

Hell

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of looking unto Jesus for inspiration and the reality of hell and the second death.

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Scripture: Luke 16:19-24, Romans 8:28, Hebrews 12:2, Revelation 20:11-12, Revelation 20:15

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of preaching about hell and everlasting destruction, even though it may not be popular or financially beneficial. He shares a personal experience of being moved to tears by the thought of someone being cast into the lake of fire. The preacher also discusses the difference between the Puritans of the 1600s and modern-day preachers, highlighting the need to focus on eternity rather than earthly matters. He encourages listeners to look unto Jesus and reminds them of the consequences of not doing so, using examples of tragic events and the concept of spending one's life gathering sawdust instead of focusing on eternal matters.

Transcript

Preacher has his own method of preparation and usually when I finish here Friday night I go home, I don't sleep much, but I try and get something from the Lord for the next Friday night and if I haven't much to do on Saturday I spend Saturday preparing for the next Friday night but Sunday night I'm going to preach uh I'm going to preach Assembly of God Church. I think the favorite text of Pentecostals is none of these things move me. Thank you.

But not many people want to be moved anymore so I'm going to Assembly of God Church at Shady Grove that's a bad name isn't it? Shady Grove in uh Dallas I think. Six o'clock Sunday night. I want you all to come to sing.

You did such a good job tonight. The book of the Revelation, we're not going to stay here long in this part, book of Revelation chapter 20. When I think of this book I think of three things.

To me the book of Revelation is a book of majesty, it's a book of mystery, and it's a book of misery. Because it tells me about the end of time and it tells me about beyond the end of time. If your faith needs a lift now and again don't keep forever running to Romans 8 28 you'll warm it out.

I want to get something inspiring. Why not get out of time into eternity? A preacher came to see me a few days ago he said you talk about the Puritans, you talk about Hawker and Owen and some of those majestic characters. What's the difference between those men in in the 1600s and the men today? Oh that's easy to answer.

They lived in eternity we live in time. We're so earthbound. We're always talking about numbers, the unsaved, the lost, that's right but first of all if you're going to get inspiration we've got to look unto Jesus the author and the finish of our faith.

This is an awesome chapter, chapter 20. Let me read from verse 11. And I saw great white throne.

Again my quip is I'm reading from the King James Version, you know the living Bible. And I saw great white throne and him that sat upon it from whose face the heavens and the earth fled away. Can you think of anything more awesome than that? It doesn't say who sits on the throne.

I believe God himself sits there. The believers, Paul says we are going to be, we all of us are going to the judgment seat of Christ. This is not the judgment seat of Christ.

This is the judgment seat of God in this 20th chapter. From his face the heavens and the earth fled away and there was far no place for them. And I saw the dead small and great stand before God.

And the books were opened and another book was opened which is the book of life. And the dead were judged out of those things which are written in the books according to their works. The sea gave up the dead which were in it.

Death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them. They were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

This is the second death. Last Monday night I said to my wife, I said sweetheart I'm going in my office for a while. I opened my Bible at this chapter.

I began to read it. I've read it often. Maybe thousands of times over the years.

But as I read this suddenly it seemed as though this, uh, I felt like a man going down the road and he gets ambushed. There's somebody behind the bush and they grab hold of him and just make him look and listen. I read this last verse in the 20th chapter.

Whosoever was not found written in the book of life, no pardon me, the 14th verse. Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire and this is the second death. It's mentioned again in the next chapter.

The second death. You can listen to your TV and radio evangelist for 10 years you won't hear a sermon on the second death. They hardly dare preach on the first death never mind the second one.

When did you last hear a sermon on TV about hell? About everlasting destruction? It's not fashionable. It doesn't bring the money in. It doesn't tickle the ears.

It tickles the conscience. Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. I sat at my desk and the tears began to pour down my face.

The Lord shot the name of a man into my mind. I've never seen the man in my life. I knew he used to be considerably wealthy.

I don't know much about his name even. I know his son. I love his son very well.

I began to think about that man with all his privileges in social life and everything but his name is not in the book of life and he's going to be participating in this second death. There's only one way to understand this I think and that is to go into the gospel recorded by recorded by Luke and the 16th chapter. There are a lot of wonderful expositions of the what we call the sermon on the mount but they're called in the scripture the Beatitudes.

Do you know why they're called the Beatitudes? Without being facetious because they should be the attitudes of every believer. That's the normal Christian life not the abnormal Christian life. The normal Christian life is holiness.

Outside of that is sickness. Luke chapter 16. Again I was going to say that you know when you come to you read the what Matthew 7 and you read through the Beatitudes and then suddenly you bump into Jesus saying something that you hadn't noticed about because three times in the Beatitudes it mentions hell.

But we stress all the beautiful things about the Beatitudes. Verse 19 of chapter 16. There was a certain man which was clothed in purple and fine linen and he fed sumptuously or extravagantly every day and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus which laid at his gate full of sores.

Now notice there are two beggars in this story. One begs in time and the other begs in eternity. The other is begging at the gates in hoping he can get a few crumbs but you find a little later in verse 24 that this man cried and said father Abraham have mercy on me.

He's begging. Have mercy, have mercy. This shatters forever the idea you can pray to saints.

This man prayed at the wrong time to the wrong person for the wrong thing and he got the wrong answer. There was a certain man named Lazarus laid at his gate full of sores designed to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table and moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. Well they were kinder than the old rascal that had the money.

He never helped him. It came to pass that the beggar died and what was he showing your version? He was carried, he was carried. The rich man died and was buried.

There's no record that the poor man was ever buried. He was most likely taken to Gehenna, the place where they dumped all the offal and the dirt and the filth in that valley where the worms didn't ever die and the fires never went out. But the rich man had an ostentatious funeral.

I was going to say maybe he was a mason but there weren't masons then but it was a show. Richest man in town. I remember when I came to America for the first time in 1950.

There was a, the funeral of a gangster I happened to see there in Chicago, good night. You'd have thought it was Julius Caesar they were burying. No.

They had crosses longer than the two, longer than the casket. They had open what do you call them, carriages behind, stacked with flowers. Thousands of dolls with the flowers.

