

When the Saved Shout Hallelujah as God Sends People to Hell

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of taking a stand against sin and for God's authority and holiness, and the responsibility of God's people to represent Christ and live holy lives.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher reflects on the power of prayer and the comfort that God provides to his people. He shares a personal experience from 1947 where he was preaching and faced criticism, but ultimately witnessed a powerful moment of conversion. The preacher emphasizes the importance of recognizing the impending judgment of God and the need to believe in the power of God's wrath and mercy. He concludes by sharing a story of a woman who, despite the chaos of war, chose to support the preacher and demonstrate her faith.

Transcript

Let's see if we can go all the way through. If you hear what Jesus said to me, they're all taken away away. Your sins are pardoned and you are free.

They're all taken away. I'll repeat that three times. And my sins are taken away.

So I praise the Lord for sins forgiven. They're all taken away, away, while onward pressing my way to heaven. They're all taken away.

I'll repeat it three times in the last line. I'll repeat it twice more. Let's stand and see it.

Now, you're wonderful to learn this quickly. Let's try it. Everybody, this is the gospel.

This is what Christ says to people. Let's sing it. Sing it now.

If you hear what Jesus said to me, they're all taken away, away. Your sins are pardoned and you are free. Nice, blessed privilege for me tonight with my favorite preacher and my favorite person, the Simmons.

The Simmons and I met in 1950 in the month of July. I met the Udair people in April of 1950. And so good to have them here tonight.

They'll be over with us through Lord's Day morning, I think. And they are well known to you all, although the boss has never been here before. She's here tonight.

And if you haven't met her, you'll have that privilege after the service. Would you turn to the book of the revelation of Jesus Christ, chapter 19? I'll read verses 1 and 2 of the last book of the Bible, chapter 19. And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven.

And they were saying hallelujah. They were crying salvation and glory and honor and power under the Lord our God. They are ascribing these things to him.

They finally found out what they tried their desperate way to believe in this life. Salvation was of God, that all glory was his and he shared it with no other. And that honor and power were attributes of God Almighty.

And if anybody has any salvation, it's a gift. If he has any share in the glory of God, it's a gift. If he has any honor, it's a gift.

If he has any power, it comes from God. These folks shouting hallelujah. But the main thing they're shouting hallelujah about after these things, when the wind-up has come to pass, when the war is over, when the last battle has been fought, they are shouting hallelujah over something that is the most difficult thing between the eternities for any human being to shout about now.

The old timers haven't been privileged to live in this giddy day where salvation has been divorced from discipleship and where people are going to split hell wide open depending on something they say happened to them 30 years ago. Instead of depending on a living Christ and a daily walk with him. Our old timers knew we weren't plumb saved yet.

The old timers never dreamed the man could get to heaven if he absented himself from what they called the means of grace. Wonderful now that we've improved on the old timers so much. People do not need to attend divine services.

Whoever wrote the book of Hebrews certainly was behind time, but he thought it was terrible. He said not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but rather encouraging, exhorting one another. So much the more as you see the day approaching, and strangely enough that verse of scripture that the Bible teaches has so much trouble with, follows it.

For if we send willfully after we receive the knowledge of the truth, our fathers could tell us what that meant. But these folks that have got saved, they do not need to sit under the preaching of the word. They're going to split hell wide open.

They are sending willfully. They are making of salvation what the scriptures know nothing about. They are the folks who crucify Christ afresh and put him to open shame.

And they do it by neglecting the means of grace. That's a tremendous thing. That certainly is a reflection on this Sunday morning we're suffering with all over America.

These Sunday morning Christians are going to go to hell fast. They'll kick up dust in the devil's face. Folks that honor God with their presence one hour a day, they know nothing about the salvation that comes from

God, to have a touch of the succinus glory, the gift of God, to be empowered from him.

The old timers knew we weren't from sin. They thought that there's something for us to do day by day. They'd read in the Bible about, work out your salvation, your own salvation.

They didn't know anything about this generation of church members that got converted 30 years ago and said goodbye to Jesus. They said, we'll see you in heaven if you make it. And the only salvation they can talk about is one they said occurred some time when they had a dream or a vision or shed a tear or said a prayer and had a feeling, called that salvation.

Old man A.D. Mews, whom I loved as no preacher in his day, used to say immediately, somebody starts telling me about his experience of salvation, and I know I'm listening to an unsaved church member. But tomorrow night we're going to speak on what is the gospel, and that's the bad subject. It's who is the gospel.

The gospel is Christ. And a man saved if he has Christ. Not an experience, but Christ.

But Christ is alive. And if he has Christ, he's got a living Christ. And if he's alive, so are you.

And that was the daily communication. But back to my subject, the old-timers knew that our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. But they knew nothing of what to call salvation today.

