

The Mule Walked On

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of living a life of discipleship and following Jesus, and warns against the consequences of rebellion and the desecration of the Lord's Day.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of his message and the potential consequences of ignoring it. He acknowledges that he may be criticized or labeled negatively for his beliefs, but he is willing to face judgment for the message he is about to deliver. The preacher warns about the corrupting influence of worldly distractions and urges the congregation to seek conviction from God. He shares personal experiences and stories to illustrate the importance of his convictions and the need for raindrops of spiritual renewal in the hearts of the listeners.

Transcript

The local radio station, and we'll tell you about it. There was a sense of judgment, of penitent judgment, and it seemed like it was going to be determined by the response of the people that night at the close of the service. And at the close of the service, it may be called, and given, and offered in God's mercy, something that many refused to come, who I believe needed to come.

And they began to pray, some of them to offer, but the priest said, you're going to hear at the close of the second message, the complete recording of the screaming of the people, and the crying of the people. You can also hear in the background the crying of some people at the altar. I'm going to have some conclusions tonight at the end of the second message concerning this message and subject, The New Walked On.

Now then, I want to make available this message, these two messages, on two thirty-minute tapes, for any gift that the folk would be able to send to the world. Now then, here's the first part of the message, When the Lord Hung a Hippie. Well, last night we had some fire kicking around, and tonight the Prince of the Tower of the Air may attend.

But let not God's people be disturbed here. And we have a good crowd tonight, and if it starts raining, I imagine maybe you'd better come under the tent. I wonder if we've got a seamstress that could sew that

tent up tomorrow, just pull it together a little bit.

I talked to Charlie a while ago. Does anybody plan to do that? Fine, thank you. All right.

And that'll keep it from ripping any more. And we'll just, we've had a wonderful day today. Not late, I just had to go back home a minute.

They forgot nearly here. And it'll not be necessary for you to tell me, after the great rift of being called a nut, and a crank, and a fanatic, and a fool, and non-progressive, and all the rest of it. Just help yourself.

And in the judgment morning, your criticism, because to you I will not give an account for this message tonight. Get along with. Preachers used to preach before they lost their conviction.

I'm going to preach what I believe the Bible teaches. In the word of God, there are some demands for discipleship. Say what you please.

In disciplinary regeneration. But I do believe discipline. And brother, the Bible, especially the New Testament, and the lives of God's children have been plain and simple.

And tonight, don't be surprised if I tackle some of your pets that you've gotten used to and welcome into your living room and home and heart. And so, you just listen as carefully and pray as earnestly. Give me an open mind and a living heart.

And hunger and thirst after righteousness. I call your attention, first of all, I believe, to the book of Luke, chapter 14. Chapter 14.

Supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors, lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the lame, the blind, and thou shalt be blessed. For they cannot recompense thee, for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

Skip a few verses, if you will, and it's verse 26 now. If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever does not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Verse 33, please. Of you that forsake it not, but he cannot be my disciple. Now then, I'd like to give you from memory another verse, when it came to Jesus and said, What would you suggest to me would be the first commandment? He said, To love the Lord thy God with all thy might, and mind, and soul, and strength, and all that's within you.

But he said, That's all right. Is there another commandment that would be necessary? I just want to have two of them, number one and number two. He said, Yes.

He said number two would be to love your neighbor as yourself. He said, On these hang all the law and the prophets. Now then, I promise you that I'll not go beyond, and with God's help I'll not come short of staying in between these great verses I've given you.

If I expect more of you tonight than what God's word has already said, then I might become unreasonable, but I do not believe I'll go beyond those wonderful verses. Now then, I'd like to call your attention to 2 Samuel, and we'll read verse 9. This is the text that the colored man gave me many years ago when he

was going down to the jail to preach. He said, I'm going to preach on that text in 2 Samuel, HB3-9, verses from the beginning.

He had an old Roman Bible, and of course that meant HB3 was written in 2 Samuel. Nine verses from the beginning meant verse 9. The man was lonely. A few women want to know what other people think about it.

You heard them, didn't you? Cheap and common and nervous and unhealthy, and they don't live like they used to live, and it's because they got out of Bible order. Bible said women are not to decorate on the outside, but it said him was man, and so that goes for the men folks, too. But I'm saying Absalom became a hippie.

