

LOWRY SAYS "THE UNPARDONABLE SIN" MEANS RESISTING THE HOLY GHOST

Twelve Hundred People Wade Through Mud and Slush to Hear Evangelist's Sermon at the Tabernacle After Special Prayer Meetings Had Been in Session Almost Continuously During the Day—Fasting and Prayer for a Season.

LOWRYISMS. "To avoid criticism say nothing, do nothing and be nothing. ... "Repentance is taking God's part against sin and unrighteousness. ... "Listen, men, you can now if you will; but there is a time coming when you couldn't if you would. I warn you against resisting the Holy Spirit."

"There is a time we know not when, a place we know not where, that seals the destiny of men. ... "There are men in this town and community as certain of hell as if they were in hell now. ... "There will be no concern about the soul's salvation. The very fact that you are here and yet have no concern for your salvation shows that you have not yet stepped over the dead line."

Weather seemed to cause no diminution of the attendance or the interest in the revival meetings. After a day of fasting and prayer, more than 1,200 people gathered to listen with earnest attention to Mr. Lowry's explanation and denunciation of the unpardonable sin.

There was no quibbling nor hesitation. The message rang out in clarion tones and the line was drawn straightly between the "will" and the "won't." Mr. Lowry said:

The Unpardonable Sin. Text, (Acts 7:51). "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost, as your fathers did so do ye." These very plain words were spoken by Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost, to a council of religious leaders in Jerusalem.

"My theme for tonight is 'Resisting the Holy Ghost.' ... "People often speak of the unsaved as having quenched the Spirit but it is the Christian that quenches the Spirit. The unsaved cannot quench the Spirit for he has not the Spirit to quench. He resists the Spirit. There are two things implied in this text. First, that the Spirit does strive with men.

There is no power either in heaven or earth to save a man against his will. You say, 'How can one know that the Spirit is striving with them?' Well, there are a number of ways and oh, sinner friend, as I direct your attention to them give me your best attention lest you should resist the Spirit. Once the Holy Spirit is successfully resisted there is no hope for your soul. I believe the Word of God on this matter is summed up in the lines of Dr. Alexander:

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tain truths which at first stirred your souls, but you resisted it, and afterward you have been able to listen to the same appeals and be absolutely unmoved thereby? If so, you can safely conclude that thus far you have resisted the Spirit of God and you are just that much nearer the verge of an eternal doom.

"One may resist the Spirit by endeavoring to support error. You may take an erroneous position in respect to your soul's salvation and begin by excuses and arguments to support yourself in it, and you will soon come to the place where you will believe the very thing that you knew in the beginning to be a lie. ... "There are men in this community whom you have not seen at any of these meetings, neither will you see them at any other religious service until they attend their own funeral service, and why? It is simply because at some time they have resisted the Holy Ghost."

First, we do not know the strivings of the Spirit through the physical senses. It is not a form of physical struggle. It is not any force applied to the body. The Spirit does not operate through the physical literally forcing or urging us forward. ... "There will be no concern about the soul's salvation. The very fact that you are here and yet have no concern for your salvation shows that you have not yet stepped over the dead line."

"It is said of Thomas Marshall, the eminent statesman of Kentucky of a generation or more ago, that he was in early life a great mover by the power of God to become a Christian. He debated the matter. It occurred to him that if he should become a Christian he must become a minister of the gospel and this he was determined would not do, as he was determined upon the law and political success.

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neck shall be suddenly destroyed and that without remedy." How often I have seen this fulfilled in my short ministry as a gospel minister. Men who have resisted the Holy Spirit and then afterward, they were cut down suddenly. ... "Finally when a man has successfully resisted the Spirit it means certain damnation."

"I will now quote what are to me the sternest words found in this old Book. Listen—It is God speaking through His Word. (Prov. 1:24-28): 'Because I have stretched out my hand and no I have regarded, but ye have set at naught all my counsel and would none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity, I will mock when your fear cometh upon you. ... 'Men, you can now if you will, but there is a time coming when you can't if you would.'

He Would Not Come. "In D. L. Moody's early ministry in Chicago, one night, a man stood up in the little Mission church, whom he had been longing to see saved. ... "The afternoon prayer services at the several churches, including the Swedish, were all well attended."

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eternity. His wife afterward told Mr. Moody that his death was terrible. He simply repeated those same words over and over again. 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended and I am not saved.' As the sun was going down his life went out. As he was dying the wife noticed his lips quivering, he was trying to say something and she put her ear near enough to catch the last words which were the same lamentation. 'The harvest is past and the summer is ended and I am not saved.' Men, I say it again, you can now if you will but if you go on resisting the spirit there's a time coming when you can't if you would. How thankful you should be that you have concern enough left to be in this service tonight, which shows that you have not yet stepped over the dead line."

TABERNALE FIGURES. Attendance. Previously reported 50,100 Tuesday evening 1,200 Total 51,300. Converts. Previously reported 620 Tuesday evening 33 Total 653.

Revival Notes. The services of the day began with a sunrise prayer meeting at 7:45. During the hours fully 300 persons were present and a soul satisfying meeting resulted. Cottage prayer meetings followed, then a service at the Tabernacle from 10:15 until 12:30, which took the form of a testimony meeting.

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