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And now for 5616, Raising Hell part one.

Nathaniel Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word. And today I begin a series. I was out of town and actually I was talking with one of my managers dealing with the situation and oftentimes you know in business situations come up and I just had an inkling to have the manager to listen to last Sunday's sermon which was Get Out of the Middle part three. But then I heard God impress upon me, you go back and listen towards yourself. And as I went back to listen to it, when I got to a particular phrase, God then spoke, that is your next subject. I said whoa. He said, that is your next subject. So, I speak to you today people part one of the subject, Raising Hell.

Raising Hell. I know that's interesting and it's a subject which you won't forget because all of all have heard and this don't look so sharp. It's in the Bible almost 60 times. But I understood as I heard God speak it because the series Get out of the Middle dealt with getting out of the middle because the middle and the lower end headed straight to hell. Jesus says, wide is the path that lead us onto destruction and many thereof that shall enter, but narrow is the way that lead us onto life and few there be that find it." So, hell by Jesus' own word has this huge road and this huge number of people going to it. But yet in modern preaching, we don't talk about hell much anymore. We even wonder does hell really exist, you know is it dead or we really going -- we like to talk about the good stuff and we had become often a church of just good feeling, good talking, good stuff, and when you read through the Bible, its got a lot of good news in it, but it has got a lot of rough stuff in the Bible. Most of the time when God sent a word, that stuff was rough. It was corrective, he sent some destruction There's some rough stuff in the Bible and we had become so sanitized now that we even wonder does hell even exist. And the old style preaching was there was a

heaven to strive for and there was a hell to shun and we negated often both of them. If we believe in angels by corollary, we must believe in demons. One can't exist without the other. And see, we always talk about you know, yeah the angel, what did the angel. What if the angels and demons both exist? You can't just believe in angels and just discount demons, they both exist, but oftentimes we want to ignore truth and we want to ignore God's Word and we want to just look at just the bright side and ignore the stuff. And even as I was driving yesterday, I was led to listen to one of my old sermons called, Holy Ghost Lockdown. Stuff I've forgotten about. For God had told me, yes, I have angels surrounding you but the other one had sent some angels too. And it felt there were four angels sent by Satan that was with me and he named the purposes of those four angels and as I listened to and I said, my, I had forgotten all about it. Those angels haven't gone anywhere. If you want to know, just go listen absolutely free Holy Ghost Lockdown. That sermon was a serious thing that shook me even. People, hell is real and just as Get Out of the Middle dealt with when Jesus said the Kingdom of God is within and then Paul says, the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Well, if the Kingdom of God is within, where do you think the Kingdom of Satan is?

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If the Kingdom of God is within, where do you think the Kingdom of Satan is? Now, I do believe that there is a physical heaven and I do believe that there is a physical hell, but as it is on earth, so it is on heaven. The other spiritual (00:05:22) the universal principle that goes, as it is above so it is below. If as it is in heaven is true, then what about as it is in hell? You see, when you really look at even what the Bible say about about Satan. Satan is a defeated foe. But that's in the future. He is a defeated foe, but Satan being the mess out of some of you all right now. It's like (00:05:53) as my old pastor used to say. He always would tell the story of Max Schmeling and Joe Louis. And it was back in that old day when Joe Louis and they were in the ring battling and when Max Schmeling got to his corner, his trainer has said, "Man, Max, he didn't even hit you yet. He didn't hit you yet!" And then so he got back there, run a few more rounds, Max got back his corner, blood streaming out everywhere and he said, "Man, go back, he didn't even hit you

yet.” And Max turned around to his trainer, he said, “Look man, you better watch that referee because somebody is knocking the hell out of me.” The point is, the devil maybe a defeated foe, but the devil is raising hell in some of your lives and that’s why the series Raising Hell. See, we bring down heaven on the inside of us, there is a light of Jesus but there’s also the darkness of the devil. And we sometimes literally raise hell up from the netherworlds and bring this up into our life and we don’t understand the mechanism. See, you’ll never be able to cure a disease until you understand the mechanism of the disease. You got to understand how are we raising hell and see, the devil is still more dominant in this earth than God is, the Bible says that.

First John 5:18, “We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.” And that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. “We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.” So, the evil one controls the whole world and we are in the world but not of the world theoretically and I have to put that theoretically in there because Satan is knocking some of us to pieces. He is buffeting us, he is beating us and in so many of our lives he is winning. That’s evident by Jesus’ statement, “Wide is the path and many thereof go in them.” A of fact Jesus even call all of the Pharisees of that day, sons of Satan. Those were all the preachers. So, need not think that Satan is not in the church. When he tempted Jesus, he took Jesus to the top of the temple. You know in the movies; Satan can’t go on holy ground. That’s the movies. He went to the top of the temple. So, Satan is buffeting not only the congregation, he’s tearing up the preachers in the pulpit. You look at most preachers they’re going through. So, it’s not Satan is real and that isn’t no weak boy and you got understand there was a war in heaven and a third of the angels were cast out. Look, war only occurs when you have a sufficient opponent to cause war. See, if it’s just a man -- you know, you can just point me and just blow his head off. That isn’t war, that’s assassination, that’s an execution. War is when you have a sufficient opponent. Satan gave God a hassle. It was a war. You don’t have war when you

just got all the power and the other man got no power and you can just blow him away. That's not war. There was a war in heaven. Satan is no weak fellow and you cannot underestimate him because he controls the world.