A wicked violent man who'd been involved in murders and rape and bootlegging and every devilish thing and they gave him the wedding, they gave him a funeral of a king. Now which is best to be, to be carried or to be buried? I thought I was going to be carried away tonight when you were singing but I knew it wouldn't be because you wouldn't have got this great truth but anyhow. He came to pass the beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom which that was a Jewish conception of heaven.

The rich man also died and was buried. And heavy lifted up his eyes being in torments and he seeth Abraham afar. You know that thing got hold of me and it still has hold of me.

This man is in torment. You've heard me say more than once I'm going to heaven and I'm not going for the weekend. And some of you are going to hell and you're not going for the weekend.

I didn't have time I'd like to have had a piece of paper put across here with this printed in big letters on it tonight so you would see it. Hell has no exits. We read of heaven there are 12 gates into heaven.

It doesn't say there are any gates into hell. Jesus says quoting what I think it's the fifth chapter in Isaiah which he quoted most often from that chapter. Hell hath enlarged no mouth to swallow the generations to swallow the people that think they're secure and happy.

It doesn't say much about this rich man except that he was rich. The poor man sat at his gate. Everybody despised, rejected, forgot about him.

The rich man was cast down. The poor man went into Abraham's bosom. Notice what it says carefully here.

In hell he lifted up his eyes. Being in torment and he seeth. He seeth.

You know people in hell can see. If you were to pull that blind away don't do it well. But if you did and there were some people standing out there they could see and hear and say well that's brother that's sister somebody.

Those people in darkness can see everything that's going on in this room. I can't see a thing. Somebody might be choking a man out there.

Somebody might have a revolver at his head. I can't see. But he that's out in the darkness the total darkness can see everybody in here.

I believe one of the perpetual torments. Remember it's not going to pass in a weekend. I believe everybody goes to hell.

We'll see everything that's going on in heaven. And verse 23 he seeth. He lifted up his eyes being in torments.

So he's very conscious. You know some people try to say well uh there isn't such a thing as hell. A few minutes after the man gets angry he said go to hell.

What's he saying go to nowhere? Jesus spoke about hell 10 times. He spoke about heaven only once. We need to recover our balance.

I've said to you over and over again we are we are not eternity conscious enough. 12 gates into the city of God. Only one way into hell.

No exits. It says they go in and out of the city but nobody went in and out of hell. It says there's a new heaven and a new earth.

It never says a new heaven a new devil. I told you about a man that lived in a city that I lived in before I was born by the name of Charlie Peace. He was the Al Capone of our nation.

He raped, he robbed, he did every devilish thing. And the cops couldn't get him but once they got him he was sentenced to death in the city where I lived. And the judge said to him you'll hang by the neck until you die and God have mercy on your soul.

Charlie Peace was put in a cell with a guard watching him every moment because in English law at that time a man was given 20 21 days three weeks what was called amendment of life or repentance. And he was guarded day and night so he didn't commit suicide and beat the law. The night before he used to go to the gallows an officer came in and said Mr Peace and he stood up and said yes I'm Mr Peace I'm Charlie.

Is that a name for a criminal? I'm Mr Peace. Well he said in the morning he said yes at eight o'clock I go to the gallows. Put a rope around his neck, put him on a trap door, pull a switch, he drops down there and he's killed quicker than being executed.

He never failed. Quarter of eight in the morning the judge came, the prison governor came in, the prison doctor came in, the hangman who was peer point came in and a preacher came to say a little prayer. He said a moldy miserable little prayer.

Then he began to walk toward the scaffold a little room, he had to go through a door and Charlie Peace was following and the man was reading and suddenly he mentioned hell. Oh yes he mentioned heaven about streets of gold and angels and everything. Then he mentioned hell.

Charlie Peace reached for the preacher and spun him around and said what are you reading? Well he said I'm reading from a book called the Consolations of Religion. Consolations? I'm not concerned about heaven, I'm not going. You just said a minute ago that hell is a bottomless pit.

You said that hell is fire that never goes out. You said hell is a death that never dies. Do you mean that when I string on that rope something goes out of me away into what you call eternity and my body goes down into that quick line but something gets out of me before I get down to the bottom? Are you telling me that I Charlie Peace will be eternally burning and never consumed, eternally dying and never die? Eternally in the grip of death and never feel relieved? I'm going to be in eternal agony forever and ever? Well the preacher said that's what I was taught at school.

I don't care what you were taught he said. I'm asking you do you believe in a hell like that where people never never ever die? Well I think it is. Where Charlie Peace said that was the city of Leeds is in the middle of England, northern England.

Over here you have Liverpool, over there you have hell. Charlie Peace said if you covered the ground between the hole and Liverpool, thank you. If you covered it with broken glass and made me crawl on my hands and knees leaving a trail of my own blood behind me and I could snatch just one man from that

eternal hell I would say Charlie Peace you've done well.

I hear people say you know one of the signs of the last days is all this heresy. The Jehovah's Witnesses don't believe in hell. The Mormons don't believe in hell.

Mooniites don't believe in hell. I've got news for you. You don't believe in hell either.

We've got a crowded house for once in six months. Normally you can get a chair any way you like. Are you suggesting to me that either this school or any other school around here would live its normal course if we all believe that men outside of Jesus Christ are going to perish forever and ever? Come on now, here's a man and all his life he went to church.

When they made appeals he pulled out a checkbook. He's very generous, a soft touch as you say. He'd give to missions, he'd give to other things.

But he died unsaved. He had a fine service. The preacher told lies over him as they often do in their very people.

And he wakes up in hell and he looks there into eternity and there's his precious wife. He's scorned and ridiculed and laughed at and she's at the marriage supper of the Lamb and he's going to burn forever and ever. That's what the Word of God says.

He sees in the bosom of Abraham, he sees Lazarus there. I went to a lovely wedding last week and the bride came down the aisle looking so gorgeous. And I was, I tried to pronounce the benediction, at least I tried to pray.

But you know I suddenly got caught away in that thing. I recognized this sweet young lady in beautiful white and then I visualized the marriage supper of the Lamb with millions and millions and millions of people there. And singing such you've never heard because there's 144,000 in the orchestra.

