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Luke 23 verse 33 when they were come to the place. Called Calvary. There they crucified him and the manufactured 1. On the right hand, on the other, on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood behold in, and the rulers also with them to ride at him, saying, He saved others, let him save himself, if it be Christ the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, and saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. And the superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew. This is the king of the Jews. And one of the manufacturers which were hang railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ. Save thyself and us. But the other ancient rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God seeing art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds. But this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, Remember Me when thou comest into thy Kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise. It was about the 6th hour and there was a darkness over all the earth until the 9th hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried, with a loud voice he said, Father. And to thy hands I command my spirit. And having said thus. He gave up the ghost now when the centurion saw what was done. He glorified God, saying certainly this was a righteous man. If we were to turn to the other three gospels tonight, we would see that there were three crosses that stood at Calvary. And in the Gospel of John, it says that Jesus was in the midst, the cross of Christ stirred in the midst, in the center of these two thieves, these two manufacturers, these two men who represent tonight, I believe every man and woman in this world, These two men stand as representatives of the whole human race tonight. And the cross of Christ has divided this world and the two classes. And only two classes, my friends, Only two. The Word of God doesn't tell us about a third class. Only two classes. Every man, every woman, every boy, and every girl in this room tonight stands on one side of the cross of Christ. You can't get away from it. You can't dodge it. You can't stand on neutral ground. You stand on one side of the cross or the other. On the left side, you stand with those on the way to hell. On the right side, you stand on those on the way to heaven, and there's no other way, no other section, no other crowd saved or lost. Tonight, as you sit in that chair, you're saved or lost. Tonight. We'd like to bring before you seven things about this thief. But before I do so, I'd like to bring you into the very presence of God. You know, my friend, you'll never get blessed. You will never get saved, you will never get right with God until you come into His presence. Until you have brought face to face with eternal realities, first of all, you are a Sinner. You know you're a Sinner. I was speaking to a young lady recently and I said to her, do you believe you're a Sinner? And she said, I know I'm a Sinner. My friend, God says you are a Sinner. He says there's no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. That means you, that means me. And happy is a man or woman, happy as a boy or girl, who's discovered on this side of eternity that they're a Sinner.

And happy, my friends, as a man or woman or boy or girl who finds out on this side of eternity that they're lost Sinner, that they're a dead Sinner, that they're a hell bound Sinner unless they come to the Lord Jesus Christ. And so tonight we like to bring you face to face with eternal realities. We sang in our hymn The Side for Christ today. And I want to, if I may, use the title of this gospel message as decision for Christ. Decision for Christ. Everybody in this room tonight has either made their decision. Who or has not made their decision? Everybody in this room tonight is either for Christ or against Christ. I speak plainly, my friends. I speak with that fear of rebuke tonight. They're either on the side of God or you're on the side of the devil. And there's no middle ground. There is no neutral stand. You may have a godly mother, a godly father, as we heard in the faithful message last night, our brother preached. You may have a godly home, but if you have never yet come to Christ, your loss. Just as lost as the man in the jail, just as lost as the man who's drunk. This is the loss of the blasphemers, the most wicked man in this world. You're lost tonight. And the Lord Jesus said he that believeth not shall be damned. What a solemn thing. Friends, we live in a wishy washy day. We live in a day when, sad to say, man who used to preach the faithful gospel gospel. Are now putting on the soft pedal. They say we can't preach about hell because we won't be popular. And people don't like to hear about it. I like to hear about the love of God. They don't like to hear about hell or judgment. But I say tonight, my friends, that never in the word of God of the New Testament did anybody speak more of hell than the Lord Jesus himself. He warned men to flee. He said, accept ye, repent, you shall all likewise perish. Recently I was speaking to a person who said Do you believe there's a hell? And we said to them, it's not a question of what I believe, it's a question of what God says. God says there's a hell. God says there's judgment coming. God says that man will be under that judgment for eternity. Without Christ, who am I? Who are you? Who my friend is? Infidel, or the atheist? Or the modernistic preacher? Today to stand up and say there is no hell when God says solemnly says there is a hell. When the Lord Jesus solemnly preached that there was a hell, who are we? Poor worms of the dust, sinners saved by the grace of God, the soft pedal, the gospel, my friend, their salvation to life for you. We heard last night that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I say again. To the cross of Christ is divided this world in the two classes to make you stand on one side of the cross or the other. To make you stand on the right side of the wrong side. The cross is divided this world. The cross is divided homes. The cross is divided offices. The cross is divided loved ones. The cross, the cross of Christ, has separated this world and two great camps. Heaven bound or hell bound on the side of God or on the side of the devil, my friend, it's not popular, but it's true. The Lord Jesus said you cannot serve 2 masters. He said nothing but a third. Why? Because there's not three, there's only two. All my friends, are you saved tonight? Let me earnestly ask you. Let me solemnly bring you into the presence of God now. Let me ask you, as we've often asked, and I'm sure the Christians in this room will bear with us. You've heard these things before. It's the old story we've heard of hundreds of times. When the preacher opens his Bible in Montreal, we've heard the story hundreds of times. It's nothing new. It's the old story ever new. Let me solemnly ask you tonight if you were a corpse now.

If your body was cold and still silent tonight, now, right now. And the undertaker's parlor, the flowers deck your caskets. The funeral notice was in the paper. I ask you, in God's name, where would your soul be now? Now it'll be too late, my friends, too late to make a decision for

Christ. Then you must make your decision in time. You must make your decision in this Christ rejecting world. You must make your decision in the world that crucified the Son of God. You must make your decision now. Not in the future eternity. There is no second chance. There is no purgatory. My friends, I speak solemnly for God tonight. I say there is no second chance. The Lord Jesus said, if you believe not that I am He, he shall die in your sins. And where I am, there he cannot come. Who said it? Christ said it. Christ said it, my friend, He cannot come. What a solemn thing these are, the words of the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the Son of God. The only man who never told a lie, he cannot come. If ye die in your sins. And if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. Where I am, there ye cannot come. Friends, it's solemn, isn't it? But it's true. Without Christ, there's hell for every child of Adam's race. Regardless of religion, creed or color. Without Christ there is no salvation without Christ and his death on Calvary's cross. His resurrection and His precious blood. There is absolutely no salvation for any child of Adams race. And so to make it simple as Christ or hell, my friends, you must decide for or against Christ. Seven points about this man who was condemned to death. First of all, he was just like you and me. He was a man. Second, he was a Sinner in the third place. He come under the judgment of the Roman government and he was condemned to death. And he is the only deathbed repentance mentioned in the word of God. He's the only man who on his deathbed, which was a cross, turned to Christ and he received mercy. He was a Sinner, my friends. He was just like you and me. He was no better. He was no worse. He was a Sinner and he was, he was nailed to a cross. And first of all, the first thing we noticed about this man. Is in verse 40 and the 39th verse. His companion railed on him. And the other gospels, we find they both railed on Christ, as Mr. Darby's translation, I believe, says they both insulted him. Think of it. But something happened to this man. Something happened to the man on the right side of the cross. And I believe that the Word of God brought light to his soul. I believe this man saw the light and he had the Scriptures. He only had two verses. But he had the word of God in these two verses. The first verse was a very prayer of Jesus. Father forgive them. That is all. Not what they do. The second verse was nailed over the cross. This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. This robber, he saw one verse, he heard the other verse, and he believed them both. And the entrance of thy word give us light. And he found there was a man on the cross who could pray for his enemies. He himself, no doubt, would desire to kill them all. All his tormentors, all those who dared to put him on the cross, he would like to get down and kill them all 1 by 1. But here was a man who was praying for his enemies. He was in the presence of God, my friend. He realized that he was in the presence of God. He was brought there in the presence of God. God allowed it the devil to insult the Lord Jesus had a nail between two thieves, but the blessed Lord Jesus had his eye on that Robert. An unsaved friend, the Lord Jesus has his eye on you tonight, Young man, young lady, you heard last night of your mother's prayers and your father's prayers. The Lord Jesus has his eye on you to bless you. He wants to save you. Isn't it wonderful? God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

