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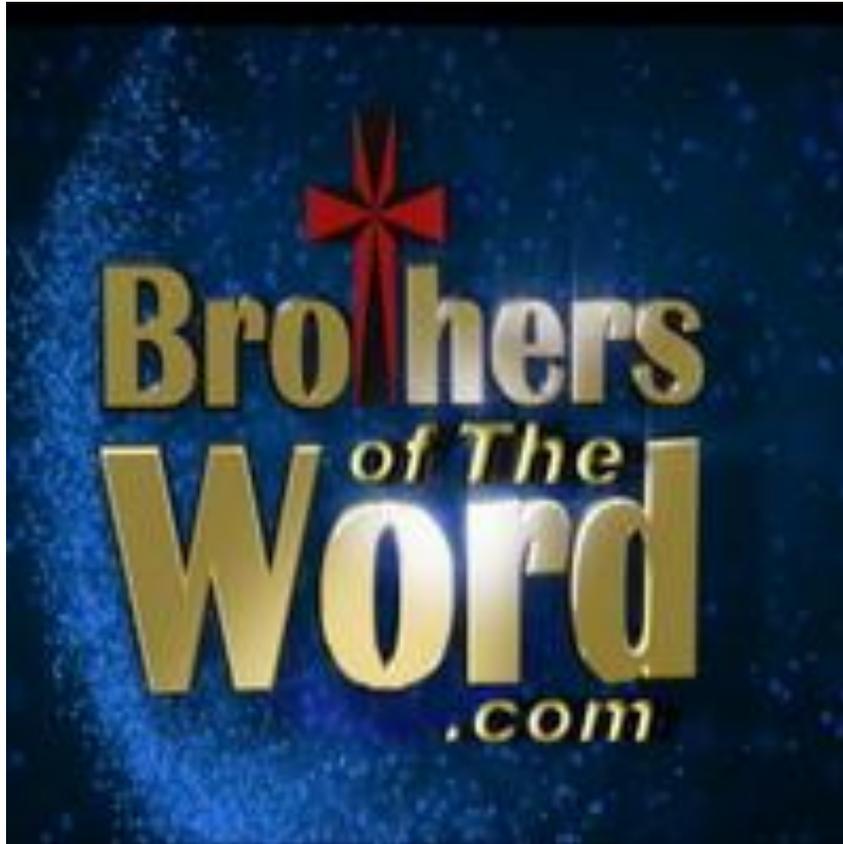
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And now for 5618, Raising Hell part three, The 8 Things of Lazarus.

Nathaniel: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word. And today we're going to be dealing with part three of the series simply called "Raising Hell." Raising Hell: the 8 things of Lazarus. And just to give you a brief recap; part one, we talked about how Jesus said the Kingdom of God is within, and Paul said the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy and the Holy Ghost but what and where is the Kingdom of Satan, and just as the Kingdom of God is within, so is the Kingdom of Satan. Heaven as it is above, so it is below and we raise that which is down below in hell up to as just as we bring the things that are in heaven down to. So, the series begin with "Raising Hell" because often in our lives, we raise the hellish and demonic things of Satan and the devil straight up into our lives. And a lot more people according to Jesus in the Bible are going to hell than heaven; and that was part one.

Part two talked about the rich man; the covetousness spirit and how the rich man had all this on earth but once he got to hell and looked up, that he wished that he could tell his brothers about it, but it was too late. The main scripture that have used is the only scripture where Jesus gives us any kind of brief description on anything going on in hell other than the flames of hell and that it's hot, and that's Luke chapter 16 beginning at verse 19 and this becomes our foundational scripture for the series.

"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. Now, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's 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 call out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the 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 likewise bad things; but now he is comforted here and you are in anguish."

Today, I want to primarily talk about Lazarus. Now, this Lazarus is not the Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead, it's another Lazarus. So, I want to spend today's message just focusing on Lazarus and with Lazarus, eight things was described about Lazarus. So, this message's subtitle Raising Hell but the eighth things of Lazarus.

Now, Lazarus and his eight things; eight is the number of new beginnings, but yet Lazarus was going through some pretty rough times on earth. And there are more of us who could perhaps identify with Lazarus than we can with the rich man who just had an abundance of just everything. More people can identify with Lazarus than they can with the rich man. Lazarus had eight things described about him. Number one; he was laying at the gate of the rich man. Number two, he was poor. Number three, he was named Lazarus. Number four, his body was covered with sores. Number five, he longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Number six, the dogs licked his sores. Number seven, he died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. And number eight, Lazarus received likewise his bad things in life.

