

The Enemy of Revival - Part 2 (Cd Quality)

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The main problem facing the church today is a bankrupt church with a form of godliness but lacking true spiritual anointing, and the solution is to seek God with all our hearts and pray for a holy ghost revival.

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Scripture: Exodus 33:20, Judges 14:6, 2 Kings 2:9-10, Isaiah 6:5, Daniel 11:32, 2 Timothy 2:15, James 5:16

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the story of Samson from the Bible. He highlights how Samson was a powerful man who performed great feats, such as ripping the gates of a city and killing a lion. However, Samson's downfall came when he was betrayed by his own people and captured by his enemies. The preacher emphasizes the importance of humility and confessing one's faults before God, using examples of individuals who were once respected but fell into sin. He concludes by urging the audience to seek God's forgiveness and transformation in their lives.

Transcript

God, He cast demons out. At least, you remember there's a place where, was it St. Joseph's Cathedral? Tried to get the demons out of a man. And the demons have some self-respect.

They kicked the man off. And you know what the demons said? Jesus we know and Paul we know. The greatest honour this side of eternity is to be known in hell.

Known in hell. If there's a danger list in hell, I'd rather be the last person than the first person anybody else's list in the world. You can have a DD, you should be a devil destroyer if you have, but titles won't do it.

Degrees won't do it. They've had their day. It's time for the spiritually anointed men of God.

I say about the Puritans, the difference between them and us was this. The Puritan preachers lived in eternity six days a week and they came down to earth on Sunday to tell us what they'd seen. No wonder people went out o'er.

Again, when the Holy Ghost came on a Baptist like Spurgeon, he'd say, now God there's trouble for you this morning. Meet me in my office tomorrow morning. There's not much emotion around at seven o'clock Sunday, Monday morning.

Particularly if you get up at five. But you know all day long from seven till seven at night, people going into that office. Yesterday the Lord, I mean, He just preached the Word of God.

You see, I tell these young students, listen, keep this clear in your mind. Study to show thyself approved to the deacons. No? Oh no, that's the old version.

Oh, the new one is to show thyself approved to the congregation. No, that lady says. Does it matter if everybody in the world says I'm a success, if in my heart I know I'm a failure? Study to show thyself approved unto God.

Just yesterday I read it marked in my Bible. Peter on the day of Pentecost said of Jesus, a man approved of God. Dear God, if that's good enough for Jesus, good enough for me.

He was a man anointed of God. He had dominion over demons and sickness, and that was a diabolical thing. So this young man has no trouble.

He tears up the lion. What was the first thing they did with Samson? I'll run through it quickly. The first thing they did was bind him.

The second thing they did was blind him. The third thing they did was grind him. In this way, in so the old castles in England, I've been in them.

They have, instead of a treadmill, well, it's a treadmill, but also there's a bar, and a man leans on it, he goes round, and he grinds corn. You see, this old trickster, he not only fought the devil, or the demon, or the lion, he not only slew an army of people with the jawbone of an ass, but one night for mischief, he caught foxes. Well, it's 600.

Tied their tails together with a faggot between, and turned, and he burned the crop down. Yes, a famous preacher keeps saying, Remember, I was in Ethiopia, and ships were backing up there. Where were they from? They were from America, taking grains, fine.

But do you know those ships turned round, and took grain to Russia, and sold it at cut prices? Do you know the bankers in Russia are getting billions from America now at the lowest rate of interest, and they don't have to account for it? We're financing the war in Afghanistan. That dirty rascal the other day, that fooled us all on TV as he signed that thing. Did you notice what he said? I signed this in the name of the eternal man.

That was a shot at our Christianity. And he said, he did this, he said, We're winding down the war in Afghanistan. And that demon man, he knew that a week after, they were going to rape Afghanistan worse than they'd ever done.

Thousands fled. I have a picture on my desk right now from Africa. It shows a young man with half a leg.

300,000 young men and women in Angola alone have lost their limbs through landmines that are being put down. And it says by the Cubans who are being backed by Russia. I could tell you some startling things, make your hair stand up, but I won't tell you tonight.

Because I'll get back to the press maybe, and get some people in trouble. But I'll tell you what. Our pastor, boy, he was a poor creature.

