

'I've Been to the Mountaintop': Martin Luther King Jr. Speaks Prophetically in Final Address

In the final speech delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the civil rights advocate spoke out on April 3, 1968 against what he called "totalitarian" denial of First Amendment rights. He also spoke prophetically in a way that seems to refer to his assassination, which took place the next day, as well as to America's future.

He gave the speech at the Church of God in Christ headquarters, the Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee.

"I don't know what will happen now," King tells the assembled crowd. "But it really doesn't matter with me now—because I've been to the mountaintop.

"Like anybody, I would like to live a long life," he says. "Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will, and He's allowed me to go up to the mountain, and I've looked over and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land."

For more of King's inspiring words, watch the video clip from "I've Been to the Mountaintop" above or at this link. {eo}

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