

Strange Incense

by David Wilkerson

David Wilkerson's sermon 'Strange Incense' calls for repentance and warns against the dangers of polluted prayers and idolatry in the church.

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Scripture: Isaiah 1:15, Malachi 2:16-17, Malachi 3:2, 1 Peter 3:15

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the opening of the seventh seal in the book of Revelation. He emphasizes the importance of being prepared and having a strong prayer life in order to face the challenges and tribulations that are to come. The preacher warns that there will be a time of judgment and fear like never before, and urges the congregation to cleanse their lives and seek holiness. He also shares visions of chaos and destruction, highlighting the need for spiritual readiness in the face of impending turmoil.

Transcript

I'd like to ask this St. Duke that sang, to come at the conclusion of my message and sing that again, because it'll mean something entirely different. When you hear the message, it'll mean something more precious, I'm sure. There have been times, being called to preach at conventions, I'm thinking one particular at 5,000 people, and I was preparing my message and God said, no, they don't want to be reproved, they don't want correction, they just want to be blessed, so just go bless them.

So I went and blessed them. The pastor of the church said, that's just what we want, the correction is the reproof. By the way, the healing comes, the surgeon's knife.

Hallelujah. I want to just come here tonight and bless. I've got about four different preachers, don't I? Well, I'm going to talk to you tonight about Strange Incense.

And his ears are turned, his face is turned. God took me. Let him see it with you.

Prayer becomes sin. I don't want you to know what's coming, sin. Prayer becoming the bomb.

Verse 40, beginning. Let us examine and probe our ways. Now he will remember that.

Horrible, horrible violence. He who turns away his ear from listening to the false, and ends up prayers to a holy Catholic. I know I've got all of these ungodly.

Pure perfume. Pure perfume. These ungodly.

The angel ticket that's poured out on the earth. Read it. It's judgment.

Throw those prayers out. Those fires. Those.

And he gave us an example. Now they have to. Now they.

They have to have. Charred hunks of flesh. Aaron trembles.

Moses. Moses said, go get your. And it'll be a testament.

Even though God controls. Those who come to me, I'll be considered. And the lamp from which you take it.

The Hebrew word. To get down. To particular issues.

Adultery and divorce. God. 13.

We're plotting to get. Brother Dave is offering comfort to those who've divorced. They went out.

And now they've found themselves on the mercy of God. God's forgiven them. Look at this man.

He's coming along offering forgiveness. And comfort to those. And what they were saying.

I'm going to divorce myself. I'll come back and throw myself on the mercy of God. If they can get forgiveness.

I'll find forgiveness. I forgot to tell him about. The government of God.

All these people have been divorced. And get another mate. They forget to tell you the terror.

They forget to tell you about the sleepless nights. They forget to tell you when they're in their second or third marriage. It's just as much hell as the first or more.

They forget to tell you about the government of God that rolls on. Because you pay for your sins. Oh yes, you can be forgiven.

Whichever man sows, he's also going to reap. You reap it in your children. You'll reap it down the road.

God says, I'll not have people in the pew with adulterous eyes. I'll tell you what. One of the biggest complaints of preachers wise that come to Gwen and I. All I can see is eyes falling.

I can't keep his eyes on me. His eyes keep roving. God said, I won't have man stand before me with roving eyes.

I'll not have stand men before me with their eyes in pew. I'll not have men with adultery in their hearts. I'm not going to have men in the pulpit that offer soap to the sinners either.

Now look at this. God says, Malachi verse 15. For I hate divorce, says the Lord God of Israel.

And him who covers his garment with wrong, says the Lord of hosts. So keep your spirits that you do not feel treacherously. You say, how have we wearied him? In that you say, everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord.

And he who delights in them, for he delights in them. Or whereas God particularly despises those who are soft on sin. Those who are soft on sin.

I know all kinds of preachers getting soft on sin. I haven't heard many in the church of God, thank the Lord. He said, you weary me with your words or your preaching.

You say, how have we wearied you? Because you say, everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord. And he delights in them. Pastor, Sunday school teacher.

The day comes when you and I stand before a holy God. We stand before Christ the judge. And we're going to have to give an account whether or not we have counseled rebellion.

There is a counseling of rebellion. There's this idea of being so full of compassion for people. We forget the holiness of God.

We talk about compassion for people. You cannot have any more compassion than when you tell the people the truth. That's true compassion.

Tell the people the truth. But he said, things have changed now. The man who does evil, you say he's alright in the sight of God.

Oh God, help the pastor. God, help the preacher, the evangelist that offers the slightest comfort to Christians who are living in sin. I preached my heart out in Dallas, Texas a few months ago.

I prayed the holy thunder of God against television and the people in the congregation. Sunday night, Wednesday night, the pastor got up. And he blunted the sword.

The worst thing you can do, pastor, is to blunt the sword of a prophet or watchman. Don't blunt it. If you don't believe it, shut up.

