

Warning Against Rebellion

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of surrendering to God's will and the consequences of rebellion against Him.

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Scripture: Psalm 14:1, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 55:6, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 6:33, John 14:6, Romans 12:1

Topics: "Rebellion"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the rebellious nature of human beings and their refusal to submit to God's authority. He highlights that every person, regardless of gender or age, constantly sends messages to God asserting their independence. However, the preacher also acknowledges the power of God's grace and mercy in overcoming this rebellion. He emphasizes the importance of recognizing Jesus as Lord and surrendering to His authority. The preacher shares his personal experience of initially resisting God's call to preach, but eventually submitting to His will.

Transcript

Well, Pastor Paul said that, you know, no man had to the flesh, and that he put no confidence in the flesh. But one of the joys I've had these many years, going from one church to another, is meeting fine young preachers. Nothing on earth that I treasure more than God raising up young men who are preaching now what their granddaddies used to preach.

And that's a step in the right direction. Some liberal criticized Billy Graham and said that he took us back for 200 years, and Billy answered and said he aimed to take us back to the New Testament, and that was good at least. Also good that the minister of the congregation that has a shepherd that's head of the house, Brother Whaley is the head of breakfast and supper there each day.

And this afternoon when I went down to supper, his wife was on her knees to him. Now that's the way it ought to be. She had a rolling pin in one hand, and she was down on her knees by the bed and said, Come out of there.

Come out of there. He wasn't good. He wasn't good.

When we were at a low ebb, sure enough, spiritually up in the United States, exes enter the field of evangelism. Ex-convicts and ex-con men and ex-pickpockets and ex-movie stars. He couldn't preach

unless he was an ex.

I sometimes wondered what the old Paul would do. He never had to rob the bank that got out on him or anything like that. And I didn't like that because I heard some of them, and they seemed to glorify what was in spite of that.

I trust the Lord will be pleased. Bring the word of testimony tonight about how God did for me, what he has to do for every human being if he saves them. God has to cross and crush man's will at the point where his rebellion heads up.

And if God wins in that battle, a man is saved. And if the man wins the battle, he'll have to go to hell for his trouble. In the book of the Psalms, at chapter 14 and verse 1, we have our scripture.

Psalms 14, just the first sentence of the first verse of Psalms 14. Especially the authorized, or what we call the King James Version. There are people there who translated this version from the original manuscripts, two words in italics.

The school children can tell us older people, if we do not know it already, that where you find in the Bible some words italicized, they do not occur in the oldest manuscripts we have. We do not have the original. In this sentence, they put in two words that make the rest of the Bible just silly.

If, as I read now from the authorized version, this is what the Bible actually teaches, then we just have to throw the whole thing out. Because if you'll just notice at once, the fool has said in his heart, he's got too much sense to say it in his head, but in his heart, that means the thing that makes him tick. The fool has said in his heart, there is no God.

Now, if that is so, then we've got no Bible. Or if there's one thing that's dead certain, it is that there has never lived a human being on the list that I, who did not believe that there was a God. And yet here, apparently, the Bible is saying, the fool, he's different.

He said in his heart, there is no God. But the words there is, are in italics. And since it is true that God has done two or three things at least for every human being, one of them, he's given them a God-consciousness.

Men know there is a supreme power. They just know it. They're just like, I used to listen to Amos and Andrew way back down then, when they were the rage of the radio 30, 40 years ago.

And Andrew was always talking about a woman's intuition. He meant her intuition. The most powerful argument any man ever went up against was when a woman answers for something she's done and says, just cause, just cause.

You can't do a thing except bow to it. Just cause. A woman's intuition.

Now, a man's intuition, he can't brag about it because what's given him of God is that he knows there is a supreme being. Now, he may call himself an atheist, but he don't believe it. When you read about atheistic communism, don't you believe a word of it? As a human being who actually believes there is no God.

But if you read this verse without the italics and translate it literally from the original language, it reads like this. The fool hath said in his heart, no God for me. As far as I'm concerned, there shall be nobody really in my life.

Nobody's going to tell me what to do or what not to do. Now, that makes sense, for that's a description of every human being that ever lived apart from the chance of reason over power and mercy of God. Men and women, boys and girls, are sending up messages every time they take a breath to the supreme being and said, as far as I'm concerned, no God for me.

