

The Sin of Being Unloving (Telugu)

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of loving God with all our heart and loving our neighbor as ourselves, and warns against the sin of doing nothing and preaching without love in our heart.

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Scripture: Psalm 16:11, Isaiah 1:16, Matthew 8:10, Matthew 22:37, Matthew 22:39, Matthew 23:33, Luke 10:29-37, 2 Timothy 2:19, James 4:17

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of having a strong foundation in God, highlighting the need to abstain from wickedness and run away from sin as a mark of being God's people. It discusses the significance of loving God with all our heart and loving others as ourselves, as the core commandments of the Bible. The speaker delves into the sin of inaction, stressing the need to act in love towards others and to continually strive to identify and eliminate sin in our lives to become more like Jesus.

Transcript

So let's turn again to this verse that we have been looking at in 2nd Timothy chapter 2 verse 19 The foundation of God stands Sure having this seal the Lord knows those who are his and that everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness If you find that When a slight wind comes a building is beginning to shake I'm sure you will not want to live inside that house Small little wind and the house begins to shake And you say it's not a good foundation So if you find in your life some small trial and your Christian life begins to shake That is God speaking to you saying your foundation is not strong So then you must check your foundation Here it speaks of a firm foundation And the mark of a firm foundation is this From the Lord's side he knows those who are his But from our

side how do we know we are his See there are two sides The Lord knows those who are his because he can see the end from the beginning But how do we know that we are his There is only one way That I shall run away from evil If I name the name of Jesus The word Jesus means he came to save his people from their sin So then I run away from sin That is how I know I am his That is the thing that distinguishes the people of God from all the other people in the world Just like on the roads you see a yellow line and traffic going this way and traffic going the other way This world is like that There is a yellow line and there is traffic going this way and going the other way Most people in the world are running towards sin That is the way the traffic is going On the other side of the yellow line

there is a few people running away from sin That's all there are only two traffic So you belong to one of these two And you can know if you belong to the world if you are running towards anything sinful And you know that you belong to the Lord if you are on the other side of the road running away from sin We cannot know we cannot say we are running away from sin just because we come for a meeting like this I am not going towards God just because I came for a meeting like this There are some of the biggest sinners in the world who are sitting in meetings like this You know when Jesus came to earth He looked at one Roman military man in Matthew chapter 8 He came and asked him to heal his servant That was a military man who had never read the bible didn't go to any meeting never went to any

synagogue In the eyes of the world he was not a religious man But he was a simple man who had faith in Jesus And Jesus said to all the people You read that in Matthew 8 I have never seen faith like this in anybody in Israel What a word that was in Matthew chapter 8 And verse 10 In all the people sitting in all the meetings in Israel, I've never seen anybody with such faith Jesus had sat for 30 years in the synagogue in Nazareth Then he also had visited some other synagogues in Israel And he said I have never seen anywhere in any synagogue a man who's got faith Like this Roman military man who's never been inside And then concerning the people who are sitting in the synagogue What did he say about them in Matthew 23 Matthew 23 verse 33 You serpents you brood of vipers.

How will you escape the sentence of hell? Imagine if Jesus came into a church today and said you serpents you brood of vipers. How will you escape the damnation of hell? But And then he meets somebody on the road who doesn't go to any church and says you got more faith than all these people sitting in The churches And you can say how can that be lord he doesn't know the bible he doesn't go to meetings he doesn't pray like we do Meetings We think we are spiritual because we go to meetings Or we read the bible or we pray Or we put some money in the offering box No the mark of spirituality Is basically two things Spiritually That you love god with all your heart soul strength and mind You love jesus more than your parents You love jesus more than Your wife or husband or boyfriend or girlfriend or anybody Your wife Love jesus more than your house and your car and your job Whether you read the bible little or less you love jesus more than anything else Even if you don't have a good memory to remember all the verses in the bible Bible If you love jesus with all your heart More than anybody else More than anything else on the earth That's the first sign of a spiritual man And the second sign is he loves others like he loves himself Prevents Those are not my words.

