

Forever Lost In A Dark Hell!

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Well it's good to be here this evening, friends. I'm at an age where I've been close to death myself and I've seen a lot of people die. I've had to say goodbye to friends, to coworkers, to neighbors, and to loved ones and stand at their casket and look down at their corpse as they each had died. You listen carefully to my message tonight, friends, because it concerns you. Listen to this message; every one of you, within the sounds of my voice, has a red-letter day waiting for them, a red-letter day written in God's appointment book, and that is the day of your death.

You will die sooner or later, and it may be sooner than you realize; we've got no guarantee of tomorrow. One day you will die, and God already knows when the day will come, when the death angel visits you to take out of this world--to go to another world, either heaven or hell. There's no in between abode for the dead, like the purgatory of the Catholics, no, friends, when it's your time to die, you die, and your soul will go to one of two places, either to heaven or to Hell.

Listen to me, friends, it's hot out here this evening, it's about a hundred degrees, but it's a lot hotter in hell. If I were you, friend, I'd be very concerned about the current state of your soul. You are each eternity bound, men and women; listen to me young person, you are eternity bound, and you have a red-letter day already written in God's appointment book. It's your date with death. If you are a saved individual, you will enjoy Jesus forever in heaven, but if you die with your sins unpardoned you will awake in a region of darkness, smoke, and fire.

Many men lie under a devil-induced stupor, a false security as they sit on rotten bottoms, ready to break apart at any moment, sending them down to a dark devil's hell, they were ignorant to their danger, in constant peril, of being outside of Christ's blood, and under the condemnation of a holy God. Sinners live beneath the condemnation of a holy God, and although the sword of justice, glimmering with their own blood, hangs suspended over their heads by a thin thread, the sentence of damnation is not yet executed upon them, hence they live in false peace on a false foundation of carnal security. Jesus calls hell outer darkness, because it's a dark place, friend. And unless a person is awakened to their lost condition, they'll be forever lost in a dark hell! And that's the title of my message this evening, friends. Forever Lost In A Dark Hell!

Oh, dear friend, please lend me your ears and give me your undivided attention as I bring this message before you. I don't think you know what it means to be forever lost. Maybe

some of you have heard of Mordecai Ham. He was the evangelist who led Billy Graham to the Lord. Mordecai Ham often told the story about how a young Billy Graham was saved in a tent meeting under his preaching. But Mordecai Ham often told another story, which was a lot darker--how he communicated with a dead girl in hell, which I want to share with you right now, friends. Here is the chilling account of a girl called Lou-Lou, who Mordecai Ham sat by her dying bedside, as she was facing a horrible death as an eternally lost individual. Listen to his story, friends.

“Lou-Lou is dying,” her mother sobbed, I hurried to the girl’s bedside to talk to her about her need of salvation. I pled with her for a long time, but to no avail. She refused to listen, she refused to hearken, then she closed her eyes in death. I called to her, “Lou-Lou, how is it?” A voice came back, not the voice of one living, but that of one who is in another world. It was a voice that came up from the depths without any sign or movement of the dead girl’s lips or throat muscles, a voice that I have heard only once in my life, and that I have never been able to forget. “Lou-Lou, how is it?” Lou-Lou called back from a world beyond, “Lost, lost, oh, oh, so dark, so dark!” Lou-Lou was forever lost.

Now listen to me, friends: to be forever lost is to know eternal banishment from God forever. You have God now in the world to varying degrees. God is the one who gives you the ability to make money, to give you talent to make a living, and to live in this world. God gives you the air to breathe, and water to drink, and food to eat. As you enjoy his creation while you have life still in your body, you have God’s long-suffering towards you, as the sentencing of the law has not yet been carried out against you, for all guilty sinners must be punished for sin, for the transgression of God’s holy law. Every one of you have at some time broken one or more of his commandments. You have stolen, you have lied, you have taken his name in vain, or committed covetousness, or disregarded his Sabbath as you failed to keep it holy. God’s law is strict and severe. At some point in the future on the Day of Judgment, God will review your life according to how you lived it, measured against a strict law. Every mother’s son has broken the law of God and must face the sentencing of the law, which is when all guilty lawbreakers will have to stand before the judge of the universe.

Listen to me, friend, you are by nature a lawbreaker who hates authority, and all things holy. You hate the idea of the Lordship of Jesus Christ having any rule or reign over your life, so whether you are a saved individual right at this moment or not, you still have a measure of God in this world. But if you are removed from earth by death, and your soul goes out into eternity, if you die outside of the safety of being in Christ as a born-again believer, with forgiveness of sin, then you go out into eternity to a place of darkness which is eternal banishment from God forever. There is no mercy in hell. There is no light in hell. Hell is a dark place; God’s justice is no longer restrained and his outpoured wrath pours continually on the heads of sinners in hell, without end, with no relief. He is deaf to your cries. He is blind to your pleading. He is removed from you, as you are banished from God forever. His anger burns like an oven on the damned in hell.

We read in the book of Malachi in the Bible. “For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven in all the proud, yea. ‘And all that do wickedly shall be stubble and the day

that cometh shall burn them up,' saith the Lord of hosts." That shall leave them neither root nor branch, to be forever lost, friend, is to be forever alone, forever forsaken of God almighty.