Again not with guitars thank God. With harps. I've told you what guitars are, they're backslidden harps.

And a multitude which no one can number and 144,000 in the orchestra singing with rapturous delight and watching the bride come. Who is she? She's the bride of brides who's going to be married to the king of kings. And there's a man moldy in hell and he's looking back and thinking how many times I laughed when my wife talked about that.

How many times I heard her preach I thought it was too far out. I thought it was a kind of a furry story. Everybody who goes to hell will be able to recite every word of every sermon they ever heard since they were a child.

The agony of hell is there's no way out. The agony of hell is that we'll have the sharpest memories you ever had if we get there. He seeth Abraham in the bosom.

He seeth the man in the bosom of Abraham. Other words in heaven. And he prays.

What does he pray? In verse 23 you notice that he can see. In hell he lift up his eyes being in torments. Oh that conscience he smothered now it feels like a spark of hell itself inside of him.

Verse 23 he can see. Verse 24 he can hear. Because Abraham spoke to him.

Verse 24 he cried and said father Abraham have mercy on me and send Lazarus he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. Look that man's going to be chewing his own tongue for a million years and he'll see people sitting at the marriage supper of the lamb drinking the wine of the ages. He has an appetite but there's nothing to satisfy.

All his life he lusted for women and now he can't celebrate his lust. If you think men aren't idiots why in God's name do you think they get AIDS? They say it's the most cruel thing that men have ever experienced. It's even more painful than a woman having an agonizing time in childbirth.

But that period of AIDS he has for three years he won't live more than three years with it. It's just a foretaste not a glory divine it's a foretaste of eternal misery. He's got hell on the way to help.

The devil's a bad taskmaster. Send Lazarus that he may recognize Lazarus. I tell you if you go to hell you'll recognize people.

You'll see your preacher. You'll wish to God he'd come and preach to you once more. You'll hear your mother praying.

I wish to God you'd you'd been sensible when she was praying. You remember every time your conscience began to tremble and you smothered it. You remember when the fear of God came on you but the fear of man clouded out the fear of God.

Come on now hell is eternal. There's no escape. There's no way out.

I went to a devil's island just off the coast of South America once near Venezuela. Went across with the officers from the prison on a beautiful yacht and I said well this is some place. I noticed this great big prison of yours has no bars around it.

No no no no. The men are walking around the edge. Don't they ever try don't they jump in the water.

One only one man in history ever got out of this prison. This sea is the most shark infested sea there is anywhere in the Americas. One man did it only one.

Usually the sharks are there. Usually there's a patrol boat. When a man up there sees a man dive in the water he sounds he sounds a buzzer and he also sends a message to the coast of America and they send a patrol boat out.

The man who escaped had been a champion swimmer and the reason he escaped was every time he kicked and kicked and the sharks didn't come. Every time he saw a boat or somebody coming in he swam underwater. Said he swam underwater for miles coming up and down up and down up and down.

But he made it. But no man has ever escaped the eternal judgment of God. Again they go in and out of the city of God.

Nobody ever went in and out of hell just then. Say what you like. Every true revival.

I know we don't preach it today. We're smooth. We're careful.

I see people half naked in some places. Well you see we go into these camps with these young people and we dress like them to win them. I suppose some of you boys are praying you get called to a nudist

colony.

Well if you're going to dress like them to win them you'd have to go without anything on. It's the very opposite. We don't dress like them to win them.

That's the very opposite that we do. What we do the opposite of that. You cannot find me a generation of preachers you can have who you like that hasn't had a revival at some time and one of the main supports in that theological support in that revival has been preaching on hell.

Moody preached on it very much. Again I read to the other week where the greatest revival in the history of America was 17 what 27 through Jonathan Edwards. Maybe the greatest genius America ever had.

Went to school at University of Yale at nine. At 13 years of age he became the valedictorian and he went on and on. But it was in the course of an ordinary series of meetings when revival broke out.

He knew that George Whitfield was coming later but didn't say we're going to have a big meeting and we're going to stage Whitfield and get some good singers. It was on the ordinary course of a preaching service. But remember this man according to his daughter at nine years of age says people think my daddy has a face of granite and a voice of gravel.

And he preached remember that message of sinners in the hands of an angry God. And all they know is my daddy thundering. I wish to God we thought he could thunder these days.

Everybody's teaching. Do you know why teaching? Because it doesn't get to your conscience. It doesn't disturb you.

You don't have to sit nice and be comfortable just talk to us. America's going to hell on under about 13 feet of teaching tapes from the coast of it from Canada down to the Gulf. You read today or hear today about this horrible thing that happened right after this super accident that they had down in Mexico City and now about 60 miles east of Bogota the capital of Colombia.

A volcano that hasn't stewed out for 400 years except one little freak about 100 years ago and it blew the top and melted all the snow in the mountains and sent a tidal wave of 13 feet deep that's wiped out towns. 20,000 people have perished. The people say isn't it awful? Isn't it awful they've lost their furniture? Come on.

Supposing you look it from God's angle most of the Catholics they didn't know God. 13,000 20,000 people gone to hell. Nobody listened to the news as though they were you know just going to smoke and relax.

15,000 people perished there in Mexico City. Many of the thousands not even be discovered they went straight to perdition most of them. Tonight they showed children just plastered with dirt and plastered with blisters because the villages near the volcano felt the fiery blast as though the door of hell had opened and the skin came off the people and there they are in their misery and if you translate that again into this thing that's mentioned here in the word of God this man has spent all this time getting nothing.

Again quoting that old chorus turn your eyes upon Jesus look full in his wonderful face and the things of earth will grow strangely dim. I turn it around and say when you get to eternity and look back you'll discover you spent most of you spent your life gathering sawdust. The things of earth for eternity won't look strangely dim they'll look strangely grim.

You see this man prays he doesn't pray about his sins he doesn't even pray to be delivered he just says send Lazarus and he may dip his finger in water and cool my parched tongue I am tormented in this flame.

