Funeral of Jabez Lee (Quality: Average)

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[0:00] Would you all take your seats please? Let us pray.

Almighty, almighty and eternal God. The God of eternal ages who has permitted poor creatures, poor sinners, to use the word eternal.

To consider, as far as they are enabled, the solemn meaning of eternity.

And as we meet here upon this occasion, we are reminded once more that thou remainest.

A dearest comforts, a full before thy sovereign will.

[1:31] Thou askest no leave of us. Thou takest away.

But thou remainest the hope of Israel. The comfort of all those who put their trust in thee.

And upon such an occasion as this, There particularly in the heart of the dear bereaved, There is great need of thee, O Lord.

For thou didst not ask, For neither wilt thou be beholden. Thou hast taken away a father.

Thou hast taken away a husband. And more important than both of them, Thou hast taken from the walls of Zion One of her trumpeters.

[2:58] We all have cause, therefore, To bow before thee. Not to sorrow. Indeed, As those without hope.

Nor indeed, If thou wilt help us To begrudge That which is now exchanged For eternal joy.

But thou knowest our frame. And, O Lord Jesus, Thou didst wear it thyself.

And thou didst weep at the grave of one whom thou lovest. Grant that tears may not be restrained.

Let them throw freely. But let there be no inward unhappiness Or quiet disputing with thee.

[4:12] Help us all To feel that The will of the Lord Be done.

We thank thee for the life given. For the labour of the ministry.

And now many meet together this time in humble gratitude For the fulfilment Of that promise That the labourer Worthy of his hire Not the hire of money But the hire of love The priceless possession Of thy dear people Bestowed upon thy poor servants For their labours Upon the walls of Zion So help us now, we pray thee To bow humbly And tenderly

And before thee And before thee Entering fully As many of us can Into the heart feelings Of the dear widow And the dear children Grant that they may be blessed For it is a pathway For it is a pathway Of blessing The valley is not To be despised Dear Lord Deepen thy work of grace In the hearts of the children And establish the heart Of the dear widow In the pathway Of bereavement Strengthen her in body And in spirit And in spirit And give her grace Firmly And humbly And humbly To take this cup And drink it

Drink it To the dregs That therein She may find A full submission To the will Of that Gracious God Who led Them both together And taught them In the ways Of Zion We ask these Masses With the forgiveness Of what we ask And miss For thy name's sake Amen We will read Three portions Of scripture One from the Patriot Job Another from Moses And another From The apostle Paul You will recognize

Them all For I know That My redeemer Liveth And that He shall stand At the latter day Upon the earth And though After my skin Worms destroy This body Yet in my flesh Shall I see God Whom I shall See for myself And mine eyes Shall behold And not for another Though My Reigns Be Consumed Within me Lord Thou hast been A dwelling Place In all Generations Before the Mountains Were brought For Forever Thou Hadst Formed The earth And the world

Even From everlasting To everlasting Thou art God Thou turnest Man to destruction And so Thou hast Returned The children Of men For a thousand Years In thou Sight But as Yesterday When it is Past And As a Watch in the Night Thou carries Them away As with a Flood They are As a Sleep In the Morning They are Like grass Which Groweth Up In the Morning It Flourishes And Groweth Up In the Evening It is Cut Down And Withered The Third One Now

Though if Christ Be preached That he Arose From the Dead How say Some Among you There is No resurrection Of the Dead But if There be No resurrection Of the Dead Then is Christ Not risen And if Christ Be not Risen Then is A Preaching Vane That your Faith Is also Vane The And we Have Found False Witnesses Of God Because We Have Testified Of God That He Raised Up Christ Whom He Raised Not Up If So Be That The Dead Rise Not You Would Have Recognized In the First One The Words Of The Patriarch Jones Written

So Long Ago Buried And Were For So Many Many Years And Now Alive And Franch Joe Desired That These Words Might Be Written In The Lead In The Rock And In Lead For In Where I Have Been I Know That My Redeemer Lives And I Give To Understand That These Were The Last Words That Dear Brother Uttered That These In A Time Of Semi Consciousness I Know That My Redeemer Lives How Old Real Religion Is Isn't It From The Beginning Of The World Says The Apostle Paul James And Others From