He had long hair, he was proud of it, and that was what killed him right there. That's what hung him in the bowls of the tree right there. He's hung by the very thing that he was promised of.

You'd say, what about a hippie? A hippie's a rebel. You couldn't make a rebel. Listen, those rebels, they've rebelled on our college campuses.

They've rebelled at Mother and Daddy. They've rebelled at the preacher. They've rebelled at the churches.

They've rebelled at Revival. They've rebelled at the Bible. They're a bunch of rebels, and they're in for judgment.

Absalom rebelled at the king, and he was willing to put his hand on the king and the man after God's own heart. And he was going to kill him, and he was willing to find him weak and old and sick and kill his own daddy. And I'll tell you something else.

Absalom had already killed his brother. He was a murderer. The average hippie's a murderer.

He's murdering his own life in the first place. He'll murder anybody else if they get in his way. I'm just simply saying to you, we've got a generation of rebels.

They call them hippies, but brother, there's nothing new about a hippie. Absalom was a hippie. I know I'm going to also run the risk of some of you educated folks saying, well, I consider that rather cheap preaching.

I think that's because of his ignorance, and he's rather illiterate to preach and call things by name. Honey, if you was real smart in the Lord, I wouldn't have to do it. But since some of you got so dumb spiritually, I have to tell you what's wrong with you.

Now, don't say that in an ugly way. I love every one of you, and you know it. Pray for you every day of my life.

Pray for the radio friends and for every preacher every day of my life. Live alone and walk alone, and pray alone, and to try to get the job done for God. And I need your prayers, but tonight, dear friends, if you just try what I'm going to preach tonight for the next 30 days, you'll never go back to Egypt, friend.

I promise you this, you'll find such a sweet relationship, and dear friends, the whole message tonight is built on one thing. If you love me, you will. All I want to know tonight is how much do you love Jesus? I know what the Bible says.

I read it again today. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

All I'm going to ask you tonight is which one do you love the most, the world, or do you love Jesus and heaven most? I'll guarantee your answer is, I love Jesus more than nothing I'm going to preach will ever faze you, except you say, praise God for it. And I want to get a little closer, walk a little closer, climb a little higher, dig a little deeper, and be better for Jesus' sake. That's what you're going to say.

And the mule walked on. Now then, we're living in a mechanical, superficial, synthetic, and natural age. We have let the superficial take the place of the supernatural.

Therefore, our wings have been clipped, and we're earthbound creatures tonight. Nobody flies in the realm in the heavenlies like we ought to. He said, they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

God's people are not to be a fainting people. We're not to be a failing people. We're not to be a falling people.

God's people are to be a victorious people. Listen, Jesus never did put up with defeat down here when he was here. In his own life, or in the life of those that followed him closely, neither has he made any provisions for our defeat as he left here.

He said, he that's in you is greater than he that is in the world. May I say this? I'm coming to another great subject on Thursday night, and that is, what does the Bible teach about divine healing? I don't know why people get scared of that subject. Everybody needs it.

I need divine healing all the time. I mean, of my soul, my mind, and my body. And I tell you, I'm going into it.

It can be a tremendous blessing to God's people. You say, what means does he use? Do you believe God uses means to get people healed? What kind of means does he use? Well, let's say with a message now. I noticed as I was driving across town a couple of times today and in conferences over at the juvenile shelter and other places, I noticed that the radio said 30 people were killed over the weekend.

Sixteen of them drowned right around here. Right around here. Sixteen of them! Do you know when they did that? That's on the Lord's day.

I wonder if God's not trying to warn this bunch of heathens around this part of the country that we're not to go to the lake but to the Lord on Sunday. I'm talking about something that's literally eaten up the spiritual life of the people. We don't have any Lord's Day observance anymore.

People work, mow lawns, I mean, run out, eat, go swimming, play ball, listen to television, watch all sorts of ball games and go to ball games. That's, to me, a desecration of the Lord's Day. Everything in town wants to open up its places of business now.

You see places open on Sunday. I believe the Bible says six days without work and do all that work. We've gotten away from the observance of the Lord's Day.

Listen, when Bob Ingersoll and that bunch of infidels decided to destroy Christianity in France, you know the first thing they said? Around that big conference table, he said and other infidels said, listen, if we intend to destroy Christianity, we've got to first destroy what the Christians call the Lord's Day. They said about it and they destroyed it. Now America's coming right down the same dirty stinking road and our church members are by the thousands out somewhere else except worshipping God on Sunday.