Couldn't preach for nuts. But two things stuck in my mind from being about 12 years of age. He used to say, God has always had a remnant.

And you know, there's a remnant inside of that remnant. And then he would say, keep your eye on the Middle East. The Middle East is a thermometer.

Israel is this size. You could pick it up and drop it in Lake Huron, never find it. You could do the same with England as far as I go.

I'm absolutely sure in my own mind that Israel has the atom bomb. And he's going to use it when it will shoot her. And we'll be amazed when it happens.

But you see, Israel, again, is the thorn in the side of Russia, the thorn in the side of America. As long as we support her, we'll be okay. If we drop her, we'll get dropped.

Because God says, whoever blesses her, he will bless. Whoever curses her, he will curse. And we're pretty well tied up with that.

But, you see, God's problem tonight, as I've said, it's not Mormonism or Russellism or demonism or humanism. God's problem in America tonight is a bankrupt church. A church with a form of godliness.

A church where, like the early Pentecostals... You know, I used to go to Pentecostal meetings and get scared to death. There was one man, he'd get voices, he'd say, Oh God, come and walk, you know, walk up and down the Israel. I thought, boy, if he does, I'll be through that door in ten seconds.

But, you know, he came down. I'll tell you when a church is blazing, when there are more people at the altar before the service than after it. You need to uphold the hands of this man, not just when you're finished washing dishes or something, coming out of Kmart.

Have a time every day when you pray for him. I'm praying that God will do something in this church he's not doing in any church in this community. He'd light a fire here that all hell would be afraid of.

No man filled with the spirit is afraid of the devil. Samson prayed, the spirit came upon him mightily. So the first thing they did was bind him.

The second thing they did was blind him. And the third thing they did, they tied him and made him grind out corn for the Philistines. He burned their crops.

So they said, we'll make him give it back to us. Then what happened? After he said the last time, and I'll carry through this, at the end of verse 17, put a razor upon my head. You see, the other thing they did, the first thing he couldn't touch anything bad.

The second thing, he couldn't drink wine. The third thing, he had to bear reproach. He had to bear long hair like a woman.

And it was forbidden in those days. And therefore he's a marked man. Everywhere he went he was marked.

He bore reproach. Nobody wants to bear reproach for Christ anymore. Many Christians.

Keith Green told me not too long before he died. As a matter of fact, he hasn't spoken to me since he died. But he spoke to me before he died.

I wish I got the statistic where he got it from. He said that most of the girls in churches that get pregnant, get pregnant at Bible camps. But you know, it's no longer outside the church there's gross sin, there's gross sin in the church.

Swaggart says there's more immorality in the church in the church it's now than ever. And you've had the case of two churches that are on the coast last year or within a couple of years. Thousands going Sunday morning and the pastor's living in immorality.

There's no fear of God anymore. Not only no fear of the judgment seat there's no fear of going to the sanctuary and suddenly the Holy Ghost comes and you feel as though there's something tearing you on the inside. The word of God is quick and powerful and it's as though somebody stabbed you and God says, look, that sin that pride, that lust that child you fathered and ran away that false thing you did.

I talked with a man about ten years ago in California I went into a meeting and there was a little fellow sitting there with an English dog collar and I looked at him twice that man used to come to our church when I was fourteen years of age he terrified me when he preached but he got into sin and as soon as he saw me he said, well Len, you were only a boy when I saw you last I mentioned his name and he clung on to me he said, please don't expose me don't expose me really.