So they could enter into a little bit of the subject tonight, and they could understand how difficult it would be for a mother to shout hallelujah when she watches God send her own boy to hell. That'd be awful tough, wouldn't it? A man walked up to me in Texas the other day and he said, Brother Barnes, do you reckon it's so that this generation of Christians have not seen the last of this generation of lost people? He said, Reckon we'll have to witness against them at the judgment? I said, We sure will. And at the judgment, God's people are going to be on God's lap, and they're going to be able to join this hallelujah chorus, saying hallelujah, what you're shouting about.

Verse 2 says, And righteous are his goods. For true and righteous are his goods. They're all passed now.

As to these things, the patience of God has worn out, the grace of God has been suspended, and the power of God is naked, and judgment day has come, and God's people are shouting hallelujah. For what God does is true, and what God does is right. They could quote with Abraham years ago, The judge of all the earth must do right.

We don't believe it now. You and I happen to be lived in the silliest, most sentimental, mawkish generation God ever had to put up with. It's a pity that man up in Shady Gap or whatever it is, Pennsylvania, we're going up there pursuing my wife, she's glad that's over, she's afraid they'll catch her.

We're going pretty close to where that man abducted the young woman. Shame that fellow got killed. They ought to capture this, and then millions of people in America probably would sign the petition to let him off.

This is a day, this is a day, when even almighty God doesn't have the right to exercise authority. This is a day when God Almighty is under bad repute and terrible attack because he's not running this world like this silly generation thinks it ought to be run. And against that awful mass trial, God's people need to be brought face to face again.

We're being told that God Almighty's judgments are true and they are right and that God ought to be against sin and that God ought to punish sin and that God ought to visit men's sins with the terrible pangs of eternal hell because God is holy and sin is unholy and one of those has got to win. The word of God tells us there are two sovereigns. That word sovereign is a big word that means whatever you want it to mean.

It simply means two absolute rulers. And the word of God personifies S-I in sin and speaks of sin as if it were a person. And the book of Romans we'll read where sin is raised and it is and it does in the life of unregenerated men and women.

Now something's happened and grace reigns not apart from but through righteousness. Grace takes charge of a man and changes him by establishing the rule of God's righteousness in his life. And grace isn't the substitute for holiness and righteousness.

It is the great master hand that establishes Christ's rule in a man's life and that's what salvation is. And there's a war going on and the Bible warns us that every man and woman, boy or girl that's been privileged to be a member of that precious body for whom Jesus died and purchased with his blood to be one of the people of God or members of the body of Christ of the sexed out cold out men and women who've not been appointed to wrath but to God's glory. The Bible is crystal clear that while that's the greatest privilege that's tied to hell or heaven it also brings tremendous responsibility.

The responsibility of not driving our stakes too deeply in this life remembering that we're just camping down here and we're on enemy territory and we're under orders and our king is the Lord Jesus Christ and we're not give comfort to the enemies of God. And we're not to show the year of plague and turn our backs and settle down and just take the spirit of this generation with all this criticism of just one attribute of God. Everybody would fall head over heels in love with God tonight if he weren't holy and if he didn't demand righteousness.

The Bible warns anybody that God saved that he didn't save you to say everybody have to say amen. He saved you to make you an ambassador to live down here on unfriendly territory and to be on God's side in the war. There's a war going on.

I do love to turn to the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians. I need to turn to it every once in a while and find out how the war is going to end. When I was a kid I started school when I was four years old my dad's a schoolteacher and I cheated and I graduated from high school when I was 14 I was a smart little fella and I was ahead of my time you know and got algebra and that was tough.

I don't remember just how it was but somehow or another I got a hold of a key. I know none of you dear folks ever did this but I got a hold of an algebra key. Those problems sure are easy to work if you got a key.

Learn the answer and then you go back and apply it you know. Oh I like to read the Bible and find out. I got a key brother.

I don't look in the back of the book. I know how the war is going to come out. We are one day nearer today than we were yesterday to the final victory of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All hell can't stop him it's coming brother. He must reign till his enemies have made his footstool and he's going to subdue this world. He's going to win the war.

I like to look in the back of the book and find the answer brother. Give me a big jar of star navy spit in the back and spit amber juice in the devil's face and tell him to go back to hell he ain't going to win. He's not going to win.

I know how the war is going to end. Which side are you on tonight? Which side are you on tonight? I want to ask you two or three simple questions. Do you believe God ought to punish sin? At the judgment God's people are going to say hallelujah, you did right.

Hallelujah, your judgments are true. This isn't just five fill up a little time. Listen to me.