And look at the people that have been killed over the weekend. It's not the weekend, it's the wicked end. And so I believe, I don't think a Christian has any right to buy and sell on the Lord's Day.

You'd say, legality? Call it what you will, child. Just call it what you will, you runt. I tell you, we were a lot better off, our gang D, when we took a day off.

We didn't have heart attacks then, we didn't have cancer then, didn't have ulcers then, and we didn't have hepatitis of the liver then, we didn't have juvenile delinquency then. So what do you, we'd have broken homes then. What are you talking about? If that's legality, give me some more legality then.

I'm not talking about keeping the Lord's Day in order to be saved. I'm talking about keeping it because I am saved. In fact, everything we've got.

Brother Leonard goes out these legs, they claim to be Christian. He said, well, I'm a Christian, but I just need a day off. Yeah, you wear off too, buddy, when you get out there.

I'm talking about something we've forgotten all about. I remember the time when nobody, nobody did any work on the Lord's Day. Listen, if a man hooked up to a cultivator back down there 40 years ago, 50 years ago, he was classified as nothing but a low-down class and heathen.

And there wasn't any heathen that even tried to do it. Now then, look at it. Every lawn mower in town is gone.

Go in on Sunday. I mean, just everybody's working in the backyard, the front yard, and doing everything they want to do on the Lord's Day. The Bible says we need a Lord's Day.

God didn't need it. We need it. God didn't get tired.

He never has been tired. You and I don't want to get tired. And we need spiritual refreshing.

And say, won't you please, God put this on my heart, and you know where I got it? Some of you Southern Baptists, bless your sweet heart, I got it from Dr. B. O. Herring while I was in Baylor University. That's back there when he had some great conviction. As for the Baptists, all began to backslide and run off into the world.

Come on, you might as well listen to this. Dr. Herring, great sweet Christian, why, he said, listen, I've gone to bed at 11 o'clock. I've gone to bed at 11 o'clock on Saturday night.

And he said they'd just dawned on me before I went to sleep. I did not fill my gasoline tank with gas. And I had to go preach on Sunday out to those little places around Waco.

And he said, I got up and put on my clothes at 11 o'clock. And he said, I got in that car. I know you think this is kind of funny, but I got it from Dr. Herring.

I believe it was a good thing. I've been practicing ever since. He said I filled that tank with gas so that I wouldn't have to keep Sunville in station open on Sunday.

And I'll tell you what's happening. Since then, nearly every preacher and every church member, he'll beat it down to cafeteria, restaurant, drive-in, everything else, and make everybody and his dog work for you while you sit in church on Sunday morning. I don't think it's right.

I believe you're out of the will of God when you do it. Oh, but you'd say necessity. No, it's not a necessity.

I've gone, and I'm not posing as an example. I've gone 36 years without going in a business place on Sunday. It's not all that hard.

I travel all the time. You say, well, what do you eat? Eat out of my icebox. I've drank juices, mixed salads, eat fruits, vegetables, anything you want.

I've got it all right there. It's not hard, brother. You just need to make up your mind to get you some conviction instead of a bunch of sorry opinions.

And the mule walked on. God's people ought to be ashamed. Our old grandmothers without a deep freeze.

Our old grandmothers without a refrigerator. And death, they did their cooking on Saturday. You remember that? Old four-layer cakes.

You remember those old four-layer cakes my mom would make and put the ice in all over the top of it? And my mother never did go to school too much, but I don't understand. She must have had a built-in computer. I know she had a lie detector test on the inside.

She had all that equipment. There's nothing new about that. I'll guarantee you she had one built-in.

And she caught me many a time. I could look just like an angel in the face and had the devil in my heart. She said, Son, you went swimming, didn't you? I said, Well, I went with them.

And she said, You went in, didn't you? I said, Yes, my Lord. All right. Well, listen.

Why, she'd get up and she'd take on Saturday morning and she'd get everything ready for Sunday noon. She'd say, You boys shine your shoes now. Get your shoes shined on Saturday, tomorrow, Sunday.

Put up your BB guns, you know, shooting on. Uh-uh. There won't be any ball playing on Sunday.