I said, no I won't I said, that's between you and God that man used to make people to tremble he used to spend whole days and nights fasting George Jeffries, and I'm going to hurry I keep saying, George Jeffries came to our city in 1927 the city of Leeds and a holy ghost revival the big auditorium was packed to the rafters all kinds of crippled were healed the blind were seen, the lame were walking the paralyzed went out new creatures, physically everybody said, what a wonderful wait a minute, I happen to know the Pentecostal preacher in a little church that was despised do you know that man had three breakdowns not mentally but physically he fasted until he could hardly stand his wife said he was grown on the floor as though he'd been beaten read the second chapter of Lamentations and see where Hugh and I are there what does Jeremiah say? my bowels are torn my liver is torn my heart is torn that's burden for the lost he's not asking to be a super preacher how many of us dare to ask don't panic really can ask God honestly for the burden of the Lord is an awesome thing but it's the only thing that's going to bring this nation back to God so let me tell you, that man fasted and prayed the little church grew and grew and grew and he got the church to pray and believe that God would send a man George Jeffries came and the whole city knew that God had come it didn't take money it wasn't advertised in the paper God came the dirtiest, filthiest, wickedest man in the neighborhood came and somebody carried him head, body, soul and spirit laid him at the feet of the preacher and George looked down there immaculately dressed asked him what he needed he said I need to be healed he said no you need God more than that and he began to cry, he said I'm wicked I'm wicked, I'm vile I've a filthy tongue and a filthy heart and a filthy home can God save me he said if you repent of this I'll repent and then in front of a packed auditorium that man repented of his sin and George handsome George just looked down and said brother, have you been born he said brother Risenroth, that man jumped up do you know those stuffy English people forgot their manners they threw hymn books in the air and Bibles in the air began to clap that's a synonym to death in churches in England what do you think they're going to do when they see a man liberated like that that should be an everyday occurrence you shouldn't have to invite some healer you see today we're not preaching the word, we're preaching against drugs we're preaching against abortion we're preaching against crime but Jesus says if

I be lifted up yes it was that famous sculptor, what's his name now he wrote the classic on the first epistle of Peter, I've forgotten his name for the moment Leighton Leighton in his days somebody came and said Dr.

Leighton you're not preaching up the times all the events all the preachers are preaching up the times he said well if they're preaching up the times do you mind if one preacher in this city preaches Jesus up if I be lifted up we've cursed the darkness long enough God help us don't tell me anymore how many illegitimate babies are born Texas has the world record in that and in crime and in murders but what can we say how many churches could you take people to I say could you take your friend you're drunken, you're lying your son that's wicked and your girl that's messed up in sex could you take her to the church and say listen I guarantee that within two visitations you'll be born again in the spirit of God you could say that in early Pentecost and it's got to come back so they shave off his hair which is a sign of his covenant with God you know what happened she said now you keep tearing up lions and lifting gates you're going to have a physical breakdown darling darling I love you so much just put your head on my lap you know if it stayed on his knees it never got on hers and that's where you backslide as soon as you let upon your prayer life don't blame this, don't blame the other the fact is you've lost out preaching you've lost your anointing you keep up the gesticulations you keep up the terminology you know you're as empty as a drum Paul said my preaching is not in word only dear Lord wouldn't you like to have heard the apostle Paul teaching Romans or Ephesians or Hebrews but there's something of another world about him he said my preaching is not in word only he wasn't eloquent because his bodily presence is weak and his speech was contemptible he didn't give up the orator of the early church was Apollos the orator well I've had some strokes the last one took my this arm isn't too good it didn't affect my brain just my body some people think I lost my brain too but he lost his anointing so what did he do verse 20 says the Philistines the Apombe Samson let me finish please in the middle of 19 she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head and she began to afflict him she began to afflict him before that she'd been oppressing him and pestering him a bit earlier in the chapter that doesn't matter but it says she vexed him you see she tormented him so maybe I'll get rid of this and get out of it so he says here in the middle of verse 20 I will go out at other times and shake myself and he whisked not I heard G.

Cameron Morgan preach often I remember one day he said that's the saddest text in the Bible here's a man in a pulpit saying the right words doing the right things and he doesn't know the Holy Ghost departed from him six months ago he whisked not the Spirit of God departed from him he's still getting his wage he still visits the sick he's still a nice man to talk to but devils don't tremble when he stands up all hell isn't alerted get round that building and just put all demon power you can because this man is a terror one man with God is a majority God raises up men not movements he didn't raise up Methodism he raised up Wesley he didn't raise up the Salvation Army he raised William Booth half Jew and half Gentile his wife had a curvature of the spine and yet that man the Salvation Army

