

A Man of God - Part 2

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The church needs to return to the cross and the true gospel in order to experience true revival and transformation.

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Description

This sermon addresses the prevalence of immorality and the prosperity of evil in the world, emphasizing the need for revival. It highlights the dangers of being led astray by false teachings and the importance of staying true to the simplicity of the Gospel. The speaker urges a return to the foundational message of the cross and the significance of genuine spiritual transformation, contrasting it with superficial conversions that lack true repentance and commitment.

Transcript

Immorality abounds, herpes, AIDS, every devilish thing is prospering. Plus all the power of the cults, they're multi-million dollars. So it's inevitable that we have revival.

Paul said, Would the God you could bear with me in my calling. Indeed bear with me, for I'm jealous over you with godly jealousy. For I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

But I fear less by any means as the serpent begot thee through his subtlety. So your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For he that cometh preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached.

Or if you receive another spirit, which you have not received, or another gospel, which you have not accepted, you might well bear with him. Is there another gospel that we're listening to? It's not a gospel. What is that gospel? Well in England we used to call it modernism, or you call it liberalism here.

I mean the Baptists now, for a long time they've had contention about the Bible as the very word of God. I mean, can't we alter it? As I say very often, we've revised it, but God never has. And I still think the King James Version is nearly to the best.

And those old-fashioned guys preach it. I think brother this, we've almost no preachers in America. Everybody's teaching, teaching, teaching.

I think I have 500 tapes in there that people say, I think you got 40 tapes in the first month of this year. You must read my interpretation of Revelation. You must read my story.

There's at least 50 John the Baptists in the country. So they think they are. If a guy tells me I'm John the Baptist, I say, have you increased your insurance? They say, why? I say, you've only got to live six months.

Oh no, no, no. But we're not preaching the gospel. What are we preaching? Well there's one, there was two groups.

There's one group now that's preaching signs and wonders all the time. There's another one that says it's love and signs. If it's signs and wonders in God's name, what did it do for Judas? He saw everything Jesus did, then look what it did.

And what did some of the guys have been preaching about the Holy Ghost and miracles? Where are they now? One's in jail, the other's in the gutter comparatively. We've got to get back to the cross. If I be lifted up, I will draw all men.

You get the Emmaus road, going down the Emmaus road, it says that Jesus opened unto them the scriptures, then he opened their eyes, then he opened their understanding. But then you think after they, and read the last chapter in Luke, and it says the most awesome thing there, that they sat and talked with Jesus, had breakfast with him. One of them broke bread and he took, gave him bread.

The other one broke a honeycomb. Well can you imagine you giving Jesus personally honeycomb, and he puts his hand out, there's a nail hole through it. And they saw the most astounding miracle in history, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

And wait a minute, he says, come with me. And they went to order for the next most astounding miracle, the ascension of Jesus into heaven. Couldn't they live on that? There isn't a devil in hell that will ever move us.

We had breakfast with Jesus, we talked with Jesus, we shared a meal with Jesus. Couldn't you live on that forever? Jesus says, no you can't. Well we saw him ascend into heaven, not many of us, but we saw him.

The two most outstanding things, and yet Jesus has carried you until you be endued. You can't live on the emotion of it. That's the trouble with the most horrible thing I know that happens in evangelism today.

We don't value the human soul. When are we going to get serious about being serious about the most serious thing in the world, the birth of people at the altar. I watched the close of a service in Dallas a few weeks ago.

At the end about 15 people came in four minutes. They said a prayer and gone away. Well my reaction to that brother was this, I can't get my car through a car wash in four minutes.

Can they pass from death unto life? Can they put off the old man and put on the new man? As you'd use a figure, can they get married to Christ in four minutes? Of course not. In fact when you read the seven Pentecostal pioneers, which everybody should read because it's still printed, it tells you there that they had

one place where they had meetings for three weeks and I forget the number, something like 964 people came and everyone was dealt with personally. We used to go to a city without money and pitch a tent and stay there 12 weeks.

The churches are still there 60 years after. But everybody came to the altar. If you came, I'd come with a Bible at the side of you and ask you what your problem was.

You wanted to be saved, we took you through the scriptures. If we spent an hour, so what? I don't often watch TV. I watched a special, there was a special about three years ago of all the things they were going to show on one of the, what is it called now? Well it's a special on animals, the birth of a giraffe.

And I said to Martha, well darling I want to see this. So anyhow the guy said, now listen I've already gone through this once but let me show you. And he brought in this female, he said look her head is 14 feet from the ground which I thought was a long way.

Now here's the male, his head is 19 feet from the ground. Now watch. And he said I've been through this so watch.

And he said we bring the camera right in front of the giraffe. He said now look she's spreading her legs at the back. You see that black thing hanging, that's a little baby and it's going to fall five to six feet according to the height of the animal onto a bed of straw.

So what's that got to do with the gospel? It broke my heart. Why? Because I watched that thing. And he said now watch, now you see the little thing's coming now.

Now watch, watch. He said there. And the thing dropped onto the big bed of straw.

And he said now this takes between three and four hours. And he said now watch. And the little thing tried to get up and it rolled over.

It tried again, it rolled over. Tried up again, it rolled the other way. Now watch carefully, he said.

And the next time it tried the mother put her hoof behind its backside and lifted it up and it stood up. And she turned around and nodded. And the little thing nodded.

And he said that's almost four hours. So I ran to the room to pray and mother said what's wrong? I said darling. I said it takes four hours to get a baby giraffe born.

It doesn't take four minutes for somebody to get born at our office today. Oh well great, we've said it more than once. Just stay a few minutes.

Stay a few minutes in God's name. What do you mean stay a few minutes? Was Gethsemane a few minutes? Was the temptation of the wilderness a few minutes? We're trying to get people. I guarantee that now five percent of people in America or England are genuinely born again of the spirit.

They're born again of a decision. They give up a few lousy habits, some of them. And so they go right back.

And then you tell you there's nothing in it. Dear brother I was at a certain place. I preached on a new birth.

I thought there's a pretty much liberty. And I said if any of you want this experience of birth in Christ come forward and then come down the aisle and go to the room on the right. Women go down on the left.

So there were about half a dozen in each group. Well that was that was nine o'clock. And we stayed in that room till ten helping men.

And they were really broken before God. Then at ten o'clock there's a knock on the door. And I said come in.

And there was the pastor. He said can I bring this lady in? Will you pray with her? I said I will if you say. She's a big gorgeous looking blonde.

She knows when they hit the ground and she bursted. And she said I want to tell you something Mr. Raymond. I said well tell me I'll listen.

She said this is the 14th time I've come out for this. I went to a certain Bible school for three years. We had three revivals a year.

And each time I went I was nine times. And he said since then I've been to other meetings. Somebody flips their arm around me and says don't worry dear Jesus paid it all.

He knows when you

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