Won't it be something for a man to sit there in hell where there's no rest there's no peace and suddenly he looks up and he sees his his wife at the marriage supper of the lamb or his wife in a marvelous thing that's mentioned where is it Matthew 7 where they sit down with Abraham and Isaac and all the saints of all the ages and he sees his wife with a glorified body he sees her with resurrection life he sees her with a majesty he never dreamed that he'd ever see her and here he is in his perpetual misery and there's going to be no change for him I'm tormented tormented with my memory tormented with the times I rejected God tormented with the times he offered me some service and I didn't do it tormented with my guilt it's come alive now more than ever I'm tormented in this flame mine I say again I believe you remember every sermon he ever heard preached you remember every time the spirit of God was tugging at his conscience and he said no isn't it amazing that an omnipotent God will let you smack him in the face he struggled with you so often and he hasn't destroyed you because you disobeyed him there's a hymn that says depth of mercy can there be mercy still reserved for me can my God is wrathful bear me the chief of sinners spare I had long withstood his grace long provoked him to his face would not hearken to a call grieved him by a thousand falls isn't that your history be honest about it did you really get saved the very first time you heard the gospel I heard the gospel a hundred times and yet I was only 14 when I got saved I was only 18 when I got filled with the spirit and then I went to a church where holiness was stressed I'm glad one day somebody pushed a little book into my hands the life of a great American one of the greatest Americans ever lived you know him David Brainerd he died at 28 do you know it's killing America killing Christians creature comforts our beds are too comfortable our homes are too comfortable you know some people think that they're fasting or that they're really crucifying the flesh if you don't have a coke for two days or dr pepper or whatever your weakness is you know we're the most undisciplined generation the world's ever known I saw a boy in a church so long ago I said well how old are you he said oh I'm 16 see that fellow there I'm discipling him you know what a kid 16 discipling a boy 14 disciple comes from the word discipline how many of you are disciplined how many go to bed at the same time every night get up every morning at the same time how do you discipline your appetite how do you discipline your tongue we're the most weak effeminate Christianity the world's ever had no but no wonder nobody wants it it has no strength it has no character it has no I'm going to use an old word but I won't use it let me go back to this a minute Abraham said son remember you say well Mr.

Raymond that doesn't worry me too much what doesn't what is I never had a very good memory you know sometimes I don't see TV often but I used to like to watch these tests that they give kids one school competing against another you know ask who Alexander the third married or something and they say this is intelligence test it's nothing of the kind it's a memory test if you have a good memory you can get through it it's a memory test son remember you say I don't have a very good memory but let me tell you something I think the psychologists see the little thing down here called the repress in the repress complexity of the subconscious in one of the great hospitals in Canada a few years ago they put some I've forgotten what they call the things on a guy's temples electrodes electrodes and

they turned his mind back and asked him what he did when he was 11 years of age and he just went through everything he did from 11 to 12 what did he do when he was 16 he went back his mind all came back it was replayed well you say I don't have a mind like that but let's wait till the resurrection finger of Jesus Christ touches you will have when Themistocles was the mayor of Athens in Greece there were 200,000 people in the city and he knew the name of every one of them one of the greatest generals in the

world had over 115,000 soldiers in his army they said he could recall the name of everyone but he says son remember remember remember in your lifetime you had your good things you were privileged to live in a Christian country you went to a good church you've got me parents remember all

the good things you had and you treated them as though they were dust or dung you can't have them back now son remember remember the missed opportunities remember the times you denied the Holy Ghost the right to come further into your life remember that remember every time conscience worked with the touch of God on it son remember in your lifetime all the warnings all the pleadings pleadings with by men pleading by God pleadings by your relatives pleadings by the preachers and you turn them all all all away remember them now come on let them torment it then look at your wife there she's with that holy group of people forever and ever he says send him that he may touch my tongue his wife his wife is going to drink of the waters of life from the middle of the city of God and this man is

going to be writhing in pain in agony and he could have been with her but business stole him sports stole him some of you men have been 10 miles further up the road if you haven't watched so much tv on football football on tv time you waste it you can't get it back i remember once when i was working with dr force in england one day he held his watch if he said Len you see this thing God will forgive you this thing won't you passed it up remember son in your lifetime so his lifetime is over one of the great hymns written in america was written in the great north church there in boston i preached there once and asked them to sing it my faith looks up to thee it was written by uh an elder in the church and the tune was put into the hymn by the organist of the church my faith looks up to thee

do you remember the last stanza maybe you don't i'll tell you what it says in the last time it says this when ends life's transient dream when death's cold sullen stream shall o'er me roll bless savior then in love fear and distrust remove all bear me safe above a ransom salt when ends life's transient dream we have a little creature in england like a rat but it has a beautiful coat it's called a mole and and men trap them and then they have them skinned and they they make ladies coats they're very beautiful you can see them all going on the on the street or in a field pick it up why didn't why didn't it run away because it's blind but if you hit it and kill it its eyes open it's blind all its life its eyes are open immediately it dies you know that's a tragedy with millions of people

they'll go through life blind blind to god blind to god's righteousness blind to his justice blind to his holiness blind to his commandments and in a moment of time they'll wake up in hell what's the condition of america like spiritual tonight zero why because we've got blind men coming out of seminaries that men there don't teach them they don't hear a word about hell they're blind themselves and they as blind men they lead the blind they go to hell send me may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue for i am tormented in this flame let me look at my bible here testament a minute matthew 7 matthew 7 in verse 15 it says beware of false prophets they come to in sheep's clothing but inwardly they're ravening wolves and verse 21 says not everyone that saith unto me lord lord

shall enter into the kingdom of heaven but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven many will say to me in that day lord lord have we not prophesied in thy name and in thy name of cast out devils and in thy name the many mighty things verse 23 says then though i profess unto them i never knew me ye workers of iniquity depart from me remember the first word of jesus was not come unto me his last word is depart from me and he's saying it to preachers he's saying it to medical workers they're saying it to men that have bled money by the millions of dollars out of people and they're going to say we prophesied in thy name you know something they said we did it in my name he said your workers of iniquity you did it in my