I mean, tomorrow's the Lord's Day, boys. I kind of ground in. I mean, I believe it did me good.

I still respect the Lord's Day. I mean, in the morning. You think I'd read the newspaper on Sunday? I wouldn't read it on Monday, let alone Sunday, because it's not holy.

Come on. That's one of the first things you do. A bunch of preachers get up and go get the newspaper and sit down and read the fundraisers and all the gossip and all the junk and the pills and all the murderers and everything else.

And then wonder why you run out of fire on Sunday morning before you have to preach it. You can't read the paper like that and soak your soul in a bunch of garbage and then expect God to give you fire and lift

the fireballs. Why don't you preachers quit doing it? Why don't you throw it away and get in the Bible? It'll soon be over now.

I'm going to say something else. You heard the success stories of the little boy that carries the paper? Oh, they said, you know, he was a paper boy. He threw the papers.

He got up at four o'clock in the morning. He threw the papers and he became a great businessman. Uh-huh.

But you didn't think anything about all those boys that threw that bunch of garbage and got up early and missed Sunday school and church and backslid and went to the devil, did you? I tell you, it'll be, it'll be, I mean, the snow will be falling in August in Dallas before I'd ever permit one of my boys to get up on Sunday morning and throw anything like the newspaper. Now, I told you what you were going to say about me, didn't I? So I got that over with now. You think I'd let my little boy come in when he couldn't even set up in Sunday school and church and I wouldn't mind if he's throwing Bibles.

Oh, my, I'd help him. I'd get up and, I mean, I'd pump him on the bicycle. Amen? Well, I'd say, listen, honey boy, man alive, if you want to get the word out, that is going with you.

We're going to put the Bible in every home and it won't be good news for modern man, either. It'll be the King James Version for sinful man. So won't you please, boys, we're not going to find any shortcuts and if we're going to be a disciple of Christ, we're going to have to get out of the world and let Jesus walk the path by the word of God.

And I'll tell you what, if you think I'm wrong about all the mess you do, just put it to a 30-day test. If you'll throw your newspaper aside and spend that time reading the Bible and you're going to read the newspaper, I'll guarantee there'll be a fire burning in your soul you haven't had in the last 20 years. Anytime you start putting the word of God right where you've been putting the newspaper, at first, I'll guarantee you, you'll fall on your knees in the morning, you and your little old sweet wife, instead of separating her face from yours with a newspaper between you.

If you put the word of God in there, I'll guarantee you, both of you get something. Some of you bow through that thing every hour. You say, preacher, why don't you preach the gospel? I'm trying to get you all where you can understand the gospel.

After you get your heart filled with the word of God, you'll hunger and thirst after righteousness. You can't feed somebody who's not hungry and you get full as a duck. I used to go to town, I used to go to town after Dawson Christian, my daddy would give me 15 cents, and man, I'd go up there and I'd get some Tom Toasted Peanuts and I'd get me one of these little ice cream cones, a triple dip, triple dip for a nickel, and I'd tell you to stick up that high on your list, and then I'd go down and get me a great big bottle, that's four heads of good sense, a Circle A soda water, one of those great big bottles made down in Corsicana, you know, and I want you to know I'd fill my little old stomach so full of that stuff, and I'd come home and my mother, my mother would look and say, sometimes my son's not hungry.

Mm-hmm. I'm not hungry. And about 9 or 10 or 11 o'clock that night, she'd hear me a-groaning, and she'd come in, she said, Son, you're just too full of junk, aren't you? That's what's wrong with our church members right there.

They're too full of junk to feed them. You can't feed somebody who's that full of junk. We've got to have a cleansing process, brother.

We've got to have a cleansing. How did our spiritual system before, wherever you're hungry, by further word of God, the Lord's day needs to be observed, dear friends, and our boys and girls need to be taught the word of God in our home. Don't depend on the school teachers.

They quit. We've got a few Christian teachers left, not many. They're greatly outnumbered.

A real Christian teacher's considered a sort of a funny-looking fella in the school today. I've been down to the, I've been down to the juvenile department, the girl's home today, and I went in and talked to a little lady, just a, and she had one of those little old silly miniskirts on, and she's working with all those little old girls in there. Little old girl had been expecting for four months now, ran, come in, put her arms around her, and said, let me go to your home, let me go to your home.