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Supposed you're Lazarus, supposed you're going through some stuff right now and you just feel like you have just received some bad things in life. Did you all ever felt that you just received some bad things in life? I know what we

preached about focusing on the good and all of that, but sometimes, you just feel like life has just dealt you some real bad stuff, and then you see other folk, like the rich man and look like they just go it all. Do you all know folk like that? Look like they just got it all. Don't like they have any problems, no issues, got plenty of everything, and yet here you are struggling, suffering, going through some inner turmoil that sometimes even the folks close to you don't even know you're going through and you wonder why have I been dealt this hand. You feel like Lazarus much more so than the rich man and yet, when we feel this way, the Bible says, likewise, Lazarus received his bad things in life.

See, the last sermon talked about when you were in the rich man's position but what do you do when you're in Lazarus' position? What do you do when you got all of these eight things going on in your life when your body is covered with sores, when you're lying at the gate of the rich man, when he dogs licking your sores? What do you do then? It's easy perhaps to talk to the rich man because you can easily see how the rich man ought to be happy, you can easily see how the rich man ought to give, you can easily see what the rich man but what do you do when you're Lazarus? What do you do when you're knocked down, beat up, stomped on and spit on? What do you do then? That's the situation that so many live and reside with these eight things of Lazarus and the new beginning, how do you do that? Has anyone ever done that? When you know history, you'll find that history is full of examples of those who have overcome would be seemingly impossible odds.

Brother Ivan is our master minister of music and if you ask the music critics through the ages, who has been the most awesome musician in all of history? One name rises to the top more than any other, and that's Ludwig Van Beethoven. Many of you don't know Beethoven's music but anyone who is anywhere close to a music student is familiar. They have to study Beethoven. He was considered the master of masters.

Music in itself is a symbolism of the new beginning. There are seven notes in music and as you reach the end

of those seven notes as you get to the eighth note it begins a new octave all over again. So, music itself based in the principle of eight being a new beginning just like the days of the week; once you reach the end of seven days of the week, the eighth day, you begin a new week. So, there's something about these eight things of Lazarus that's allowing us to learn how we can get a new beginning with things but yet even dealing with music and the greatest of what the critic say is the greatest musician in all of history Beethoven.

Beethoven's first teacher was his father who was extremely strict and Beethoven was beaten frequently for failure to practice correctly. He was beaten so bad that his mother began protesting to his daddy about beating Beethoven so bad. When that happened, the daddy then began to beat the mama. Now, this was long before the day when if a man slapped a woman, the woman could call the police. There weren't no police to come to the woman's aid. As a matter of fact, they had the rule of thumb. Do you all know what a rule of thumb came from? The rule of thumb came from a few hundred years ago. The rule of thumb meant you could not beat your wife with a stick bigger than your thumb. That's where the rule of thumb came from.

So, in Beethoven's time, there was no protection against domestic violence. So, when Beethoven's daddy began to beat Beethoven viciously and his mama began to protest, the daddy began to beat the mama and Beethoven made a vow then, he said "I'm going to practice right to keep my daddy from beating my mama." The greatest man in all of music and this was the motivation that made him practice. "I'm going to practice right to keep my daddy from beating my mama." And then at the age of 20, Beethoven began to lose his hearing, so that before he left his 20s, Beethoven composed some of his greatest symphonies and his greatest work and he was completely deaf.

The greatest musician of all history couldn't hear, not a note, was practicing hard to keep his daddy from beating his mama and couldn't hear a note.

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Lazarus, seemingly impossible odds. How you're going to compose something? You can't hear. How you – Brother Ivan, we deal with sometimes the music is not loud enough and the notes are clear enough, there's not enough bass. How are going to compose something you can't hear a thing? All of the music is off. You play a piano and you cannot hear a note. It's got all clear. How are you going to do that?