Those are the words of jesus. He said the whole bible hangs on two commandments Matthew 22 When somebody asked him Verse 36 teacher. What is the great commandment in the law? That is like saying in the bible, which is the most important commandment Is it To go to meetings Yeah, that is written here.

Don't forsake the assembling of yourself together Is it reading the bible Here that also blessed is the man who meditates on a day and night Is it prayer it says here pray always Is it giving the lord loves those who give cheerfully it says Which of these is the biggest commandment If you ask jesus that today He says the biggest is verse 37. Oh god with all your heart soul strength and mind But this coin has got another side There's something printed on both sides of the coin And the other is you must love your neighbor as yourself In verse 40 The on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets So the whole bible can be summed up in these two words That's the message of the whole bible So It's not just all these external things that we do that god looks at Is For example, we are talking about running away from sin If the commandment is to love jesus more than everything else Then it means that if there's anything on this earth that you love more than jesus christ you are committing a sin Is I always check myself on that I say lord, is there anything I love more than you?

When I travel to different villages and all in india I ask myself a question Do I love a comfortable life more than jesus christ? Do I complain because somebody doesn't give me a good bed to sleep on? Then i'm not fit to serve the lord Do I love good food more than jesus christ? Do I have a complaint if I go to some poor village that they don't give me some good food? Do I have a complaint against anybody for anything they don't do for me? Then I discover that thing is what I love more than jesus christ Then I have sin Do you see that as sin?

What does it mean to depart from sin? India Anything you love more than jesus christ is a sin for a christian I'll explain that to you the bible says jesus christ is our husband Supposing you sister you love some other man more than your husband. Is that a sin or not? Anyone It's a sin it's a sin in the same way If there is anything I love more than jesus christ my husband, it's a sin That is the rule by which I have lived for 50 years And so I my life is a very happy life Nobody can make me unhappy They cannot do make me unhappy by doing something or not doing something You know why because it says in psalm 16 Psalm 16 And verse 11 You will make me know the path of life Psalm 16 verse 11 What is the path of life what is this path of life that he will make known to me That is to live in his presence In thy presence there is fullness of joy At thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore See so many people even Young people married people think the greatest pleasure is from sexual pleasure But it's not forever But here with the lord there are real pure pleasure forever How many of you can honestly say this I have found more pleasure in jesus christ than in any amount of sex in the world I found more pleasure in jesus than in eating chocolate or ice cream Can you say that then you really know jesus I have found more pleasure in jesus christ than Getting one lakh rupees See in all these earthly things there is some pleasure But it's only temporary You eat a chocolate or ice cream, how long can you enjoy it?

Five minutes all the pleasures in the world are like that You enjoy some cinema maybe three hours And then you have all those bad dreams that come at your night because you watch that filthy cinema You watch the cinema for three hours in the next 25 years you have bad dream 25 Is it worth it What a fool you are Be wise But in jesus There is pure pleasure forever You see I haven't experienced that Yes, you have not experienced this because you don't love jesus more than everything else Is You pray one prayer to god Lord today I heard in matthew 22 That the greatest commandment is to love god with all my heart Matthew 22 37 I learned heard it today 22 That is the most important commandment To love you lord jesus with all my heart And lord I confess that I have not obeyed that command Like adam did not obey the commandment then he went out of paradise And his life became like hell with his wife and children Here is a commandment I have not obeyed And so my life has also become like hell in my home Dear brothers and sisters Keep the first commandment There are many commandments in scripture Like But all of them come beneath the first command So it's no use keeping those other small small commandments if you don't keep the first one Sometimes we are proud of keeping small small commandment There is a mark of a religious person Who's not spiritual It would be see the pharisees were very religious They would weigh how much mint and cumin they had in their garden and give ten percent to god See they used to grow this mint in their garden And they would wait Ten percent I give to god I am so happy because From the pudina in my garden I gave ten percent What foolish thing I always go to the meeting every saturday to the synagogue But they loved money They loved honor They loved themselves more than they loved god But they kept these small small commandments There are many people like that They say I go out for open air.