She called up and said, I want to go back to the home she'd been with us about the week. Gave her heart to Christ, got tangled up, captured, actually, captured. I've seen two little girls literally captured in the last two weeks.

I mean, kidnapped. I mean, by sin and sinners. Then, homosexuality has looked like coming to its own, and it's of the devil, every bit of it.

Don't you pay attention to the modernists and to some of the preachers that say it can be endorsed and, you know what they're putting out now. They say that David and Jonathan were homosexuals. They said they carried on the love of fire, and that's the one outstanding experience they'll give you out of the word of God.

And yet none of them live. You know, I won't pay attention to a man interpreting the scripture if he doesn't live by it. No man that lives a crooked life has the right to try to interpret a straight word.

Let's take another step. Take another step. Listen carefully now.

It'll help you if you, if you believe what we're saying and then practice it. I believe that we've gone head over heels and too deep and too far into the sports program and the pleasure program. I'm talking about football.

I'm talking about the commercial baseball, professional baseball, and I'm talking about a lot of these big leagues and little leagues that take our boys' whole lives instead of putting them in a revival meeting where they ought to be. It's not anything. They're just as demanding as they can be.

They'll take your little boy and gobble him up and they say they're going to make a man out of him, but there's something happened since we started this recreation program. We've got more juvenile delinquency than we ever had before. I want to tell you something.

Anything that's not class-centered and that's not Bible-centered, it's never going to help our boys. Now I have no time. I said I have no time at all for these professional games, this beer-drinking, this betting, and I believe God's people ought to get out of them.

You have no right to spend God's money and your time. It'll take you from two to five hours to attend any of these ball games that you go through, and I'll tell you, with time running out and the Bible said, seeing

the day's end, we ought to buy up the time, we ought to redeem the time, and God's people are wasting the time and we're trying to pacify a bunch of little old kids, you know, when we ought to be taking them to the revival meeting. Oh, you'd say, well, how are you going to develop your children? Now, wait a minute.

Wait a minute. I'm curious how inconsistent you are. You'd say, well, I want my little boy to play football.

Well, I'll just remind you that the boys that I went to Baylor with, most of them are dead now. I mean, most of them. I'm 55 years old.

Most of the boys who played football, they're dead. I could call name after name after name. I talked to a bunch of them before they died.

They said, Brother Loft, I'd never, Lester, they called me Lester because we'd known each other, said, Lester, I'd never sacrifice my life again on a gridiron for the applause of the people for four years in college. They broke up my bones, my legs. I go to bed with leg ache every night.

I've had all sorts of pains in my spine, and I've had so many jokes. And listen, as far as I'm concerned, I could come there endorsing girl fights than I could ever football games where they're killing our people today. If you just go ahead now, just say what you want to say about it.

I know I'm busting tradition right between the eyes tonight, you'll wind up, when you get as old as I am, if you've got as much sense as God's given me, you'll agree with me. Our boys are getting their necks broken by these hundreds and hundreds every year that go on until about high school football. Their whole life is wrapped up in it.

I mean, they make better players than they do students in school. I know there are a few exceptions, but I'm saying to you this there, friends, we've just gone too far in the brutality of sports, and God's people are not to fight. That's what they say, isn't it? They call them panthers, lions, bears, haggards.

My brother, that's a bunch of animals. And they talk about, kill him, break his neck, I mean, fight him, fight, fight, fight, fight, fight. Have you ever heard that? That's what I thought you'd heard.

I don't believe it's Christian, I really don't. Just go ahead and say what you want to say about it, and listen to me as I go on. I'm saying God's people are going to have to draw the line and get over on God's side or we'll never have revival.

And the mule is still walking on. All right? The drink and the dope program in this country is absolutely appalling. Did you know that a great percentage of our church members are on dope today? Did you know that many preachers, evangelists, and their families and wives are on dope today? They're not depending on the Lord.

They're not depending on the Lord. Do you realize tonight there are many people under this tent right now that have more confidence in the family doctor and in the dope they take and the pills they take than they do the Lord Jesus Christ. And I'll guarantee you if they were to shut down all the cigarettes and all the pills and all the dope for the next 24 hours, now say what you will, I know I get letters and they say, Brother Wolf, you're so brutal and you're so cruel.

