

Joe Panucci - Our Secret Chamber

This transcript was generated automatically. Its accuracy may vary.

Two verses of hymn number 328 to close the testimony meeting and open our next service, after which, Brother Tate, we'll seek the Lord's blessing. Hymn number three, two, eight, the first two verses in the ham.

Our dearest, most loving Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the opportunity to be Thy children, to love thee as much as we can as Thou hast loved us, and we thank Thee for the opportunities to share our blessings with our brethren, and we thank Thee that Thou dost permit us to understand more clearly day by day as we seek to follow in a narrow way and to study Thy word of truth, and now we ask that blessing upon our dear Brother Joe, that he may be anointed with his lips and mind, and we may be anointed in our hearts and minds to be much edified and much strengthened and much encouraged in our daily walk by the words he will say.

Bless all thy people everywhere we pray. Forgive us our many errors and shortcomings and failures in our efforts to do Thy will and ever. We pray for the early establishment of Thy kingdom of blessing in Jesus blessed name. Amen.

As previously announced, the program changes that have been made. Our next speaker is Brother Joseph Panucci from Groton, Connecticut, and his subject, our secret chamber, Brother Panucci.

Dear brethren, indeed has been an experience of joy for me and Sister Lucy to be with all of you in this blessed convention.

42 years ago, I was blessed with the privilege of attending a convention in Brooklyn, New York.

At that time, I understood very little of the English language.

But let me tell you this, dear friends, what impressed me more than anything else, and perhaps it was the turning point in my life.

It was the spirit of love and devotion. O the brethren, that spirit of devotions and love still prevail, and we always prevail among the Lord's people.

And we have seen with our own eyes the spirit of love and devotion in this great convention.

We do not know from one day to another what the circumstances of our life will be for the Christians.

We do not need a crystal ball to know that there is something wrong in this world.

From the science viewpoint, we know it is a wonderful world.

On the other hand, it is a dangerous world.

But there is no possible circumstances in our lives in which God has not promised to be with us, to protect us, and also to supply our needs.

This sense of hope and security not only brings joy to our hearts, but also enriches our life today and does much to take away the bitter sins in our lives.

Joe Panucci - Our Secret Chamber

It would be impossible to imagine the gloominess of our hearts, without the sense of a hope and protection.

All of us, one time or another, we find ourselves in the garden of Gethsemane.

But because our Heavenly Father loves us with a never less than love, a love that has made provision more generous than anything when asked, or even think he is so wise that no mistakes will be made, nor will his justice permit inexperience reach us which we cannot bear, and then to crown it all, we see that his power stands as a guarantee that not one of all his good promise of protection will fail.

Many are the promises of God. The fulfillment of some of this promise belongs in the present life. Others apply to our future inheritance beyond the veil.

And because we believe in it, in a wonderful God, in a faithful God, we can be confident that he will fulfill his promises. On the other hand, God's promises are of value to us only in proportion to our faithfulness in obeying his instruction.

Because of the truth, we can see the fulfillment of the prophecy pertaining to the end of the age, the time in which we are living.

This in turn will help us to understand the significance over the events taking place all over the world.

So that our hearts are not filled with fear, and for our comfort and for our protection in these last days, God has provided a secret chamber for us. These are the instructions over the Lord for us through the Prophet. Isaiah 26:20 21 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chamber, and shut the door about thee. Hide thyself for a little moment until the indignation be overpass. For behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquities.

There is so much meaning to the words of this text that when it is understood in the light of the truth, it gives us encouragement and confidence in the protection of the Lord.

The harvest period at the close of the gospel age is only a short period, yet it is the most momentous, inevitable over the entire age.

It is a time of intense activity during which the fruitage over many years of sowing must be ripped. But it is also a time of trials and testing for the Lord's people.

It is a time when the returned Lord will gird himself and serve meat in due season to his people, and there is also a time when this present evil world must come to an end.

And because of this, God's people are surrounded by trouble, exposed to trials and difficulties incidental to the collapse of the present society. I believe that this prophecy in some respect it relates to the Christian experience being the nature of admiration concerning our proper course in view. What we know we now see coming upon the world.

The advice is that we should seek a place of refuge, a place of safety where we can retreat inserted door to prevent intrusion of anything which would be of a harmful nation.

Joe Panucci - Our Secret Chamber

It is important for all of us to know where we can find a secret chamber, a hideaway from the time of trouble.

