

Conviction by Leonard Ravenhill (Compilation)

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The sermon emphasizes the need for conviction and repentance, and the power of the Holy Spirit to bring us into strength and total vision.

Duration: 6:42

Scripture: Joel 2:28, Acts 2:4, Romans 6:6, Romans 8:6, Colossians 1:27, Revelation 3:17-18

Topics: "Holy Spirit", "Spiritual Revival"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the need for a deep, desperate prayer for a fresh anointing of the Spirit, highlighting the importance of being dead to sin and alive in Christ. It challenges believers to move away from carnality, failure, and bondage, and to seek a transformation through the Holy Ghost. The message calls for a surrender of pride, arrogance, and worldly desires, urging a hunger for God's presence and a willingness to pay any price for a deeper relationship with Him.

Transcript

He prays an awesome prayer. Listen, he says, Lord, strengthen me this once. And he meant business with God.

Why? Because he said, even if I die, even if I die, brother, when you get as desperate as that, you'll leave your bondage behind, you'll leave your favor behind, you'll leave your blindness behind. He didn't say, Lord, give me eyesight, give me freedom, give me friends. He said, give me one more anointing of the Spirit, and God did it.

There's going to be a supernatural moving of the Spirit of God. Len, I heard you say years ago that before this age closes, God is going to give us a Pentecost, to allow Pentecost, Pentecost. The one thing that hinders Jesus Christ coming is the bride is not ready.

The church is too impure. The church is too carnal. And people say, I'm carnal.

You can't be a carnal Christian. Oh, there's a teaching that I'm a carnal Christian. You can't be.

Because Romans 8 says what? To be carnally minded is death. You can't be dead and alive at the same time. We want to hide and make excuse for our failure and our weakness, and God won't have that because, you see, when you've summed it all up with all your theology and all your reasoning and all your church history and all your Bible, there are only two kinds of people in this world, not the rich and the poor,

not the black and the white, but those who are dead in sin and those who are dead to sin.

Because you're dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. That's Christianity. He goes on to say, Christ in you, the hope of glory.

We're dead in sin, so we've no relationship to God, or we're dead to sin. It no longer fascinates us. It no longer traps us.

It no longer has power over us. It doesn't have dominion over us. He says there came a time when Christ revealed himself to me, and later he says he revealed himself in me.

How did it happen? You don't have to be affected with sin. You don't have to be in bondage. You don't have to go up and down.

You don't have to run to every conference to get refilled. You can be filled and be keeping filled with all the Spirit of God as long as you're obedient. You've got to want to get rid of bondage.

You've got to be willing to admit your failure. You've got to admit your arrogance and your pride. You've got to admit you have no tears for the lost.

God's tired of your failure. God's tired of your bankruptcy. God's tired of you praying with dry eyes.

There's a world going to hell fire, and the less some miracle happens in the church, the more billions will go. But listen, it costs something. Like Jesus said to the disciples, but he said, They weren't cringing and fearful in the upper room.

They were glorious. And suddenly, the Holy Ghost came upon them, totally transformed. Peter runs away from a girl who accuses him of being a Christian, as you say.

In the second chapter of the Acts, he sticks his finger in the eyes of the chief priest on him and says, Wherein the power of God we stand against principalities and powers. And don't you say it's not for me. It is for you.

If you're willing and obedient, if already there's a measure of faithfulness in you, if you love this world more than the necessary food, I'm so hungry for God. I'm so tired of bondage. I'm so tired of failure.

I want God to move in me by the Holy Ghost. And you move in prayer as you've never known prayer. You move with compassion that you've never known before.

You'll weep over the loss. You'll be burdened for this great country which is in terrible danger right now. Not from the wrath of a man.

It's from the danger of the wrath of God. Unless you have a divine intervention. Christ living in you.

It's Christ in you, the hope of glory. You love like Christ would love you. See like Christ would love you.

Have the compassion Christ would have because you're no longer worldly. You become the possession of God, the Holy Ghost. You've got to say I don't care if I die to friendships.

I don't care if I die to the opinions of people. I don't care if I die to all the past. I'm a needy soul.

I want to repent tonight in the presence. I want the Holy Ghost more than anything on earth. I'll pay any price.

Give me the chance to come and have a broken heart. Give me the chance to get rid of this wretched pride that makes me believe I'm the greatest preacher in the world and it hinders me and God will not flow because of my arrogance, my self-sufficiency, my consciousness. I'm a scholar of something.

Dear friend, I tell you this. When I went forward and received the experience of being filled with the Spirit, I was a youth leader in our church. I led most souls to the Lord by the grace of God.

But I knew there was envy and jealousy in my heart. There was failure I didn't carry through in prayer and so forth. I remember going to that altar when a man came to me and bought this Bible and said, Leonard, what do you want? What are you doing here? I said, I want God to make Romans 6-7 really my life.

He said to me, Romans 6-6? I don't know, I mean Romans 6-7. He didn't even know what it was. I said, Romans 6-7 is this.

A heathen is dead. He's freed from sin until you know death, yourself, you don't know how the Christian life is. We're carrying burdens we shouldn't carry.

He wants to burden us with love and compassion for a lost world and we're struggling with failure. A dying world doesn't mean much to us. As you know, I do not make altar calls.

I think altar calls are the ishmael of evangelism. They're fleshly. When John Baptist preached there was no altar call.

The people cried out. The publicans cried out. What shall we do? What shall you do tonight? Be being filled with the Spirit day by day.

You marvel at your growth in grace. Other people marvel too but most of all we give joy to the Lord Jesus who died that you might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost in holy power. We deliver from all your bondage whether it's smoking or lust, I don't care what it is.

We can be more than conquests through Him. You can be one of those men moved by the Holy Ghost. Who knows where you'll be five years from now if you let God have His way.

It'll completely revolutionize your life. God can make you as pure as a human being can be and fill you with the Holy Ghost so you'll live a holy life. You'll have holy appetite.

You'll have holy zeal. You won't be self-directed. You won't be directed by anything except the Spirit of the Living God.

We're near the end of the age. We claim you'll fulfill your promise. Put out your spirit and all flesh.

Our sons and daughters will prophesy. Young men see visions and old men dream dreams and on your servants and handmaids. Lord we've been bankrupt too long.

We've been in weakness too long. Bring us into strength. We've been blind too long.

Bring us into total vision. God not to save us anymore. We're poor, wretched, naked and blind.

Lord open every blind eye, every spiritually blind eye for your glory.

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