Let me read you, friends, what to expect to happen to you if you die in your sins outside of the blood of Christ. If you have your Bible with you, turn to the book of Revelation--we will be in chapter 20 beginning in verse 11. You listen to these words, friends, as they describe the terrible saying of the final judgment of mankind. Put yourself there, in that courtroom scene, where the Judge of all the earth sits on a terrible throne of authority and majesty. This awful solemn scene describes the horror of being banished from God forever. Here now is the word of God, and may God's Holy Spirit attend the reading of his holy word.

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the sky fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

Now let me pause here, friends, to explain that the second death mentioned here speaks of being thrown into hell, to be banished from God forever, and when I say thrown into hell, I mean thrown; you will not go there willingly, you will not walk into hell on your own accord.

I want to tell you a story about a woman who sat on death row--she was a murderer, who used to marry men and then kill them for their life insurance, but she was finally caught, sentenced by a judge and jury, and imprisoned on death row. One of the guards in charge of her said the following story about his guarding this woman who was a condemned murder. He said she had the filthiest mouth he had ever heard in a person and that she would sit in her cell and blaspheme God and cuss Christ, and say the most the devilish, perverted things from that mouth of hers which was so filthy. It was so bad that the other prisoners on death row requested cotton balls to put in their ears so they wouldn't have to listen to her filthy mouth. But the day came of her execution, where she was to be put in the electric chair to be burned up. And this prison guard and another guard escorted her down the hallway to that death chamber. But with superhuman strength she tore away from them, knocked both the guards down, and rushed back to her cell. The prison guard said it took four strong men to grab her, to carry her down that cell block. One guard held her arm, another guard held her by the other arm, a third guard held one of her legs, and a fourth guard held her other leg. It took all the strength they could muster to bring that woman down into that electric chair where they strapped her in, put a black cloth over her eyes, and then pressed the button which burnt her up. But it took four strong men to cast

her into that chair; she would not go willingly to her death. Let me tell you, friends, you won't go willingly to hell; you will be cast in there.

Now listen to this last verse from our passage in Revelation, from chapter 20, hear me now!

“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Every sinner who dies outside the blood of Christ dies without Christ, without any refuge from the wrath of God. On sin, every man, every woman, will be cast into hell by a power stronger than they, for they will not go willingly to hell. Neither will you, friend. You won't go there willingly, you will have to be forcibly cast into that region of darkness and burn in flames. But don't go to hell, friend. I'm here to warn you, do not go there. Do not go where Lou-Lou went to, that prison of darkness; don't die in your sins, unpardoned and outside of the blood of Christ. Or be forever lost in a dark devil's hell.

Listen to the surprise and terror of the sinner who was forcibly sent to hell. From Isaiah we read,

“The sinners in Zion are afraid, fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites, who among us shall dwell with the devourer in fire, who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings.”

You must get to Christ, friend. And believe on him, for forgiveness of sin. Jesus is the only remedy and refuge for sin, but you must come to him and believe on him.

Let me tell about Jesus, Jesus the friend of sinners. Hear me now, you've heard of Jesus. Jesus came down here to earth so we can go up there. I'm sure you've heard of Jesus. Even when you were a little child, I bet you'd heard of Jesus. Oh listen, friends. Jesus came into this world doing good--healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, feeding the hungry, and giving rest to the weary. Yet what happened? Wicked men cried, “Away with him!” and nailed him to a cross. But first they stripped him down and they beat him. They whipped his back until the skin was a quivering mass of bloody flesh, and then they blindfolded him and slapped his jaw, and said, “Prophecy, who hit you?” Then they spit in his face, one after another, then they led him away to a place called Calvary, where they drove nails into his hands and feet. On his head was a crown of thorns that made his tender forehead bleed. His face was so badly beaten, it looked like a pound of hamburger meat, it was unrecognizable. They crucified the Son of God, and on that cross he became a curse, becoming sin for us. When all was against him, his love flows out to a world of guilty sinners. On that cross he prays, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Look at that blessed man on the cross, friend. Oh, look at that blood-stained Savior from sin as he hangs there, with his arms outstretched, beckoning you to come to him. He calls, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” Look

at that man on the cross, friend. Hear him say, “And him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out.” Come to Christ, friend, and believe on him. The cross is the place where wicked men sought to get rid of him but by his death, it becomes the place where hope is, where his saving power flows out to all. Hear me now! Flows out to all who come in repentance, confessing they are sinners, and own him as their Savior and Lord. Your only hope is in Christ Jesus, friend. Outside of him, there is no hope. Jesus is worth having, listen! Jesus is the pearl of great price, he’s worth selling all for, so he can be gained. Come to Christ and believe on him for forgiveness of sin.

I’m going to sing a hymn, friend, and as I sing it, if the Spirit of God has brought you under conviction of sin, if you’ve been troubled about going to a dark hell by this message, and you are weary of your sins and you desire pardon for sin, you desire to get into that refuge of Jesus Christ, you desire to have that remedy for sin in the person of Jesus Christ, I want you come to Christ Jesus, and lay your sin burden down at his nail-pierced feet. Come and surrender all to him; he held nothing back on that bloody cross. How can you hold back anything from him? Come surrender to this Sovereign, and hold him as your Savior and Lord. If God’s been dealing with your soul through this message, friend, don’t delay. You come now. You come now to Christ and surrender to a living Lord. Come as I sing.

All to Jesus, I surrender, all to him I freely give,
I will ever love and trust him in his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus, I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me Jesus, take me now.
I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus, I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee,
Fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.