name to exalt your name i never knew you you say but god

knows all things yes he does he's of holy rise and to behold iniquity well then didn't he know what they were doing sure he watched every miracle they did but he said i never knew you in a love relationship you were professional preachers you never had a love a love relationship with him you never worshipped me you were so busy with an external ministry you're so busy running here and there no time for god come on how much time have you spent with jesus today when are you last go to him and say i'm not going to ask you for a thing i've come to worship you in spirit and in truth you can go to conferences all over the country you may go to as old as i am and i'm almost 80 so some of you have a few years to go i remember the first time dr tozer said to me he said you know brother lynn i have

never heard a sermon on worship in my life or i happen to be 79 years of age and i've been going to church to meetings for 75 years i've never heard a message on worship but also active in the outer court serving the people in the outer court we never get into the holy of holies in in the in the outer court there's daylight in the holy place there's candlelight in the holy of holies there's no light pitch black no windows as black as blindness can be gross darkness and it stays like that unless the glory of god comes but when the chicana comes it's blinding you know why we don't miss the glory of god because you've never seen it that's right we're so used to meetings we're so used to being happy we're used to some dumb guy getting up there let's all stand and raise your hands and worship

you don't worship god standing up you worship god on your belly side two every time they worship from abraham down to the revelation every time they worship they worship up face downwards and then again dr tozer said one day lend let other people do what they like you and i will worship god face downwards if you're down on your face you can't get distracted with anything round about but it's only where we're in the holy of holies in the holy place you're not worshippers speechless adoration we're going to be startled when we get to heaven and see some people get far bigger rewards than the big tv boys and these boys that run around the world i've all due respect for world challenge what about van challenge hmm what about tyler challenge jesus said begin at jerusalem that's the hardest

place isn't it in your own church in your own home in your own life i've told you but dr tozer said lend i come in my office at eight in the morning and i lay on my belly till nine ten eleven twelve and even one o'clock five hours and i've not said one word of prayer and i'm not saying one word of praise what do you do adoring him concentrating on his majesty concentrating on his holiness concentrating not just when i'm saying great is my faithfulness very lovely when you last tell god that on your belly by yourself you look at his faithfulness he didn't cut you off when you committed that horrible sin he extended his mercy extended his peace he extended his joy do you wonder the apostle paul the man i think lived nearer to god than anybody else except the son of god he said with all i

have from him and he drew more from god than anybody but he says i'm a debtor to all men does it take a missionary meeting to stir you up with with compassion for the lost it won't if you go to hell it won't if you realize that there's a million roads into hell there's no way out it's going to be a permanent residence for billions of years for billions of people oh but we stay hollow we get excited we give a few tracks out they do a lot of us a lot more good if we stayed home on our bellies and worship and listen to god i'm not saying you can't learn at school you can usually don't learn too much and then call me tonight and he said brother ramiel i want to tell you about my situation he said i've just started preaching in a church and he said after i preached the first night and all

deconstruct and said listen we're not doing it that way we've done it this way for 20 years he said i've been in this pastor for two years i came over flowing with joy from from the seminary but he said i've learned more about people in two months in this church than three years in seminary because it comes right up to people who don't want to be moved in god they want eternal security to become infernal security you say well i believe in once saved always straight well tell me this in god's name you believe in once lost always lost once you get through the gates there into hell it's forever and ever once lost always lost there's no mercy there there's no grace there there's no pity there it's all agony it's everything that's antagonistic to god i'll tell you what kind of company you're

gonna have you know people say well uh don't take it too hell isn't really literal and because it held little of course you couldn't be burning forever and ever couldn't you no flesh burns are you sure well logically forget the logic i happen to know three boys that went into a furnace and they burned a long time but they didn't roast right you say well i'm going through the fire do your world of good don't come to me and ask for prayer i won't pray for you you're going through the fire you know it's going to do what is it for the three hebrew children their hands were bound and they didn't have a pen knife and the feet were down and they couldn't cut it so the lord sent the fire of the devil and he liberated them isn't it nice when oh you won't you say he's crazy anyhow of course you

made your mind up about that 10 minutes ago but that's all right do you really believe that god would employ the devil to make you into a saint oh but god protects us he promises he'll do this yeah jesus says hi peter how are you uh fine uh well i got some news for you peter when you get down the road there satan's gonna jump on you satan has decided to sift his weed that's what he's gonna do but i said satan you go back to hell and leave my precious child peter alone no he said you need satan to work in your life our dear principal told us he'd been preaching in a village church and as he came home you won't know anything about this i guess as he came down from the church to go catch the little choo-choo that would take him back home he passed the gate of he passed the door actually of a

uh a blacksmith typical old blacksmith there pumping away to get the furnace going and he had a man called a striker had a big hairy chest barrel chested fellow and he had a huge hammer with a big head on it and the blacksmith pointed to something and he took it by the he took that piece of metal with a pair of tongues and put it in the fire you know it's a good illustration there you know first of all when you get saved god puts you in the fire if you stay long enough the fire gets into you i remember watching a blacksmith he put a piece of metal into the furnace a black bar would go in and then he'd pull it out after a little while and it was getting quieter and whiter and then he'd pull it out in fact when it stayed right in the heart of the fire you couldn't tell the difference

between the fire and the metal but there's an anvil you know with a point at the end the man gets hold of that piece of metal he puts it in he has a tiny hammer just about this length but when a boy could not and he hit like that and this big blacksmith comes and he blasts right down on that piece of metal like that he puts it in the fire and he takes it out puts it in the fire and he puts it in water to temper it as they say and the more it goes in the fire the more it goes in the water it becomes a better quality of material but little by little something was being worked into this piece of iron and Mr.