I preach every week we go out for open air and give our tracks That's good, but if you do all that And then you come home and love money more than god You haven't kept the first commandment The second

commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself You know who your neighbor is somebody once asked jesus who is my neighbor You know that story in luke chapter 10 And jesus said this to somebody Jesus Luke chapter 10 the same thing he quoted in verse 27 Somebody knew this commandment And he says yeah, that is the great commandment And jesus said you're right You answered correctly you do this But he said who is my neighbor? Okay, jesus said i'll tell you Then he told a story Of one man who was coming from jerusalem to jericho. He got beaten by robbers and his And there was a priest going by Verse 31 He saw him And he just walked the other way Then a levi came These are all religious people Where were they going? They're going to jerusalem for the meeting They want to be in time for the meeting See they see their own brother lying there You must remember this is not like our seeing somebody on the road You must remember this is not like our seeing somebody on the road Everybody in india is not our brother in christ No Those who are born again are our brothers in christ The others are our fellow citizens in the country and our friends You know just like we have our own A family of father mother and maybe for children Then we have another bigger family which is the church Then we have a little bigger family of believers in other parts of india Outside that is all the other people in this country You know We can't love all of them because there are How many 12 crores of them? Hundreds of crores of them But so We if you love our own family And then others in our church But in israel, it was different In israel, everybody was your brother It was like the whole of israel was like a church Because they were all descendants of abraham And jesus said you're all israel. God said you're all israelites.

You're one family So what the levites saw lying on the road was their brother The application for you is just like if you saw one brother from your church lying on the road Is So when you read this parable think of one of your brothers or sisters from your own church lying on the road And you see he's from your church But you leave him and say i'm going to go for the meeting Poor person is bleeding there on the road Yeah That is how serious this thing was They saw this brother and they walked by They knew this is my brother But they ignored him and went Then the levi came.

He also ignored him and went Yeah They can't hear that sometimes when we read the bible we don't hear what god is speaking to our heart Then when another man came he's not a believer It says he's a samaritan Now verse 33 a samaritan means say like a hindu There are good people but they've got some other religion So this is not a christian now, he's another man of another religion And he sees this This christian man lying on the road whom his brothers did not care for He goes and helps them Picks him up He cleans his wounds and takes him to some hospital takes care of him And pays for his treatment Did he know him?

He's not even his brother But he did it and jesus said You want to know who's your brother? You want to know who's your brother? Who is the one among these three people who acted like a brother? Was it the one who was reading the bible and going to the meeting? This is the samaritan who's not even a jew He's an impure not even a child of abraham Jesus said and that man said yeah this man who helped this man And jesus said one last word Verse 37 Go And do the same Now I want to ask you a question What was the sin the priest and the lemite did in this story?

Did they kick him? Did they spit on him? Did they spit on him? No What was their sin? Can you think in this story? What was the sin of the priest? He did nothing Can you commit a sin by doing nothing? Sometimes we think I cannot commit a sin. I didn't do anything Sometimes you can commit a sin by doing nothing That is what we learned from this story the levite came he also did nothing Can you commit a sin today by doing nothing? I'll give you an example You like to read your bible in the morning That's good habit very good habit And that is how I learned the bible myself Always reading but sometimes We should

not be reading the bible We should not be reading the bible At some time Supposing you are sitting in your home reading the bible And you got three four small children And your wife is busy cooking the food One child is crying another one is to get ready for school And your wife is running around trying to help all those four Children And you're studying hebrews chapter seven And you say lord, please explain what is the meaning of milky's a day?