I will not submit to the rule that I was first heard in the garden of Eden when you and I in the loins of our father, Abraham, in such a way, I can't understand it, that the Scriptures say that God born that had as much a part in it as did Adam and that there were parts and there were there and there were bonded and there were there. All of you folks out there, we rolled up our sleeves and sat on our hands and attempted to push God off the throne and now let ourselves say we will not be under the restriction of a power from on high. That's the same cry that could be heard by the angels and make them weep and the demons to make them tremble when they hung the Lord Jesus Christ on a cross and sent a messenger after him and told the God of Eden that they hadn't changed their minds.

They still were saying we will not have this man to reign over us. That's the cry of your rebellion that goes up from the mouths of every human being. No God for me.

No God for me. I was born a rebel against authority. Men haven't got a thing on God's earth against God except his authority.

If he resigned as the moral universe, governor of the universe, if he would change his character and put on some side whiskers and be a low-voting grandfather and weep at sin and turn the reins of the world over to me, he and I belong this time. But since he will not do that, the final line is still to end and it's not subject to the law of God neither it can't let be. We were born in the state of rebellion.

The little child resting in the mother's arms proves his rebellious nature by keeping against anything that smells like authority. The best way on God's earth to get your child out of the house sweet it is, the best way on earth to see to it that your child does something is to tell them not to. They'll bust their own head wide open to do something if somebody in authority tells them not to.

Why? It's their nature. It's their nature. My mother used to tell me how she could tell the difference between when the child was hurt and when it's mad.

When it gets tired of this storm not of killing the child. It gets mad. It's just trying to get it gone.

And since it can't get it gone, it'll call it papa or mama or whoever lays the law down. Never was there a generation so weak in the spirit of lawless rebellion against the authority of God as today. We were born rebels.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, according to the Bible, rebellion challenges the character of almighty God. And he has to do something about rebellion. And since I've looked in the back of the book in the back of the answer, I don't have to tell you any longer the problem.

The Bible certainly is crystal clear that the rebellion in every human heart is going to be crushed. God's going to put down the rebellion. And almighty God's going to win the war.

And when the last battle has been fought, on the throne will be the Lord God omnipotent. There's no doubt about that. There's not a question on earth.

No human being is ever going to win in this war. We differ a great deal as I go up and down the land about things relating to the return of our blessed Lord. But one thing we do know for certain, he's going to keep on doing exactly what he's doing now till the rebellion is put down and until this world is brought back under willing subjection to the rule of almighty God.

I believe about every time tonight I can prove to the scripture that everybody that God sends to heal will salute men to his judgment before he's cast into hell. And I do know that this world is going to be brought under the subjective rule of my Lord. And when it's brought there, he's going to turn it back over to the Father, says the Bible.

You know, I like to turn over in the back of the book and get answers like that. Sometimes in the flesh we get a little weary. I go from one meeting to another.

And sometimes I have good meetings, sometimes a bad, sometimes it rains, and sometimes it don't. And sometimes the heavens seem to be closed and sometimes the showers come and they just keep going. And sometimes you get a little weary and you'd like to take a little while.

And especially I'd like to be home a while. I can't take it. I'm too weak.

The battle's not going so good today. But there right now, God's going to end the war and rebellion's going to be crushed. Thanks be unto the Lord.

Rebellion's going to be crushed. Only another God crushes the rebellion in the hearts and spirits of God by His wonderful, glorious, mercy and grace. And brings men and women to sing it gladly and willingly and sweetly goodbye to the blessed world of the living Lord in their daily lives.

Now I didn't say it because he believes that Jesus is Lord. The devils know that. I didn't say it just because he says that he believes Jesus Christ has been appointed Lord of all.

The devils know that. And they didn't say it. You better listen to what I'm about to say.

Until he is able to let us that ascended Lord rebel to a worshipper. We all have our beliefs and our doubts. But there's nothing to that.

Man's a Christian. The fatherhood of almighty God. He's been able to sanctify the Lord in his heart.

And he knows what worship is. If God almighty using the means he's chosen to use is unable to crush your abandoned by his wondrous goodness marvelous long-suffering with wits and means if he's unable to give you your consent to the Lordship of the Savior you're glad bowing out to it and worshiping him. But then the scriptures say he'll make you bow.

He'll make you bow. One of the most hell-filling lies that has almost been the heart of the popular gospel for these decades of time men and women have been assured that they have a choice of whether they'll receive Jesus Christ or not. But they do not have a choice.

Amen. God never did give you or me or anybody else a choice whether we bow to the Lord Jesus Christ. Now I have to say something I can't understand.

