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And now for 5617, Raising Hell part four, What Hell Sets On Fire.

Nathaniel Welcome to Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the Word. And today's message is the fourth and final part of the series called Raising Hell. And today's fourth and final part is subtitled "What Hell Sets On Fire." Just to recap part one, two, and three. In part one, Jesus said, "That the Kingdom of God is within, and Paul said that the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Well, if the Kingdom of God is within, what about the Kingdom of Satan? It is also within. And heaven as above so below if we bring heaven down when we have joy, peace, and righteousness. If we bring heaven down then when we have it opposite, we raise hell into our lives. And Jesus says that there is going to be far more people on the wide path to destruction than there will be on the narrow and straight path unto life. Part two, we talked about the rich man, and part three was called the eight things of Lazarus, and you don't have to have hell on earth even if you are going to heaven.

The main scripture in this series has been the only really scripture where Jesus gave any form of any description of hell other than it's hot and that scripture is Luke chapter 16 beginning in 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. 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 called 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.'" And we are going to focus today on the 24th verse of the 16th chapter of Luke. So, he called 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."

Now imagine yourself if you will in hell, in fire. The Bible actually doesn't say how hot hell is. People have oftentimes used the phrase that hell is seven times hotter than fire, but that's not really validated by the Bible. That really came from (0:04:04) heating up the furnace for Daniel and the other fellas. That came from that (0:04:10) in the book of Daniel. That came from that where (0:04:14) heat up the furnace seven times hotter than normal. There is no real description in the Bible of exactly how hot hell is. So, I don't know and I'm a scientist, I research how hot fire can get. (00:04:31) a smoldering cigarette is about 750°F, a candle is about 1,800, and a settling torch will hit 5,000 degrees. So, if I can range from a low of maybe 700 or so to a high of plus 5,000, but no matter how hot that is, that's hot. So, I don't want to try to split heads on trying to figure out exactly how hot the fire of hell is, because no matter how hot it is, the coldest fire will still burn you.

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The coldest possible fire is perhaps 400 degrees just on all of the ideal chemical conditions for something to go through combustion. The coldest you can possibly get is perhaps 400 under ideal conditions. So, even if hell has the coldest fire, it's still hot as hell.

So, the point is, even though we don't know how hot it is in a technical term, it is hot. And as I heard this man in hell, call up to Abraham and said, "Can you send Lazarus down to just dip the tip of his finger in water and put the tip of his finger on my tongue because I am in anguish." When you really think about that and I've got this logical left brain scientific side of me that thinks in a logical term. When you really think about that, that doesn't make any sense. I mean, here you are in fire, minimum 400 degrees, now, I worked out yesterday in our exercise class; we worked out for an hour. At the end of that workout class, I

was beat, I was hot, I was sweating, and it wasn't about 75 degrees in the room. It would do absolutely no good if I had asked someone, "look, could just go dip your finger in some water and just touch the tip of my tongue." That wouldn't help me and it went about 75 degrees. So, a finger dipped in water touching the tip, I needed a whole quart of water to cool me off and it went about 75. So, from a practical logical perspective, Lazarus dipping his finger in water and putting it on the tip of his tongue, the best that could happen in that. Now, you're hot as hell, you in the middle of a fire, the best that can happen with that is that it will just cool it for just a few seconds and it will about sizzle in. It will about (00:07:11). That wouldn't go help. So, even if he did do that, no person in their right mind who could make a request of someone in heaven – See, if you were in hell, if you were in fire, if it was 400 degrees or even 200 degrees, or even a 150 degrees, if you were hot, if you were burning up, if you were in anguish and you saw someone in heaven and you could make a request, if you could make a plea it would not be for them to dip their finger in a tip of water and come down to put that wet finger on the tip of your tongue. That absolutely under no logical stretch of the imagination would be your request.

As a matter of fact, what you would be asking is can you get me out of here. Can you get me out of here. Is there anything you can do? Is there anything I can do to get out of here? So, if you had an open communication with heaven, the very last thing that you're going to be asking for is a wet finger on the tip of your tongue. So, when I read this verse and analyzed it, I said no sensible man would ask for that. But then again, maybe no sensible man would be in hell in the first place. But since he was a rich man, he wasn't a stupid man. So, you can be rich and unspiritual but generally you're not going to be rich and stupid. So, he at least had a modicum of intelligence and no intelligent man is going to ask in the midst of hellfire, just dip your finger in some water and come down and touch the tip of my tongue. No intelligent man is going to ask that. So, I had to then see if he really didn't mean that, if that really wasn't the brunt of the story, then what is the real truth behind this thing? Often when Jesus gave a parable, the real meaning was three or four levels deep and you have to be able to have the revelation to understand the real meaning of the thing. It was not logical, just to cool off your tongue for a few seconds. If that wasn't the case, what was he really asking? When you look at spiritual

symbolism, water represents a type of spirit. The tip of the finger with either oil or water represents when you place it on a body part, represents an anointing. What he was really asking was can you come down here and anoint my tongue? Now, if you're in the middle of fire, the last thing you're thinking about is your tongue. Every part of you is burning up because the tongue is inside of the mouth.

