

A Man of God - Part 7

by Leonard Ravenhill

Leonard Ravenhill's sermon calls for a deep commitment to God, emphasizing the need for true repentance and spiritual revival in the church today.

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Scripture: Isaiah 29:13, Matthew 16:26, 1 Corinthians 3:13-15, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, James 4:6, Revelation 20:12

Topics: "Repentance And Revival", "Spiritual Renewal"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the need for true repentance and revival, highlighting the story of a man who experienced a deep transformation after years of living in sin and denial of God's calling. It calls for a rediscovery of the value of each human soul, the importance of genuine repentance, and the understanding of key spiritual concepts like atonement, forgiveness, and justification. The speaker also addresses the consequences of living in arrogance and sin, urging a return to a sincere relationship with God and a recognition of the coming judgment.

Transcript

Come from a meeting at night and he never did like the others. He didn't get western clothes. He wanted an American jacket and a white shirt.

He just had a figure of his tied on his shoulder and a lock of hair that fell down. And she said he stayed in the home of a friend of mine and he would leave a half door open, you know, to get the air. And she said he would come in after the meeting and his shirt sticking to his back and he would be heeding like a dog.

And this lady said to her after, you know, of all the preachers we've ever had in this country, I've never seen a man like John Sung. He lives and moves as his being in God. And she said he comes home every night sobbing and weeping and his shirt stuck to his back.

And she said one scripture only leaps to my mind when I see him. She said, what's that? This is my body, which is broken for you. And she said that was where he lived.

He didn't tell other people who lived there, but he lived economically and he lived all the time. Well, his book is written. Time in the mission published it.

And if you see it by is worth a thousand dollars. I mean, I've tried to contact men that like that have lived moving out there, being in God, they aren't serious. There's all kinds of theory.

In fact, right now I should be in Australia with a team that will go on to Hong Kong and China and everywhere. But the thing is, there's a hunger now. Young men in this country have never seen revival.

They never see meetings that go until two or three in the morning. People that won't go home or if they do go home, say, I can't eat. I can't turn on my TV.

I'm so hungry for God. I'm so tired of my neighbors going to hell. And so my daughter came home and tells me she's pregnant.

My son came home. He's on drugs. There's all kinds of messing, even amongst believers, even amongst the pastors, children.

So we need to rediscover the value of a human soul. Our people need to be taught what repentance is, what the atonement is, what forgiveness is, what pardon is, what justification is, what the witness of this, they don't know. They want to kneel down in five minutes, pass from death to life and become a full-blown Christian.

It can't happen. Jackie Bollinger was here and we were talking about people being converted. She said, well, uh, a man knocked at my door recently and I went and I said, well, let's call him Bill.

That wasn't his name. Oh, Bill, come in. No, no, Miss Jackie.

I'm being a bad boy. Uh, I left you 13 years ago. You took me in.

I was a drug addict. I was a drunkard. I was a fighter.

I was a bad man. And I got saved and filled with the Spirit and spoke in tongues. But then I just went to the devil.

The devil took me. I left my wife and child. I took another woman.

I'd been in and out of prison. I know I've seen your record in the newspaper. But, but he said, uh, I'd been wicked for almost 13 years.

I've done everything shamelessly. But three months ago in my present self, Jesus came to me and I was saved again. And he's restored me in avish peace, avish joy.

But he said, Miss Jackie, I want to tell you that every night for the last three months, I've wept two to three hours every night. And she thought she would come to him. She said, well, Bill, you don't need to do that.

Your sins run the blood. They forgot. I'm not, I'm not, I'm not worried about my sins.

What are you worried about? I'm worried about the fact that for 13 years I've denied God the right to use my tongue and use my heart and use my mind and use my thinking. And I'm sorry. She said, that's the best case of repentance ever heard.

Well, this one isn't just saying I did these lousy things, but I've denied God the right. What could I have been if I'd, what would Shruggett be if he hadn't messed his life up? He might have been a new deliverer for this nation, but the devil got him. And now he's arrogant.

He says, it's no business of yours. They tell me when he said that two weeks ago, the audience stood up and clapped and gave him a standing ovation. You gather thousands of people living in a devil really don't care.

I just hope God spares him. I mean, if I was gonna cut the guy off, he's on his second chance. Adam didn't get a second chance.

Judas didn't get a second chance. Why does Shruggett expect it? But we're in that day now where sin doesn't mean much to us. I mean, I, I weep over the guy, but what does Jesus do? He's crucified the son of God of faith.

I was reading last night with Tamartha. I said, darling, well, I don't understand this. In fact, I wrote to a friend at two o'clock this morning where, what is it? 2 Corinthians 3 says, the fire shall try every man's work and what, not what size it is, but what sort it is.

And then, but the thing that boils me over, maybe you fellas can help me. Maybe that's why he's allowed to send you today. And I'm serious about this.

I think it's 4th Corinthians. Yeah, 1 Corinthians 3, that's right. 1 Corinthians 3 is it? Or 13.

Yes. Everyone's work should be a manifest for the day shall declare it well. Let's, let's put it in a nutshell.

Dear brothers, when you and I go to the judgment, we're not going to have our passports checked. We're going to have our baggage checked. What have we been collecting all our lives? Okay.

Look at those 13. If anyone's work shall be made manifest for the day shall declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, the fire shall try every man's work, what sort, not what size it is. Now, if every man's work abide, which is built thereon, he shall receive a reward.

Now look at this 15th verse. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved by fire. Now look at verse 17.

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy. Now what do you do? God's going to destroy that man. Did Jimmy Strangford ever think he's 24, 5 billion people or you and I will, with all the archangels there, all the apostles of the Old, of the New Testament, all the prophets of the Old Testament gazing on me and God reads my record out.

We've lost sight of the judgment. If we began every meeting in the light of the judgment, we'd be prostrate before the end of this service. You wouldn't think about running home to turn the lousy TV on.

The early Pentecostal meetings, brother used to go at eight in the morning and stay till five or six at night. They had a meal on the grounds, particularly in America, and then have an afternoon session and an evening session, have three or four sermons. I don't really have to go to that, but this is, nobody's answering my question.

Him shall God destroy, not his record be destroyed, but he shall be destroyed. How can a man mix with a harlot when he knows his body is the temple of the Holy Ghost and that is all in his head? I mean, the body is the temple. Isn't it awesome when you think two men, five years ago, had the world at their feet.

Timmy Strecker got arrogant because God called him to evangelize the world in the first place. That's wrong. He said that nobody would go to.

David Wilson went to him two years before that mess up. He went to PTO two years before and told them and they wouldn't listen to him. It's no good saying they had no friends.

They were so arrogant. They became alone to themselves. Nobody dared correct them.

They wouldn't listen to counsel. They got on a crash, as they say in the world, they got on a roll. Strecker's taking three million a week in.

I hear he still takes in a million a week, but where's the power? I'm not looking for a modern Elijah. I'm looking for a kind of a hundred Elijahs in different areas to come without all the other... Would you respond to this passage of scripture from Isaiah in light of what you're saying? In Isaiah 29, verse 13, it says, Wherefore the Lord said, For as much as his people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men. Their fear towards me is taught by the precept of men.

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