There are some who have misinterpreted this to mean that the lost people should seek a literal place of safety. No, the prophet does not refer to any such a little chamber of safety. Our secret chamber of safety is the power and love and care of our heavenly Father. This is the protection which God has provided for his people who are fully devoted to do his will.

It is the refuge over the Lord than the truth. The prophet David confirmed this when he said, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. If these promises are planted in our mind, then we have no difficulties to accept the facts that he picked God for us. Then who shall be against us?

The Lord has been for us long before we were for him, and favor us a great deal even before we give our hearts to Him. Everything which concerns us is of even greater concern to the Lord. He is very much interested in our personal welfare, as we are a much more qualified to know what is best for us. With reference to the Lord's feeling towards his typical people of Israel, the prophet declared, for he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye. If our loving Father was so concerned over his dwelling, he is equal concern over a spiritual Israel, and very much concern over experiences, whether of a joy or of sorrow.

This should be a great encouragement as we daily seek to carry out our covenant with him by sacrifice.

The term heavenly Father has a personal and intimate relationship for us. It is a term not only of adoration and devotion, but also confidence and trust.

Today, more than any other time in this changing, dangerous world, it is very important and critical that we stay very close to the Lord. God has promised to care for us, and it remains for us to claim this promise and make them our own, and by bringing our thoughts words indeed in line with the condition upon which they are given. It is important to remember that God is dealing with us as a new creature in Christ, as a new creature in Christ, and as a new creature as our flesh being sacrificed on the altar. God has not therefore promised physical protections except insofar as it is related to the necessity of the new creature.

Once a brother said that a Christian is immortal until his work is done. If there is a divine promise which must be accomplished by us that necessitates the protection of our earthly interests, those interests will be protected not for the sake of the flesh, but for the sake of the new creature which must use the flesh.

It is obvious, then, that the only kind of chamber into which the real creature can enter are of those whose walls are constructed on the promises of God, and whose doors are those of faith which he shuts out the disturbing elements of a dying world. During the day of the Lord's wrath, David used additional language to indicate the manner in which God does care for his people. This is what he said. There is a river this stream whereof shall make glad the seat of God. The whole of the Tabernacle, the Most High.

David is very explicit in his identification over those whose hearts are made by the stream of a river. This city of a God to which he refer is the kingdom class who dwell in the Holy of the Tabernacle of

Joe Panucci - Our Secret Chamber

the Most Holy.

In the King James translation of this passage, the word place is added, but it does not appear in the Hebrew text. So David is not referring to the place which was the court surrounding the Tabernacle, but to the phrasal apartment in the tabernacle which was called the Holy. This first holy represent the consecrated Spirit begotten condition of the people of God during the gospel age. It is mentioned again in Psalm 91:1. He that dwelleth in the sacred place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

This text give us the thought that the whole of the Tabernacle, God's secret place, is a protection for the saints, a hideaway where those who enter, those who retreat, will dwell under the shadow of the Almighty. You recall how in the type the divine protection above the Tabernacle was beautifully shown by the cloud which rested continuously over the typical secret place. That cloud symbolized God's presence, remaining as a guide and protection of Israel during their entire wilderness journey. How beautifully it portrayed to us the divine wisdom and hope to direct and to protect us in every time of need. During our own journey.

Our texts invite us to enter into our chamber and there to abide while the Lord's wrath is upon the nation over the earth. We have seen that our place of safety's picture by the Holy Tabernacle, the secret place of the Most Holy. Then it is a matter of vital importance to know how to enter into the chamber and remain there it is through the door of a full consecration to do God's will. The expression for consecration is very significant to the sincere, and only the sincere can be assured of standing in the secret place under the shadow of the Almighty.

It is profitable from time to time to examine our consecration to make sure that it continued to mean a full surrender of our will and wishes to do God's will. This is the only consecration that opened the door for us to enter God's secret place. It is often profitable for the new creation to put himself at through a rigid examination to see that all our thoughts and words are devoted to the glory of God in Christ our Lord, and nothing in nothing is being held back, not even the sweetest earthly tie. To see that we are fully committed to say what he wants us to say, to go where he wants us to go, and to be what he wants us to be.

If this is our attitude in our hearts and mind, if God is blessing us with the knowledge of the truth as an evidence of his favor, and that knowledge can become more and more precious to us, then we may know that we have found a way into the sacred chamber of God's love and protection.