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You don't underestimate anybody who controls the world. That's a bad boy, and with so many of our lives were raised in hell. Now the traditional meaning of raise in hell, that's just somebody who's just (00:10:16), making a whole lot of fuss. No, no, no. That's not what I'm talking about. I'm talking about all of the fruits. See, there's fruits of the spirit, but there's also fruits of Satan. I'm talking about all of the fruits of Satan that's manifesting in lives and Satan is raising hell in so many of our lives, and we don't understand how he's raising hell. And I'm not talking about folk outside of the church. I'm talking about Christian folk. He's raising hell in the houses, he's raising hell in the bodies, he's raising hell in the mind, he's raising hell in the spirit. Satan is raising hell in the Body of Christ. He always had, and he always will. He got the first man and woman. One but two and he got those. One but two, so that's a bad boy. That's one of the first rules of war is know your enemy. Do not underestimate Satan. He is a defeated foe, but he isn't defeated yet. And he's still going to take most of the folk with him when he is defeated. He has taken most of the folk home. So, if you don't want to be on that wide path going home to hell, you got to understand what raising hell is all about. And you got to be able to combat it and to deal with it. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, to kill and to destroy. That's his whole purpose, and he wants every good thing in your life. Stolen, destroyed and dead. The thief cometh only to do those things.

In the C.S. Lewis book, called the Screw Tape Letters, it is the story of an older demon. And C.S. Lewis is one of the greatest Christian writers of all times. We actually went to see the play called the Screw Tape Letters. And it's a story of an old demon who's training a young demon how to conquer Christians. And one of exerts from the book says, you will say that these are very small sins and doubtless like all young tempters, you're anxious to be able to report spectacular wickedness, but remember, the only thing that matter is the extent to which you separate the man from God. It does not matter how small the sins are, provided that their cumulative effect is to keep them man away

from the light. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick. Indeed, the safest road to hell is the gradual one, the gentle slope, soft underfoot without sudden turnings, without milestones, without sand post. Satan turns you so slow that you don't even know you're turning. That's why he was the most subtle creature in garden. And so, we expected Satan to just show up, you know, breathing fire, horns all along his head. Oh, no, no. That rascal is smooth. He isn't going to show up like that. Satan is going up sharp, good looking. When Satan show up, some of it went to you and it's not fear. Satan shows up as the tempter, Satan shows up as something that you desire, something that you want. In order to bargain, to buy your soul, he's got to have something to sell you. He was the most subtle creature in all of the garden. Subtle means that he was smooth that he could do things and you didn't even realize what was being done. Satan gets most folk, and they don't even realize that they've been gotten. They're turning so slow or it feels so good, that they'd say how can this be wrong and it feels so right. Satan is good, that's a bad boy.

You all notice Satan. Don't look at me like I'm crazy. You all know the feeling. Satan is a bad boy. Do not underestimate him, because if you underestimate your enemy, you will lose the battle. That's a bad boy, and you need every weapon that you can get to deal with Satan. Because the closer you get to God, the more he will dispatch his angels to detour you and to destroy you and to kill everything in your world raising hell.

In Luke chapter 16 beginning at verse 19, "there was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. But at his gate, lay a poor man named Lazarus, whose body was covered with sores, who longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table. In addition, the dogs came and licked his sores.

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Now the poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham side, the rich man also died and was buried, and in hell as he was in torment he looked up and saw Abraham far off with Lazarus at his side. So, he called out "Father Abraham have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip to tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue because I am in anguish in this fire. But Abraham said, child remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus life was bad things, but now he is

comforted here and you are in anguish. Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so and no one who wants to come from there to here can do so.” So, the rich man said “then I beg you father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, for I have five brothers to warn them so that they don’t come into this place of torment.” But Abraham said “they have Moses and the prophets. They must respond to them.” Then the rich man said, “no Father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.” He replied to him, “if they do not respond to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

Now biblical scholars’ debate about whether this is a literal story or whether it is a parable. I don’t know, half and half between the scholars. It’s generally not believed that this is not the same Lazarus that was raised from the dead but another Lazarus. Whether it was a parable or whether it was a true account, it doesn’t really make a whole lot of difference.