It's just so and I can't explain it. Men and women do have something to say not about whether they'll bow to my Lord but when. Whether you're going to bow to him, thunder and shudder on him you are.

Every man shall bow to him. That's not only the purpose of the gospel preaching that's not only the purpose of the coming of Christ but that is the set determination of Almighty God that rebellion shall be crushed and that men shall surrender, throw down their arms. It's not a question of whether you're going to bow to Christ.

You know it's a crushing load, my brethren to share that truth in a world that don't believe it. Men and women actually think they know, know, know and you and I, we're Christians, we know we're wrong and we wish we could get between them a continuation of that awful course and just a little under another step and we could rock them in our arms and hold them there until our mercies be still open and grace still flows from the throne of God they could be brought to a sweet bowing now sometimes I wish I could take men and women and shake them until they had good sense sometimes the creature especially wishes he could get in the flesh and use tricks and methods and get but they won't work. They won't work.

I certainly wish to take them to you if you chose to watch us to or preach to men and women for whom all things being said they must bow to King Jesus and you know what I think of the drop to the place they bow, bow, bow and receive a pardon which can't do it you just have to watch them grieve about it but one thing's dead certain generally on earth if God can save a rebel is to bring him to throw down his arms and surrender and cease his rebellion if it were that salvation becomes mine by believing some things I'd be different hell be full of orthodox people believe all the doctrines read the bible from cover to cover in its letters but salvation isn't at the end of believing some things salvation is a cunning biker joined to not in this I've got to say 30 years old business but in a

living daily walk with this living son of God the apostle Paul tells us in the book of Colossians as he had that they received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk ye in him and it's foolish to go ahead and receive them if you're not walking generally God can crush the rebellion in a man's life is to cross him to cross that man's rebellion at the point where it heads up get out of the door it comes to a head and it hurts and God almighty has to invade and meet a man where the man's in rebellion against it and cross that man's head and crush it and conquer it if you can't do that you can't save a man I say those words can't I think from a biblical something God can't do He can't save a man in a little while except by a step in your daily life and he can't establish his rule in a man's life to

crush it that man's rebellious will there never been but one question that matters a hell of things who reigns in your life you or the Lord Jesus Christ the devil must be cast out before the Lord's in full my Lord said you can't in a little while who sets your mind that's called man in a way that God almighty can bring salvation that's a wonderful word and I mean that now everybody's saved and sleeping on the road to hell but salvation in the Bible needs to be made whole in a man's soul when he rejoices in being a slave to the Lord Jesus Christ all the stuff that's called salvation even I've come to mean the stuff that's now that means Jesus Christ is the doormat to come out of hell not in a filthy way to live nothing to that nothing to that Oh thank God for me to get me a desert man that

this dignity is all good I've been preaching for 40 years thank God for me so I've heard it through the demon face that God will not violate I sure am glad he conquered my stubborn will ladies and gentlemen unless the will of God is a supreme thing in your life isn't it silly to talk about salvation that leaves a man still in rebellion against the will of God my Lord said not ever again that saith unto me Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven but who is at rest the will of my Father which is in heaven you say that salvation by words no sir, that comes from the lips of Christ and any salvation that doesn't don't need the same place as get it there to the name of Saul of Tarsus whereby in prostrate you look up and say what

wilt thou have me to do it's high time you know now I've

preached to professional Christians that think the other fellow ought to serve the Lord I've preached to a generation of church members now for 40 years the majority of them that think some the other fellow ought to give full time service to the Lord I've preached for 40 years to a generation of church people the last man had chosen the people who claimed to be Christian would surrender to do the will of God my God, if they're sure they've done that I'll keep coming at you Lord Lord by my name I'll offer the will of God sacrifice at the door and you'll have the answer the will of God to their life that's what salvation is a generation from heaven to prostrate members that had some kind of experience they will have got that mean thing on God there so I don't know anything about salvation

either and I'm not happy about it I just scream out against it you know, meet you at the judgment your will crushed your will hosed your will conquered and God's will installed that's salvation that's salvation it's because your will is at the place God's will must be somebody's got to win that battle the Bible has a scripture I don't know the meaning of it it talks about if you offend the Lord at one point I just think that I'm telling the truth now I do not know whether a single one of you people is a saved person I just throw it out if there's any ground out there I'll talk to you, I hope you'll take see that it's always true that a man's rebellion against their fiery fear of God that's what always heads up in one thing Holy Romany comes forward like a bull every time the boldly spirit

