

I Am Thy Strength and Shield - Part 2

by Leonard Ravenhill

Leonard Ravenhill's sermon calls for a passionate return to genuine worship and outreach in the church amidst a culture of complacency and abundance.

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Scripture: Romans 13:11

Topics: "Provision Of God"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the brevity of life and the importance of using our time wisely. He shares personal anecdotes of how quickly time has passed for him and encourages the audience to redeem the time and make the most of every opportunity. The preacher also suggests that God may bless the nation with prosperity, but warns against becoming discontented and neglecting the spiritual needs of others. He challenges the church to reach out to those in need and share the message of God's love.

Transcript

Church members are not safe. Why do we leave the buses empty and go to the corner tavern and say tomorrow night we'll pick you up at seven o'clock? Round here, you prostitutes, tomorrow night we want you to know we care. Listen, we'll meet you at five and we'll take you for a hamburger and something to eat.

And at six we get in the bus, we're going to take you to a great crusade where maybe for the first time in your life you'll hear God. We don't do that. We're stuffing people already stuffed.

We're teaching people with the stuff coming out of their ears. Was it two weeks ago when I talked about those people that cried and said we've got nothing? All we have is, what was it they had? A manna. Do you know what God did? He sent them meat.

We want some of the stuff we ate and he sent it until it ran out of the ears and the nostrils. I have an idea that maybe God is going let us go into the greatest boom of prosperity the nation's ever had. We may go into it for two years until wealth and everything runs out of our ears and we'll be discontented.

I mean the Mr. Jones of Brown who is in the street that thought all you have to do is have pockets saddlebags full of money and you get you can buy everything. God's going to turn the tables. The things we've cried for we'll get.

We'll get a super abundance. Again that's a rough figure. It ran out of their ears and ran out of their nostrils.

But we're not going to travel with God much longer. I'm absolutely sure of that. My spirit shall not always strive with man.

I guess some of you say this. Will you give me a chair please? Thank you. Thank you.

Some of you say well I come to a prayer meeting. I don't know whether I should pray or I shouldn't. You shouldn't.

If you have to deliberate, if there isn't something gushing up inside of you, keep your mouth shut. I'd rather you stammer out, save my son, save my father. Turn my church round.

First maybe say take my stony heart away. Let me have a well of compassion that may be come out through my eyes. Let me forget these people.

You think it's easy to stand there and talk. Every time I stand here I think of a time when there'd be a thousand billion people watching me now at the judgment seat. And God says you withheld truth at that time.

You're afraid to say something because you'd offend. Forget, I've forgotten that. I've got past that by the grace of God.

This is the most desperate hour in American history. And I'm not asking you to pray God save America. You don't deserve saving.

We've had more privileges, more money, more time, more churches, more preaching than any nation on earth. I'm asking God to save a remnant. As our precious little daughter-in-law said when she preached over there, Dave Wilkinson hasn't got over that yet.

He caught it again last week. Dear little Irene, you remember if you were there she, and I think she said it here, we're not in Paraguay to get converts. We're down there to get worshippers.

Ask your preacher to teach you worship and see what he says. I guarantee he doesn't know the first thing about it. You pray for me.

I've started a book on that. I'm going to go through with it through by the grace of God. I've revised my scale now.

I go to bed at nine at night, not tonight, but I go to bed at nine and get up at four. If I can go to bed at nine and get up at four, you young guys should do it. You ought to be getting up at two.

The bed is robbing you. Don't blame the devil. Blame your lazy self.

Don't blame the devil. Blame your love for a racquetball. Or some other thing that's becoming a fascination, a fetish, almost to God.

Quoting, I'm going to finish and then ask you to pray. Remember that saying I used to have a lot a few years ago, only one life will soon be passed and only what's done for God will last. But that's not what the poet said.

The poet said, only one life will soon be passed, only what's done for God will last, and when I am dying, how glad I shall be that the lamp of my life has been burned out for thee. Life is short. I'm almost starting my 79th year.

You know, it only seemed yesterday since I was a boy at school. I can remember what I did at two years of age. I can remember hymns I sang at three and four.

I can remember preaching personalities that came. Life goes like that. Now one of the good books says, redeem the time.

Moffat translates that, buy back the opportunity. When you put something in pawn, you go pay for it and get it back. Buy up the time.

Buy up the time. Redeem the time. Let's go to prayer and listen.

Forget other people. Cry out. If it's for a loved one, cry.

Pray for that loved one. If it's for a church, pray for that church. For the don you lead us.

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