We saw this man first of all in verse 40. He came into the fear of God. He said verse 40 does not thou fear God? Friends, we live in a godless age. I don't suppose there's ever been an age like this age, a godless age. People tell me mockingly, is the old world turning over? It's the old world, the same old story. It's not true my friends, I believe we live in the most ungodly age since God created man. Tonight is the. Ungodly age and there is No Fear of God. Man do not fear God. Man blasphemy God. Man mock God. Men laugh at God. And recently in our papers we had a story of a man who was even written that the Lord Jesus planned his own crucifixion. What a solemn thing planned his own crucifixion. Took advantage of the scriptures in the Old Testament. To make believe he was the Messiah. Well, man doesn't fear God. There's No Fear of God before their eyes. And my friend, tonight I want to ask you, do you fear God? Last night, if you're not saved, you went to bed. You shut your eyes. You slept through the night. While you were sleeping, your heart was beating. If you are in that sleep, your heart has stopped beating. You would be an eternity now. Eternity, he would say, there is a God, there is a God, The Bible was true and I am lost. I am lost for eternity. Think about what a soul this is soul, isn't it? This man fear God. And the fear of God at the very beginning of wisdom. God says get wisdom. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. This man was brought to this place. He said, does not vow fear God. Young man, young lady, old man, old lady, I asked you, do you fear God tonight? Thus thou not thou fear God. Well, that was the first thing. He was brought into the presence of God. He feared God, and while he might, he was on his way to eternity. Death faced them all, my friends mental mocked. When they're healthy, men will mock. When the doctor says, oh you're healthy, you're strong, nothing wrong with your heart, you're good for 20 more years, then man can sneer and mock at God. But my friends, when death stares you in the face and you hear the solemn verdict, 3 months to live, three months of the very most to live, you're face to face with eternal realities. The word of God says. Point under man wants to die after death the judgment what a solemn thing so this man feared God in the second place in the end of the 40th verse he says see thou art in the same condemnation and we indeed justly next thing he did was he owned that he deserved this punishment he deserved it he. Place of one who deserves this punishment. In other words, he owned he was a Sinner. He only deserved this judgment. My friends tonight, have you ever found out you're a Sinner? I don't ask you, is your neighbor a Sinner? I don't ask you if your boss, your school teacher, your principal, your doctor, your dentist. I ask you, have you found out on your knees before God that you are a Sinner? That you're vile. That you're a Sinner. You were born that way. Man, go, the stray, says. God from the womb. His turn. He's born with his back turned against God, and he starts for hell. Full speed, full speed. Unless he comes to the Lord Jesus Christ, my friends, the only Savior that God has for sinners, He'll perish. Surely he'll perish. Or it's a solemn thing, isn't it? It's a very solemn thing to stand here and tell you this. You know, my friends, the devil is so clever. He's so clever that he even has men in the standing up in pulpits, stand up in platforms saying the Bible is not the word of God. You don't have to believe it. You don't need to be born again. They're saying it's old fashioned stuff. We don't believe it in this enlightened modern 20th century of brain power.

Where everybody's educated, we don't need that, says the devil. Tonight I bring you back to divine realities, eternal realities. Face to face with God, face to face with God's truth, face to face with eternity, face to face with heaven or hell. I bring you these solemn realities. You have to stand in the presence of God. My friends, do you fear God? Have you yet found you're a Sinner? Do you say I deserve this justly? I deserve to have the justice of God in his wrath poured upon me. What's the next thing he says? Where we list verse 41, for we receive the due reward of our deeds. What a wonderful confession we receive. And I'm sure that every Christian in this room tonight who knows anything about the Bible, anything about the grace of God will say I deserve to go to hell. By the grace of God, the preacher says it, I deserve to go to hell. But thank God. The Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary bore my sins in his own body on the tree. He received from God's hand the judgment that I deserve the punishment of God poured down upon Christ. Blow after blow struck the Savior. My sins were laid on His sacred head. The curse by my Lord was born. He loved you, my friends, He loves you. Oh, isn't it wonderful that God loves you? And we said before we say it again in that wonderful verse that Jesus said, John 3:16. I like to think of it as if the Lord Jesus, and I say this reverently, as if he said, I can't tell about God so loved the world. That He gave His only begotten Son, Whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Those are the words of the Son of God, my friends, wonderful words. The Son of God said them. My Savior the Lord Jesus says them. He again He said, He that believeth on Him is not condemned. He that believeth not all Sinner friend, are you here tonight? He that believeth not is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation.

The light has come into the world, and man love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. What a sound thing. The next thing he says? In the end of the 41st. First verse. But this man has done nothing amiss. What a wonderful revelation. What a wonderful thing. He spoke well of Christ. All he condemned himself. And that's what repentance is. Repentance and all is not crying and weeping and falling down your knees and crying and weeping and just crying and crying and crying. No, my friends, that may be remorse, but repentance before God has taken sides with God against yourself. This man did that. He condemned himself, and he spoke well of Christ. This man had done nothing amiss. Isn't it wonderful, peaceful well of Christ? Have you ever spoken well of Christ? Do you ever speak well of Christ in this world? Oh, young gospel preachers tonight. We appeal to you, dear young brothers who are growing up. Some may get 20, some of your 25, some of your 30. If, if the Lord doesn't come soon, the older brother are going to disappear into glory. You're going to be left here. And your responsibility, young brothers, is to preach the gospel of the grace of God, not to remove the landmarks as we heard yesterday, not turn away from the Bible, not say, oh, well, that was all right in the. Century, but not today, my dear young brothers, stand faithful for the gospel of Jesus Christ the Lord. Preach the gospel that there's a Savior on high in the glory, a dear loving Savior. Those friends be few, how few they are my friends. Many are calls that Jesus, but few are chosen. The Mass, my friends, tonight I believe the large crowd around the broad roads of destruction.