passes these totalitarian claims of Christ upon that man that thing like old age is ever before you when you see men crowding under the ruling of the holy legumes to get the hang on for dead life it's not a matter of ignorance it's a matter of a stronghold in their life they're defending and not willing for it to be destroyed you know this is perfect I've been seeing angels weep one thing right now when the man or woman boy or girl signs a peace treaty with what that whatever it is about your life that one thing you sign a treaty of peace with that and you're a dead duck I will heads up that one thing that will not heal I've had men say my peace out I don't want to go to hell don't do that I want to get saved sometime but I want to live now and to tell the gospel that something in my life

is they are not ready and that's the reason you're going to split hell right open not because there's ignorance that's it and the way you're a billionaire this is hell ladies and gentlemen the least little thing can damn you to hell and keep you rejecting rejecting rejecting rejecting the claims of Christ until you stop in the hell you don't have to be a big thing it just has to be a thing that you know the nation of you see that illustrates in your age a man said to the pastor I want to be saved but I never walked that aisle the pastor knew something about truth and he said you walk that aisle now or you'll go to hell you see the man made an issue and told God one thing he must keep his hands off he said I want to be saved but I never walked that aisle now a man don't have to walk that

aisle to be saved in West Virginia woke up the pastor he's a boo-hooing around he said I just can't sleep at night and he said I'll go to the pastor of another church and then he invited me and brought me a table and got me a table and brought me my brother and I said please please this time this house will burn up you'll be pitched into hell and scared to death she was telling God she wanted to be baptized by his daughter and a generation of folks in there honey we're not talking about going to church we're not talking about being baptized we're just talking about being saved that's the affair and God said my dear I want to be saved I don't want to go to hell but I ain't going to be baptized you'll get baptized and you'll spill the water if you make that an issue with God that's right so

they were at that house for dinner one time and he told me that and he said you know preacher I've made five professions of faith and I walked the aisle in five churches and then just whatever you call it five times and he said but I'll never walk another aisle and I'll never make another profession and I got my hat and I said goodbye and he said what's the matter and I said I'm scared to be around here and I said I'm afraid God will kill you and send you to hell before I can get off your porch you tell him God what you tell God does anything on earth ladies and gentlemen it's silly but rebellion always heads up at one place and it'll get crushed at that one place and your rebellion will die because that ain't you you'll never be saved and this the thing is he's going out to rebel at 10

a.m. and he got on to being connected and every night after 10 at 10 he fell about two miles down and said there's a place of prayer and anybody that's concerned about your soul you go down there and I'll meet you as soon as I can and there was a fire he's in his night dress he's heading out I thought I don't have to go to that place to get saved well I was wrong of course you didn't have to and then he said I won't be saved oh you see his rebellion is headed up over a little thing like that that's rebellion that's your rebellion it's depending to God instead of submitting to it he goes to the place of prayer and he got in all shape and he go home get out on his knees in his bedroom he just prays for storm nothing happens nothing will happen nothing will happen and he keep going and he

keep going and he go home and he got in a terrible shape and one day it came up it started to rain and this old boy decided he show God how he really was and how much he wanted to be saved so he went to the meeting and he dig around the mud hole right in front of the old boy's house and he got on his knees right there in the middle of the mud hole just prayed up a storm nothing happened and finally got up out of the mud hole and went where he said he wouldn't go God crosses a man's will at the place that will shows it's rebellion against the all of authority of almighty God in your life and he doesn't take you there he will have to break you at the judgment and send you to hell but break you he will with me my rebellion headed up over one thing I think yours does too my rebellion headed

up over I was willing everything except the will of God for my life I was raised in a dark little home when I was six years old I'd quote ten times more scripture than I can now used to bring me up in these sewer drills you know what they are I never had time to turn to the scripture every time the doors of the church opened all morning the kids were there when I was ten years old I made profession of faith and the baptism ten years later before I was saved and God told me I was saved and I told the world until I got up about fifteen years old I went to college and I found out I wasn't saved how?

I had no supernatural power in here before I got into college life even in a good baptist school there's plenty of hell going on there and I found you see people tell me it's hard to live a Christian life but the bible tells me it's not hard to live a Christian life it's utterly impossible for anybody to live a Christian life and the bible says that all life on earth has got to have somebody living inside of it Christ and all the devil had to do just I had no strength big enough to resist it you had neither unless Christ

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