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So, at least you can keep that shield a little bit. If you ever get hit with a blast of hot air, your eyes are the first thing to go to burning. So, it wasn't really his tongue from a physical perspective, he was speaking for those who can understand the revelation, he was speaking on a spiritual level. "Can you come down here and anoint my tongue? And this was a broader point, it's rather deep. With the right attitude and speaking the right words, even hell itself becomes more bearable. With the right attitude and speaking the right words, even hell itself becomes more bearable.

In the book of James chapter 3 beginning at the first verse the New Living Translation, "Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. Indeed, we all make many mistakes, for if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect." Let me read that again. "For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way." We can make a large horse go whatever we want by means of a small bit in his mouth. And the small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go even though the winds are strong. In the same way, the tongue is the small thing that makes grand speeches but a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. And the tongue, is a flame of fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body, it can set your whole life on fire.

This is the last line of these series of verses. "For it is set on fire by hell itself." For the tongue is set on fire by hell itself. Can you send Lazarus down here with an anointing of the Holy Spirit to place all my tongue for the tongue is set on fire by hell itself. And if we can understand this simple principle of what hell sets on fire. Hell in this world sets your tongue and your

words on fire. And that raises hell into our lives. And if we can control our tongue, we can control ourselves and our whole world.

The two warships with the largest full load displacement in the world are the U.S. Navy Aircraft Carriers the USS Nimitz and the Dwight E. Eisenhower. They both weigh over 90,000 tons, they are over 1,000 feet in length and have a speed well in excess of 30 knots with a nuclear power 280,000 horsepower reactors. Their complement is over 6,000 men and women. But is huge as these two ships are, they are both turned by one man controlling a little bitty wheel. A thousand-foot ship, weighing over 90,000 tons with 6,000 men and women over there on their ship, 280,000 horsepower nuclear reactors, got over 90 aircraft planes on it.

I took my sons to San Diego several years ago. They have an aircraft carrier, the Midway there that you can take a tour of. I mean, it took two hours just to walk around that aircraft. It's huge. But this big aircraft carrier is turned by this little bitty wheel. All of your life as big and as complicated and as much stuff as it is in it, all of your life is turned by this little bitty thing. The tongue is only three inches long. But they say, that a three-inch tongue can bury a six-foot man. It's small, but it is powerful. Transforming the tongue begins with a change in the heart. Jesus said, "but what comes out of the mouth, comes from the heart." And this is what defiles a man. The heart influences the tongue when it is full of anger, selfish, envy, pride and all the ugly stuff that conveyed our hearts. We are affected in everything that we do.

There was once some kids and they wanted to play a joke on their grandfather.

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So, he was asleep on the couch, and they took some all limburger cheese, then they rubbed the cheese in their granddaddy's mustache as he slept. And when he woke up, he said, "this room is stinking." And then he went into the kitchen, and he said, "the kitchen is stinking." He went in the bedroom, he said, "the bedroom is stinking." He walked out on the front door, stood out on his porch and then walked out in the street, and he said, "the whole world stinks." How we are with that tongue can cause our

whole world to stink. And usually, it is not external, it is internal. Justin (00:15:51) said, he said, “by examining the tongue of a patient, physicians find out the diseases of the body.” Philosophers find out the diseases of the mind and Christians find out the diseases of the soul by just examining the tongue.

There was once a woman and she went to the doctor to get a prescription and the doctor told the woman, “look, stick your tongue out.” She stuck her tongue out and the doctor wrote the prescription and finally wrote up and he handed it to the lady. And the lady then she put it and she said, “you didn’t even look at my tongue.” She said, “why did you have me stick my tongue out and you’re writing the prescription? And you didn’t even look at my tongue?” He said, “I had you stick your tongue out so I could write this prescription in peace.” Sometimes the power of our tongue can make the whole world sweet or the whole world stink. Just the power of our tongue, and so often that’s why the man, “if you can come down and anoint my tongue.” See, people even if you think right now you’re dealing with some hellish things, if you can just get your tongue anointed, if you can just get your tongue anointed. One of the man who I really admire is Victor Franco. He was a Jew who is actually a psychiatrist/psychologist who was in concentration camps back in World War II and he had done heavy studies of the mind, and while he was in that concentration camp, he said, “even though these circumstances surround me in this camp, they’re deplorable, they’re horrible, they’re beyond even human imagination, the turmoil and the torture and the human degradation that we have to go through in this concentration camp, it is beyond what most whatever imagine.” He says, “Yet, in the midst of all of this, he said, “there’s no reason for me to lose my joy.” And Franco said that regardless of what goes on around me, I’m not going to let this mean, nasty guards take my joy. And Franco began to see joy and beauty in every situation. All of his relatives, his wife, his brothers and sisters, all of his relatives were killed in the concentration camp. He was the only one to survive and in the midst of all of this stuff, Franco mentality begin to change and he began to be bubbly with joy. He became so bubbly, that the guards were coming to him to get counsel and to get advice. And they began to see this man, who they were starving, who they were working to death, who they were beating, who was going through extreme cold and extreme heat; they began to see this man going to all this and this. And they say, “look, we got it good and this man here, what is it

about him?" And they began to go and just share some of their issues with him and he became a counselor to the guards. All because he first made up his mind that he would not let his tongue become poisoned just because of his surroundings. And he wrote his first book called, "Saying Yes to Life In Spite of Everything." A psychologist experiences the concentration camp. It became known in English as, "Mans Search for Meaning." And in the midst of all of this stuff, he found joy. And one of the ways he found it, he said, as he was going through all of this, he would focus his mind on his wife and he would see his wife in every detail and he began to realize that love conquered everything. So, he would focus on his wife. Now, I know some of you all will say, "well, if I focus on my wife pastor, that's what's giving me the misery right now." You see, Franco, realized even though he was not a Christian, he was a psychologist.