Everyone of us who are saved tonight are saved by the grace of God. We have nothing to boast in, nothing to glory in save a Savior slain on the cross of Calvary, whose precious blood cleanses from all sin. He spoke well of Christ. Oh, as we read these words, He spoke well of Christ. I asked you young men, what about you? Have you ever spoken well of Christ? I know young men. They follow the athletes of this world. They speak well in the great baseball players, the great hockey players, the great prize fighters. But I ask you tonight, young man, did you ever speak well of Christ? This man did. He cleared the whole life of the Son of God. How did he know? I believe he only met the Lord Jesus that day, probably never saw him before, and yet he clears his whole life. This man has done nothing amiss. All my friends, isn't it wonderful in the word of God that the Apostle Paul, Peter, and John all say he hath done no sin? He knew no sin. A34 chord is not easily broken. God testifies three times. By three of us apostles, that this man had done nothing amiss. And here's this robber on the cross, and he speaks well of Christ. This man had done nothing amiss to do to say these words, my friends, he had to take issue against the Pharisees. The great leaders of religion of that day, the scribes and the Pharisees that we had asked those sneer and hypocrites below the cross, what do you think of this man in the center cross? They would have said he's an imposter. We don't believe in him at all. He casts out demons by bells above the Prince of demons. Robber on the cross, he says, this man hath done nothing amiss. He spoke well of Christ and tonight, my friends, I say this for the benefit of those who were young Christians. We must speak out faithfully against the religious world. We must speak out about the scribes and Pharisees of this country and the country of the north, the modernistic creatures who are the Pharisees of 19165 the Pharisees who deny the. God, you and I as Christians must speak out against these men who speak blasphemous things against our Lord Jesus Christ in the Word of God. It's time for the young Christians after me in Montreal two weeks ago. It's time we woke up and took issues with these blasphemers who dared to deny the word of God, the Pharisees in 1965 or the modernist preachers, the modernistic preachers who say the Bible's not true. And the dear brother told me today, one of them told him. When he asked him when it was a young man, this is years ago, you see, asked him about the new birth, he put his hand on his shoulders and said, never mind that stuff, you don't need to be born again. I say these modernistic creatures are the Pharisees of the 20th century. But this robber, he said, this man hath done nothing amiss. He spoke well of Jesus. Or will you speak well of Jesus tonight? He loves you all. What love he had. Just imagine he himself said greater love with no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. And then I like to think of him saying, I'll prove a greater love. Die from my enemies. I'll give my life for those who hate me, for those who reject me, for those who despise me. He gave his life for his enemies. He loves you. My friends, Let me say again and again, God has blocked the road to hell by the cross of Christ. Will you go to hell? You must pass the cross. Oh my friend, the cross, the glorious cross. There's no place like the cross where Jesus died, Where he. And glad and gave his life for sinners. He's the sinner's friend. You know, you might commit some crime. You wouldn't want the police to know. You wouldn't want your father to know. You wouldn't want your mother to know. Who would you tell? Who would you tell? Only one. Who is it? The sinner's friend, The friend of sinners. Jesus, the sinner's friend. Your mother may say, I'm ashamed of you. Your father made his own you. But Jesus puts out his arms has come. Love you no matter what. You've done all your sins like great mountains all around you. I love you just the same. I died for you. I prove my love. I'm the sinners friend. All sinners friend. Think of it, The sinners friend. Are you a Sinner tonight? Jesus is your friend. He loves you. He wants to save you. He wants to take your sins away. He can wash them all away in his precious blood. He died for you my friends. He loves you. What a Savior, Jesus.

Says or what love, what grace is his next thing we find in this verse is. The 42nd verse. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, isn't that wonderful? He called Jesus his Lord. God says in Romans 10:00 and 9:00, If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in thy heart. That God hath raised him from the dead. Thou shalt be saved. That's what God says. Jesus as Lord, who is Jesus for the spies, Nazarene, the spies by this world? God says I've exalted that man to the very highest heaven, He's Lord. I've made them both Lord and Christ. If you will confess with that multi earth Jesus as Lord, and believe in that heart of yours that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved on the authority of God himself. What higher authority can you get? Well, the robber turns to Christ, and he says, Lord, what does he say next? He says, Remember Me when thou comest into thy Kingdom. Well, that's the fifth point. He calls them Lord. The 6th point, He speaks about his Kingdom. What faith is this? Here's a man that is. Let us try to look back those 2000 years of the cross. See his hands? They're bleeding. They're nailed to a cross. His feet are torn by the nails and bleeding. There he hangs with a crown of thorns across his head. His face is covered with spits. His back is broken and bleeding. By the Roman scourge, there he is hanging a sight for God and for angels, for men. For the devil and for demons look upon and this man says, Remember Me when thou cometh into thy Kingdom. There's this lolly despised, hated man have a Kingdom. All the robbers eyes look beyond the cross. Look beyond that wondrous cross and that glorious savior hanging up on the cross or to spite my friends bleeding and bruising bleeding, bleeding and bruised under the. Of those creatures whom we came to save, He left for heaven, as we heard last night, came down past the angels into this world, and here they were stepping on them, feeding them, taking their God-given strength and punching them in the face. And they bruised and broke his face. Oh, how solemn often told the story. I want to tell it again. One night I stood. In the old Matt Royal Arena in Montreal and I saw a man come out of the prize ring. I stood faithful side him three feet from his face, was bruised and beaten. I'll never forget his face. His face was bruised and beaten, my friends, While the punches of his opponent there he came down the stairs. His face was broken and bleeding. And I've often thought of my precious savior, his face more marred than any man, beaten under the cruel tortures of his creatures. He came to save all my friends. Here was a robber saying, Lord, Remember Me, his friends that have found me Christ. Save thyself and us. But this man's faith says, knowing that salvation is personal, he says, Remember Me, just me, nobody else but me. Remember Me when thou cometh into thy Kingdom. Hear. The Savior and the sinners were brought together. Here was the joy of a Savior's heart and all his sorrow and his misery, his pain, his agony. Here was the Savior's joy,

the joy of. When this poor robber turned, I like to think about. I've often said it before. Let me say it again, Mr. Modernist. What could you do for the Robert? What could you do, Mr. Modernist? Preacher for the robber from Mr. Pharisee And tell us what you would do for the robber. What could you say? Go to church, live a good life. Keep the 10 commandments. Do the best you can. Turn over a new leaf to late, my friends, this man neither. Jesus was the Savior. Lord, Remember Me when thou cometh into thy Kingdom.

