

Don't Preach About Hell! (Compilation)

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We must preach about hell and the law of God to convict people of their sin and show them their need for a Savior.

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Scripture: Proverbs 22:16, Matthew 6:24, Matthew 19:24, Mark 8:36, Luke 12:15, 1 Timothy 6:10, James 5:1-3

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Description

The video is a sermon that emphasizes the importance of recognizing oneself as a child of God. The speaker repeats the phrase 'You are my child' multiple times to drive this point home. The sermon also touches on the need for individuals to create a new style or way of living that aligns with God's teachings. The speaker acknowledges the challenges and temptations faced in life but encourages listeners to stay focused on their faith. Overall, the sermon emphasizes the love and guidance of God and encourages listeners to embrace their identity as children of God.

Transcript

Oh, my job keeps getting easier as time keeps slipping away. I can imitate the brightest light and make the night look just like day. I've put some truth in every lie to tickle itching ears.

You know, I'm drawing people just like flies. They like what they hear. I'm gaining power by the hour.

They're falling by the score. You know, it's getting very simple now. No one believes in me anymore.

...and reply to them, when was the last time you ever heard any? It is true that very few people preach on hell. It's no longer in vogue, you know. We shouldn't scare the poor sinners.

No, that wouldn't do. They're just poor, unfortunate, misguided souls, right? Wrong. The Bible clearly shows that they're criminals who've robbed and dishonored the living God, infinitely offending Him.

They have no right to look at themselves in any other way. Listen, that's harsh, I gotta admit. That's really harsh.

That's black and white. It is. That condemns sin is harsh.

You know, it says that there are two, justice and mercy, and mercy rejoices against judgment. The law of God is black and white. The justice of God is black and white.

The condemnation of the law is black and white. But the mercy of God is not. The mercy of God will reach out into the black to try to bring somebody over to the light.

The love of God will go into hell. Remember what David said? David said, even if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. That's heavy.

That means God is trying to reach people. Why did Jesus go to hell and preach to the sinners? In hell. Says He did.

Because He had mercy. They were condemned. But you see, God's mercy doesn't mean a hill of beans to anybody out there listening to the gospel.

Unless you show them what God needs to be merciful toward them about. What if the judge says to the guy who's guilty of murder, Well, I'd sentence you to death, but I don't want to freak you out. So, I'm acquitting you.

But, does that mean the same? If the guy is sentenced to death, and he's waiting two years on death row, and he's coming up to the last minute, and he's waiting and he's praying God to have the governor or the president grant a stay of execution, and he's waiting, he's waiting, he's waiting, he's sweating, and the priest comes, and he leads him off to the chamber, and he's got his last meal, and he's walking toward it, and at the last minute, the guy's about to pull the switch, and they say, wait a minute, the governor just called. You're free. That's the gospel.

The law has got to condemn. We're going to get to the law in a minute. We cannot remove the threat and terrors of hell.

Jesus, oh God, Jesus preached about hell. He talked about, remember the sheep and the goat? He paints this almost awful picture of how the ones on the left are going to go to everlasting damnation. What about the guy in Matthew 24, where it says that this guy will be cut into pieces, and assigned to his place with a hypocrite.

In another place, with the five foolish virgins, he says they will be kept out into the outer darkness, where there's weeping and gnashing of teeth. He didn't quench from talking about the penalty of not serving God, but we do. We need to have people see themselves as criminals, not poor misguided souls.

Now, we might be able to look at them as poor misguided souls. We can go look at that poor sinner. He doesn't realize what he's doing.

But you can never let them look at themselves that way. You know, you can't. A person needs to be convicted.

Nobody can be convicted of being a poor misguided soul. You know, poor baby. Oh, yeah, that really convicts me.

Yeah, I really am poor misguided. Gee, I need to repent. When your little three-year-old boy does exactly what you tell him not to do, you don't pick him up and go, oh, poor baby, don't understand.

Now, you might say, well, maybe he doesn't understand, or maybe he doesn't understand. But, man, that won't help him understand it. He'll understand quick enough, a few of those.

That's the law's way. Remember, there's a two-edged sword. Behold the goodness and severity of our God.

I'm going ahead of the teaching. I just want to say that we don't have any right to remove what Jesus didn't remove. We don't have any right not to talk about hell, because I want to let you know, Jesus talked about hell almost as much as he talked about everything else.