went into 70 countries in 90 years not 70 cities 70 countries one of the greatest orators in America went and joined the Salvation Army and William Booth told him to clean Booth for a hundred students the next morning as he'd come down he forgot about his Greek and Hebrew but he became the outstanding special in the Salvation Army he whisked not that the Spirit of the Lord had departed from him the Philistines took him and put out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and they bound him with fetters of brass and he'd be ground in the prison can you imagine going down let's picture it look you come down the steps and there's this man going round blind and you can hear the grinding of the corn and you get a bit nearer you can hear the grinding of his spirit above the grinding of the Lord he

knows he's a captive I'm bound I'm blind I can't see I don't know what's going on I'm in a prison I'm shut off from Israel and God leaves me here and they bound him with fetters of brass and he did grind in the prison house now look here the next verse says how be it the hair of his head began to grow again don't you think one morning he woke up and put his hand up like this and said glory to God this is an act of mercy I let that wicked woman take my anointing away it was a type of anointing and he said oh my hair is coming hallelujah glory to God I'm going to have another chance I won't mess it up this time he meant business notice what it says in verse 23 at the end of it let me read the whole verse then the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice unto

Dagon their God and to rejoice for they said our God hath delivered Samson do you see that the enemy said our God is greater than your God otherwise how could we take him this man used to slay lions he could slay an army with a stupid jaw bone in his hand but he can't now he's paralyzed there he is grinding corn for us our God hath delivered Samson the enemy into our hands verse 24 when the people saw him they praised God they praised their God why because they brought him into the temple of Dagon it used to be a tourist place and I guess Samson had been in and seen the place ok they were merry and they said call for Samson and make a sport that's what the news did the other day they laughed and scorned showed a picture of Oral Roberts and said this man made the holy God into a terrorist

and the uncircumcised Philistines were laughing listen if Pentecostal people really loved God with a holy love they'd have shut down every Pentecostal church in the nation for a week and had a week of prayer and fasting for Roberts to get his anointing back if he ever had it and for Baker too Baker spent twenty years building the biggest pile of wood, hay and stubble of any man since Pentecost and when God put the torch to it he'd have ashes up to his knees you see wood, hay and stubble are above the ground that's ministry people can say silver, gold and precious stones are under the ground it's ministry it can't be seen the best men I know hardly come in a pulpit you can't take pictures of them to put in magazines, they know God they shut away with God I know the man who prays and for

ten years, he's 37 this year he has prayed ten hours a day for the last ten years by himself I know another man that's 65 years of age who prays five hours a day the great thing that rejoices my heart I don't make money like these guys I'm glad I don't, I like to give it away if I get it but these guys the guys that have the anointing of God are not on TV I'll tell you that, they shut away you guys with a little country church if I had my day and I could go to a church now be co-pastor of a church with 12,000 members a guy offered to build me a mansion and all the rest of it, forget it I would rather be pastor of a country church where I know every one of my sheep and where they'll knit together and believe God to send a Holy Ghost revival again it proves here again, do we need to know

it? what's it saying Daniel I don't know the chapter the people who know their Bibles shall be strong and to exploit Daniel 11.32 it doesn't say that don't look at it now please it doesn't say the people that do know their Bibles it says the people that do know their God if you knew God brother as much as you know your Bible you'd be shaking the whole community these seminary men I tell them you go there you read your Hebrew, you read your Greek and all hell is filling and you stand there and get a big salary and do a great job and hell doesn't even know you you're certainly not an evangelist up there the people that do know their God shall be strong and to exploit what exploits do you do? he lifted the gates of the city he ripped the life out of the lion he took a job out of an ass he

did exploits he didn't have a committee meeting he did it somebody said committees spend hours making minutes that's all most of them do in churches anyhow you say well that's rough fasten your seatbelt it

might be a bit rougher right now verse 25 it came to pass when their hearts were merry maybe they were drinking they called for Samson that he may make sport can you imagine a holy man of God that they were terrified of and now they bound him up he's blinded and shut down there and nobody trembles and they make sport they ridicule how do you think Jesus felt when Jennings said to I don't know maybe a hundred million people listening on TV this man this man revealed God as a as a terrorist don't you think the heart of God was grieved you know I believe that Jesus still weeps he's the