What does Christ say to this robber? What a challenge my friends. What would he say to this robber? Sinner friend, isn't this wonderful news for you? I remember when my sins bothered me. I remember when the gates of hell seemed to be opening up for me to enter in. I remember when the judgment of God seemed like a great mountain to crush me into hell. I remember here in the story of Jesus and His love. Hearing the story of the love of Christ. The melting love of Christ. Is tall under the cross, All my friends, what would Jesus say to the Sinner, this robber, this thief? Unfit for society, unfit for society, unfit for the Roman governor. For the Pharisees and scribes, but fit for Jesus, fit for Christ, fit for heaven. Hear the Savior. I love to think of it. He turns and says, verily I say unto thee, a personal Savior. He speaks to the robber. He says, I say unto thee, today thou shalt be with me in paradise, because God's a giving God. The man asked for the Kingdom. Christ says no, I'll give you something better than the Kingdom. I'll give you myself my company in paradise. Not in a future day, for the Kingdom hasn't come yet after 2000 years nearly. Have rolled by, Jesus said, today thou shalt be with me in paradise, a robber and a savior together, a robber and the Son of God. My friends, what a what a wonderful thing this is, a robber and Jesus together in paradise that very day, not tomorrow, not ten years hence, not after being punished in some other place, a third place for 10 or 20 or 30 years. No, my friends, this very day, this very day thou shalt be with me in paradise. And I like to think of a robber as he hung upon that for the 7th point I believe, is this is the assurance this man had. The assurance he had. I like to think of the Pharisees. They would pass by and say to that robber, listen, Mr. you're going into eternity, you've only got a little while to live. What about your soul? What about the. Where are you going to be? Hadn't you better give some money and you better tell us where you're robbed, where where? Where your loot is hidden so we can get your money and get you into heaven? I like to think of the robber looking down, smiling, saying all my friends, the man, the center cross has given me assurance. The man in the center cross has told me that today I'll be with him in paradise. And I believe it. I know it's true. The man is assured me. The man of Calvary, the man of the. Cross that assured me that today I'll be with them in paradise. Or isn't it wonderful? My friends, tonight, what about you? Where are you going? Are you on your way to heaven? Are your sins forgiven? Have you come under the cleansing power of the precious blood of Jesus Christ shed upon the cross of Calvary? Have you ever yet decided to receive him as your Savior? Is Christ live in your heart? Are you born again? I was speaking to a party the other day and they said. Yes, I'm a Christian. And we said to them, what kind of a Christian are you? Because remember, remember that nearly everybody says they're a Christian, unless you're a Jew. They all say they're Christians. I said, what kind of a Christian are you? Are you a born again Christian? My friend, I ask you, are you a born again Christian? Have you been born again, born from above? Have you received that life from God? Well, along with our story? The Lord Jesus. After this wonderful revelation to this man, this man had this assurance. First of all, he had the fear of God. Second, he took his place before God as a Sinner. Third. He spoke well of Christ. 4th He called Jesus Lord. 50 spoke of the Kingdom. 60 had that assurance in his seventh. He believed that he believed the message. He believed the words of Jesus. That settles it Doesn't matter what the preacher says, Doesn't matter very much what the preacher says if Jesus says it. Oh, isn't it wonderful, my friend, think of the very words of Christ. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me. Half everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment. But is passed from death of the life. Now we have these seven things about this robber. Let me tell you, we have the love of Christ, the mighty love of Christ. He loves you. He gave himself for you. But I want to ask you now, maybe tonight there's somebody in this room that's coming off the street. Maybe you've never heard the gospel before. All we who are Christians, we say, how is that possible? How is it possible? I want to tell you my friends.

People right here in Detroit who've never heard the gospel, you say is a possible Yes, it's possible. It's possible. I remember, you'll pardon the personal reference of the young man going to church every Sunday morning, every Sunday night, 52 \* a year, twice to 104 times. I never heard the gospel. We heard sermons about politicians. We heard sermons about other great men. We heard how to live a good. We heard, Sir, flowery sermons about education and the value of getting money in the bank and being insured and all that, but never heard the gospel. Never heard that by one simple look of faith to Christ, my sins would be gone for eternity. Praise God, under the power of the blood of Jesus Christ the Lord. My friends, and like you can be saved, you can leave this hall and the authority of the word of God that your sins are gone forever, forever gone forever, never to be brought back again. Never, never, never. And we look forward with joy of the day. You're not glorious place above. When we meet the robber. When we meet the robber. Oh, I've often thought of the robber. As we walk that eternal St. of gold and meet the robber and say, Oh, my dear brother Austin, I preached about you, Austin. I told sinners how you got saved. Tell me, my friend. Tell me the story again. Tell me the story of a cross. Robber will stop and his face will light up, but he tells the story of the cross. And when he comes to the part where he said, Lord, Remember Me? When our cometh into thy Kingdom. And he says with joy in his face, eternal joy. You should have seen his face when he said those words. Truly, I say unto you today thou shalt be with me in Paradise. I like to think of the robber saying oh brother, I'll never forget the look of joy in my masters face. He said those words today. Thou shalt be with me in paradise. And then together I say, by the grace of God, together with the robber we abound adoration and worship at the savior speed for praise. God, the robber savior is my savior too. A robber savior is my savior too. Is the robber's savior your savior to all tonight God loves you. Dear young man, young lady, who has a Christian mother and father, and solemn I know as you leave this room tonight, the devil will try to rob this from you. I know he'll tell you. Don't believe it. Or just wait. No, tomorrow night. Tomorrow night. And I come back again. You have another chance. Why? Tomorrow is the Lords day. This is Saturday night. I might have joy and happiness. Forget about this question. That's what the devil will say. I want to solemnly warn you because I tell this story so solemn. This young lady who went to the Gospel meeting many times under the urge and pleas and prayers of her mother. Who prayed for her soul, and her father, who wept on his knees for their daughter, who rejected Christ. She went and went and went again and again and again to the gospel meeting. And she said no to Christ. No, no, I won't receive it one morning she said, Mother, I had a strange dream last night. And in my dream, it seems as if God himself spoke to my soul. God himself spoke to my soul and he said, young lady, I want you to take your Bible. I want you to turn to the book of Ezekiel Chapter 7 verses 8:00 and 9:00 and read those two verses. And then she said, my dream seemed to leave me, and I went to sleep again. But again, the voice said Ezekiel 7 verses 8:00 and 9:00. And again the third time, Ezekiel 7 verses 8:00 and 9:00. And her mother said, My daughter, did you read the verses? She said, mother, I'm afraid to read them. I'm afraid. Will you please read them to me? These are the verses from the Word of God. Ezekiel 7 verses 8:00 and 9:00. Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee.

And accomplish my anger upon thee, and I will judge thee according to thy ways. Will recompense thee for all an abominations, and mine I shall not spare, neither will I have pity. I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thy abominations that are in the midst of thee, and ye shall know that I am the Lord that might have. The mother read these verses and fear and trembling, and she looked back to the bed, to

her daughter, and she was an eternity. She was an eternity. Oh dear young man with a Christian mother, young lady with a Christian mother, I solemnly warn you that you're playing a losing game. You'll lose your soul. What can this world give you? 6 feet of ground, a casket with a cover on it. And that cover will open when that voice of God calls you to meet Him in the air. Meet him there, standing in space with the heavens and the earth went away. You'll stand before the great white throne all tonight. Jesus raises his hands. There are the nail prints. There are the nail Prince. Jesus is a savior. He loves you. He longs to save you. God waits. Heaven waits. Angel hosts are musing. Or this sight, so strangely sad, God beseeching. Man refusing to be made forever glad, young man, tonight you're on the on the losing side. You're on the losing side of the cross. Oh, I say come bow your knees to the lowly Jesus. Accept them as your Savior. And lo, and the authority of the word of God, that you're saved for eternity. God loves you. Christ died for you. The blood of Christ has power to cleanse from all sin. Will you say yes? Or will you say no? There is no neutrality as you leave that room tonight you're either on the side of Christ or the devil. You're either saved or lost. You either heaven bound or hell bound. There is no third place my friend. Tonight will you receive Christ as pray?