Chadwick said i watched i watched that big man swinging that very big hammer till his chest was beads of perspiration and it was running with perspiration and he said i said to the blacksmith sir why don't you change jobs why don't you do some of the heavy work why do you let him touch the metal with that little hammer and he said he smiled he said you're not a blacksmith he said no what are you a preacher oh well

that explains the dullness of course a preacher but he said sir that man's getting tired he's been beating with that hammer knocking yeah yeah he said but you know what he doesn't really know what he's doing i have a contract to make a pair of gates for a mansion that's been built miles away from here notice how this metal is beginning to turn and get beautiful look at those

gates there's one finished it's all curls in it even got flowers on it that i made out of metal all i do i i just point there and if i point once the man hits the metal this way if i point twice he hits it that way shall i make another sign he hits it so it bends over the end and he says i'm the designer i pay him just to knock this metal into shape and it doesn't worry him he works all day smashing away at this metal and mr chadwick said to the blacksmith thank you sir that was a wonderful sermon what do you mean a wonderful sermon he said the devil's been hitting me for the last two weeks now i say god says hit chadwick there he needs he needs a bit of stuff knocking up in there and then hit chadwick this way you you won't knock him out of shape you knock him into shape huh do you ever

sing a hymn hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand never foe can follow never pray to stand do you really believe or is it just a little theological thing stuffed in your head do you believe your your life is hid with christ in god no matter how tough the road is one of the best modern hymns in america was written by a woman that had a terrible terrible life of sickness but she wrote to him he give us more grace as the burdens go greater do you know that how many know him would you like to sing it for us yes oh okay he give us more grace as the burdens go greater give us more strength as the labors increase try the deflection he addeth his mercy the multiplied trials is multiplied praise lord give me more strength why give you more strength you're not carrying any load when you get to

the situation where you need the strength he'll give you all the strength you need he'll give you the wisdom you need he'll give you the vision you need you see it takes god an awful long while to mature us i know because i've been on the road a long while i gotta say when i was 14 i'm 79 and you know what i haven't arrived yet oh when i was i had when i was your age i knew everything i pitied my father he wasn't very well educated but after i got educated i envied my father so simple so pure so passionate so careful i never saw a preacher weep my daddy would get down and groan and weep and travel the lost men women there's a big husky man about five feet eleven and proportionately built and i began to realize that you don't get smart just whether you can get smart see we we confuse

knowledge with wisdom but knowledge isn't wisdom wisdom is is knowing how to apply knowledge for one thing i've got a son got an own phd his wife has an own phd they're very very smart i smiled the other day i see people are paying ten thousand dollars uh to have dinner with princess dine prince charles our son in west africa got an invitation for nothing and he wouldn't go you see i mean you look down on royalty when you're a child of a king no but there's a wisdom which is full of birth which supersedes all the wisdom of men the three hebrew children were burned and but no they were not burned at all all the fire did was burn off the shackles of the world put on them don't the beast and the prophet go down into the pit and they burn and burn and burn for a thousand years and they're

still as correct as the same as when they went in you know again and let me say this cliché i like it because i didn't write it but i like it you know christianity is not n o t not being weighed in the balances and found one thing it's being tried found difficult and rejected again jesus is looking for you for you to bring all your lousy sins to him what do you think he does with them he wants you he wants your heart you want your mind he wants your will he wants your emotions every part of you to be filled with god let me tell you the company if you go to hell they're all listed here i'll read it for you revelation 21 and those seven says he

that overcometh shall inherit all things you know with such sloppy theology everybody that saves going to be in the bride of christ don't believe it

for a minute i don't believe that how did god make another uh make a bride for adam didn't take all of adam he took a part of adam and when jesus comes for the bride he's not going for every believer i'm assured of that what makes us get so arrogant and feel so secure that we're so holy and wonderful listen if you can't stand an extra long sermon if you if you hear me often enough you'll hear them if you'll get uncomfortable after an hour's preaching what in god's name are you going to do in the millennium or in eternity i preach in a fashionable church out west east some years ago first sunday morning five minutes to twelve the lady goes like this you know so nice and she got up and walked out she did the next sunday morning i said to pastor that that old girl went down again this

morning oh she's done that for the last five years what you won't do it once again what will you do uh i said i'll speak with her five minutes to twelve the third time she got out to walk i said hey lady what are you doing she said i said lady if you can't stand an hour in the presence of god what are you going to do in eternity i know you walk out every sunday what are you going to do to heaven you get bored with angels you get water bored with angels you get bored with worship you get bored with adoration you get bored with the blazing holiness of god when are you going to walk out to hell it's the only alternative you have i preached all next week she never came once to hear me some people are easily offended do you know what they did the other day the snobs were snobbish being

snobbish to the snobs down there because to have dinner with the prince and his girlfriend or his wife ten thousand dollars to have your photographs taken was it five or fifty fifty thousand now listen you can have your steak with me this week for fifty dollars never mind fifty thousand but in nineteen fifty thousand dollars to have your picture taken i remember we were working in teen challenge 20 years ago we went at midnight to the opera house it's it's not the same one today we got there men were coming out they had their toppers you know my role is over there and they're bringing all sources and all the cash you can imagine and the ladies were there sparkling with diamonds you know why they rented them the day before selling mink and rabbit and all kinds of furs they had on you know

snobbish isn't there a social register in america with 400 outstanding people families can you imagine those people waking up in hell with harlots and thieves and the underworld you know there are no tears in heaven and there are no smiles in hell there's no sorrow in heaven there's no joy in hell i'll tell you who lives in hell the fearful the unbelievers the abominable the murderers the whoremongers the sorcerers the liars they all have their parts in the lake which burneth with fire then in chapter 22 15 of revelation it says without the dogs and sorcerers and whoremongers and murderers and idolaters and whosoever can maketh a lie i said too often i said again tonight one of the tragedies of modern christianity we've lost sight of the holiness of god i don't care what meeting you go to

how often you go tiptoeing out to the sanctuary because you're going to be overwhelmed with god's holiness god's majesty god's purity and because we've lost sight of the wholeness of god we've lost sight of the sinfulness of men these men are going to be in eternal rebellion forever and ever in heaven they're going to sing with singing you've never had the idea what it's like and 144 000 hearts in hell in heaven they sing the son of moses not the lamb what do they sing in hell i'll tell you they sing the end of jeremiah the harvest is past the summer is ended and we're not saved we talk about jonathan edward no one hardly hardly ever mentions his brother-in-law aaron burr one of the great scholars of the day aaron burr missed the presidency of the united states by one vote years