God knows, listen to me. If there is any group this side of eternity that needs to run from the lawless that needs to run from the temptation to turn the grace of God into an excuse for unholy living. It is the people who have been privileged to learn that salvation is by the grace of God.

Listen to me. God only knows what a fool a Christian is to get too much interested in this world. If spirit is of the devil if France is Satan itself if spirit crucified the son of God and would do it tonight if it could lay its hands on him in the face.

Oh my soul when Mr. Weddye and Mr. Amen going to start coming back to God's house. When are we going to begin to face up to the fact that we are representatives of a Christ holy God who sent his Son these fifth generation your hands and mine. Your son has yielded to a cross because of our wicked hearts and still has the job of the name of Stephen Asherman said we haven't changed our mind.

We still will not have this man to reign over us. When, oh when God is going to have a generation of people who profess to love him who are on his side about this sin question and about the fact that sin is going to put God out of business or God is going to put sin out of business and God's people are to be crystal clear and there be no doubt about it which side we're on. Which side we're on.

You think God ought to send people to hell? You think so? You think sin ought to be punished? You want God to win? You want anarchy to sit on the throne instead of the Lord Jesus Christ? You want to get rid of God and let every man do that which is right in his own sight? America's in the midst of that tonight. And if there's any institution this side of the hill that's just a bunch of lawless rebels it's the average church. I speak the truth.

We know nothing of authority and respect for it. God helps. This is the time to take sides about whether sin is against God for it is against men and whether God can save God and not win the war against sin personified reigning in homes in nations in churches in civilization and in human hearts.

You've heard the story of the Civil War days when in the state of Kentucky not very far from here, Kentucky some of the Kentucks were Yanks and some were Johnny Rebels. And one time they were having a little skirmish out in the corn field. Some of the Johnny Rebs and the Yankees were shooting at each other and an old grandma the Yankees had killed her husband and four sons and had come raging and taking everything off the farm that was loose at one end except the poker that she used to start up the fire.

And she looked out the window and saw the little battle going on and she pulled her specs down off her fart and put them on her eyes and fastened her bonnet and put her skirts up with one leg one hand and so she could walk and got that poker over there and see that lousy front door down the front yard and open the little latchy gate running down the road and a neighbor came walking along said you're playing fool

don't you feel the war going on that that said where's your mother said I'm going to get in on it he said why you can't put out a war with a poker she said by the grace of God I'll let them know which side I'm on oh which side you on listen to me now making more money than you ever made in your life living like hogs the whole outfit of listen to me listen to me where in God's name

did we forget there's a war on and it's all for wonderful not to have to worry about going to hell because Jesus said my sins are taken away but it's all so tremendously challenging that he left us down here as his representatives God knows I wish God could turn our hearts and our churches into sackcloth and ashes where in the name of our heaven is real measuring up to what it means to be ambassadors of Jesus pleading with men to be reconciled whatever our condition God's people one day are going to be present at the judgment when two things are going to happen first every unsaved man or woman, boy or girl that's brought to the judgment bar of God is going to have to say amen to his own condemnation God Almighty will have a few million years if it takes that for eternity we'll all bury

the road it can take a few million years to examine each case no man will spend a long eternity in hell until himself has made a will in amen to the judgment of God and another thing is going to happen God's people witnessing God's posing of men and women who live in God's world as if they were God instead of God men and women who know God are going to have to be witnesses and they're not going to argue with God they're going to praise him say hallelujah for true and righteous are thy judgments the Bible tells us the time of judgment coming the Bible tells us it's an appointed day the Bible uses language something like this to me belongeth vengeance and recompense their foot shall slide in due time for the day of their calamity is at hand and the things that shall come upon them may

change the Bible quote will have words like this because he hath appointed a day in the world he will judge the world he righteousness that spies that man whom he hath ordained whereof he hath given a judgment unto all men in that he hath raised them from the dead the time of that judgment is said to be a day when sinners shall be punished we're told in the word of God the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished this time of judgment is described as a day when God shows his power and none can successfully resist the prophet is mutual in language make your hair stand on your head will say can thine heart endure or can thy hands be strong in the days that I shall deal with thee the Bible speaks of the

character of this time of judgment but last night I pointed out that you live in a generation that doesn't believe that God goes judging and tonight I come back and say what a tremendous responsibility it is to know their sorry tip-top words that turn the dust around the corn seed and turn over one another fastly who take the hands of an angry god the quickest and there you stand helpless but by and you can't stop them but God knows you can't warn them with fear and you can't let it get out on you that you actually believe that they're headed straight into the hands of a sent an angry god the fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God the Bible speaks of the character of this judgment which all men will divorce and will one day mirror it today than we were yesterday in the

book of Isaiah God will see according to their deeds accordingly he will retain fury to his adversaries recompense to his enemies or he'll see before the whole the Lord will come with fire and with his chariot like a whirlwind to render his anger with fury and his rebuke with flames of fire or the Bible will say therefore will I also deal in fury mine eyes shall not fear neither will I have pity and though they cry in my ears with a loud voice yet will I not hear in that awful angst awful angst the Bible speaks of witnesses at this judgment the men of Nineveh will be there and they'll rise up and condemn the men of Christ on day

the folks in Sodom and Gomorrah haven't seen the last of them they'll be at the judgment says our Lord they'll rise up and condemn the cities that heard the Lord

