

Phineas F. Bresee Sermon Notes - Isaiah 4:5

Every attempt has been made to transcribe these notes accurately. Indecipherable text appears in brackets [-]. Abbreviations transcribed as they appear in the notes.

Isa. IV.5. And the Lord will create &c

Mt. Zion is the Church of God. Isa saw the Ch. in her better more Spt. & triumphant days through the sacred city & Holy Temple. A Mt. a fit illustration of the Ch. &c. A thing to be seen. An emblem of strength & perpetuity. A place of vision &c. Every Ch. dwells on Mt. Zion. Born there. It is the only place he can breathe. Here where he finds food. Place of shelter. Here the Lord creates upon every dwelling place the cloud of smoke by day & the shining of a flaming fire by night signifies the D.P. When the children of Israel left the slave power of Eg. &c. This was more than an emblem &c. Here are two promises. The DP to rest upon the individuals & the divine presence to rest upon the assemblies &c. And the glory of His presence to be the defense of each. There are peculiar ordeals through which the individual passes. Also the church as a body. Trials, temp. conflicts &c. And to each in a peculiar way the DP is the Defense. Take the church as a whole. What Temp. & dif. prep upon every part of united worship. All worship consists of two parts. It is either God speaking authoritatively to us or we speaking to God & the preaching of the Word &c. Prayers. Songs. All this is attacked by worldliness in many ways. The subtleness ascribed to the arch-deceiver in the beginning is seen in these days. He says, please the men of this world in order to win them. Charm them &c &c. And so it comes that much of the service in many so called churches is to please & thus draw. To amuse & interest the worldly people. Thus the demand in many churches for a certain [class] of preaching. That will send people away saying wasn't that grand. What a wonderful preacher. Stage acting. Sensational subjects &c. And so too the focus of worship. Singing. Remedy Gods own way. For a church to be real & not a sham. To preserve a proper conception of what public worship is for. To realize Gods methods of the conversion of sinners. This fits us for the real remedy. The Devine Presence.

End of notes