afterwards somebody said to him well mr burr you almost became the president of the united states you missed it by one vote didn't you but i want to tell you something there's something far greater than being a president of the united states what is that well you can be a christian no i can't yes you can i can't yes you can whosoever will may come no no no he said that's not for me it's for everybody no it isn't well why isn't it mr burr i missed the presidency of the united states by one vote sure i was in a gospel meeting x number of years ago and the evangelist said there's one more people should come to this altar today and i was a man i didn't go you should come today if you will hear it you know we say to people don't put it off if you get an invitation to have dinner at the white

house next monday at one o'clock will you say i'm sorry i can't come but i'll come thursday at one we treat god as though he's an errand boy god doesn't owe a thing to anybody in this room he's pledged with you he's urged you he's called you to holiness he's called you to purity he's called you to kiss this world goodbye with all of its pleasure its pomp and its pride and embrace the cross and follow the lamb with us wherever he goes and you'd rather stay in your own miserable situation aaron burn said burr said he'd call me but i said to him that night now god i hear my famous brother-in-law jonathan edwards i hear other preachers i'll make a deal he said if you promise to leave aaron burr alone i promise i won't bother you and he said from that day to this almighty god has never

bothered me never troubled me and he's not speaking he's not calling me i dare not pretend to come you know it's no fun preaching people think it is i go to bed tonight whatever i'll go what 12 o'clock one o'clock maybe i see this congregation or any other congregation i preach to do you know the curse of this day is time to get quick results so we can send letters out and say we've had a good crusade we've been here we've been there and so on they're being said that's balderdash the greatest survivor that came to america who ran a bunch of men again jonathan edwards and the other men with him joined hands and said by the grace of god we will never pluck unripe fruit we will never press people to decision because these were his own words we lead them to damnation and not for salvation

right oh we had a good meeting and people said we asked them would you want to serve jesus why do you ask if you want to go to heaven after this one to go to hell there's far more to repentance than saying i'm sorry a famous preacher around here said to me long ago you know what we need to do as believers is live in repentance every day i said forget it do you want me to repent for adults here i haven't committed it today or any other day do you want me to repent of lying do you want me to repent of stealing it's not a case of living in repentance in the case of living in brokenness the perpetual challenge to the believer is come down from the cross and save yourself why should you fast when other people are feasting why should be down there breaking your heart weeping for revival when

other people over there having a good time and living is not many of these places i said to you last week i said again when are we going to get serious about being serious about revival if you hear of a revival let me know i'll be happy to go we call the crusade a revival we join the decisions go to that town three months after and see if you can find them you see men who have got eternity on their eyeballs as jonathan edwards had men who have seen into the abyss of hell where their womb dieth not but if god permits well in his will he will or in his way if he permits hell to exist for another million years the people are there they never die it's a second death death is separation from god forever the first death may be cruel but the second death when a man dies in agony of soul it's

something entirely different you know we're all after quick results some of you are phineyites i suppose that's okay you know mr phinney never never made an alterco for the first three weeks of any crusade you

don't ever preach in america dare go to a city we all go for a one night stand there's no scripture that supports that he preached preached preached preached until people couldn't sleep until they stopped him in the street and said have you no mercy don't ask me but ask god he preached until their sins came alive he preached until conscience last one last one as though they had some scorpion inside he preached till their memory haunted them i said this man so i preached a great church in dublin a few years ago it's right opposite the abbey theater that's where hambo played the

messiah first by the way we had this great methodist church a conference i preached one night i think it was psalm 51 three years after that i was at a conference a worldwide evangelization crusade in the north of ireland after the meeting a man came up he said you remember me i said no you remember my wife don't you no you remember preaching in the methodist church opposite the abbey theater oh yeah yes down in dublin oh he said i got so angry with you you know that makes me so happy when people get angry i i'm sure i've you know i hit the bull's eye i went home as a good methodist in good standing that means you were sitting around anyhow and he said i uh listened to you that night you preached on psalm 51 i remember that i went home absolutely mad blazing mad with you great we had our

cup of tea and went to bed my wife sat on the other side of the bed and i sat on the other she said you know like these wives do get into bed he said i didn't i said you get into bed you get into bed he said we sat there till after midnight and my wife said i need to stretch my legs they said i'll pull the bed away from the wall and she went around that way and i went around this way for nearly two hours suddenly she fell at the side of the bed my dear sweet methodist wife sang in the choir sunday school teacher promoted missions i didn't know anything wrong with her you know we preachers know everybody listens to us is having adultery secretly stealing god's first argument with you if you're a sinner it's not that you're it's not that you're bad it's that you're dead yes jesus didn't

come into the world to make bad men good he came to the world to make dead men live when he said my wife began to cry god have mercy i'm a sinner i didn't know what she meant she's the sweetest little woman in ireland but she prayed and prayed and prayed and wept and wept and i kept going around the bed then he said and out after i knelt at the side of bed and i called out the same and as you say mr ramiel we pass from death to life ask people if they say they don't know we'll be very sure they don't they aren't if i carried 100 pounds on my back and and i dropped it off and somebody said uh did you lose your sack i don't know i guess i think no no i didn't no no it's rare are you going to suggest when a man gets born again he doesn't know that the guilt has been removed the burden has

been removed but now he can look into the face of god and he's not an angry god are you going to suggest he does not peace that path is all understanding and all misunderstanding but he said mr ramiel after that we met some holiness folk down there yes i know google them about 10 of them in dublin it's been so wonderful learning about sanctification and learning about holiness the way that mr wesley taught him it's been marvelous and not only that but you know what's happened no he said we're so happy in the lord that all our plans have gone you know when a man was going to be crucified he knew a few things about him he knew when he had a cross on his shoulder he wasn't coming back he needed to go across on his shoulder he knew this he had no rights of his own he belonged to government if

you take up your cross the moment you take up your cross you've no rights of your own you've no choice of your own you've no will of your own it's all his unless you're playing games with god my wife and i sat down they said we saw the vanity of this world the emptiness of this world you see all the so-called success of this world is only froth cast up by the sea i've ever seen the sea washing up and it makes froth

and that's about the durability of all that this world has if you want an old testament language it's vanity of vanities let me tell you it's an old geezer that i am there's not one worth thing worth in life worth having outside of jesus christ and if you really sing thou oh christ art all i want you've got it made if you really sing that hymn beneath the cross of jesus i ask