Let me tell you something, most of the people that are taking the dope they're taking, they don't need it and they'll be better off without it and there's not any healing in it. Oh, listen. Fool Dr. Bueller, a doctor that

practiced medicine for 50 years and he practiced medicine.

That's what the average doctor does is practice medicine. He said, after 10,000 operations, after prescribing many, many drugs, he said you might as well try to put out a burning building by putting gasoline on it after he'll try to heal above it by shooting drugs into it. I didn't say that, that's what the old doctor said.

That old doctor said 60 years ago you could go in any drugstore and find herbs and natural things that would heal and bless and cleanse, but not anymore. Not anymore. I'm saying God's people have gone blind to what the Bible teaches about simple Christian living and living by faith.

The question tonight is this. Do you really want to live the overcoming life? Would you like to live by faith? What did the Bible say about living? He said, now that just you live by faith, Habakkuk, Romans, Galatians, Hebrews 1038, four times. Now how could you live by faith? That means you just live by the Lord and by the Word of God.

That means you find what you need in the Word of God. I just read a while ago where God said, when the man said, you just speak the Word and it'll be all right. It'll be all right.

Let's go a little further. We're living in a time of bad and education, sex education is entering the school this coming fall. One of the saddest days America ever saw.

It'll bring about the greatest scourge of immorality you've ever seen and it's bad enough now. You talk about a sex age. We're going into it now.

When those little kids begin to be taught a bunch of junk, they have no right. Let me tell you something. God will teach all them just like He'll teach you.

You take out in the field, for instance. You take the animals. They grow up.

Nobody has to teach the animals how to get together and reproduce. Now, why couldn't people have as much sense as animals and know how to fall in love and court each other and get married and stand to order and child do for life and then know the wife and let a child be born? I mean, why couldn't God teach us? Well, there are some things we'd better stay out of. And if you go to the countries where they've started that sex education, I'll show you the biggest number of illegitimate children of any nation on the face of this earth.

It's of the devils. And I'll tell you what. It looks to me like that our state is becoming so godless they're going to force the Christians to take their children out of school.

You say, well, that's a dastardly thing. I don't care what you think about it, brother. All I want my children and grandchildren to do is to meet me in glory.

I want to live right. I want to be pure and clean and upright and live for God. And I tell you, when you expose them to a dance program and a television program and a sex program and a gambling program and an adult program I just came from Tampa, Florida.

They just expelled 11 I mean, at the close of school, nearly at the close, they expelled 11 little junior high children for dope. Corpus Christi. Hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of dope takers.

And every school on the face of this earth. And there they are. Acid.

And all the sorts of stuff that they're smoking and taking today. And most of it is centered in the school programs. I'm simply saying, those people are going to have to watch out about that.

Now then, I want to come to what I consider, and before I close the message, I want to come to what I consider the biggest stick in the devil's hand today. It's the thing that's destroyed the home, paralyzed the church, locked the jaws of the preacher, it's killed the bodies of the people, it's given the people a reprobate mind, and it's wrecked the physical health of the people. I mean, it's brought about a scourge of immorality.

Homosexuality is fixed to be portrayed on it. It couldn't be anything in the world except it's TV, the television program. That's the one monster that's most popular.

It's the most worldly. It's a show program. It's for the eyes.

It's for the lustful eyes. It comes from the dirtiest munch on the face of this earth. That's Hollywood munch.

They have no respect for God and any preacher or any church member or any Christian that would endorse that kind of a program you're pulling on the same rope with a bunch of harlots out of Hollywood. And so we may as well face it, we're not going to have revival. You say, TV? Yes.

That's the tormenting vulture. That's it, TV. Tormenting vulture.

That's the vulture that's gobbled up our little children. Every child I've got, every boy I've got, every girl I've got has been brought up on television. They're immoral.

They're homosexual. I mean, they're thieves. I mean, they're rapists.

Everything you can think of. And that's exactly where they got it, right there. They told me that's where they got it.

But you mothers and daddies are not going to do anything about it unless God gives you some conviction about it. But you're going to give an account to God for ruining your children one of these days. You're going to corrupt their minds.

You're going to wreck their bodies. You're going to make them make lower grades in school. And you're going to send them out as perverts before it's over.

You watch and see. Oh, I've got enough illustrations tonight. I could go all night long just telling you what I've learned and what people have told me.