It is necessary in this evil world to dwell in attitude for consecration. Otherwise earth born clouds will hinder us from that precious relationship with our Heavenly Father. We know that God is in his wisdom. He's not arranged in his course for the Christian. First of all, he wants us to put our trust in him and to manifest that trust, but continue it in constant obedience to his will, regardless what is involved.

And as we know that if we are obedient, the provisions of the Lord are immensely great. In the second place of the Most High, we see three articles of furniture. The table bearing the short bread, the lampstand and the golden altar. All these articles picture God's provision for his people and our proper use over them demonstrate the sincerity of our consecration. It is well to remember that the bountiful provisions of God's grace are without value to us if we fail to use them in keeping with this arrangement.

Joe Panucci - Our Secret Chamber

As we know, the table bearing the short bread symbolize the spiritual food of God's word. We as individuals must partake and feed over this food in order to grow up into Christ and to be strong in Him. In this also we see the necessity over faithfulness both in our own use of the Word of God and in passing on that words for the strengthening and upper building of others in the precious faith. The light from the lampstand which illuminate the sacred place Pictures the Church in the role of holders of light. It is the light of the gospel, the truth.

It is a light which God has shined into our hearts, revealing his will as a God in the way that we should walk.

Our relationship to it is of a twofold character. We are to be guided by the light, and as a member of the Church, we are to cooperate in holding forth the light for the illumination of the individual member of the Body of Christ.

Then the fulfillment of our consecration vows implies faithfulness both in receiving and in giving. God has done great things for us. He has given us the opportunity of serving him by serving his people. We feed upon the rich spiritual food of his words, and we serve that food to others. We rejoice in the light of his word, and we hold up their light for the guidance of others.

But the truth will not properly benefit us unless we share the truth with someone else. But if we dispense others what we haven't received, its value to us will be more deeply impressed, and we will make the blessing double ours. We cannot retain our blessing unless we endeavor to pass them to others over. The Household of Faith the apostle Paul choose the word well when he wrote in 2nd Corinthians 9, 8. Notice this what he said, and God is able to make all grace are bound towards us that he always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

In this verse three great truths are expressed pertaining to our precious relations to God. Paul tell us the first, there must be the inflow of blessings second, the possession of his blessings and third, the outflow of blessings for the benefit of others. Once a brother gave us the beautiful illustration by saying that the operation of divine grace is well illustrated by fountain. Usually there is a pipe coming up through the center, through which the water flows empty itself into a basin which is underneath. When the basin is full, the water goes over over the edge into a pond.

He went on to say, though we have here the petre over the grace of God overflowing into us, remaining in us, and outflowing to others. First there must be the inflow of divine favor, and in connection with this the apostle suggests three the power of God to protect us. God is able the provisions of God, divine grace, and the prodigality of God. He makes all grace abound in view.

What we see today taking place in the world are we fearful. God answers this question, who says to us, Fear thou not, for I am with thee, I will uphold thee. There is no limitation to the power of God the human mind is so limited that we have but a poor conception of such a glorious being who everlasting to everlasting, consider him the Creator in the vastness of his creation. David's mind was impressed with the greatness of God when he wrote the a psalm note in the language this way it says, when I consider thy heaven, the work of thy finger, the moon, the stars which thou hast ordained. The Prophet Isaiah, chapter 4 also speaks of God's greatness, saying, who had measured the water in the hollow sands, emitted out heaven with his pen.

What a tremendous resource of apparent wisdom must reside in God, who planted all his wonders, and what a glory is reflected in the little we are able to understand. But we appreciated God's greatness more as we come to understand his character is revealed in his wonderful plan of

Joe Panucci - Our Secret Chamber

salvation. Through his plan of salvation we see ourselves as a living example of the power and love of God in the operation of his grace. It is not our wickedness that comes, but his strength.

Yes, God is able. God can give his grace that he has promised. We sure have a reason to believe in the protections of the Lord. God make his grace to abound in this abounding grace, comprehending all its blessing to us both to temporal spiritual in his love and provision for his people.

Being sinners by nature, we have nothing to merit such a loving gracious sinners. But God has bestowed such a grace upon us that we were led step by step to Jesus, the way, the truth and the life. We learn how we could obtain a life through faith in him to consecration Spirit of Begarim we were translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son. We have learned that through the great sacrifice of Jesus we were reconciled to the Heavenly Father and became his children. But this is not all.

