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*Martin Luther King's Last Speech: "I've Been to the Mountaintop"*

All we say to America is be true to what you said on paper! If I lived in China or even Russia or any totalitarian country, maybe I could understand some of these illegal injunctions; maybe I could understand the denial of certain *basic* First Amendment privileges, because they hadn't committed themselves to that over there. But somewhere I read of the *freedom* of assembly; somewhere I read of the *freedom* of speech; somewhere I read of the *freedom* of the press; *somewhere* I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest *for* right! And so just as I say we aren't going to let any dogs or water horses turn us around, we aren't going to let any *injunction* turn us around! Well I don't know what will happen now; we've got some difficult days ahead, but it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop and I don't mind. Like anybody I would like to live a *long* life— *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! And so I'm happy tonight, I'm not worried about anything, I'm not fearing any man! Mine eyes have *seen* the glory of the coming of the Lord!