Jesus preach and did not present the Queen of Sheba over there at the judgment she crossed the world span to set the feet of a man by the name of Solomon behold a greater than Solomon has come men put him on a cross now we haven't seen the last of the folks in Solomon and Gomorrah they'll be at the judgment we haven't seen the last of the cities that Christ pronounced his woes upon wherein he done his mighty words one year in the days of his flesh they'll be at the judgment the sons and followers of Korah you remember God opened the earth and sent them to hell without time to pack a suitcase they'll be at the judgment scientists tell us perhaps three trillion people were destroyed and sent to hell in the flood and they'll be at the judgment oh people don't believe this but after these

things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven saying hallelujah for true and righteous salvation God's gonna do right God's gonna catch up with everybody nobody's gonna escape I saw great fight thrown at him that sat upon the whole room all year heaven and earth to run away but there was a place for them to go saw men stand before God God's people gonna be there then we shall see that sin should be punished and rebellion for that then we shall share God's infinite hatred of sin the scripture speaks of God is this language thou art of pure eyes and thou canst look on sin or behold iniquity and we'll look at it like he does at the judgment then we shall see and believe that God's right when he declares that men that commit sin are worthy of death then shall we be called upon to

rejoice the book of Deuteronomy says rejoice holy nation with his people for he'll avenge the blood of his servants and will render vengeance to his adversaries you know it's oddly what I'm preaching tonight I expect my hair to stand on my head and yours would too ladies and gentlemen being a Christian ain't all the joy we got to wit as people are sent we got to stand up and be counted and say amen to God's judgment I remember when I was a student in the seminary I went out to a little town called Dundee Texas a little cow town that holds the meat there's a man there that owned about a half a million had a godly wife and I remember that during that meeting he the poor woman got to where she couldn't go any longer she had been worrying everybody in that country and everywhere else for

years asking them to join in prayer for her I don't know what it looks like but all on God's earth weapons we've got left for a child and she just wore herself out praying to God to save that old devil of a husband and during that meeting the poor woman got to where she couldn't eat she didn't decide to fast she just got to where she couldn't eat we had day services and night services she'd show up and when they'd have their request for prayer pray for my husband and she got in such desperate shape she had to be brought to the services she never missed couldn't sleep couldn't eat wasn't put off finally they had to bring her in a cart she came her husband didn't show up last night of the meeting came they brought miss Smith down and I'd see her there on the couch now she was almost dead

looked to me like I had begged her to try to eat something something or she could do sob about her husband God knows I wish we could have a little of that some more you better listen old brother Barnes you can't get the job done by just trying to pound truth in people it just don't work that way isn't that right something else something else God knows our truth must be saturated in prayer and I preached that night I stood up and preached I saw a booted spur on the front step on the plane and that little woman will be at the judgment and she'll take sides with God and her tears will be gone she won't be praying for her husband she'll be saying hallelujah God ought to be sent to hell it's either send God to hell or God to have to keep his word hallelujah hallelujah true and righteous are

thy judgment so far as I know I can't save anybody neither can you this September I've been preaching 40 years I can close my eyes now hear the sobs of wives for lost cousins little children who didn't understand much of what they're talking about they break your heart crying for their love between now and the time when we're going to say hallelujah over the judgment of God we have two weapons left in the old testament the bible talks about God taking a body and catching the tears of his people in the new testament God talks about taking little vows and putting the prayers of his people in those vows I believe that I believe that I was in Rocky Mountain North Carolina in the fall of 1947 in what's called citywide meeting I was preaching five times a day the first three weeks I was awfully

busy answering criticism people coming to me trying to straighten out and all that and then the meeting broke I was awfully busy dealing with souls and I kept getting a letter about every other day from some dear woman saying listen to all the radio and I'm sick in bed I can't come out I sure would love to see you and I kept promising tomorrow I would go see her but I didn't go I had fairly good excuses and I didn't go the last night of the meeting came and I was sitting watching the crowd gather and a young woman about 35 came down to me had a five dollar bill in her hand and she said my mother wanted you to have this little gift said you remember getting letters from a woman saying she's sick and she's hearing you over the radio and hoped you would have time to come see her

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