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Franco realized that the real thing that can pull you out of any situation is love. And everybody needs something to love. And this is another brother point, to have nothing to love is hello. To have nothing to love is hell. And oftentimes we are in turmoil, we are distraught, we feel lonely because we don't have anything to love and we feel we don't have anyone who loves us. People, the people who go into the priesthood, those who go into being nuns, those who go into monks, they don't have relationship. At least they're not supposed to. And yet, they're some of the most joyous and blissful people because they said, we love God and God loves me. And when you have love, no matter what circumstance you're going through and when you can keep your mind focused, when you can anoint your tongue, when you can anoint your tongue it will change your world and it will get you out of hell. He didn't want his tongue cold for a couple of seconds, he wanted to be taken out of hell. And if you want to be taken out of hell, you have got to anoint your tongue. And you've got to anoint your tongue the way you speak some things.

The Bible mentions 12 kinds of tongues in Psalms and Proverbs. A flattering tongue, a proud tongue, a lying tongue, a deceitful tongue, a perverted tongue, a soothing tongue, a healing tongue, a destructive tongue, a mischievous and wicked tongue, a soft tongue, a backbiting tongue. And out of those 12 tongues, only three of the 12, soothing, healing and soft are good. And I want

to leave you with just this question and this will help you to galvanize and crystalize and see which direction your tongue is steering your life. Just this one question. If someone pay you \$10 for every kind word you said about people and collected \$5 for every unkind word you said about people, would you be rich or poor? If someone pays you \$10 for every kind word that you said about people and collected from you \$5 for every unkind word that you say it, would you be rich or poor? And the answer to that question determines your gateway into heaven on earth or hell on earth.

Male:

Amen. Amen. Let's give pastor another hand for that awesome message. And it is indeed an on-time word, the tongue is something that we all have to struggle to master. Even I remember believing with the last God (00:22:58) we had. After we had anointed all of the people, God impressed upon the pastor's heart that it was one more anointing that he wanted them to do and he had to bring everybody of an anoint their lips and God knew that what preceded out of the mouth was even causing sickness in some people. So, he had to change even what came out of the mouth. As he mentioned a body even the ships. As parents and spouses, we have to be careful even our houses are like ships and the words that come out of our mouth. We frame the house on that our children grow up there and frames the relationship that our spouse experience love and I wasn't even planning on telling this today, but even yesterday, even as a testament to this message. Waking up early to pray in, I went in and prayed in the closet and God impressed it upon my heart to write one of my sons a letter, and I went to the computer after later that day and to write the letter. As I started typing, he impressed upon me to hand write the letter. We get so used to typing now, we almost have lost the art of writing. So, I had to get out paper and hand write this letter. I told him I wanted to just encourage him and I had noticed the improvements that he made in several areas of his life and I named about six areas. I talked about how I saw him develop and how proud I was. I just told him that I loved him and was so proud of him that we was making these improvements even on his own. And I took a certain amount of money and I put it in there and I told him I just wanted to bless and because of how good he'd been doing and his hard work. And I went and put it on his bed. I'm not sure I'd ever seen him cry before, but when he got in and read it, he came and his mother said, "what's happening?" He had tears in his eyes.

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I reached out my hand just to shake his hand and he went past my hand and embraced me with a hug and it brought tears to my eye. Just the power words. It didn't cause me anything to let him know daddy was proud of him, to let him know that I loved him, that he was doing a great job. But it was worth more to him than if I had given him a brand-new car. So, analyze the words that you're using in your life with those that you love. Sometimes we will get old and get on our death bed and think about words that have hurt others. Words that we should've/could've said. Say them now while they're (00:25:46). While your tongue is still active and you're able to tell those that means something to you, that you love them. Some people that work so hard on our lives to help us the most, the ones we tell we appreciate the least. So, take this message to heart today. It's Christmas season, we get caught up in giving material things, worrying about the wrapping of gifts and buying. But I tell you, the greatest gift you can give somebody sometimes is not even what you can buy, but just telling them on what they mean to you and some quality that you see in them that'll encourage them. So, don't just listen to this message today, take the power of this little thing, called a "tongue." Amplify it and use it for good.

Nathaniel

We thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because I don't want you to go to hell. You need the Word but you need words flowing from your tongue that are sweet, that are edifying, that are upbuilding and that are Godly. Thank you for joining us today at Brother of the Word because brother, you need the Word. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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