Glendale Conference: 1969, The Pharisee and the Publican

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Might we turn to Luke's Gospel chapter 18? The 18th chapter of Luke's Gospel, verse 9. And he spake this parable unto certain, which trusted in themselves. That they were righteous and despised others. Two men went up into the temple to pray, one of Pharisee and the other Republican. The Pharisees stood and prayed thus with himself. God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are extortioners, unjust adulterers, or even as this Republican. I fast twice in the week. I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me, a Sinner, I tell you, this man went down to his house. Justified rather than the other, for everyone that exalted themselves shall be abased. And he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. I would like to bring before you tonight this parable plus one of the 16th chapter of Luke, and also take you to the cross of Calvary. My friends, we have come here tonight to proclaim the gospel. We have come here tonight to speak to those who are lost, those who are maybe in their sins still on the way to hell. And I would like to ask this vast number of people here tonight, many of them are Christians. Many of them know the Lord Jesus personally as Savior, but there may be some here tonight. Who are on the way to eternal darkness. And before we look at the cross and turn to the cross, I would like to point out in this parable that the Lord Jesus told the fact that man is a Sinner. You know the Lord Jesus said when he was here, they that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. And I wonder tonight how many in this audience. Are sick with sin. Sick with sin. Maybe they don't know it. Oh, sometimes we are ill and people know they're ill, others are ill and don't know they're ill. And all my friends in need, the disease, the sickness drives us to the position. But tonight maybe there's somebody does not realize yet that they're sinners. And in these two men we find. I believe an excellent illustration what we have before us, the 1st man, the Pharisees, he prayed with himself, he despised others, He looked down upon this publican as unworthy. And I know, my friends, there's people who come to these meetings who would despise the poor man in the prison, they would despise the poor man who was drunk. They were, they were despised, the white beater. Or the children, beaters but themselves are without Christ. And tonight, my friends, are you trusting in yourself? Are you trusting in your good life? Are you trusting in your religion? Are you trusting in the 10 commandments? Are you trusting in baptism or anything else to do with religion? It will land you at hell, my friends. And tonight I stand here to preach Christ, to present to you a savior, a person, not a religion. God forbid that we preach religion. The world is full of religion. Wait, and I present the Lord Jesus. As a savior for sinners. But my friend, you'll never come to that Savior. So you'll find you're lost. So you'll find you're guilty. So you find yourself thinking down into the eternal darkness under the power of Satan. Then you will flee to Christ. As in my own case, my friends, I heard that news. Thank God.

Back in 1930 and in that old Gospel hall in Montreal, now taken down. I heard that I was a Sinner, I heard that I was going to hell, and I bowed my head in that hole and said I know it's true. I'm a lost, guilty, hell deserving, hell bound Sinner on the way to eternal darkness. I wonder, my friend tonight if there's any in this room that think they're pretty good. Maybe you think you're good enough to get into heaven. Maybe you'll feel that you've done the very best you can. I tell you on the authority of God's Word, that you are a Sinner, that God has declared in this book, the Word of God, that there is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. How blessed it is to find on this side of eternity that you're a Sinner, that you're guilty. Now I know that man measures man by himself. He measures, he measures man by his conduct. But God looks down into the heart, and God says that man is a Sinner from head to foot. He's born lost. He's born in sin. Any shape and iniquity that man is born with his face and his head and his back turned against God, and his face looking down the broad road to destruction. And the Lord Jesus said, except the man be born all over again. Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. My friend and I have solemn this is. The Pharisee prayed with himself. He didn't even have respect for God. He addressed him only as God. He had no respect. He had no idea about whose presence he was. He thought not of the fact of the holiness of God. He thought not of the power of God. He thought not of anything to do with with God at all. He thought only of one person, himself, his good life, his upbringing, the fine character that he was. I passed twice in the week, six times. In these verses he mentions about himself. Five times he says I, the personal pronoun I. He was filled with himself. And I believe in this country tonight there's millions of people. Who are filled with themselves. And all that they have done to what they call to appease an angry God. My friend and I, God loves you, God loves the Sinner, and God has proved his love and the gift of his beloved son. Now the other man, the publican. So beautiful to see this. In verse 13, the publican standing up far off all my friends, he felt. He felt how unworthy he was. He felt what a Sinner he was. He felt how undeserving he was. And how lost and how vile he was. He stood afar off and would not lift so much as his eyes unto heaven. He didn't feel worthy to look up into the face of God. He put his head down. He bowed his head in the presence of God. My friends, I asked you tonight, have you ever found yourself in the presence of God? Have you ever found yourself in God's presence? All alone in your bedroom, all alone in your home, alone with God, and found yourself there, a poor trembling Sinner, hanging, as it were over the very brink of hell. Have you ever found yourself yet in that position this man did? It says he smote upon his breast. He seems to realize that inside that breast was a heart filled with sin. A heart that was against God, a heart that had no use for God. And he put his hand, as it were over that heart, and he said, God be merciful to me. The new translation says, these sinners, God be merciful to me. These sinners, my friend, I ask you, is it possible?

In the last days of 1969, you come into this room tonight. Somebody has brought you. Somebody has invited you to come here tonight, and you've come here tonight feeling pretty good, feeling you're a good character, that you're a fine person, that God looks down at you and says this person is a fine person, a good person, upright, moral. But you've never, never yet been in the presence of God and had your sins cleansed away in the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Never have you found yourself. There in the presence of Almighty God. Their unworthy, undone a Sinner. Oh, I cook that verse again. I want you to hear that verse my friends. May the Spirit of God bring that verse to your soul, girls and boys. For all have sinned. There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Well, this is a wonderful thing to know that you're a Sinner. And I just wonder if these young people who have come to these conferences time after time, as our brothers said this afternoon, and they were laughing at the back of the room, maybe writing notes, I wonder. I just wonder if you've come here tonight unsaved, lost in your sins, guilty, and on the way to hell. What a solemn thing, my friends. I know this is not popular. I know the modernist preacher doesn't preach hell. I know that hell is slurred over man, don't believe there's a hell. But the only man who never told a lie warned man again and again and again. If there was a hell, and I believe my friend tonight, I would not be faithful to the Lord I serve if I stood here. And preached to you a heaven. And didn't warn you of solemn judgment that is going to fall on men and women. For reject the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. You know as well as I do whether you're saved or not. You know, my friend, tonight, if you were to die this very night, I would ask you this question. I'd like to ask this question because I believe it levels man down. Where would you be tonight if you were dead? Where would you be tonight if you were dead now? I can answer that question only for myself. I would be with the Lord Jesus Christ in the glory. I know it positively on the authority of divine Holy scriptures, the word of God itself. Not because I'm better than you, but because I have a Savior and His name is Jesus. I was visiting. We were visiting the other day in a nursing home and an old lady was lying there in the bed and she told her she used to be a nurse. And she handled many, many sick people. And we said to her, did you ever handle a young baby? And she said, indeed, I did. I've handled many young babies. And I said, I want to tell you a story about a young baby that was born into this world. And there was no place for that baby but in a stable, in a Manger. And she smiled. And I said that baby grew to be a young man, grew to be a man. And preached and warned men of judgment, and told his many, many parables and performed his wonderful miracles. And she said, Jesus, Jesus. And then we said this, that man died on the cross for my sins. And that blessed man, the Lord Jesus Christ. Is my savior, and she said. And he's my savior, too. My friends, I ask you, that's the gospel. Is the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior? Have you put your trust in him? Has his blood cleanse you from all sins? You may reply, Dear friend, that is that man's religion. That's what he thinks. No, what I think isn't worth \$0.05 unless my thoughts are formed by this precious book, the Word of God.