same yesterday today and forever he could rejoice over the Pentecostal church in the New Testament he weeps over it now I guarantee the smallest meeting in this church is a prayer meeting the prayer meeting is the Cinderella of every church and that power has to come back well you'd rather have the anointing of God in tears than be laughing at some stupid harlot on TV the house of God has to become the magnet where it pulls us where we don't just come once or twice a week we get to the place where we have an appetite for God every day this Baptist preacher I've been talking to for a few weeks came to see me a few days ago and said Mr. Rainer I have a prayer meeting in my church a Baptist church at 5.30 every morning of the week and it's wonderful to see how many men are coming before they

go to their offices in Dallas in a Baptist church people around the country waking up to the efficacy of prayer I'm almost through they call for Samson make sport a boy held him by the hand he was 26 and I can see him saying to the boy hey boy go steady where are we going oh he said I'm taking you on the platform he said you know there are 3,000 spectators in the gallery that's what it says 3,000 the house is packed and they're all laughing and Samson says be careful remember I'm blind and he leads Samson up onto the platform verse 27 says there were upon the roof about 3,000 men and women and you know what the gallery of the church usually holds less than half than the main auditorium usually a third so I estimate there were 10,000 people in this auditorium looking at a man they were

terrified if they'd seen him coming down the road they'd have fled but now he's blind he's crippled he's helpless and so they make fun of him verse 28 says and here is one of the most remarkable prayers in the Bible I've never heard it preached on the middle of verse 28 oh Lord God remember me I pray thee and strengthen me I pray thee only once oh God that I may be avenged of the Philistines for my to I he doesn't ask for freedom he doesn't say God get me out of jail and I'll serve you he doesn't say Lord give me my eyes back and I'll serve you he's concerned about one thing and that's the glory of God Lord come in your glory be you selfish and carnal do you pray for your daddy so he'll get saved so he won't go to hell that's not the first thing is robbing God of the glory of using that

brain and heart and affection of his your daddy might be one of the greatest prayer warriors in this town but you're letting him slide and the thing is not merely that he's bad he's dead Jesus did not come into the world get it clearly he did not come into the world to make bad men good he came into the world to make dead men live I don't care how wealthy they are I don't care if they're D.D.'s and they're wealthy it makes no odds they're dead in trespasses and in sin verse 78 I pray thee strengthen me I pray thee only once that I may be avenged of my to I do you know he do you know how how I know he meant that from the very center of his being every fiber of his being every beat of his heart every one of the three million cells in his body cried out for the living God how do I know

because it says in verse 30 Samson said let me die with the Philistines do you know why brother do you know why there's no anointing you're trying to hold it together you're afraid to die to your reputation you're fighting you're popping that church up and it's killing you die and let God come and take your life over completely lose all the rights to yourself the rights to sleep the rights to eat the rights to spend money if

you're a slave of Jesus a slave has no rights and Samson says in the midst of that howling bunch of agnostics and critics and rulers of the nation he says God please just once that marvellous anointing I had when I tore the lion up that marvellous anointing when I carried the gates that marvellous anointing when I remembered a surge of eternal life that marvellous

anointing when I remembered a surge of eternal life sweeping through me when I slew the two thousand with a jawbone of an axe please Lord just once give me one more chance I'll never ask again give me one more chance even if I die what's the scripture say the house fell upon him upon the lords that's the aristocrats in England dukes and lords and ladies the house fell upon the lords so the dead which he slew in his death were more than they which he slew in his life you see that's the greatest prayer that he ever prayed Lord please don't let me die half back slidden don't let them take my body in the church and people come round oh he's the sweetest pastor ever had of course he he didn't trouble you much as he got older he kind of petered out he didn't pray with much anointing he didn't

send us home all bruised on the inside he had more of a massage than a message that's what most preachers have today it's funny and it's terrible strengthen me just once even if I die and he pull the house down and he kill more in his dying than in his living I still believe that Joel 2 has to be fulfilled people ask me you know so many men you watch the giant fall how short I have I've seen men that I thought were as firm as almost the throne of God fall down over money, fall down over women fall down over praise or something the devil doesn't care what it is as long as you lose your anointing and you've gone as at other times you're nice to the deacons you're sweet to the old ladies you're gracious and heaven has written you off a long while ago and hell has, you're no longer a hell