If not as much. I haven't taken a scale and cut up the Bible and put this verse here and this verse here. But I can honestly say that when I read the Bible, there is verse after verse after verse about the threats and punishments of being disobedient to God.

And I'm not talking about the law of Moses. I'm talking about the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was scared for sinners.

That's why he warned them. But we're scared of scaring, so we don't warn them. He was scared for their ultimate fate.

We're scared for the instant fear that we might produce in them, and we don't care about their ultimate fate enough to be able to scare them a little bit. You know how you hate to go to the dentist? Everybody hates to go to the dentist. I don't want to go to the dentist, man.

You might find you need a root canal, and I don't want a root canal. I know a woman who died of breast cancer. She wouldn't go to the doctor.

She was afraid that she had breast cancer, and so she wouldn't go to the doctor until her chest was throbbing and boils were starting to show up and start breaking out and bleeding. And she went to the doctor, and the doctor says, You have breast cancer. And she says, Well, I didn't want to come to you because I was afraid that I had breast cancer.

He says, If you would have come to me even three weeks ago, I could have saved your life. But I can't now. It's too late.

She was afraid of finding out what was. And it was. And all the fear in the world that people have that they're going to hell won't keep them from hell.

All the fear in the world that they need an operation. Now, if you had to save her life by removing her breasts, a horrible thought. But she had children five, ten years old.

She died within six months. Some people are afraid, like I said, to go to the dentist because they're afraid they're going to have to get their teeth drilled. They can't think of anything worse than having their teeth drilled.

So they don't go to the dentist and then they lose their teeth. Fear of having something does not make you not have it. And our fear that we're going to hurt somebody isn't going to help them at all.

I told my wife, I know there's a lot of problem with peer pressure today with kids, but my kids are going to have something stronger than peer pressure. They're going to have father pressure. It's going to be

stronger than peer pressure because I love them more than their peers do.

I love them enough to make them not like me for a little while so that they'll eventually love me because I watched out for them. And that's what God does. He'll hang you on a cross that hurts until you're squirming and screaming.

But when he's done putting you through the washing machine, you're going to be clean. And part of that washing machine is saying, you need to get into that horrible machine. Call a penance for your sin and self-denial and be made in the image and likeness of Jesus.

It'll spit you up and chew you out and you will hurt. And part of it is first telling you that you're a wicked, rotten criminal. I love you, but you're a wicked, rotten criminal.

It's that simple. I realize you may not even realize that, but you have it unless you turn from your sin. Why is the Bible full of stories about hell? Because God cares enough to tell people the truth.

If that doctor would have come over and the woman would have been having pain in her chest, he would have cared enough to tell her, look, you might have breast cancer. I've got a relative that's the same way, man. She will not go to the doctor unless she's near death.

She is so scared of hospitals and doctors. She's had two husbands die in the hospital and she's almost died two or three times. And the reason she almost died two or three times is because she got to the hospital when she couldn't stand to live anymore.

It hurt so bad. If you wait till that long, you might lose your life. And we need to stop worrying about... Can you imagine if a doctor was squeamish about operating on people? I don't want to hurt the poor guy.

I'd like to go home and die. I don't want to cut out your cancer. Man, that's going to hurt.

No, he tries to make it feel as good as it can possibly feel. He puts you under and he tries to take away the pain as much, but he's got to get down to the root of the problem. Okay.

We, smart as we are, have decided to help God along. He doesn't understand our generation as well as we do. The things Jesus emphasized in his preaching were all right for the Jews, but our generation needs a more gentle, loving home.

Tell him about heaven. We talk about heaven, about the rewards of being born again, but we completely neglect the other side of the two-edged sword. What right do we have to remove things from the gospel that Jesus himself gave great place to in his own preaching? The law of God preached to convict one of sin.

Pages could be written on this, but there's only room for one brief example. When the rich young ruler came to Jesus, he asked a very direct question. Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life? Now, try to imagine what the minister today would say to him if he asked that question.

I just admit you're a sinner, accept Jesus as your savior, go to church, pay your tithes, try to be good, and you're in. Right? I mean, really. But what was Jesus' answer? You know the commandment.

If you wish eternal life, keep the commandment. Give us the age of grace. Listen.