no other sunshine than the sunshine of thy face you won't care if the world the flesh the devil the in-laws the outlaws anybody else frowns on you if you have the smile of god what in the world you care about the frown of men and if you have the frown of god what good is a smile of men you know what god's looking for people will live recklessly for him not concerned about public opinion not even about preacher's opinion becoming a love slave of jesus christ again i say immediately you got that cross you know that man was going out he wasn't coming back immediately got a cross you know he had no right to his own all his own plans have gone there's nothing like it this side of eternity i remember i remember the time i got saved i'm thrilled i got saved at 14 i was about 18 i guess when i

got we call the baptism of the spirit in our group we call it sanctification which wesley calls it it's spelled out in acts 15 8 and 9 where peter talks about the house of cornelius where holy ghost came and purified their hearts by faith see everybody's seeking power today not many people seeking purity you know your trouble is you're such a poor image of yourself that's a devil's lie your trouble is you're such a good image of yourself as soon as you get away with those inflated ideas how good you are how useful you are to god forget it you think he's been holding the world up till you were born you think you're the one that's holding up revival you could be in your own life and in others there are millions of people going to hell and what unless the church of jesus christ wakes up

they'll still be going a year from now i'm sick of sloppy evangelism i'm sick of reading reports what a good crusade tony was saved you could gamble your very boots but at the judgment seat of god christ i don't believe five percent of people for fighting christ in crusades get saved you think that's hard well get to the judgment seat and see do you think the nation could be in this mess unless the salt had lost its savor the holdup is not moonism mormonism communism socialism romanism any other rotten ism the holdup of revival in america is the church of jesus christ we want to resurrection life but we don't want to die we want to be filled but we don't want to be emptied we want to be clothed we don't want to be stripped jesus was severe he said you can't unless you leave all not leave

something leave all and follow me this generation of christians and that's you i've had my day this generation of christians is responsible for this generation of lost people you know the name this mission field to you your front street amen there's a precious brother here now oh that is spencer precious brother full-blooded indian i'd rather hear that man prayed and half the preach in america preach two million indians in america do you ever hear anybody having a crusade no we all go to timbuktu oh they're going to have the world uh soccer matches in brazil so we're going to get kids to bleed the church to buy a ticket for them to go there and all they do is give some things out to people they can't speak to and there's two million indians on the conscience of the church of jesus christ

in america two million i don't believe there's been a revival amongst the indians since uh what lorenzo dow had it do you wonder god says begin in jerusalem it's much more exciting your church will get excited i'm going up the amazon i'm going right up the amazon for the river and i'm going to 500 miles up the river i'm going up to another river and there's some indians there that haven't heard the gospel you've got some in oklahoma haven't heard it you've got some of the navajos between here and the west coast haven't heard it some of the wildest indians on the face of the earth on the west coast of canada and the leading sinner

of one of the great groups there is the priest he's the most drunkenly mortal man of the bunch come on you guys forget about scalping get down to some soul

winning cheat god's mind and say well i want to know why god isn't taking me to the indians taking me to the underprivileged in america they're going to hell if we don't and it will be our responsibility go home and think about this you're saved your daddy's lost have you drawn your heart on him lately is daddy going to sit in hell and see you at the marriage circle of the lamb and all you do is turn over scriptures and mark scriptures and memorize liturgies and he's perishing why god's name is your humanity never mind your spirituality what about your unsaved brother your unsafe sister maybe your unsafe pastor you must say this game in the world or business in the world if there was something higher than preaching i'd go for it there isn't it's costly cost your tears cost your sleepless

nights i'm going to say this now say i don't believe if you live near to god you'll get overweight he'll curb your eating he'll curb your social life he'll cut everything down he'll strip you you strip you prune you so that he can get you where he wants you and use you as he as he likes to do that you won't become a saint by studying your bible you become a saint by living it two things to do with the bible believe it behave it we think how they'll stream out of opera houses tonight loaded with diamonds loaded with money and yet they haven't the slightest idea of eternity many of them have already chosen the part of land where they'll be buried they've chosen the type of casket to be buried in and that's the full stop as far as they know they don't know a thing about eternity god forbid

that any relatives of any of us should go to everlasting burnings and have to look out and see us in the bosom of abraham or in the presence of christ for the marriage supper lord take their blood off our hands by making us diligent and compassionate give us a love that we've never had for the world give us a brokenness we've never had lord why should they obey you when we don't obey you why why should they tremble before you when we don't tremble at your majesty and your holiness show us again lord in your own way our personal accountability to a holy god the privilege of living in a free country like this the privilege of having a bible in our hands since we were children and we don't know too much about it forgive us that god is remotely distant in eternity that christ is a character

of a thousand or so years ago and all the time you're asking to come and live in us by your divine spirit take away our love of the flesh take away our love for material things take our way our love for the visible and give us a majestic concept of the invisible lord get our feet out of the mud of time and give us to live where these precious puritans and others live day by day bowing before the throne of a majestic eternal god as we sang tonight immortal invisible and god only wise in light inaccessible lord how terribly it is to think that we'll be living in the in the glory of your holiness that we'll be sitting down with the greatest saints the world has ever known with abraham and isaac and all these others and some people who sat in the pew behind us we'll be in the burning hell

with all this corruption with all the vile with all the unclean with the mafia with the lies with the prostitute with men who die in agony with aids and women who die in prostitution and people who die calling on false gods god give us a sense a new sense of our responsibility give us a new sense of the possibility of sainthood of spirituality while we're in the flesh give us the joy of knowing how to be crucified with christ that we may know his resurrection power and his resurrection life i pray for the ministries around here that every one of them will receive a new quickening lord i wish you'd trust somebody around here with revival i wish i could hear that people are not going to bed at night they can't they're so in trouble for the loss that down the corridors they can hear people

weeping and hear people groaning and hear people traveling and have hear people throwing their lives away abandoned to christ give us a reckless holiness give us a passionate passion for souls give us a pity that yearns give us a love that loves unto death give us a fire that learns

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