And the Lord Jesus said, when he is here, was here. I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by me, a person, a Savior. So this man, the Lord Jesus said, went down to his house. Justified. How blessed. To be justified by God. This man took his place before God as a Sinner. God be merciful to me, a Sinner. God be merciful to me, the Sinner. Is there a young man in this room tonight, or a young woman who will reach now as I speak, bow your head and close your eyes and say I am a Sinner. You know you're a Sinner and God knows you're a Sinner. What kind of a Sinner are you? Are you a saved Sinner? On the way to heaven? Or are you a lost Sinner on the way to hell? There's only two kinds of sinners in this world, save sinners who are heaven bound, lost sinners who are hell bound. What kind of a Sinner are you? Let us go now to the cross in the 27th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Matthew's Gospel. Chapter 27. Verse 26 Now I just like to point out these things to you. Notice my friend would have said first of all, verse 26 then. Release he breathless unto them. And when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Who is this Speaking of? Pontius Pilate, A coward, a man who three times over said, I find no fault in this man. Why did he scourge him? Why did he scourge a man who he said? I find no fault in this man, while it was a coward and Pilot had many followers tonight in this world. Who know that Christ is the Son of God, and yet they're afraid to take a stand for him. They're afraid of the laughs of the crowd. They're afraid of being thrown at a society. They're afraid of the laughs of the ungodly. And Pilate was a coward. He scourge a man, he said. I find no fault in this man. Next we read the 29th verse. Here it is the soldiers, And when they had plaited a crown of thorns, they put it upon his right on his head, and a Reed in his right hand, and they bowed the knee before him and mocked him, saying, Hail King of the Jews. The soldiers noticed. The soldiers did this. Those men who are supposed to fight for those who are defenseless. These cowards placed upon the head of the Son of God a crown of thorns. They placed on the head of God's beloved Son a crown of thorns, the symbol of the fall. For because of the fall of Adam, thorns came Genesis chapter 3. And these cowards placed upon that blessed head of that precious Savior. A crown of thorns. Verse 30 And they spit upon him. How filthy man is. Man is filthy. They spit upon that blessed man. They spit upon him ever. What an insult to the human race, that man, like you and like me, spit upon the Son of God. What a crime, what a sin, what a shocking thing it is for God to look down into this world. And see, filthy man slipped into the very face of his beloved son, and they spit upon him. Verse 31. And after they had mocked him, think of that. They mocked this blessed man, this holy man. Never was it a man like this man. Never a man speaks like this man, the sinner's friend, the most glorious person in this world ever saw.

We sometimes sat and repeat tonight, the only man who was a man, the only real man, whoever lived in this world. They mocked him, they spit upon him, they crowned his head with a crown of thorns, and they chose a robber, Barabbas, in his room instead. Verse 35 And they crucified him all the Spirit of God tells us they crucified Him. Who is this? Him, the Lord Jesus himself. They crucified him. Verse 36 And sitting down, they watched him there. You can't imagine how cruel this is. See that blessed man? To see him there. Hanging on that cross and wicked man like you and like me with the same kind of hearts exactly as you and I have. They sat down and they watched that blessed man as he suffered on that cross. My friends, God's going to judge this world. God is going to judge this world. They cast out His darling, his beloved, His eternal Son was cast out by men. Like you and me. And God is going to judge this world. Indeed He is. Do not believe the modernist preachers of this day that ahead of us is a rosy time of happiness and peace and joy. It's not true. God is going to judge this world. He's going to judge this world. This world is lost. There's absolutely no hope for this world. This world, like a sinking ship, is going down under judgment. But thank God there is a lifeboat, and that lifeboat is Christ himself. You must leave the scene as it were, and fleeing in that light bulb. For Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, said the apostle Paul, of whom I am the chief. Oh, thank God, tonight the center is chiefs in heaven. Thank God the center is chief. Is now in heaven. No matter who you are in this fall, tonight God can say it. You're a precious soul. One lack of faith to Christ, one look of faith to that blessed Savior will save your soul for eternal ages. Blessed be God. First. Now we come to the 45th verse. Now from the 6th hour there was darkness over all the land. Under the 9th hour here we have now the noon time, that is to say, when the sun reached the very top of the heavens, 12 noon. In the afternoon darkness and the 46th verse and about the 9th hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice saying Eli, Eli Lama Sabathami. That is to say, my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? I suppose there's never been a question asked in the world's history like this question. There's never been a question asked like this question, my friend, have you found the answer? To this question, many of God's people are here and they could say with a loud voice, Amen. I found the answer to this question. He was forsaken on that cross as he bore my guilt and my sins, and God judged him there for me. And God turned his face away from His beloved Son. As he bore my sins and my guilt. Friends, I ask you reverently, I ask you in God's holy presence, if God

turned his face away from his beloved Son on that cross in those three hours of darkness. As He became the sin bearer, I ask you, what will God do with men and women, boys and girls, who reject that Savior? I asked you to answer that question. Have you found out yet? Did you ever kneel down on your knees by your bedside, look up into heaven and say, Oh God, I thank thee to the Lord Jesus Christ, bore my sins, bore my guilt and his own body on that cross.