Try to imagine your average evangelistic service. Okay? They're out there, the guy's preaching away. All of a sudden, the mayor of the city, the mayor of Atlanta, the mayor of Los Angeles, the mayor of New York City, the guy Billy Graham is preaching in New York, and the mayor stops him and says, Brother, I've got to repent now.

I can't wait. What must I do to inherit eternal life now? That's what happened. Remember, Jesus was walking along, and the guy came running up on the road and got on his face and said, Whoa, I've got to get saved now.

What do I do? All the people are watching. His disciples are watching. The multitudes are watching.

The people are healed. The people are going to heal. And say, Billy Graham, he's in front of 70,000 people.

It doesn't matter who it is. Some great preacher. Can you imagine somebody today saying, Have you tried the commandments? Can you imagine somebody preaching the do's and the don'ts of the Bible anymore? I just, it burns me up to think that we are so smart that we have removed, and we have all these stupid excuses.

Well, you know, Jesus hadn't died yet, so he couldn't preach, believing in the death of Christ. That's called dispensation preaching, right? Well, you know, the Holy Spirit hadn't been given yet, so Jesus had to give him a different answer. But, you know, Paul and Peter and all those people did a different... Well, listen, folks.

It is no different when Jesus preached. Don't you remember? He also preached what Paul and Peter preached. Remember when he got the blind guy to see? He said, He says, Lord, what must I do? He says, Believe.

What was the exact words? Oh, do you believe in the Son of Man? Right? The blind man says, Well, who is he, Lord, that I might believe in him? He says, He is the one who healed you and the very one who is talking to you. He says, I believe. That was after Jesus preaching, wasn't it? Jesus hadn't died yet, and he could preach that to him.

Why didn't he preach that to the rich young ruler? Because the rich young ruler wasn't ready. Because the rich young ruler needed to have a little lesson in the law. He needed to have the scalpel of God, the master surgeon, apply directly at what would stop him from getting saved.

But we don't have the eyes of the law anymore. We look at somebody, and we see them as a big fishy that we can mount as a trophy above our pulpit. You know, wow, man.

The mayor of New York. This would look so good in Christianity today when they talk, when they show this on TV, the mayor got saved. The rich young ruler, this guy was rich, he was young, he was a handsome ruler.

The guy was probably well-known throughout the land. He probably would have been a main speaker at Phil Gosselman's businessmen's luncheons from coast to coast if he would have gotten saved. This guy, this guy was a catch not to be let go.

What he could have done for Jesus' ministry, why his mailing list could have doubled. His reputation would have gone up so high if he wouldn't have just let the big one get away. His disciples were going, now we'll get accepted, right? Now they'll let us preach in the synagogue, man.

We'll fill up the temple with that. Then he preaches something that the guys at the seminary in Dallas would rebuke him for preaching because it would have been the wrong answer, according to them. But Jesus used the law to dig down to the cancer that was in this man's heart.

Now, of course, Jesus being God, knew what was wrong, but probably wouldn't have taken too much to understand. He probably had a ring the size of a basketball on every finger. He had a slave to carry his Kleenex.

I mean, the guy was probably a hot and cold running slave left and right and had the mansion of mansions and loved pleasure and loved luxury and loved opulence. And it was obvious that his righteousness was that he did everything since he was a boy. I haven't committed adultery, I haven't stolen, I haven't murdered, I haven't done anything wrong.

Man! Jesus knew what he'd done. Well, the truth is that Jesus wasn't preaching the commandments to him as the way of salvation. He was using the commandments to specifically convict him of his particular sin, greed.

That rich old boy loved the bucks in Jesus and just had to flush them out of the bushes. Preach the law. And that's exactly what the law is for.

As Paul said, So through the law comes the knowledge of sin. I'll never forget the first time I saw that scripture when I was reading a book called Today's Gospel by Walter Chambers. I couldn't believe it.

I said, well, I've read that before, but I didn't know what the heck it meant. Through the law comes the knowledge of sin? I mean, that just was one of those theological bye-byes, you know? The law must be preached, not as the way of salvation, but as a searchlight put on the sinner's heart so he can see how utterly rotten he is compared to the way God requires him to be. But today, again, we're wiser than God.

Our preaching isn't filled with news and don'ts anymore. No, we don't want to scare the liberated generation away. Why, if we said that fornication was wrong or drugs or abortion or any other specific sin, people would feel all condemned, and then how could they get saved? But that's just it.

