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Frank Hall Wright (1860-1922) was an evangelist in the western United States.

Scope and Contents:
The Frank Hall Wright Sermons are typed, bound sermons delivered by Wright at First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio in January 1916. These sermons were a component of special evangelistic services intended for both Christians and the general public.

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"Faith."

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them." And God answered that prayer. -- And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. -- And the jailor drew his sword and was about to kill himself thinking the prisoners had escaped. But Paul called to him, "Do thyself no harm; for we are all there." And then the jailor called for a light and fell trembling before Paul and Silas and asked, "What must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Here was a man who had been the cruel jailor, a man under deep contrition. He confessed the Lord and he was saved. The jailor was now the ministering angel to those suffering apostles. He washed their stripes. A man redeemed. If you want to be saved believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Somebody has said there were three points, first admit, second submit, third commit. Faith consists of those three points. First our faith has to do with our intellect. God does not mock your faith by offering a salvation that you can not understand, or can not stand the
test of human criticism. Folks have tried to overthrow the Bible. Written books on it. And all those books are good for now is to make a fire with that is all. And now Science is risen up. Men try to make us take science against Christianity. There was a time when people believed in a dogman form of religion. I have told you of the man who finally manufactured his last specimen. They talk away back there, two hundred thousand years. All such foolishness like that. It is awful to have a little wisdom. Rather think of what God has to learn for us in Glory. Men tell us it is nothing, it is a myth. Rather believe the old Bible. When they do come out and establish one point, then we can see if it is true. Let them just come to one single point wherein the Bible is at fault. We hear them talk about the mistakes of Moses. If we could read about the mistakes of scientists it would be more like it. This old Bible has stood the test. And we are not following a superstition when we are following the religion of Jesus Christ. This old time religion, this old Bible makes Christians instead of infidels if you read it. One time a man came to Torrey and said there were so many discrepancies in the Bible. Torrey gave him the Bible and told him to find them. He said there were some in Psalms. Well he was looking for Psalms way over in the New Testament. And he could not find it. And he said, "If I had my Bible I could find them." Torrey told him to go home and find the
discrepancies and he would meet him. But the man never came back. We have got the Bible now, who is going to overthrow the Bible?

Bring him out. I don't know of any man who can do it.

People who live in sin don't want to believe in hell, they like to believe there is no such place. I tell you you are closer to hell tonight than you were last night, unless you have repented.

I say Jesus arose from the dead. Romans 1:4 -- And declared to be the Son of God. -- I believe it. Thomas said, "I will never believe until I thrust my hand in his side." -- Men talk of alternatives, what does it all amount to in comparison with the sweet message of the Bible. Angels descended and rolled away the stone from the tomb and said, "He is not here, he is risen." Jesus appeared to the disciples, then he blessed them then he poured out the holy spirit upon them. There is where you get the testimony. The holy ghost is showing his power this very day, there is no way of getting around it.

Who can say that Matthew and John could have had the same vision? This faith that believes in Jesus is a reasonable faith. It rests on evidence. The Bible is the evidence. God don't mock you by telling you to believe anything that is not true. You have to couple that Christ and this Bible, you can not separate them. Who soever disbelieves Jesus, it is the most terrible sin in the world. It is the sin that is going to condemn souls. He expects you to believe it. He appeals to your intellect. There are religions with-
reason. Built on foolishness. I would not support any religion that has no credentials. How about the life of Jesus Christ? Put one of these "Isms" against Jesus Christ and tell me who suffers by the comparison. I tell you the life of Jesus has no flaw in it. He opened blind eyes. You never saw any man do that did you? He told the paralytic to take up his bed and walk. You never saw a man do that did you? You never saw any man raise a dead Lazarus to life. No, and you never will see it. Jesus did it. God gave him that power. If any religion talks against the blood of Jesus you can put it down as anti-Christian. The Bible says there will be a time when men will be worshipped as God. I can see it now. Jesus gives us his credentials by his life and his works and his Word. You put his words against any human words and those human words will fall down. They get to talking about the all God, the all father. I believe it is pantheism. They believe God in the wood and in those carpets for instance. That is getting away from the teaching of the Bible. God is a person. They use words so pompous and big you get lost in the mazes of their mouths. I want to say Jesus gives us his word, -- "I am the way." And whoever says there is any other way is a liar. "No man goeth in to the father but by me." That is all. It is a terrible thing to make light of God. Inside of our faith is the intellectual belief. I say I believe Jesus is divine because of his
life, because of his works, because of the resurrection from the dead because of the holy spirit. It is a good thing for us Christians to get to the reason of our faith. Admit that is the first thing. The second thing is submit. "I believe in God, I believe in Jesus Christ." You can say that but you are not saved because you have not submitted. Surrender. John 3:16 ——— that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 1:12 ——— But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 3:36 ——— He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not on the son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.—— The wrath of God is on every one who does not believe on Jesus. You are already lost if you don’t believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. You are a child of the devil, not a child of God. The devil is the liar and the father of it. He deceives men. He will deceive you if you don’t look out. Let Jesus in, it is his power to give us the live everlasting. Submit your will to God. When ever you surrender to Jesus you will love Jesus Christ. It makes us sad when we see others who do not love Jesus Christ. It makes the preacher sad. It makes all that are Christians sad. Yet they have no care for Christ and his religion. They show it by their actions. You live right if you accept Jesus Christ. It will be ups and downs, but mostly ups. Jesus says, " If ye love me ye will keep my commandments." We grow
grace and knowledge in Christ. You can not expect the children to know as much as the grown people. But they will work it out in time.

