

Our Need for a New Heart - Part 2

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The sermon emphasizes the need for a new heart, highlighting the destructive power of sin and the importance of confession, repentance, and transformation through God's power.

Duration: 8:34

Scripture: Psalm 51:10, Proverbs 28:13, Isaiah 1:18, Ezekiel 36:26, Matthew 5:8, Romans 6:23, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 6:7, James 5:16, 1 John 1:9

Topics: "Repentance", "Forgiveness"

Description

This sermon delves into the theme of self-reflection, confession, and the transformative power of God's forgiveness. It emphasizes the need to acknowledge our wrongdoings, seek forgiveness from God and others, and experience a genuine change of heart. The narrative draws parallels between personal sins and societal issues, highlighting the destructive consequences of unchecked sin and the importance of true repentance.

Transcript

Worst degree? And what for? What is the end would you wish to attain? Well, if we got rid of all these fellows who don't think or believe as I do, then I can reign supreme. So you want to be alone. Is that your goal? And you want to crown yourself a king over a mass of dead bodies? Now what are people after these days? Here comes a prophet by the name of Nathan.

He has the courage to say, yes, you are the man. Notwithstanding the fact that he was addressing the king, you're the man. My dear friends, if we carefully look at our lives, you will find, as I often find, that I am not doing the good which I ought to do.

You know, there isn't the confession which people pray every Sunday in several parts of the world. We have done what we ought not to have done. And we have not done what we should have done.

Well, that is a very general kind of confession. But, you know, you can't bundle up things in that fashion. What is it that you have done which ought not to have been done? Well, I fudged the accounts.

I grabbed my employer's money. Well, what do you do? You first go to the Lord and say, Lord, this thing is bothering my heart. It's right there in my conscience.

I have stolen in that supermarket, and I will go return it. I have broken the heart of my wife by my evil conduct. I will ask a pardon.

I have lied to my children, appalling, lying to a child. I will ask my child's pardon and tell the child, the Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven me and given me a new heart. Now, my dear friends, now let us not think any more that religion is a thin coat of paint.

To cover up all the cracks or all the blots and stains. No, not at all. That may be the usual way religion works, but let me tell you, that's not the way God works.

God makes you a new creation. You become a person who is able to impart blessing to others. You know, wherever you go, you carry the Lord Jesus Christ with you.

Thou art the man. Now, what was the sequel? The sequel was very sad. It was a sad history that followed.

Three of his children died, and one of his daughters was deflowered by her brother. Now, you know, there are some people today, and many people in that, for that matter, who have gone into incestuous behavior and lifestyle. You know, this kind of perverted minds, corrupted lives, when the daughters are attacked by their own dad.

Cannot believe this, but this is happening to many unfortunate girls. Thou art the man, you know. There are many people who are being, just to earn a little more money, they go and hire themselves out as maids, housemaids.

And the man of the house takes advantage of these poor women. It's tragic. I've seen this in the Middle East, and this is well known in other parts of the world.

Why? Is there a beast in you which, if unleashed, and often it is, will destroy other lives? Well, my dear friends, what has happened to all our vaunted education and all our culture and enlightenment? You know, we are reforming ourselves, refining ourselves. We are doing yoga, we are doing this, that, and the other to improve ourselves. But the housemaids are not safe.

Oh, my beloved people. What did the Lord Jesus Christ say? Out of the heart proceeds evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murder. Yes? We see a lot of native-grown terrorists getting ready to be a wave of suicide bombers today.

And some of them are people born in the land, educated in the land, maybe bought their guns in the land, or maybe went to Afghanistan and got some specialized training in Pakistan. Whatever it is. Whatever training you have had to sharpen your instinct to murder, it is native to the heart of man.

It's there already. You just hold it. That's all.

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