But that's just it. Jesus preached the law to the missing link so that after feeling condemned about his greed, he could turn and obey Jesus and find, as Jesus said, true treasure in heaven. Go and sell all you possess, give it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven and come follow me.

Unless people are truly convicted of sin, if they do not fully see that they are totally condemned by the requirements of God's law, then it is virtually impossible to show them a need for a Savior. So what would they need to be saved from? Funds? If nobody is convicted, like I said, if the judge tells the guy, I would tell you that you've got to go to the electric chair but you feel bad, so I'm not going to tell you. The guy doesn't seem that he needs to appeal to the governor for a state of execution because he's already let go.

That's what we do. We tell people they're forgiven before they see a need for forgiveness. Now Jesus did that a couple of times.

Remember the guy that was laid down on the pallet and they said, is he going to heal on the Sabbath? And he bends down and he says, well, is it easier to say, tell a man your sins are forgiven or walk but that you know that I have the power to forgive sins? Now do you think Jesus, being God, didn't know the guy had a right heart? Do you think Jesus, if the guy was a swindler and says, boy, when I get healed, I'm going to go out and find the first prostitute I can find, that he would have said your sins are forgiven? Do you think that when that woman who was caught in adultery who was ready to be stoned to death and knew that she was going to be, she was already condemned by the law? Right? The Pharisees, the highest religious leaders in the land, had dragged her out of an adulterous bed, put her in front of the people, probably dressed in nothing but a towel, and they said, Jesus, what does the law of Moses say? Now are we going to do it or not? This girl had already died. She had written her life off. It was all over for her.

She knew it. The law had killed her. Do you understand? She was dead.

She had been sentenced to death, and Jesus, like the governor, the governor in heaven, granted her a last minute state of execution, and then he says your sins are forgiven. I do not condemn you. Go and sin no more.

But in this case, Jesus knew that this guy's heart wasn't right, and he wanted to convict him. Let's even say, condemn the sin in his heart so that he could feel that condemnation, and sure he walked away. Let's just say he never came back.

He might even have been Nicodemus. For all we know, he could have been Joseph of Arimathea. He had some rich followers that later gave up some of their riches.

Maybe he was even Zacchaeus, the guy that climbed up in the tree that later gave away his fortune. He was ready for him. Maybe he even fought it over.

I don't know. And that is why our modern gospel must dwell on all the good things God will do for you if you just accept him, because we can't convince a sinner that he needs a savior by just getting him to admit that, well, generally, yes, I am a sinner. He must see how the law of God condemns him specifically as a sinner, and then the beauty of the gospel, the glory of the cross, the marvelous power of Christ's blood will all be able to penetrate his anxious, weary mind and heart.

Only by the preaching of the law can a man fully desire to be safe from his sins. I would not have come to know sin except through the law. That's a separate scripture than the other one, although it sounds almost exactly the same.

It's in Romans 7, versus the other one is Romans 3. It's in a separate place. So, closing this first installment, I just want to say that there's no formula for preaching the gospel. This is an in-depth dissection of what Jesus preached.

Now, Jesus didn't preach it all every time he preached. That would be impossible, wouldn't it? He didn't get up and say, you know, I mean, he didn't get up and say, you know, well, you want to get saved while I'm first? You have to tell me about the blood. I'm going to die in blood and there's going to be a cross.

He didn't go through step by step by step, but with the mindset of knowing his Father's view of sin and salvation, he gave the explicit and specific directions for the person to come right to God. Jesus didn't have to talk about the blood. He talked about the cross.

He talked about sin with the guy in the past. That guy didn't show up to a wet meal by his faith and heard that Jesus was coming to town and probably just cried to God, God, if you just get me out of this death bed, I'll serve you the rest of my life, please. I'm going to do what you want me to do in my own life.

God, I'm bitter to Jesus for me being this person. But Jesus just had to give him the right way at the right time. The world is just my faith.

It's all like child's play. You know, I dream that it will never stop. No, it's not that way.

Still, my work goes on and on. Oh, it struggles ever more. I'm going to make it start before the dawn.

There's no one believing me anymore. Well, I used to have to keep around, but now they just open their doors. You know, no one's watching and no one believes, won't believe me anymore.

No one believes in me anymore. No one believes in me anymore.

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