wrecker the devil and demons don't see you anymore so in essence Simon says I can't die like this oh I have a thousand memories of the majesty of God and near this heathen crowd laughing at me give me one more chance I'm through with this, I remember preaching in Australia some years ago and the pastor said to me, Brother Raymond I said just look to the right there, there's a man a tall man with a large bald head, I said yes he said you know 35 years ago that man moved through this country of Australia and everywhere he went he was dynamic he was like a torch in the midst of bales of hay and everywhere he went God delivered people even physical deliverances and demon deliverances but he said when he spoke it was almost like a breath of fire coming well that's a symbol you see that cross

it's alright, but it's not Christian that's a symbol of paganism the symbol of the church of Jesus Christ is a tongue of fire our God is a consuming fire it makes his ministers a flame of fire but it's pretty tough isn't it when your husband's here, your deacons are here for you to get up and walk here and say Brother Raymond, I've lost I haven't shed tears, my pillow's dry every night I don't weep from the loss, I have no burden, I got a few nice little gifts from the church at Christmas oh they're so nice, they're not nice they tell you the truth I said you didn't hear that I said you have to nail it on, do you know when Mao Zedong took over in China do you know what he did, he liquidated 90 million people and millions of them are Christians, do you know what they did with them they

came into services like this and they took the pastor and they nailed him to the wall of his church that's communism, that's the stuff Mr.

Gorbachev wants to do in America but brother you can't say, you shouldn't say it's not my brother nor my sister it's not headquarters up at where is headquarters, Springfield there's no virtue in going to Springfield and it won't kill you to go but listen, the glory isn't even in Pentecostal Bible schools anymore the kids go

drinking, the kids fool around, they ought to go in that room and be terrified when they go in oh we're in one of the fastest growing churches in Dallas forget it, do you know what the Holy Ghost Church is, no man dares join himself do you think a man that's living a double life would come in a meeting filled with the Holy Ghost somebody would say listen, you've got a serpent in you George Fox, the founder of the Quakers would go to a man and say I see a demon spirit in you I see the spirit of a fox in you I see the spirit of a serpent in you and he used the animals and he went to people continually and yet they never preached gifts of the Spirit, they demonstrated the power of the Holy Spirit of God strengthen me just once how do you know this isn't the last message you'll hear how many times has God rebuked you privately and you've gone home you've come to the altar time and time again and you've gone out and done the same crazy things, you came paralysed you went out paralysed, you came without vision, you left without vision I tell you if you come to this place with brokenness you can come but listen I don't make altar calls in a general way I'm certainly not going to try and stir you emotionally some of you preachers know you're on the verge of bankruptcy you know it's a job, you know it doesn't break your heart of the people in your church I had a pastor of a church of God, I'll put it that way, that's what it is came to see me a while ago he gets a thousand people Sunday morning and he said Mr.

Redmill you know 50% of my congregation are divorced you see there's no fear of God in any shape or form and that will come back and it's not a cringing fear it's a fear of grieving him hurting him the Lord spoke to me first when I was 14 I started leading a youth meeting I got a couple of prayer meetings going when I was 16, just for youth on Friday nights in the church and Sunday morning at 7 and at 19 I went to an altar because I knew I had a problem and the problem was jealousy and pride I was youth leader, most admired guy in the church I guess, I went to the front and as they did, they used to come with a Bible and say what you need and this preacher came up and said well Leonard I'm amazed to see you at the altar you're such a fine young man, I said oh he said what do you want, I

said I want Romans 6 and verse 7 to be really my life oh no, you mean Romans 6 6 knowing this that our old man is crucified, I said no I don't want Romans 6 7 he said no, it's Romans 6 7, I said sir it's Romans 6 7, I want and he didn't even know what it was I'll tell you what it is without looking he that is dead is freed from sin I want to die here to my ambitions I want to die to pride I want to die to failure I want something to happen in my life I'm not saying I've walked as a saint all the years since, but it was a crisis in my life, you know what it did and I'm through with this two books changed my life my Sunday school teacher gave me a hymn book, pardon me, gave me a book it's the bridged life of David Brainerd, I read about that young American that would go out and pray in the