I'm educated as a scientist and the most respected scientist to life today is perhaps Stephen Hawking. He is in his early 70s right now, but he was supposed to be dead at 20 because he has a debilitating neuromuscular disease and most of his major works, Stephen Hawking did in a wheelchair and he wasn't just in a wheelchair, he couldn't talk. He could barely move. All of his communication had to be done with a computer that he had to manipulate with just his head. So, how do you create gravitational and cosmology theories of the universe to be considered as perhaps the greatest scientist and the greatest thinker and you can't even talk? Can't get out of your wheel -- Lazarus situations and some of us were in that situation where we feel like Lazarus lying at the date of the rich man. Body and life covered with sores and we were wondering how do we deal with this kind of thing. How do we handle it. What do we do. First, he was lying at the gate of the rich man. The Bible never says that Lazarus couldn't walk. So, the first thing that I tell those on a Lazarus condition is to get up. He was lying at the rich man's gate. First thing you need to do is to get up. You need to do like a prodigal son and see, the prodigal son who would spit on and sometimes people, we make some big booboos. Well, like one man say, he say "I rarely make a mistake, but when I do, it's a doozy." So, sometimes we really make some doozies of mistakes and the prodigal son had spit on the head on righteous living and there he was on a pig pen. The first thing he had to do, he said he came to himself and got up. He was lying. Now, Lazarus went to heaven but I don't want you just to go heaven while you go to hell on earth. You need to have a little bit of the heaven here on earth. You don't need to just go through hell on earth and wait to get to heaven because you just might not get to heaven because just because you're in a Lazarus situation, that is no guarantee you are going to heaven at

all. At all. So, you need to try to get some heaven while you're here on earth.

First thing you need to do is get up. His body was covered with sores. Any nurse will tell you, what happens when you lie down too long. Any nurse will tell you, what happens when you lie down too long. If you lie down too long, that's why a person who is paralyzed and can't move in the bed, the nurse has to come in and they have to turn the person every so often because if you don't get up, your body wherever you lie will become covered with sores. So, the first thing you need to do is you need to get up. If God has granted you the strength to move and the strength to do, the Lazarus mentality has a tendency to focus on what we don't have. You can't do one thing with what you don't have. The only thing you can do something with is what you do have. So, first thing you need to do is get up. Second, he was poor, he was a beggar.

My father often said that, "son, I have been broke plenty of times but I have never been poor". Broke is a temporary condition, poor is permanent state of mind. Lazarus had a poor mentality. He was poor and I had found that you can't change a poor mentality with opportunity and you can't change it with money. I have given poor folk opportunity; I've given them money. You cannot change a poor mentality with opportunity or money. You can't do it. You can't do it. We had a person who made a phenomenal testimony at thanksgiving and they came into a huge amount of money and they said, a year ago somebody came into three times the amount they did and they're broke right now, and they're broke right now. You cannot change a poor mentality with opportunity or money. You have to change the mentality. You have to change the mentality. You have to change the mentality.

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You have to move from being a poor mindset. The mindset is what makes a difference, not the circumstances. The mindset makes the difference. So, if Lazarus was a beggar, he viewed himself as a beggar, he viewed himself as poor and you become what you think you are. What you see yourself as, you will become it. It's a principle that I've seen

a hundred times over. He saw he was poor. Don't you know you got a daddy who owns cattle of a thousand hills? Well, if you do and if you can see the richness of what God has truly graced you with, it will change the way you view and you are not poor, and you can't call yourself poor. you maybe broke, but that is a temporary condition. Poor is a permanent state of mind.

Number three, he was named Lazarus. The name Lazarus means "God is my helper." People don't you know God is there to help you? He is the greatest helper in the world, but this is where we make the error. He is our help. He is our help. He doesn't do it for us. He is our help. See, it's like (00:16:08) look, help me to move this couch. There's a difference. he is our help. What we want too often, we want God to just do it all. We want to lie there and say, "Lord, get me out this. Lord, lift me up," and you got the power to get up yourself. See, he is our help. He doesn't do it all. He is our help. He gives us the power. He gives us the strength. He'll give us the enthusiasm. He is our help but he doesn't do it all. He doesn't do it all. He helps us to do what we are supposed to do and we when we get to the point where we have done all we can do, there was a supernatural touch that – that's the help, but too often we just want a -- we don't just even sit down. You know, we're like this. Help me Lord. Lord, please help me. Lord just help me. You know my condition Lord. Just help me Lord. Please help me Lord. Just help me. I'm just in such bad shape. Help me Lord. This is what we want. He is our help. He does not do it all. He is our help. The name Lazarus means God is our help and when we do that which we are able to do, there was a supernatural breath of the Holy Spirit that comes in and empowers it and takes it to another level. That's why even with the business anointing, God had me hold a thing on New Year's Day at 8:00 o'clock in the morning because he know folk who are not serious will not get up and get there. He said, you got to be serious but that you can do. So, he will charge you to do that which you can do and he will handle that which you cannot do. His body was covered with souls probably because he was lying there, probably because he was lying there and when you don't do what God has empowered you to do, there is a price in the natural. That wasn't a spiritual thing, if you lie down all day long, you're going to develop bed sores. That;s not a spiritual

thing, it's a practical thing. So, his body was covered with it, and it does not say why it was covered with sores, it just was covered with sores. So, we have to understand, we got to get up and move and do what the power that we have, what God has ordained us to do.