He paid the price. He loved me and gave himself for me. I was reading the book a little while ago about a man who said. In my first book, I suggested to my readers that they commit their lives to God to use that expression. But he said, a few nights after, I woke up in the middle of the night and I thought to myself, I've never done the very best that thing myself. I never, never have ever been in the presence of God. And he said, I got out of my bed at 3:00 in the morning. And I knelt down by my bed. So I looked up on the heavens and said, Oh God, I thank thee. Very strong. The Lord Jesus bore my sins and I received him as my personal Savior. What a wonderful thing that is, my friends, again I said I'm not preaching religion. I'm not preaching about churches. I'm not preaching about meetings. I'm preaching Christ. Christ, a person, a Savior, a man. A man who's gone back into heaven. A man who was buried. A man who rose from the dead. A man who ascended back into the glory of God. A man who sits at the right hand of the majesty in the heavens. And all the night of our eyes get pierced at heaven above we would see that lovely man at God's right hand. In his hands are the nail prints. In his side is the spear mark. And his feet are the nail friends that tell God and tell man, and tell the devil, and tell the demons. The children's work is done. That Christ died for the ungodly. That Jesus loved me and gave him so. For a poor health deserving Sinner like me, what a Savior? Is He your Savior? What a living loving Savior. Friends, can they do more for you? Could He do more for you He loved? Poor, guilty sinners, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Jesus said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but is passed from death unto life. There's a Savior tonight. There's a Savior, my friends, if you go to hell. I speak reverently. It won't be God's fault. There's a way of escape. There is a way into the glory of God. The way of the cross leads home the blood of Jesus Christ. God's Son claimed to us from all sins. God commanded His love to us. Why? We were yet sinners. Christ died for us all. How wonderful is the gospel message. Christ died for our sins. According to the Scriptures. He was buried, and he rose again the third day. As a scriptures, we present a living Savior, a loving Savior, a savior that's able to Savior tonight if you'll only come to him and own your guilt. My friends, God has declared you guilty that all the world may become guilty, every most may be stopped and the whole world become guilty before God. I ask you tonight, is there somebody? Is there a boy here tonight? Is there a girl here tonight who says I'm willing to take sides with God against myself and all? I'm a Sinner. I'm guilty. I'm guilty in God's presence. Guilty. You're guilty, my friend, You're guilty. God says you're guilty. You know, God doesn't need witnesses. He doesn't need any witnesses in the courts in our land, we must have witnesses, but God doesn't need any witnesses. He says you are a Sinner. You have sent his sight, He has seen you sin. You are guilty. You are guilty. And how solemn, my friends, but not even one lie.

A lie, one lie, will ever enter into that heaven. Not one. You know, each one of us have to confess with tall lies. We've told many, many lies in all that. And unless the blood of Christ cleanses away those sins. Land in hell, my friends. There's only one Savior. Thank God for everyone of us in this room who can look up into heaven tonight and say that Savior is my Savior. He died for me. Strange, is it not? In America we have to preach this kind of a gospel with Bibles all over the place. Gospel tracks all over the place. All kinds of testaments, all kinds of bookstores. Why, even in the press I have seen at the top of the paper a little verse of Scripture, and yet man don't understand. They say I'm doing the best I can, I'm religious. You will pardon me saying these things. They say I am a Protestant. Why? I am religious. I have been baptized. My mother was a Christian. My father believed these things. That will never save your soul. Have you been born again? Have you received Christ into your heart? Is the Lord Jesus your personal Savior? My friend, the Lord may come tonight, boys and girls, a Christian parents, your mother may leave you tonight. Your father may be gone. To might the glory, the Lord may come. You will be in hell forever, lost, guilty under the judgment of God for eternity. Think of it. Where do you wait? What do you hope to get out of this poor world? What will this world give you? It'll give you a piece of ground six feet long, a casket, a funeral. That's what this world is going to give you. You've got to leave this world, my friends. And God says after death. The judgment. The inferno says after death we're dead like a dog. I don't believe what infills say. I hope you don't either. But I believe what God says after death. The judgment you must. You have to meet God someday. You've got to stand in the presence of God. You've got to look for your eyes into the very face of Christ. He's going to judge those who reject him. How solemn. For all judgment has been committed unto the Son, the Son of God, He's going to judge this world, He's going to judge the guilty sinners, He's going to judge the Christ rejecter. Oh dear boys and girls, tonight, have you ever confessed the Lord? If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. God says it. And that settles them. How blessed? You can say, by the grace of God, God says it, I believe it. And that settles them. How blessed. Now I turn to the third Scripture, which I know is not popular in this world. I turn to the 16th chapter of Luke's gospel. And I know that men don't like to hear these things. But we must say it, and I trust that. Each one in this room. Will bear with us as we bring this sad, solemn case before you. It's very, very solemn. I want to remind you again. That the only man who never told a lie. The only man we can really trust 100%. Told this incident, which is not a parable, which is not a parable. Earth Luke chapter 16, verse 19. There was a certain rich man which was clawed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day. And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, the dogs came. And licked his sores. And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried and in hell.

He lifts up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off. And Lazarus in his bosom, and he cried. And said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me. And send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son remembered that thou and thy lifetime receiveth thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things. But now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between US and you. There is a great gulf fixed so that they which would pass from hence to. You cannot. Neither can they pass to us that would come from vents. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, Father, that I would send unto my Father's house, for I have 5 brethren, that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham said unto him, They have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them. And he said nay. Father Abraham. But if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto them, unto him, If they hear not, Moses. And the prophets and neither they persuaded, though I rose from the dead friends who told. The account I've just read, I want to repeat it. It's very solemn. The only man who never told a lie, the only man who knew who could open the gate of eternity. Now let us look into eternity. There's nobody else could do that. There's no man ever living in this world could do that. But the Son of God opened eternity. And allowed us to look in The rich man didn't go to hell because he was rich, and the poor man didn't go to glory because he was poor. The rich man did not believe the word of God. The man at the gate full of sores with a Saint of God, he lay. There is a testimony, I believe, to that rich man. He laid his gate full of swords. Were not tall here, but

maybe he did testify to the rich man. As he passed by his great gate and all, I suppose when he died there was a great funeral. Or I suppose the mayor of the town was there, and all the elders and city councilors were all there. At the great funeral. I suppose there were many flower carriages lined up on the street. But as the rabbi spoke no doubt of this man being such a good man, a wonderful man in the community, kind and noble and upright, he was in hell. Who said so? Christ said so. Dare any man under heaven say it is not true? Dare any man say it's a parable? No, my friends, it's a fact. These men live. Jesus knew about them. He told about them. The rich man was in hell and he cried. He still had a voice. He cried. He had eyes to see. He could see a fur off. He didn't need glasses. He could see a fur off. And he could cry. He could feel. He said I am tormented in this flame. I am tormented in this flame, friend. Hell is a reality. If there is no hell, there is no heaven, because the same Bible that tells us of heaven tells us of hell. And the same God that warns us of hell tells us of the glories of heaven. And dare men say there is no hell? Dare the modernist preacher stand up and say there is no hell? And expect those who have any reference from the Word of God to listen to them. There is a hell. The cross of Christ proves that, my friends, The cross of Christ proves that God is going to judge this world. For man has rejected the Son of God. Man spit in the face of Jesus and cast them out. God is going to judge this world, He tells us. So He's a point of the day in which He will judge this world.