Before The Foundation Of The World We Are Taken Back To Such A Vast Scene As We Can Contemplate But Here Is One With The Utmost Confidence Job That Is Saying I Know That My Redeemer Liveth This Was One Of The Bright Places In His Dark Experience Not We All Get One Would Never Think He Could Have Been Raised So High As To Say Such A Thing When You Hear Him Cursing The Day Of His Birth Perhaps No One Would Ever Think You Could Be Raised So High As You Have Been Under God's Blessing When At Times

You Have Almost Wondered As To Your Soul's Beginning And So It Is But He Says He Shall Stand At The Latter Day Upon The Earth The Latter Day It Hasn't Come Yet We Are Still Waiting For It A Distant Day With Job Look For Still Not Here And Though In My Flesh And Though After My Skin Worms Destroy This Body Yet In My Flesh Shall I See God Something We Shall Contemplate That This Mortality This Dust Before Us This Flesh So Long Active In The Service Of God And

Family And Home Life This Flesh Like All Before It Shall Be The Food Of Worms Can We Contemplate It How Solemnly True It Is And What A Blessed Sovereing Thought To Be Favoured With The World Ling Would Say That It's Morbid Sinner Thought Of God Values What Moses In The Next Reference Speaks So So Teach Us To Number Our Days And Yet In My Flesh Shall I See God So That The Redeemer And God In The Eyes Of The Patriarch Job Were

Indeed Together He So God In His Redeemer And In His Redeemer God And Is That All To Today Are We A Few Friends Here Today Through Grace Brought To Believe In The Unity Of The Father And The Son And The Blessed Spirit Of Truth Indeed I Trust We May Each Give A Warm Yes We Are He Is The Eternal Son Of God I Shall See Him I Shall See With My Eyes I Shall Recognize Him I Shall Know Him Will This Be True Will You Know The Lord Jesus Will He Know You

You Who Mentioned And Referred To Him Many Times What Close Work Have We Had With Him And He With Us Shall We Know Him I Shall See Him Says Job Now To Moses Lord There Has Been A Dwelling Place In All Generations To Go No Further With The Ninth Psalm Our Dwelling Place In All Generations And I Say Upon The Front Of This Sheet These Very Words From Moses My Presence Shall Go With This And I Will Give The Rest Dwelling Place What Is A Dwelling Place It's

Not Somewhere That You Just Picked Your Tent And Gone In The Morning It's Not A Place For Wayfaring Man It's A Dwelling Place And Look At Some Of You Aged Ones Here Let Us Ask You Have You Found Another Dwelling Place In Old Age A Dwelling Place A Home Did Not Our Dear Brother Find The Lord A Dwelling Place In His Ministry Or An Exercise It Was To It He Was Particularly Sensitive As To The Period Before A Service Well Known So To Be Dwelling Place Are Who

[17:49] Knows The Exercises Of The Ministerial Heart In All Generations What Others To To Come To Come To Come What About John Lee The Minister Of Years Ago His Father What About Him For Our Generations Yes Not Not A Different Dwelling Place From One Generation No Modernisation And Alteration To Seek The 20th Century Indeed No No All Generations One Generation Shall Declare Thy Truth To Another And How True It Is There Are Those Of You Who Are Younger Here We Recognize Another Generation From Us

You Have Heard You Have Been Called To Listen To Believe Do You Want Anything That Your Father Had Or Have You Turned Away From It What A Sacred Thing For You Younger One That You Too May Come With A Free Heart And Say It Is Indeed From One Generation To Another The Same Redeemer The Job Saw And The Same God The Same Precious Blood And The Same Fountain Opened For Sin You Can't Have A Redeemer Without Precious Blood And Then The Last One The Resurrection From Paul's Epistle To The

Corinthians Now If Christ Be Preached That He Rose From The Dead And So So On How Say Son That There Is No Resurrection From The Dead It Would Be Unwise To Assume That All Of Us Here Even A Little Company As This Comparatively Do Do Not Say At This Precise Moment There Is No Resurrection From The Dead It May Well Be That You Deny It And Hope It Isn't And Would Rather Put Some Trust In The Crematorium And Its Destructive Powers Hoping That You Might Eventually Be Annihilated But Now The Atheist The Denier Of The Resurrection Cannot Find Any