Don't blunt the sword and send people to hell. That dear brother got up before the congregation. And he said, you know, after church Sunday night, we had Brother Dave and Gwen at our home.

And every time I have Brother Dave at my home, I hide my TV. But you know, he said, we bring it out when he goes. Because you know how he is.

You know how he is. He gets excited about things. And that dear man killed it.

He goes down before God and answers for it. I'll never go back to that church. The sad thing is I got calls recently.

I had a man who didn't preach against sin, wasn't living the life of purity and holiness, and didn't thunder the word of God and show us the iniquity in our hearts. I'd get together a bunch of Christians, and I'd pray for God to send me a holy man to the pulpit. See the sledgehammer still to come.

He's saying, God brought me to the entrance of the court. He's saying, these are men who have got a witness against evil things. Their minds are full of corrupted evil visions.

Verse 11, and standing in front of them were 70 elders of the house of Israel. This day, Javaniah, the son of Shaphan, was standing among them. That's very significant.

Folks, do you believe that God puts these stories in the Old Testament just to tell stories? No. He said, this is for our benefit, for us. Javaniah, the son of Shaphan, standing among them, each man with his censer in his hand, and the fragrance of the cloud of incense rising.

Then he said to me, son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel committing in the dark? Each man in the room of his carved images. That means each man in his own mind, his imagination. For they said, the Lord does not see me.

The Lord has forsaken the land. He said to me, yet you shall see greater abominations which they are committing. He goes on to show the greater abominations.

Look this way, please. Here is the congregation. He digs through and he said, look what the members of the house are doing.

Look what they are doing. He said, look what they are watching. Look what they are looking at.

All the walls covered with these visions of creeping things. I don't know a better vision in all the Bible of television in my lifetime. The vision of the creeping things and the beast of the detestable things.

I had a woman. The first night. She may be here tonight.

She came up right over here. She said, David, 20 years ago in their particular seminar, I believe this is the way it went. She is here.

She can correct me after the sermon. They were determined to take a stand against television. The pastor suggested that we have television.

She had two children. She said, Brother Wilkinson, a woman came to me one day. You need to get television for the sake of your children.

It is what the devil told Eve. It will make you wise. Then she began to see this is what is happening.

This is what is happening. All these years I have never had it, little boy. All the monsters and the beasts.

You go into a toy store now and look what you see. What do you see? Monsters and beasts. By the way, you know that dean? He got under some conviction.

He said, I want to know something about your background. I will tell you what I have as a background. The man had been called to preach the gospel.

He is the inventor of the man of Jesus. That is when my daughter said, that is enough. That is enough.

Look at all these people. God said to these people, look at them. They are sitting there praying in my house with their images in their mind.

Their imagination is polluted with these. How many people in the house of God come down and offer their prayers and their minds are polluted. Polluted.

All America is sitting on edge right now because the end of Dallas and Dynasty, the end of the season is about to come. And you know what they do at the end of the season? They murder everybody. They blow up everything.

Murder and violence. Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang. Pow! Everything goes up in smoke.

Violence, divorce, filthy, testable things. And God's people sit there and you tell me, you tell me you are going to come to God and offer Him holy prayers? Huh? Oh, but look here. What about the preachers? See the congregation has got idolatry in their mind.

Look at the preachers here in the inner courts. You know what they are doing? They are praying. They are praying.

They have idolatry in their heart and here they are praying as if to say, Oh, the audacity. Oh, the arrogance of men who live in sin and preach the gospel as if I am something different. I am an exception.

God let me get by with it. And you know what it says? They are offering this polluted... In Hebrew, Jez and I are stood in their midst. God hears prayer even though they had idolatry and sin in their lives.

This is the side of your hearing. This is the side. If you get rid of the sin, that is when God is going to purify.

Would you go to Ecclesiastes? Ecclesiastes. Right after Proverbs. I am going to give you one verse.

Alright. Ecclesiastes. The Word of God.

Did you want to hear Bible preaching tonight? Alright. This is the bottom line as they say. Verse 1. Dead flies.

Dead flies. A dead fly makes the oil of the pocket very distinct. Give us Holy Ghost rain.

Go and give us physical rain before it is over. One dead fly in the incense makes it stink. What is your dead fly? Pastor.

Do you have a dead fly? One thing God says in the incense makes it stink. Oh. The prayer of the upright man availeth much.

1 Peter 4.7 says Don't pray. Don't seek God unless you are willing to give up your sins. Beautiful thing.

He will strain that fly out. He will cast it away. And suddenly the stench is gone and that beautiful aroma comes up again to the throne of God.

Hallelujah. One thing God wants out of this place that every dead fly be taken from the oil and close to Him. Our prayers were not being heard.

My preaching did not produce life because I was not dealing with that dead fly. God had put His finger on it time and time again. Now listen.

I'm not a Christian here that God hasn't dealt with about what you're doing. You're idolatry. You're sin.