I mean, literally told me. Let's not be disturbed about the rain. Isn't it nice we're getting the rain? Yes.

Praise God for the rain. And it seems to be coming rather gentle like. Just long as you can hear.

I mean, what I'm saying is more important than the falling under the raindrops. We need some raindrops from heaven tonight in your heart and my heart. And God gave me this conviction 36 years ago when God called me to preach the first thing he did.

He said, Son, do you want to preach? I said, yes, sir. You told me to preach and I can't preach. No, nothing to preach.

I'm ignorant. I'm sick. I'm unlearned.

I've got a plan of foundations of our education concern. He said, all right, if you want me to help you come out from the world and the first thing he told me to leave was a picture show. That's the first thing.

And, well, that's back there when the picture shows is sort of decent-like. I mean, there's just sort of cute little characters crawling. I mean, it's just one of these cowboy deals, you know, and that's about all I was interested in.

And I knew I was coming out every time, but I enjoyed watching it anyhow. I knew that the hero was going to knock the villain off of the cliff and he's going to go down to his death. And I knew that they was going to get married and live happily ever afterwards, you see.

But I still wanted to go see it and I paid my 10 cents to see it every time. And I'd sit on the edge of the peak, you know, and I'd pull, and it looked like he'd never, I thought he was going to kill, but he never was. I never saw the hero kill one time.

Old Tom Nixon, Art Nixon, Pete Morrison and Fred Thompson and his big white horse and all that, you know. Boy, I tell you, I rode behind him every time they took off. I'd get behind him, ride with him, boy, just having a good time.

Wasn't no long range until then. I was with him. Yeah.

And I mean, they were fairly clean and decent, did you know that? But now then, look at him. Look at him. Even Mr. Cecil B. DeMille who corrupted the Bible stories, you remember that? He's dead now and I'm sure he's sorry that he had to have so much sex.

But he said, I had to put the sex to David and Bathsheba and to Samson and Delilah because if I hadn't put the sex in it, nobody would have ever gone, I wouldn't have got any box receipts. Nobody wanted to go see some good, pure, sweet, spiritual story. I had to put the sin into it, he said, before I could get people to come in.

That's America for you. We're living in a time of adults only, please. And anything that's for adults only is not fit for adults.

You put that back. And you know that your daddy's going to be ashamed of himself to go into the fashion pits and let you kill and go and to bring home all of that slut and slut. I've gone into little girls' dying rooms.

I'm thinking of one now. She's 16. She's dying with a rare blood disease.

The doctor said it's all over. Her little pale face. I guarantee she's on her way out.

She went out soon. I preached her funeral. Everything on her wall was movie actresses and actresses.

Everything. Had every ugly picture you can think about. That's all she had to look at when she died.

Mothers and daddies, how long are you going to put up with it? You say, well, I don't know what I'd do with my children. Your children? You're not supposed to let your children on the home? Let me tell you

something. If you daddies tonight would go home and lovingly and prayerfully and scripturally say to your wife, honey, let's have a house cleaning.

And I'm not talking about running the vacuum cleaner. I'm not talking about just taking the broom and sweeping out a few crumbs. I'm saying, let's clean up our home.

You'd have revival for breakfast. I guarantee you'd have the best night's rest you've had and I don't know when. All I'm asking you to do is to go home tonight and turn off your rock and roll, burn up your rock and roll records, throw out your newspaper, kick out your dirty magazines that advertise liquor, cigarettes and everything else.

Are you for that kind of stuff? Then why do you pay to advertise in your home with it? Why don't God's people be consistent? Have the picture shows become great Christian things? Not at all. Worse, more wicked, more vile, more corrupt, more filled with sex and sin and Satan than ever before. And yet, look at all of God's people, that old thing and scorpions on everybody's rooftops.

There it is, announcing your world in this because you know it's worldly. You know good and well it's not of the Lord. Never has been.

You say, Brother Walt, I think this is the last time I'll come to hear you. Well, dear friend, I'll meet you at the judgment seat of Christ about it. I sure will.

And I tell you what you do, all you want to do tonight is just go over and get in front of the old one-eyed idiot and kneel down and put your arms around him and say, Lord, I want to thank you for this loving spiritual friend. Huh? Well, you haven't got the gall to do it. I mean, you haven't got enough brass in you.