forest so I lived on the edge of Sherwood Forest so I'd take my mother's little dog at night, I'd walk into the forest tie the dog to the stump of the tree and there were some ferns there instead of going up and going out that way they grew around here and met in the middle I got into the middle, lifted up my hands a thing they never did in holiness churches I cried to the Lord for revival by myself, night after night in that forest I got up early Sunday morning and went into the forest and prayed and groaned and one day I walked to a hill overlooking the city, I raised my hands up and the tears ran down my face I think I was 17 and I said Lord don't let my city die Lord send just one more like Samson asked for one more visitation I'm not a preacher Lord but please come do you know a few

months after that or a year after, George Jeffries came not because I prayed, but because a bastard fasted himself almost to death three times and the strongest church in that city started in 1927 is the strongest church tonight, 60 years after young people saw the glory of God in Daddy and Mummy there was no bickering in the home there was sweetness Daddy tossed away his pipe and Daddy got rid of his

sport and everything the biggest treasure you have I keep telling dear Spencer, these other young fellows those children are treasures I've got three wonderful sons one has an earned PhD, they're all pretty brilliant the other one's got a head position just now in the Smithsonian Museum the other's left his big church and he's tramping the world for God and the other has an amazing prayer

life when he was 16 years of age he prayed 5 hours a day at 16 years of age you see we're not tired of organising God is it's time for agonising there's something more than getting a degree we need a new degree, a new depth a new anointing from God a new vision you meet God tonight, then I'll tell you how to start revival, go to your church Sunday morning and say do you know the biggest failure in this church is your pastor, I've had no real vision I've had no passion, I've had no burden, it's been a living but from here on you've got a man that God has touched by the Holy Ghost and I don't care whether I've good health or bad health this community's going to hell fire and this church is responsible for it and I want some men that will pledge their lives to God strengthen me just once

even if I die and you'll die alright because you see, all the others didn't see Jesus Christ, he visualised it, no man can look on God and live what did Isaiah say, maybe I'll preach on that one night Isaiah said, woe is me, no woe is my prayer life, I'm behind in my tithing, I'm not doing, he says two things, I'm undone and I'm unclean, and then the life cold touched him and he became a super prophet and that's what God wants to do I'm not going to tie it up theologically you know another scripture we don't have there and I'm through with this why it's only nine I thought it was ten I'm cutting myself short, ok a scripture says, confess your faults one to another, you know, it doesn't take much moral courage to come down there and weep and shed a few tears and tell God you're sorry any

coward can do that, but you're the best known deacon, you're the best known pastor why don't you come now and kneel here and say I'm the key to failure in my church I've lost my vision, I've no power over the devil, I've no power over maybe my own body and thinking God I want one more touch now don't come here and just kiss the floor with your knees and go stay till God touches you go down in your life and you know what's wrong with you, I've pride whatever it is, some secret sin ambition tell the Lord what they are, don't generally say Lord I've weakness, He says I'm undone, I'm unclean and stay there if it takes you till midnight and for once in your life get cleansed and anointed with the Holy Ghost and I'll tell you what if you do you'll treasure it more than any experience you've

ever had before this is God's second call to you and it's not only that, it's your last call you think I enjoy preaching, of course I don't if this is a Holy Ghost meeting somebody will die here tonight, not physically, this is God's last call to you, He doesn't owe you anything, He's called a hundred times, you've worked and you've got nowhere your godly mother's in the grave there, worms have eaten her long since she prayed for you, maybe your grandpa and yet you're a stulted, crippled weak, ineffective Christian, and this is a day for soldiers, put on the whole armour of God there's a devil and a million demons want to destroy Kilgore or the town that you're in and as you are you can't face them I say I'm not going to sing a chorus I nearly said you've got the guts, if you have the

courage let everybody see you, or everybody's going to see it, they're judgment a thousand billion eyes will look on you, standing by yourself you won't lean on your pastor, lean on your darling wife, lean on your lovely husband you'll be there by yourself before billions of eyes, and there's no you turn, you can't turn in front for somebody it's now or never this could be the first real Pentecost you've ever had you'd say, Lord break me I want to come, I want to get rid of my profession, of my showmanship I'm tired of the world going past my church and saying that's how it has been, there used to be Pentecostals the Holy Ghost