And I want to tell you if every one of us that are here tonight would get on us before the Holy Ghost and say, Lord, turn this church light on. Put it right on that dead dirty fly. That's polluting this prayer life of mine.

Show it to me. And I'll tell you something. God's already showed it to most of you.

You know what He's talking about. I'm going to tell you something. I'm going to pray to God.

Put it on you. Sit down in front of your idol. You're watching that filthy junk.

You're watching that filthy dead fly. Get it out of the sin. And you made a commitment.

By the time this many of them preached, you went the other way. You got tired. I got tired of it too.

I repented. And God showed me. Well, they did the best they knew how.

But where are you, Grandma, Grandpa? Grandma, you used to pray. You're on your face, pleading for the church. Where are you now? You're watching.

And you're parked in front of a TV set now, watching filth. You dabs in Zion that once used to be deacons of the church that used to pray and seek God and fast. You prayed Holy Ghost conviction on every sinner that came in the door.

Now look at you. Now look at you. Church of God and assemblies of God need a bath.

We need a bath. We need to be cleansed. We need to quit looking at each other.

We need to have the pastors quit looking at us. We all have idols in our hearts. Brethren, I was the worst one of all.

It's worse to have an international pulpit than to have this in your heart. It's worse to preach to God saying something. What's it going to be, folks? I don't care what it costs.

I'll not justify my idols. I'll not play with these things anymore. Sister, sister, give me your ear.

Listen. What is it about this thing that's got a hold of you? What is this that keeps drawing you back? And here's the anointing word of God. Nothing's going to make the face of God until you've got a repentant heart.

Don't you dare. Why aren't you praying for me? Please don't pray for me. You're bringing judgment on America.

It's just about to happen. Very soon. It's on \$8 billion.

The richest country in the world as far as an Arab state, and it's not paying its bills. 80% of it to American banks. Here's what's going to happen.

About two weeks after that money is owed to European banks, German country's going to go down, probably ours. Can't live that out. And people will settle down and say, well, maybe it's not going to hurt.

But two weeks after the first country goes down, Mexico's going to default on \$100 billion. When the banks open the next day at 9 o'clock, \$10 billion an hour is going to be withdrawn from our American banks. All the Latin American countries, and before the day is over, the United States government is going to have to declare a bank holiday.

And we're going to the six months of the worst hell America has ever seen. There is going to be chaos. Not even the National Guard is going to be able to quiet Nate's army.

Now, I've documented this and I've sealed it in an envelope. I'm going to a public meeting like this. But the first country that bellies up, you go get every dime you have.

Church, get your money out of the bank because you've got two weeks because there's going to be a bank holiday. You won't be able to get it done for six months. The fear like we have never known.

Judgment is at the door. And I was at Macy's department store in a vision, and I watched people walking around stunned. People came walking into Macy's and scared everybody in that store and they were robbing and stealing.

They raped Macy's and raped and ruined. We've been warned and warned and warned and warned and you can't tell me that God hasn't warned us. You can't tell me God's not saying something awesome here tonight in this church.

He's saying something awesome to us and we better get our prayer life straightened up, our lives straightened up, get rid of those God's warnings. Get ready! And you'll not fear these things that come on the earth. You'll start rejoicing.

You'll not be afraid because your hands are clean. You've been praying and God's building a wall of fire around you to keep you. I'm saying, the enemy's at the gate.

Get ready. He's calling for holy, sanctified people. Do you want to repent tonight? Do you want to ask God to forgive you? I know that when I leave this place and He's speaking to your heart, I'll protect you when the judgment comes.

I'll protect you. I'll protect you when the judgment comes. I'll be with you.

I'll walk with you. I'll sanctify you. Stand to your feet, please.

Stand. Raise your hands and say, God, forgive me of my idolatry. God, I lay my idols down and I repent tonight.

Let's repent before God. Let's humble ourselves. At the top of your voice, call on God.

Call on Him at the top of your voice. God, I confess. Take this idol out of my heart.

I confess. Jesus. Jesus, forgive us.

Let's be honest with You, Jesus. Would you look this way for just a moment? The Holy Spirit has just spoken clearly to my heart. I have to do something now.

You know that the devil is trying to destroy... God wants to heal families, marriages. I hadn't even conceived this in my mind, but I want every one of you who are willing and honest enough to admit, David, the enemy is assailing. There's even been a thought.

Maybe you've been separated already. You haven't even thought about that we need healing. Not be the Holy Ghost to sit and stand right here now for healing.

I want you to stand here for healing. It's a couple. Take your husband or wife.

I believe that God... Boy, look at these couples coming. Isn't that beautiful? God's going to heal marriages tonight. Deep work here in hearts.

I'm looking at faces. I see that melding of the Holy Spirit. Folks, let Him melt your heart.

Go ahead, let Him melt your heart. Open your heart to it. Come on, dear sister.

Sister, let His forgiving love come in your heart. Let the forgiving Spirit of God flow through you now.

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