Comfort From The Word Of God But Paul Says That If Christ Be Not Risen Dead Is Preaching Vain And Your Fight Is Also Vain Yea And We Have Found False Witnesses Unto God I Believe That There Was One Oft Repeated Remark Of Dear Jabez Lee And That Was This Nothing False Nothing False Now My Dear Friends The Doctrine Of The Resurrection Is Not True Jameis Lee Was False Ah And Brethren A Good Many More Of Us What A Sacred Truth It Is Who

Can Comprehend It But Truth Is Truth And The Apostle Delights To Affirm That It Is Undoubtedly So Yea And We Have Found False Witnesses To God Because Because We Have Testified Of God That He Raised Up Christ Whom He Raised Not Up If So Be That The Dead Arise Not For If The Dead Rise Not Then Is Not Christ Raised And If Christ Be Not Raised Your Faith Is Made Yet In Your Sins And So From These Few Extracts From The Holy Scripture We Find These Same Truth And Though The Standard Bearer Will Be Laid

In The Grave The Lord Can Raise Up Other Standard Bearers And We Hope He Will And Cause Them To Go For With A Silver Trumpet In Their Hand And Also As Regards This Little Sanctuary And You Friends Who Will So Sadly Feel The Lost The Lord Is Able Commit Your Way To Him And Seek His Guidance And Leading In This And Now To My Brethren In The Ministry We Are Wanderless And None Of None Of Though Our Ages Differ Know When The Time Will Come For Us To Lay Down Our Arms We Are Only Poles The Brain Serpent Was Erected

On A Pole It Was The Serpent That Mattered Not The Pole And We Are Only Poles We Are Only Sowers But My Dear Brethren You Pray For Us Don't You We Value Your Love And Take This Opportunity Of Telling You So And Also To Look As This Representative Gathering Come To Pay Their Last Respect To This Dear Sermon Of God That It Is Not Merely Going To Funeral But It Is Paying A Token Of A Tender Gratitude To The Lord For The Services Of This Dear Man Of God We Commend Therefore His Dear Wife And Dear Children And Relatives

Though For The Most Part We Strangers To Them To The Tender Mercies Of That Redeemer Whom Job Saw And That Christ Who Is Written From The Dead We We Will Now Sing The Hymn On The Hymn Sheet To What Sacred Thousands Beyond The Springs Not From The Throne Of God And All New Covenant Blessings Brings To Jesus Precious Love Jesus Precious Are THE END

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O Lord as thou hast called thy dear servant to his eternal rest O we thank thee O God that there is rest and eternal glory and where those who have through much tribulation washed their hopes white in the blood of the Lamb and may see his face as he is blessed the dear widow and Lord said they have spent many years together and we pray that she may be favored to realize she has not lost her all but thou dost give thyself to her and that she may find that she has a

God a father a God of grace and a father of mercy and that though for a time it may be sorrow and grief but Lord do favor that she may truly find God is spiteful and at her day so may her strength be bless the children Lord bring them that they may have sweet communion with thee and that they may find that thou art O real a counselor yea may they experience that thou art the mighty God the everlasting father the prince of peace and that the government is upon thy shoulders and do bless those causes which are represented here and

Lord a great loss but oh if he could please thee do comfort the many causes of truth of and the land which he served and especially the little cause here oh Lord it is a great loss but we know that thou art a God of wisdom and thou can give them wisdom and lead them in wisdom's ways and that they may yet find that thou hast made unto them Jesus wisdom righteousness sanctification and redemption do then bless us as we separate one from another and as thy servant has already said oh to be favours to know that we have a dwelling place in a heaven in eternal glory pardon her every sin we ask it for the dear redeemer sake amen can our friend mr sarkald kindly pronounce the benediction please almighty and gracious god wilt thou now dismiss us with thy blessing and go with us oh lord to the graveside and grant all needed grace and help there and may the grace of our lord jesus christ the love of god the father the sweet communion and the fellowship of god the holy spirit abide with us and with all thy dear people now and forever amen