

SERMON OF THE WEEK



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BORN TO RAISE HELL

Today I do not feel very hermanetically inclined . . . son we will patch something together this morning.

The first thing I think we should touch upon this morning is the fact that this passage of scripture is by no means implies that sex intercourse is sinful . . . nor the process of conception is sinful.

Satan has tripped many of us up with this errorus idea . . . many a life has been a raging hell because from somewhere (we never really quite know where these things come from . . . or how they get started) came the idea that sex was sinful . . . and it was this reason that caused sin or the fall of man in the garden.

When David said, I was brought forth in Iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me, he did not mean that sexuality is sinful. What is sex? Sex is one of the natural powers which God invested in human beings. It is a part of the total person, no a seperated and isolated element.

It is meant to express the total personality. It is related to all other species of personhood . . . the physical, emotional and mental and religious. You don't have sex. You are a sexual person male or female. Sex in itself is neither good or evil. It is a basic God given drive and is meant for good. Its commitment and use determines wheather it is good or bad.

Sex was not the cause of man's fall, but it like every other aspect of man existance here on this planet was affected by man when he disobeyed God. You man willfully chose to disobey God . . . Thus we have sin . . . and when he sinned every sin cause sex to become misused and abused and exploted in all of the many perversions that exist today . . . not because it of itself is that way . . . but because we as sinful humans uses it that way.

David was merely saying what we know today that my parents that gave birth to me are sinners and the eviornment that I am born in is sinful all because man willfully sinned in garden thus everything in creation and every aspect of man's person was affected.

Sex as God it and in its proper setting and as the ultimate expression of self-giving and supplying the needs of the beloved is a beautiful thing. Sex like the natural eye is beautiful thing in its proper setting (take the eye out of the socket and no matter how pretty it was it becomes ugly and horrendous) the same as sex . . . God ordained it for the setting of marriage and used in the proper manner in this proper setting it is beautiful but taken outside of God's setting the legal marriage setting it is ugly and horrendous and become sinful.

When we read Genesis and the account of the creation and the fall of man we see that

sex had nothing to down man's fall it was disobedience that caused the fall and then every thing else was affected by the fall.

David here is not distating his birth or process of conception but is referring to thee that his sin come from inborn evil of his nature.

So he is really saying since things are that way there since Adam fell in the garden we can really say we are born to raise hell.

Raising hell is phrase that my generation is familiar with for it is a colloquial phrase use to denote any action by a person or group of persons that is contrary to propriotous behaviour. Different than we out to act. Different from that which is fitting and proper.

In other words when we pick up the paper and read . . . Four men robbed uncle and shoots a pregant woman through the fetus and get 90 cents in the robbery we say the guys were raising hell. When we read that fight broke out after a dance and many were injured and several arrested we say people are raising hell.

When you come home late and wife of the husband is there with their lips poked out and verbs and ajectives on their tounges and you can't seemed to explain anything successfully, we have been known to describe that action as our spouse raised hell when we got home late.

I guess since we can identify hell with anything lothesome mean and contrary to God's way . . . Thus very detremental to the children of God's creation thus the saying raising hell comes as a very picturesque phrase.

I think if we look at the general conditions of our world, at large . . . we can apply this phrase that people are raising hell.

Times of great darkness are upon us. Suspense and insecurity chaos and crisis grip whole countrjes and contenents. Exposed to the agitations of our age, we find it hard to keep a peaceful mind. These times are charaterized by discouraging news: Distracting Fears, Derranged Mentalities, Mental Instability, Unbridled Passsion, Dangerous Indecisions, Neurotic Excitement, Pathological Turmoil, and Emotional Dis-equilibrium.

Our whole system of culture is a house divided against itself. The past like a furneral has gone by. The future comes like an unwelcomed guest. We are getting the wrong answers because we are asking the wrong questions. We have speed but we lack direction. We have more knowledge than any generation, but less wisdom. Church pews are filled with empty people. Our lives are empty and we trying to fill up with constant rounds of exciting to fill up with constant rounds of excitement and entertainment. Destruction is the watchword of our day and generation. We witness the destruction of lives; of homes; of hopes. We are baffled why when science could give us streamlined comforts: We have the discomfort of necular bombs and intercontinental missiles. Why when commerce and industry could give all men security: we should have poverty blighting whole countries and contenents?

Why, just when our vaued psychology promised integrated personality and peace: we should have nervous break-downs multiply so fast, hospitals cannot care for the patients.

Why, just when highpower and technological police agencies promise safety for all citizens: we should have and increase of major crimes and sales prices for protective devices offer wise invest for the shrew stock speculators.

I think we have forgotten our creaturehood. I think we have forgotten that we are ignorent with God's wisdom; weak without God's strength; wicked without God's grace.

I think that we marvel at all of this stormy hell because we forget that man was born to raise hell. All of this wickedness and evilness is natural to the human nature of man. In other words when we read of the hell that men are raising around the world we shouldn't expect anything more, for we are born to raise hell.

For we are born of sinful parents and shapen by a sinful environments. This subject came as the results of reading and article in the paper about a month ago where Richard Speck was up for parole.

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"THE LORD'S VOICE CRIETH UNTO THE CITY" Micah 6:9.

Today if you will hear his Voice harden not your hearts heb.5:7. As an elect of God, Holy and beloved, then you have bowels of mercy, kindness humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing and forgiving one another in lowliness of heart. To possess these Virtues is what required by the Father, who maketh his angles spirits and his ministers a flame of fire heb.1:7-Col. 3:12. Jesus said: Matt.11:29. "take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart and you shall find rest unto your souls.

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the Earth. Jesus meant the new Earth, for Rev. 20:11 the Earth and the Heaven fled away and there was found no place for them. Rev.21:1, and I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth for the first Heaven and the first Earth were passed away. So, this gives us to know that the meek only in the Lord shall inherit the Earth. (New Earth)

There are many ministers and pastors who who know more of the scriptures than this humble person, but, they refuse to preach or teach the truth to their congregation and causing God's little ones to be lost. But, hear this: their blood shall be required at your hand. These preachers will not obey the Word of God, neither will they teach others to do so. A minister of Gods word, must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves if God will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will IITim2:24, 25. You who God have called to carry his word, You who are ministers of God's house, You who are over-seers of God's people, you who stand in the Bishop-rick, and any of you who fail to tell God's people the truth, nothing but the whole truth, is already in danger of hell fire. Now why would you lose your soul to keep an unbelieving congregation, or to keep a piece of property that you can not take with you, or to hold on to prestige of being Elder big or Rev. big or even the biggest of your kind in town.

Remember, Hell has enlarged itself to hold all the Biggies. Why would you gamble with the devil, thinking you will hit the Jack-pot with God, and he will save you and take you into his kingdom from your dying words on your dying bed oh! What a chance to take. Why don't you be fore-warned while there is life in your body. Do you know for sure that your name is not next on the obituary list. Let us obey God now and for - ever - more. AMAN.