You couldn't get mad at me enough to have that much audacity to put your arm around the devil's play pretty and say, I just love this thing and it's so good. Oh, it's helped me win my children to Christ. It inspired my family altar.

It caused my wife to be sweet and pure and a better housekeeper and a better cook and she prepares better meals and she irons her clothes better and she's the hardest working thing. No, it didn't. It ruined your wife.

That's when a bunch of you that can't get rid of your television set, she won't let you. I know. I've already been there.

A man came down the aisle the other day and he said, Brother O'Rourke, I got rid of the television set but not for long. My wife and children came to me and said to me, listen, it's either the television set or we're leaving. We're not going to be with you any longer.

You can either go get that television set and bring it back in our home. And so the little Casper Milk Co. said, all right, I'll go get it.

He said, I got her back now. I got it back. Folks, we're living in the day when everything rules the home except the husband and the Lord.

And I'm not blaming the women. Listen, I believe that nine out of ten women would be glad to be ruled by a godly husband if the husband would be godly. I'm finding, and I hate to say it but it's the truth, more spiritual women than there are men in this generation.

Fellas, why don't we go home tonight and say by the grace of God I'm going to get off of the mule of sin and we're going to kill him and get rid of sin in our home and we'll have a revival and our children will grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I believe when you stand before me you can see these two things. I see somebody hanging on a cross.

I see a thief hanging on each side of him. I walk up close enough to say sir, if you don't mind tell me what you're doing hanging there. Did you kill somebody? No, he said I'm trying to cure somebody.

I said have you been a bad man? He said I've loved everybody. I've been kind to everybody. I said well why are you getting killed? He said because of your sin.

I said you mean you're dying for me and I'm the guilty one? He said that's right. I believe dear friends I could love him for that don't you? I could love him for that. Oh but let's take another little picture will you? I just stepped inside the church.

I'm in the right place. I'm not afraid at all. And if the cyclone were to sweep through you know I can straddle it and go to glory on it.

That's right. I'm not far from heaven tonight. I love him.

But I'll tell you one thing. I don't believe I'd be worried about my TV if I could go to heaven. I don't believe I'd be worried about giving up some little old cell to trinkets and gadgets if you fix me to go to heaven.

Oh may the Lord help us tonight. Open our hearts to him. Just inside the gate.

Just inside the gate when I see my mother and my daddy and my little sister, two of them. And when I meet the old saints that are going on I'll not be regretful at all and I'll live my life for the Lord Jesus. Stand here.

Bow your head. I will pray. Sing it with me.

Oh I love Jesus. Sing it. Oh I love Jesus.

Oh I love Jesus. Oh I love Jesus. Oh I love Jesus.

Oh I love Jesus. Oh I do it. If you want to get after him.

yet this way in the world when in this storm the clouds were the dust of his feet. Today we've heard the final message and we've also heard the screams of the people. Eighteen hundred people.

Yet nobody who has walked on stepped on are injured seriously. God visited that old gospel tent, though she was left laying flat. The ambulances came, the firetrucks came, the television stations came, the newspaper reporters came, looking for a report of death or bloodshed and found none.

I give you some closing remarks and conclusions that God has reminded me of. Number one, we cried out against sin and asked the people to give it up. Most of them refused.

Some came. The baby tent where the nursery was, was just a few feet away from the big tent. It was not touched by the storm.

The Lord said, as I prayed in that tent a few mornings after that with a preacher brother that was so fine, the Lord said, It's not baby trouble, the trouble is not in the nursery, it's in the adult department. The mothers and dads are the ones that are rebels. Therefore, I saw no need to touch the baby tent.

Another interesting impression the Lord gave me was this. As you listened to that message a moment ago, you heard the people crying, Jesus. They were praying for protection.

God reminded me that there was enough people that responded, that came to that altar to pray, that God made a note of the need and the danger. Because those people came to that altar, I believe others were spared from being killed and injured and mangled and broken up. Even lightning struck and hit the ground between the baby tent and the big tent, burned a wiring too, yet nobody was burned, nobody was electrocuted.

God was there to protect his people. Yes, even the winds and the waves obeyed him. Then something else that the Lord gave me, and that was that the people, though rebellious and many times unconcerned, they recognized the goodness of God.

They knew that Jesus was there to protect his people.

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