No use talking about it if you don't live a Christian life. I have told you of the enterprising woman who tied an artificial rose on a rose bush. But it was not a real rose. When you got close enough to examine it you found it was not a rose. A great many people tie on the Christian religion. They go to church Sunday mornings, if they have not worn themselves out Saturday night. They have their feasts on Sunday night. Go to the theater, have dates. I tell you dates are going to ruin a lot of folks. You are going to miss a date with Jesus. You will miss him, if you miss his dates. He will say, "I know you not." You will say, "But I have been an officer in the church, a Sunday School teacher," but he will say, "I know you not, depart from me. Yes that is it. I don't believe they ever went to a prayer meeting. They have no place of prayer. They wait until they get in great trouble and then they holler. Take all their pride and conceit away and look at that life. I would be afraid to die that way too. If Jesus Christ is enthroned in your life, you are going to live it. And some of you have such children. May be they are at a dance at one of the hotels tonight. Maybe they are sitting at the movies. I don't know. You can tell what you are by the way you live. The people of Israel said, "Who shall give us flesh to eat." They were right
there when God opened the sea to let them pass. That is the way folks are, they like to be running around where miracles happen, but when it comes to hardships then they squeal. "Who will give us flesh to eat?" Talking about the fish they used to have, they had better remember the stripes they had put on their backs over there. "We remember the fish we did eat, the onions the cucumbers, and the melons," The onions, the cucumbers.

If you have not Christ enthroned in your heart you are lost. Longing about the fleshpots.--- A man once went to New York just a little while after he was converted. And He said, he wished he had gone there before he was converted. He thought he had lost such a good time. Surrender to Jesus and settle the question of eternal life. The lost will be damned. Submit your will to God. Do it now. The last thing is commit, that has to do with the heart. That is love and affection. True faith is affection. If you love Jesus, you surrender your heart to him then you know you will be saved. You are in fellowship with him. You know you are saved then. Then you are willing to commit your soul to him. You trust Jesus because you love him. Down in Ft. Worth when the great Crystal Palace burnt. Mrs. Roe was there. A fireman went back and right there in the first balcony stood a little girl all alone. No way for her to get out. The man said to the child, "Jump." That little child jumped right into his arms and was saved. Children trust. Jesus said, "Unless a man be converted and become as a little child he shall in no wise come into heaven." One time two gentlemen were
walking along and there were two boys on the fence. One of the men said to the boys, "Jump." and one of the boys jumped. But the second boy shrank back. The man said to his friend, "Do you know why the first boy jumped? That boy is my son, he knows me, he trusts me." That is faith. A wonderful love it is that provides a way of escape to us miserable sinners. Now he asks only for your faith. John 6:37 — Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.--- You admit, you submit now you commit, those are the three elements that faith is composed of. Now you claim the blessing. If you have got the faith. Some people come and say, "I don't feel right." You want to be saved don't you? If you want to feel sick, eat too much fish, potatoes, anything. An old woman once said, "Everything I eat goes right to my stomach." You don't feel right. Oh isn't it good to feel you have no arms, you are so well you don't feel a single thing. It is awful to violate the laws of health. When I was sick an old man once said, I was dead but I would not lie down. What a miserable fight that was. I tell you I am a miracle. How was I going to feel well when I was in that fix? I would have made a fine pass of it if I would have gotten up and said, "I am well." I was sick unto death. But why do I feel well tonight, because I am well. Why do I feel saved because I am saved. Your salvation don't rest on your attainments. You don't think you merit eternal life do you? There is not any body that deserves anything but the
wages of sin, which is death. But submit your will to him in absolute surrender then you can say, "I know I am saved, because I have faith. He said if I come unto him I would be saved, I have the right now. I do believe he has done it. I believe he saved me because he promised it. " What peace comes then. A great many people say, "I want to feel it." I preached in Belton for Dr. Wilson one time, held revivals. Every girl but one was let to Christ. One day I asked that girl, "What is the trouble." She said, very much in earnest, "Mr. Wright I just can't trust Jesus." I could not help but laugh. I said, "You trust your mother?" "Why certainly." I turned to John 6:37,-- I will in no wise cast out.-- I said, Trust Jesus. Put your trust in him not in your feelings. I said, "Where is the word," she said, "The Bible." That is the record that God has given, you don't earn it, you don't deserve it. It is given. He gives you eternal life. He that hath the son hath life and he that hath not the son hath not life. Romans 10:13 -- Whosoever calleth on the name shall be saved. I said, "Are you willing to accept Jesus now?" She prayed, "Dear Savior, I give myself to thee right now." I said, "Have you given your heart to Jesus?" She said, "Mr. Wright I don't feel saved." There it was again. I told her she was trusting her feelings not her Lord. Just like Thomas. And Jesus said,
"Because thou hast seen me thou hast believed. Blessed are they who
have not seen me and yet believe." He says just trust him, just to
trust his word. And then while on her knees she said, "It is so
easy." And the radiance in her face showed the light in her heart.
If you don't come until you get the feeling, you will never come.
Surrender to Jesus. Have you ever tried to save a drowning per-
son. The best way I know to do that is to knock them in the head
and almost kill them and then drag them out. Or they will drag two
souls into the grave. As long as they struggle there is no hope. If
they have confidence in you it is different. A man once tried to save
his sister who was drowning. He told her just to trust him and he
put his finger under her chin and saved her in that way. Just holding
her above the water, by that finger. Most people want to be saved.
One time a child fell into the water and the mother screamed for some-
one to save her child. It came up a second time, and you know the third
is the last. Then a man who was standing there on the bank and had
seen the child fallin jumped in and saved it. The mother said, "Why
did you do that?" He said," I could not save the child as long as
it was struggling." You give your heart to Christ, trust him.
God never goes back on his promise. Won't you trust him?