used to command them they used to pray all night, people went and miracles were done, but not anymore it's a pretty little church and a nice pastor, nice people

but there's no flaming torch of God the Holy Ghost I just said I was going to preach on prayer but God showed me last night and showed me again, in a way I didn't expect today, I got to preach on Samson I've preached this around the world but I'm getting old and forgetful, I don't tie up so well, but I know God has spoken I know tonight this is your chance and so I'm not going to sing get up and bring your broken heart, and bring your broken promises, and meet God there are two, one, two, three benches so, I'm not going to sing, get up and come ...

If you'll allow me we don't need manifestations now we need repentance we need to cry out to God we don't need to ease our conscience we don't need to be sidetracked I don't mean this unkindly but if the Lord is speaking to your heart come and pray if you want to be dismissed be dismissed, we are so glad you came God is speaking to hearts especially we preachers let's come and pray let's seek God I'm going to pray the pastor asked me to pray if you wish to leave leave now, stay a little while anyhow Father we thank you tonight that you are the unchanging God you said call upon me and some here may tonight have no language but a cry a sob in the heart something eternal that's crying to be released some fetter that needs to be broken that nobody knows is here, the fetter of pride personal

ambition secret sin laziness lack of passion for the lost Lord I pray send fire from heaven tonight on these hearts we remember Solomon built a temple and with all its beauty and he built its altar and yet he knew it hadn't done anything until the fire fell and he prayed and the fire of the Lord fell Lord fall on these hearts tonight burn up all the dross burn up all the impurity burn up every fetter that's there Lord light a fire in the hearts of some men or women here tonight that will never go out that at the judgment seat we will say that this was a turning point in their life where they cried in despair the pastors who've tried everything, they brought in music they brought in entertainment, it hasn't done a thing Lord I pray do something in these precious pastors that they'll preach

on Sunday in an utterance with an anointing they've never had before Lord that people will see that out of them are flowing rivers of living water Lord we're so tired of formality we're so tired of seeing the nation go to destruction we're so tired of Jehovah's Witnesses and other people mocking the church of Jesus I'm told that the Jehovah's Witnesses say they get more backsliders than anybody else, people who once had a walk and a talk with God and their backs slidden, Lord I pray send all hell mad tonight that this meeting ever took place may some of these men get on the devil's most wanted men, on the danger list, Lord give them an utterance in prayer, even if it's in the pulpit, break them till the congregation weeps with the weeping preacher, it can see with the seeing preacher it

has strength with the preacher who's been renewed by the Holy Ghost Lord you ordered us to go into all the world and preach the gospel and here 2000 years after you came there are more lost people in the world tonight than ever Lord again I pray with all my being do something that will last longer than a half hour at the altar something that men will not dare to hold in something they'll have to confess maybe Sunday or somewhere openly I've been failing the church I haven't borne the burden there are hundreds of lost children in families where Sunday school teachers and deacons and yet the children are lost and there's no burden Lord open eyes tonight give us a sight of an eternity we've never seen as David your servant said, enlarge our hearts Lord enlarge us fill us to capacity fill us

with the Holy Ghost, fill us with the knowledge of your will fill us with divine love fill us with holy compassion fill us until we have to say with Jeremiah thy servant a river of water or the psalmist says a river of water runs down my eyes or again as Jeremiah says oh that my head were waters, mine eyes a fountain of tears Lord lift us clean out of the normal into the abnormal out of the natural into the supernatural Lord I pray put a wall of fire round about this church and be the glory in the midst of it and for every other church pastors and Sunday school teachers and others who are at this altar Lord we're gluttonous for your glory Lord we'll never ever find satisfaction between here and eternity unless you do a new thing unless people ask destroy all the old things in my life my

old interests, my old love of football, my old love of TV my old love of this that and the other and transcendent put a new love in me holy love that I can love the last and the least and the last Lord I look for some miracles to come out of this service tonight not because I'm here but because you're here you brought men to pass a milestone tonight you brought them to come to this altar tonight like Samson to die die to everything else every fetter that's held them Lord break every fetter

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