Jesus was telling us some principles about raising hell and staying out of hell so that you don’t raise hell in your life. There was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen who feasted sumptuously every day, but at his gate was a poor man named Lazarus whose body was covered with sores, who longed to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. In addition, the dogs came and licked his sores. Number one about raising hell, the rich did not help the poor. The rich did not help the poor.

When you truly study Sodom and Gomorrah, the real reason why Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed was not do to homosexuality. That was not the reason. Do you want to know the reason? I dealt with that in the sermon called the Ten righteous. You can go listen to it absolutely free. It explains the real reason Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by God. Lazarus was at the man’s gate, he needed two things; he was hungry, he needed food and he needed health care. And the rich did not want to provide neither food nor health care. Sound familiar? Stuff doesn’t change. The principles of spirit do not change. One of the ways and when you go back and you listen to Holy Ghost Lockdown, of the four angels that Satan had sent against me, two of those angels were greed and selfishness. They’re weapons of Satan. And see, we can be selfish and we can be greedy sitting up in church looking fine all day long. It

has nothing to do with how you look in church, but it allows hell to raise in us. And see, we think that well just because I don't help my brother, just because I'm stingy, that has nothing to do with my salvation. That's why Jesus gave you the parable or the story. See, it didn't say that the rich man did anything morally wrong. It didn't say about he was out killing folk, didn't say he cheated anybody, didn't say he stole, it didn't have any of that. It didn't have any of that in there. It didn't say he did anything that will be considered morally wrong. He was just stingy and greedy and did not help the needy. So, here is the first principle about keeping hell from being raised in your life. Because so many of Jesus' parables dealt with the rich not being able to get in heaven. When you go look through all of Jesus' stuff, he had a lot of stuff about that. You know, the rich man who built bigger barns, the rich young ruler; it's hard for a rich man to enter in the Kingdom of Heaven as camel the eye of a needle. He gave his parables. Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened onto a treasure hidden in a field of which when a man has found, he hideth and for joy thereof, go out and selleth all that he has and buyeth that feel.

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Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to a merchant man, seeking godly pearls who, when he had found it, one pearl at a great price, went and sold all that he had. It's about the rich basically giving up all he had to get the Kingdom of Heaven. The problem with that -- you all say the problem. Because there's a real problem with that. The problem with that is all of us what want to be rich; bottom-line. How many of you don't want to be rich in this room, raise your hand? No hand is going up; good. No liars in the room, that's good.

The problem is all of us want to be rich, that's just the reality of it. I had scoured that New Testament trying to find a loophole. I can't find. It's just not there. Jesus never promoted it, never pushed it. I don't care how we try to twist it, slice it and move it around; Jesus just never said. He basically said, "Rich folk will have a difficulty getting into heaven; bottom-line, problem is I'm rich myself. Now, I may not have a hundred million dollars but the point is, I have an abundance of material stuff. That's that the true definition of being rich when you got an abundance of whatever you need. I've got an abundance of whatever I need.

For those of you who got their problem, I did preach a sermon called “How The Rich Can Get Into Heaven.” You need to go and listen to that sermon because I have no desire to be poor. I’m not planning on getting poor to get into heaven. So, I have to figure out how am I going to get into heaven because I don’t want to be raising hell, and that’s a point about life and our afterlife, and how God has what he has planned for us. So, there’s some other keys that I’m going go into you dealing with just raising hell and how to get Satan out of your world and how to get hell out of your life and out of your spirit.

I had even an instance where I was dealing with a manager and he was talking about hiring a new person and they we’re coming from another job and he was asking me about what about this other person? Give me some of the background because I never met them. He said, well they got a good work record but they said the job where they had, they’re just living in pure hell on that job. I said, well, to tell you the truth and all of my experiences generally when a person is in hell on one job, they bring that hell with them. And almost every hell is internal to the folk, and generally, if he got hell on that job, when he comes over to our company, he’s going to bring that hell with him, and it’s not going to be but six months before he is going to he is hell there too because the hell is on the inside just like the heaven and the people carry it with them.

It’s like a relationship. Generally, you get one person that had been in one relationship to get out of it, give them about six months to a year, the same stuff that was in there their old relationship, now in the new relationship because one the other person is inside. So, if you don’t get heaven in you, you won’t be void; that’s the principle of the demons when the house was cleaned up, went to and fro, came back and found a cleaning garnish and brought back seven more worse. You won’t stay empty, something is going inside of you. So, you will either have the Kingdom of God or you’re going to be raising hell; one of the two.

So, as we go into this series, we’ll deal with some things that will first of all make us aware of the technics and the

mechanisms of Satan, so that we don't raise hell in our lives, like so many do. Like that white robe that is headed to destruction. We got to get out of the middle, be on the narrow road, on the narrow path to life because he came to bring us life, and to bring us life more abundantly.

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