about it.

Paul here is writing to the church in 1 Corinthians 15; the first thing he says here in verse 51...

- 1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 1 Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 1 Corinthians 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
- 1 Corinthians 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- 1 Corinthians 15:55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?
- 1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.
- 1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Do you know what the Apostle Paul wants the church at Corinth to know? Do you know what he wants us to know? God has revealed something unto him, a mystery of something that man could not figure out by themselves.

Do you know what I could not figure out? The resurrection by myself, nor could you. We could not understand that there was going to be a resurrection from the dead except the God of heaven revealed it unto you.

He revealed it unto Paul. Paul is teaching us here that there is going to be a resurrection.

- 1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

Do you know what people understand? Not everybody is going to be dead when Jesus returns in the air. You that are going to be...on the earth when Jesus returns in the air; there have been people who have died and no doubt, millions of people have died in faith. Aren't you glad of something? I don't have to be in the grave to go when Jesus comes. Not everybody is going to be dead, but thank God, there is coming a day...that is going to change all of history. Amen! We are going to get to move to our new home.

I thought about this so many times. The Bible says, "Behold there cometh a cloud and every eye shall see Him, even those that pierced Him..." we know that is talking about something else but the analogy here is good, the thought here is good. He is going to

come one day. He is going to get us. He is going to come back and pick us up. Amen! He is going to do that. Do you know what He is going to do? He is going to take us to a place that He has prepared for every one of us.

Do you know what? You are special. Every child of God is special. Amen? You are a cool dude. I'm telling you. In the eyes of Almighty God, you are a very special individual. God calls us saints. That does not mean we have halos over our heads. However, we are people who have been chosen by Him. We are separated unto Him. We are separated for Him. We have been called and separated for Him, His service and His work. Do you know what that makes us? We are favored people. Amen! We are favored people. Saved people are favored people by Almighty God. Amen! We are highly favored. God loves us. Jesus died for us. Do you know what He does today? He blesses our lives every day. If we will just follow Him...He will place His big hand of love upon us and He will lead us, guide us, show up when we are in the garage working on the lawn mower, when the women are washing the dishes, and sometimes the men. We may be running the vacuum cleaner. We may be going down the road, riding our Harley, and listening to CCR. Do you know what? God shows up. We are highly favored. God blesses us. Do you know why? Because we are special to Him. Amen!

There is going to be a day there is going to be a change.

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1 Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Change is going to come. The reason that change is going to come is because he said in verse 50, flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. This body God gave us is to live here on earth. God never gave us this body to take to heaven. Amen! God never gave me and you this body, and humanity this body, in the state that it is in today; God never gave us this body to live forever in eternity. Aren't you glad for that? Aren't you glad that you are not going to live in this body forever? Do you know why? It aches. It pains. It is a natural body. When you look at it...the Bible says here...

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When you look at that in the original it talks about this change that I am talking about is going to come very quickly. When Jesus Christ comes and when He appears in the

clouds with a should, the voice of the arch angel, the trump of God; it is going to be very quick.

I have heard people say all of my life, when He comes I am going to get ready. When He appears in the clouds, you are not going to have time to get ready. If you are not ready when He appears then you are not going. In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trump...

Get this. I wondered about that verse all my life. Do you know what? He finally showed me what that meant yesterday. When I was reading and studying...or it may have been the day before yesterday...I was reading and I was thinking about what the last trump could be. Listen. When you read the book of Revelation 1, you will find out that John was on the Isle of Patmos for the Word of God, for his testimony, that he loved Jesus Christ. He was in the spirit of the Lord's day. He heard behind him a voice, sounding like mighty rushing waters and wind. Do you know what? He turns around and sees. Do you know what? It sounded like a trumpet. He turns around and sees Jesus Christ. Do you know what that tells me? That tells me that the trump of the sound here is Jesus Christ coming to get you and me. He is not going to dispatch an angel. He is coming to get you and me. Thank God He loves me and He is going to shout and He is going to come and get us. The day is going to change. I slaughtered that verse.

Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Revelation 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Revelation 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Revelation 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Listen. There is going to be a sound one day that is going to wake the dead. Amen! When you look and when you read, and study about what Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 4, there is going to be a quivering. There is going to be a shaking. There is going to be something that is going to be so loud and so drastic, and so dramatic that it is going to wake the dead. It does not matter if they have been in the ground 1,000 years; when Jesus comes and gives a shout, the dead are going to get up. They are going to have a brand-new body.

Listen. When you read the book, we are going to have a body fashioned like the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are going to have a body that is never going to deteriorate and decay and rot anymore. We are going to have a body that is going to be immortal. We are not going to be mortals anymore. We are going to be immortals. We are not going to be corruptible anymore. We are going to be incorruptible. I say glory to His name. I'm looking for that day when this natural is going to be gone and we are going to have that spiritual body; a spiritual body that is going to have tremendous power. We are going to be able to live with Him forever and ever in that place.

Do you believe that? It is going to happen. Isn't it?

The scripture tells us that we are going to have a body fashioned like unto the body of our Savior. He is going to change all our bodies the Bible says; and give us a body fashioned like the body of Jesus.