And you're meditating on that oh god speak to my heart What is god saying? Please shut your bible and go and help your wife But you can't hear that I think You see how sometimes what did you do did you kick your wife did you spit on your wife? You did nothing what was your sin your sin was you did nothing You think you're doing a great thing studying the bible There is a time to study the bible i'll tell you when When everybody is fast asleep Sit down and read the bible But don't read the bible when your wife is running around trying to do some work Foreign That is what jesus was trying to tell who is your neighbor You tell me inside your house you got wife and three children And there are many people outside in other houses Who is your closest neighbor You look over the wall in the other compound and say that person Is Your wife And your children Love your neighbor as yourself And when you do nothing when your wife is in some need You sin by doing nothing Foreign Supposing your child comes to you Daddy This toy is broken.

Can you fix it? He's only three years old you say go away i'm studying milky's today I'll tell you what god is saying Close your bible and fix that toy for that three-year-old boy You will build some fellowship with your son You know, there are so many fathers who don't have any fellowship with their children I was asking one man once I said you know teenage children are all going away from the lord I said do you ever put your arm around them and pray with them and show them that you love them?

They're all 17 18 years old we don't put our arm around them I said did you pick them up and hug them when they were one year old? I said did you pick them up and hug them when they were one year old? Then we did it Why can't you do it now? No, they're 18 years old I said my oldest son is 40 years old I still put my arm around him and kneel down and pray with him I want fellowship Do you have fellowship Your mothers do you put your arm around your daughters and then pray with them and fellowship with them?

What is use acting so loving to all the other brothers and sisters in the church if you don't act loving to the people in your Own home We sin by doing nothing When you don't have fellowship with your children you are sinning My children were small I said lord these children are small now as they grow up I want them to become my brothers I don't want them to remain as my children I want them to become my brothers And that is what has happened today they were my children once upon a time Now they have become my brothers in christ So When we talk about sin Sometimes we think sin is not doing some religious activity Sometimes we think sin is not doing some religious activity So remember there are two types of sins One is when you do something that can be a sin Like you get angry or you lust with your eyes or you steal somebody's money But today you've learned another type of sin The sin of doing nothing Every When you should be helping and you don't help That's a sin you see for example in james and chapter James If you know the right thing to do and you don't do it that's a sin James 4 last verse You know what is the right thing to do You know the right thing is to help your wife or child at that time And what do you do you do nothing It is a sin have you read this verse before That when you do nothing that is a sin I'm sure you've read this verse, but you've not allowed the holy spirit to speak to you It is a sin sometimes when we do nothing So when jesus tried to explain love your neighbor as yourself He was showing how When you can help somebody and you don't help that person that's the same Even when we give the gospel to somebody or give a track to somebody or witness to somebody or preach in the open air We can do it in two ways One is I don't want your blood on my hand in the final day of judgment So here's a track Next

person I don't want your blood on my hand.

Here's a track Hundred people go by the road Is that how jesus came to the world Did he come to the world to israel and give out tracks and say goodbye i'm going to have Because then you'd only condemn people And when we give out like that we're just condemning people The bible says god so loved the world Is We must have a love for people when we preach the gospel I'm, sorry to say many preachers don't love people when they preach to them Even many elders in many churches when they preach to god's people They don't love them They're just hitting them with verses They use the word like a hammer to hit people's head That's not preaching false prophets are like that A true servant of god is like jesus christ Jesus loved people And it is from his love that he preached to people So if I preach to people it can be a sin Have you ever felt that preaching to people you're sinning?

I'm going to show you some sins which you never thought in your life If you name the name of christ you must depart from sin One big sin is among preachers is preaching without any love in their heart You know when I I started preaching when I was about 22 years old It's not because i'm clever it's because god gave me a gift It's not because i'm better than you it's because god called me for that and gave me a gift He called me and gave me a gift And when I started preaching, I said lord, there are so many different types of preachers in the world Some preachers shout and thump the table and do all types of things Some pentecostal preachers every one minute they say hallelujah hallelujah And then you have these american preachers who hold a mic and run up and down the platform They run up and down the platform I said I don't want to be like any of them I want to think how did jesus preach?