He continued to give grace upon grace. He told us his secret and still a secret to the world. He told us of his love and purpose concerning the little flock, how he intended through her as a promised seed to bless all mankind.

And what do we receive from the Lord? Only sufficiency. Not only we are supplies as much as we need, but God also provided much more of his grace which means more than which is enough, and why does he give us more than enough? Because he wants us to have something to pass on to others without impoverishing ourselves.

There is no waste in the economy of God's grace. We can make no personal use over that which is more than enough. All beyond sufficiency is designed for Others. But if for others to be enriched from us, it must be from the overflowing and not from that which God intended for us.

Let us make the proper use of Divine grace, so that we will not be among those who will say, they made me keeper over my vineyard, by my own vineyard have I not kept.

Our lack of faith is so often a hindrance to the inflow of Divine grace. It is often the only hindrance God is willing. But through lack of faith we may fail to receive that which is willing to give. Sometimes we forget that our Heavenly Father such he has such a keen interest in us, an interest which shall never fail, and even though we forget, he never forgets.

Behold, I have a graven thee on the palm of my hands. Yes, our Heavenly Father holds each one of us in his hands, and no one can pull us out of his powering watch and care except ourself. What a confidence there should be. What a confidence it should give us.

What a chamber of safety he has provided for us. The love and care of our Master is also on our side.

We all remember the story of the evening walk to a maze. In this there is a lesson of which our hearts should never forget.

Has I ever occurred to you that the name of only one or those two disciples who were given to us, and why not the other name is given?

Is the omission over the other name in any way suggestive that we may think over that one as ourselves?

Joe Panucci - Our Secret Chamber

Are the identification marks not clear enough to all of us from thinking of ourselves, of having our Master walking side by side with us?

To Jesus he was a delight to walk with them on their Sabbath day journey and by revealing Himself unto them cause their heart to burn with the unfolding of the Scripture and revive their hope for the simple but significant act of a breaking bread with them.

It is his love for us that brings him on our side. He walks always beside us. If we let him walk beside us, then he makes our heart to burn with joy and hope. From the very moment we associate ourselves with his dear Son. The Heavenly Father's arms are up around us, around us.

And he never leaves us. From the time when he began to work over sanctification on us, he has been and will continue always to be in the background in our lives, shaping every circumstances of our life, arranging his providence on our behalf, so that it will work for our highest welfare as new creatures. Of course, many times in our life we are brought face to face with problem which must be solved. Sometimes we find ourselves in the taboo of afflictions and we know that decision based upon human wisdom leads to disaster. But if our line of communication with our Heavenly Father remain open, his grace will always direct the issue that all things, all things will work together for good for them because they love God and because they have been called according to his purpose.

My dear friends, we have much to say, but our time is up.

Once a brother said we should break the alabaster box and share of the aroma. It's a talk on love and service.

The woman who came to Jesus tomb were too late with her spices. But Mary with her precious ornament was not.

Why did Mary break her box? It was her love and devotion to her master that prompt her to break the box. May we too have the same devotion in love towards our master and our brethren. Let us always trust the Lord and have confidence in his protections. Let us always remain in the chamber of safety and security.

And may the Lord his blessings.

Thank you, brother Panucci. Let us use hymn number 242 for closing. We will sing the first two verses. Rise in the second verse for prayer.

Sa.

Our gracious and loving Heavenly Father, Hallowed be thy Holy Name. With the spirit of humility and reverence we come to thy presence to thank your Father for Thy love and for the many blessings which always graciously provide for us in Thy people. Above all, we thank you, Father, for our Saviour, for our Master, for the truth which is precious to our hearts. We thank you for the brethren and the fellowship with them so indispensable in this evil world, and for this glorious convention.

Bless each heart, Father, as we assemble here in this place to feast on this spiritual manna that comes from Thee.

Joe Panucci - Our Secret Chamber

And may the joyfulness of the precious truth fill our hearts and souls. We know that we can best appreciate the glorious privilege of being in Thy presence by our determinations to fulfill our consecration and to let nothing stand in the way of our being faithful unto death. We do once again for thy blessed kingdom. Because we know that thy kingdom is the only hope for this world in thy ideal expectation will be fulfilled. Blessed for the service of this convention and Father, forgive us for anything amiss.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.