Do you remember what happened one day, the day Jesus arose from the dead? Jesus dies Friday. He gets up on Sunday morning. He arose from the dead, on Sunday morning. He appears to Mary and some of the women that came to the tomb. We know that some of guys were traveling from Jerusalem down to Emmaus. We know that He appeared with them. Do you know what? When they understood that it was Jesus, they turned around and ran back to Jerusalem and go back to the place where the Bible calls an Upper Room. They are in there with the doors and windows all shut up. The Bible says they are in there for the fear of the Jews. Do you know what happens? They begin to tell what happened. They had seen the Lord. He is alive and so forth. Do you know what happens? The Bible says that Jesus just appeared unto them. Do you know what He did not have to do? He did not have to come through the door. He did not have to come through a window somewhere. There were no openings in the place. They were all scared to death. He just appeared unto them.

Since I am going to have a body like His body—listen—that tells me that gravity nor matter is going to have anything to do with the bodies we are going to have one day. There is going to come a day that gravity is going to let loose and these natural bodies and they are going to come up from the ground. Not only that but also, we that are alive here upon the earth; we are all going to be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye at the last trump for the trumpet shall sound and there is going to be a change take place.

Do you know what we all should do today? We all should glorify the God of heaven and praise His name to know that we are not going to have to live in these bodies forever. Amen! Yours may not be hurting today and yours may not be giving you any issues today; but it is going to.

He says...

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The dead shall be raised incorruptible...think about that. Someone that has been dead 1,000 years, or 2,000 years, or 5,000 years; they have been in the ground. They went back to dust. The worms got them. Amen! However, there is coming a day that the sounds are going to happen, the shout is going to take place, the voice is going to say, "Get up. Get up out of the dead. All you that are dead, get up." Do you know what is going to happen? They will get up.

Do you know what happened when Jesus said, "Lazarus come forth?" He came forth. If He can raise one then He can raise ten million. It takes the same power. The Bible says this...

1 Corinthians 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

We are mortals. We are earthly. We have earthly bodies. We have bodies that are subject to things here on this earth. We are mortal. Mortal means we die. We decay. Corruptible means we die. We decay. We have an end. This mortal, one day, is going to put on immortality. What immortality means is that we are not going to be mortal anymore. We are going to be immortal. That means we are not going to be natural anymore, but we are going to be spiritual. Amen! We are going to have a body that is not going to deteriorate, not going to hurt. Corruption is not going to inherit incorruption. Corruption corrupts. It dies. It decays. One day we are going to be changed and we are going to have a body incorruptible.

Are you going to that place? Do you know beyond any shadow of a doubt today, if Jesus called your name this morning that you are going to go be with Him? I hope that you do. If you don't know that, you need to find a place to pray and ask the Lord to cleanse you and forgive you and save you.

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1 Corinthians 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

When you read the story, do you know what you will find out? The last enemy that we have is death. The last enemy that is going to be destroyed is death. We have many enemies. However, death is going to be destroyed. The enemy, this thing called death is going to be destroyed. Death kills you and me. We die. But in that eternal place that we are going, and in the eternal bodies that we are going to have; death is not going to be there. Death is going to be destroyed. It is not going to affect us anymore. Death

calls out people everyday here. However, thank God, in the place we are going, death is not going to be there. Thank God.

1 Corinthians 15:55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Death is our enemy. It kills us. It takes us out of this life. However, there is coming a day that there is going to be a change come. This body is going to lay down the mortal and we are going to put on the immortal. We are going to lay down this corruptible body and we are going to pick up an incorruptible body. Amen! We are going to go to a place that there will never be a funeral. There will never be a bad day. There will never be a day that you will have a need that won't be met. There will never be a day that when you feel lonely. There will never be a day that you will suffer in that place. Do you know why? Because we are going to be in the presence of Almighty God. In His house, being His people, worshiping Him, in a real city that has real streets that are made out of gold. It has real walls that has foundations, wall that has gates. Amen! That is where we are going.

That is what I want to encourage you today to know is that you may be suffering today; today, this week, this month, this year may have been a horrible time for you. Sickness, sorrow, maybe finances or all kinds of issues. I don't know what they are and I don't need to know. However, if you are a child of God today, hold on...there is a day coming that things are going to change. Don't ever give up on Jesus!

The day and time we live in today; so many want to throw in the towel. Don't ever give up on Him. He never gives up on you therefore, don't ever give up on Him. He will take care of you. He will help you through the pain, the sorrow, the sickness, the sin. He will help you through all of those things. One day...we will hear the sound of the trumpet. We will hear His voice, and He will summons us to our heavenly home. Amen! Someone sang the song...there are things that are going to be left outside of the gate. Someone sang the song a while ago, just inside the gate. There are things that have to stay outside that is not going to get there.

Death, sorrow, crying, disappointments, heartaches, hardships, and on and on... All of that stuff is going to stay outside. Isn't that great to know? When we get to heaven, and we are just about there folks... We are just about there. He is coming very soon. However, to know when we get to heaven that we will never have one disappointment and we will never have one bad day. It will be one eternal day. There will be no night there. All day long, every day all day long; is going to be a great day. I'm looking forward to that place. Aren't you?

If you are here this morning, if you are listening to me today wherever you are at...if God is speaking to you, if God is calling, and if God is knocking then find a place to

pray. If you are here in this auditorium this morning and God is knocking; He wants in your life. He wants to have control of your life. He wants to save you. He wants to forgive you. He wants to cleanse you. Come.

Come and pray—