I used to read the gospels and imagine I can't imagine jesus running around When he was preaching Because they didn't have mic those days So when he runs there the people here will not be able to hear him So if he runs here the people there won't be able to hear him I said I want to speak like jesus I want to be simple like jesus was very simple So and then one of the things the lord said to me was this Your heart must be full Of two things if you want to be my servant Your heart must be full of my word You must read and meditate and read and meditate till the word of god fills your heart And secondly Your heart must be filled with love for all the people you are speaking to You may not know them all You can try and understand What all struggles they are going through And then the lord said If your heart is filled with my word And your heart is filled with love for god's people I will always give you a word for them I said thank you lord.

That's enough If that is the way to always have a word for god's people Then I'll do that I will fill my heart with your word And you fill my heart with love for god's people Then I will not use the word like a hammer to hit people on the head Have you ever hit anybody on the head whom you love Have you ever hit anybody on the head whom you love? No You don't go to your wife and say I love you and hit her with a hammer on the head You don't say that to your children.

I love you Whenever people are hitting you with the word of god, they don't love you They don't love you. No the word of god is very sharp Sometimes a surgeon who loves you may cut you open with a knife Do you think does he love me by cutting me open? Yes Because he's trying to take out some cancer from inside your stomach So sometimes the word of god can be sharp But always in love Whatever you do, which is not in love is a sin You must understand that When what does it mean those who name the name of jesus must run away from sin Yes I'm trying to explain to you these days some things about sin, which you may have never known in your whole life I also never knew when I was young And I never heard anybody preach and tell me these things But I had a great desire in my life I had a tremendous desire in

my life to get rid of all sin from my life I was full of sin when I came to christ Not outwardly outwardly. I looked like a good person But my inside and my thoughts were just full of sin And I said lord, I want to be completely free In my thoughts in my words, I want to be completely free from sin So I want you to show me what sin is Why did I have such a desire to see what sin is? Because I saw it was my sin that crucified my savior on the cross It was not the sin of the world.

It was my sin I looked at jesus hanging on the cross And I said lord, it was not those nails that held you to the cross It was my sin That's such a terrible thing to nail jesus to the cross And what is it that nailed him? My sin Then I began to hate my sin I said lord, if it is my sin that nailed you to the cross, then I hate it But I don't know what my sin is Please show me what my sin is Then the lord began to show me The words I speak in anger My jealousy My dirty thoughts My love of money My loving earthly things more than god And sometimes my doing nothing when I should have helped somebody And little by little over the last 50 years Just like studying in a school, we learn more and more I learned more and more about sin You know, when children go to school or college, every year they learn something more Not only every year, every week they learn something more And I said lord, I want to go through that school I learned what is my sin which crucified you So what am I telling you? I am only telling you what the lord taught me It is not only your sin, it is my sin also But I have learned to hate it And even today I pray lord, I still haven't finished my education, I still have to learn what more is sin After one or two years, I may be able to tell you something more, which I don't know today It's a wonderful thing Because we become purer and purer and purer No, it's something like if your child, newborn baby has got about 10 diseases in it And you take that disease, that child to the doctor And you say doctor, you must heal this child of all 10 diseases And the doctor gives one course of treatment And one disease is gone Now only 9 are left You are so happy But you are not fully happy because there are still 9 diseases there And then you go through another year of treatment and one more disease is gone You are very happy But not fully happy Because there are still 8 more diseases Little by little One by one you see the diseases going away And the child is becoming healthier and happier Aren't you happy as a mother? Not fully happy because there are still 2 or 3 diseases left But very happy because 7 diseases have gone That's my experience The Lord has delivered me from so many sins But I haven't become like Jesus yet My goal is to become like Jesus, 100% healthy So, if you make that your aim also I want to be 100% healthy God will do it in your life So let's pray

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