Number six, the dogs licked his sores. Now to most people, this sounds nasty and horrible. It sounds like the lowest of the low, but it's not. If you ever studied veterinary medicine, you will understand that animals leak their wounds because the saliva of a dog is antimicrobial. You do the same thing. If you get a paper cut on your finger or you burn it on a hot stove, what's the first thing you do? Stick it in your mouth. That's the first thing you do. It is a soothing thing and if you've ever had a dog, if you've ever been licked by a dog, the dog's saliva is antimicrobial, so it's God's way of putting some (00:19:14) on it. How we view it is not how it is. So, the dogs coming to lick his sores was soothing and antiseptic. God will sometimes send a provision. When you have lain there and I've even done what you are supposed to do. He will send a provision to get you out of the mess, to soothe your mess, but it doesn't come the way you want it. It comes on a manner of a dog leaking your sores but it's the result. God knows the purpose of it. See, sometimes God will send your salvation, but it's just not the way we want. To everybody that thing sounded horrible what a dog licking his sore. No, no, no, no, no.

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If you ever study survivalist medicine and you have a dog with you and if you do cut yourself, two things you need to do with it. Number one, let the dog lick it as long. As long as the dog is healthy, it's antiseptic. Number two, you urinate on it. What? Yuck! May save some of you all life down the road because urine is sterile. It sounds horrible but if you've ever taken survivalist training and I have, if you've ever taken survivalist training, if you get hurt if you got a dog, let the dog lick it and if you can't urinate on it. It will sterilize the wound. But to the average person who doesn't know, this sound horrible. A dog licking my wound? Do you remember what happened to the blind man who had been there since birth? And Jesus came and spat in the dirt saliva and took the dirt

and put in on the man's eyes. Now, even if you were sick and if I came in and spat on you. You have to get proper (00:20:55) to defend me. You ought to be ready to beat me now. Because we often don't understand God's provisions, that dogs were a provision sent by God to help heal his wounds. And some of you, you got provisions that have been sent by God to heal your wounds.

Number seven, he died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. All of us go this way. They said the rich man died and was buried. Lazarus died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. Regardless of what we do in life, the real critical point is that point. Even if we mess up all the rest of the stuff, the real critical point is where we go once we leave this planet. And number eight, Lazarus received likewise his bad things in life. We're going to get some bad stuff in life but our heaven or our hell depends upon how we handle the bad stuff. You know, the Bible tells you that you're going to get some bad stuff. That's just all it is to it. It just tells you that. Job says you know, a man born of a woman is a few years and full of trouble. Psalms 90:10 says, "the length of our days is 70 years or 80 if we have the strength, yet their span is both trouble and sorrow for they quickly pass and we fly away." You're going to have trouble in this life. God has been dealing with me more and more that your true happiness, is inside. None of the stuff on the outside makes a difference. I'm not saying that it doesn't make a difference, but your true happiness is internal and if you don't understand that, you'll never have true happiness because people, there's always going to be stuff going wrong. It just always is. You can't stop it. There's always going to be something going wrong some kind of way, some way. It's just a human nature. It's just going to happen. Things may go right for a season but sooner or later you're going to have a hiccup. And if you depend upon this life to give you your joy, your peace and your happiness, you're going to be messed up because folk will let you down, circumstances will let you down, economies will go bad, all kind of stuff. You got to have that stuff on the inside of you. And God has been dealing with me more and more and more and more. You got to have peace on the inside of you regardless of what happens on the external circumstance. We're like Lazaro too many

times, but we got some choices. I want you to go into heaven, but I don't want you to have hell on earth, but that's going to depend on what's on the inside of you. Whether you got a dog licking your sores, whether you need to get up or whether you can't get up. If you can't get up, then you still need to give God glory. You can go to case after case after case after case of people who have overcome impossible odds just because they have viewed life differently. Lazarus means God is my help. He's my help, he is your help, and as long as we keep him in front and glorify him, listen to his voice and do what he says, we'll have heaven on the inside regardless of what happens on the outside. Thank you for joining as today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word.

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