By that man, that blessed man whom he raised from the dead. It's a solemn thing, isn't it? Here's a man in hell. Oh dear, boys and girls, I warn you tonight. I stand here and warn you. You'll land in hell if you reject Christ. You'll land in this awful place, the lake of fire. Where man will live forever. And he spins away from God with no company alone. Don't believe the devil's lies in hell. You'll play cards. You'll have a wild time and a good time on hell. It's not true. Man will be in darkness. He'll be alone, Alone with himself, Alone in his remorse, his regrets, weeping and wailing and national seats. There will be no company in hell. You'll be alone, my friends, alone. A long returning away from God, He cried and said. Have mercy upon me, all the other man in the 18th chapter of Luke. Said God, be merciful for me to me a Sinner, and he found mercy. He found he was justified. But here was a man who cried for mercy on the other side of eternity. And I say tonight, my friends, according to this book, there is no purgatory, there is no second chance if you die without Christ. You will be buried without Christ. You'll be raised from the dead without Christ. And you will stand in eternity, as it were, in space, suspended by the power of God in space. And you will look into the very face of Christ, You will hear him say, Depart from me. And to everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels, not for man, but if young man today, and young women and older men and older women prefer the company of the devil and the damned. Or I should say, prefer that awful place where they will be and is not God's fault. He asked the question in the second chapter of Hebrews verse 3, which I remember reading about. Where a man said God asked the question that God himself can answer. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? This poor man cried. Have mercy on me, he was reminded, Son remembered. Oh dear boys and girls, dear men and women here tonight who are lost in their sins, what an awful thing to remember. And I believe that December the 27th, 1969 will be stamped on your immortal soul. You will be reminded that you heard of a Savior's love. You heard of a way of escaping. You heard the power in the blood of Jesus Christ the Lord to cleanse you from all sins. You heard about it. You heard that God loved you. You heard that Christ died for you. You heard that there is salvation free, a pardon, a gift for you to receive from the very hand of God-given to you out of this great part of love. You've heard of it. If you reject that my friend tonight, you may never hear it again. This may be your last time, your last chance to ever get saved. Maybe tonight. God's last call. I remember when I was unsaved. Plenty of time I heard the gospel many a time when I left the room unsaved and God himself, and I thank and praise Him for it, hung between heaven and earth, a verse and scripture. He hung up there in front of my very eyes. I saw the verse at Heart of Maine, day after day. My spirit shall not always strive with man. My spirit is God's Spirit tonight striving with you, young man. You maybe came to the last conference in Toledo a month or so ago and you heard the gospel and tonight you're sitting here an unsaved boy, an unsaved girl, an unsaved man or woman. Be careful that God spoken to you. My spirit shall not always strive with man.

The verse hung from the heavens. Thank God of this, that heart of my soul that made me afraid. I trembled. My friend, my spirit shall not always strive with man. God calls tonight. Come unto me, he says, and I will give you rest. You dear girls here tonight, come on to me, says Jesus, and I will give you rest. See the Savior standing. For those precious arms outstretched, that smile of love and welcome on his face, Calm, he says unto me, and I will give you rest. You understands the devil. And he says, young girl, young man, don't do it. Don't do it. Wait until tomorrow night you'll hear the gospel. Tomorrow night you may be dead. Tomorrow night the Lord may come. Tonight you'll be lost for eternity. And saw this poor man here, he says. And verse 27, So solemnism, all friends, I want to say this again. Who said these words? Jesus, He said it. Would we dare take away from it? Would we dare? Oh, I ask you reverently, would we dare take away the pressure, the precious Savior's words? I pray thee, just imagine, I pray thee, a man praying in hell. I pray thee, therefore, Father, that I would send to my Father's house. For I have five brothers, five of them. Five of these men go to hell too. Send them to my Father's house. Lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham verse 29 said unto him, They have more of us in the prophets, let them hear them. What is the Moses and the prophets? The word of God at that time. The Old Testament scriptures, they have Moses and the prophets, but you have the New Testament. You have the blazing sunshine of the love of God, the blazing sunshine of God's wondrous truth. Are you going to reject it? They are Moses and the Proverbs. Here is reply his sad reply. May Father Abraham, what does he mean by that? He means this, my friends. He means this. When I was in that world, I did not believe the Old Testament. I didn't believe it. Neither do they. They will not receive the word of God. They won't have it. I'm afraid tonight in America there's millions of followers of this man who says we will not have the word of God. We don't want the word of God. They have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them. Nay, father Abraham, but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto them, if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though 1 rose from the dead. And in the 11th chapter of John's gospel, the Lord Jesus. Raised a man named Lazarus from the dead that they believed. No, they said we will we will kill Nazareth because by reason of him many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus. So even though 1 rose from the dead and later on. This glorious, blessed, precious, wonderful Savior rose from the dead triumphant, and appeared to his disciples, and held up his hands, and said, Behold my hands of my side, it is I myself, precious Savior. He rose from the dead, He burst the bonds of death, and Christ arose. A mighty Savior, a glorious Savior and praise God. He's my savior. I stake my soul on the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary. He's my savior. I ask you boys and girls, I ask you men and women tonight, will you have my savior now, right now, on the chair, you sit there, will you bow your head and say, Lord Jesus, I'm a Sinner. I'm guilty. I deserve to go to hell for eternity. But I fall into your arms of love. I come just as I am a poor guilty Sinner. And he will receive you, for he loves you, and he waits. Angel host their musing or this like so strangely sad God beseeching man, refusing to be made forever glad.

Christ waits, the devil stands and sneers and says don't believe it. Don't believe it, boys and girls. You have got Christian mothers and fathers, you in the back rows and I ask you, are you saved tonight? Are you on the Lords side or are you on the devil's side? There are but 2 masters, the Lord Jesus himself and the Devil, and there's not three of my friends. There's No 3 masters, there's only two, Christ and the devil, Heaven or hell. Whose side are you on? Where will you spend eternity? God says prepare to meet thy God. Now you must make your

decision. We cannot save you. We do not intend to button all you at the door, but we ask you and you of eternity. Will you bow your head and pray? Will you say I'm guilty? I'm a Sinner, but I believe that Jesus died for my sins. On the cross of Calvary. Oh, I was so happy this past summer when we caught it before the clause of the meeting. Romans 10:00 and 9:00 If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus. And believe in thy heart that God has raising in the dead. Thou shalt be saved. And a little boy, He was a little taller, but he was 13 years of age. He came to me after the meetings. I saw him walking back and forth in the back of the room. I suppose he's trying to get up college. Poor lad, he was trying to get up courage and God gave him the courage and he took me by the sleeve and he said Mr. Wakefield. Jesus is my Lord, is my Lord. But in the blessed that dear boy, I put my arm around them and I said, look, there were people standing all around us, but we didn't care. We were there in front of the Lord, and we just bowed our heads together and we said, Lord Jesus, thank you for giving this boy courage. And we phoned his mother and she said, oh, thank God. When my boy was about six years old, he told me he trusted Jesus, but he's never said it since. Thank God he didn't. Tonight, my dear friend, will you confess the Lord tonight? Will you meet me out in the hall and say Jesus is my Lord? He's my stages. May God grant it to be so. For the glory of His blessed man shall we pray together.

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