

**TELECAST SERMON FOR
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"SOMEONE WANTS YOU FOR A VALENTINE"
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Thank you Jose!

We all need comfort, strength, guidance, wisdom, and solutions to the many and unending problems we encounter in our daily lives. What better way to address our human perplexities, than by seeking and turning to Jesus, our Lord and Savior, to fulfill those needs! I thank you for joining us in today's telecast. I sincerely pray, the Lord will touch your hearts, and the sermon I have readied for this telecast and entitled: "SOMEONE WANTS YOU FOR A VALENTINE," will be that important step in the right direction, which you seek.

Have you ever felt sorry for yourself because someone else received more valentines than you did? Or, have you ever felt sorry for someone who received just one valentine? Valentine's Day is a special day to us because it is especially wonderful to be loved and have people tell us so. Yes, love is displayed when one gives or receives a valentine.

But there is something more wonderful than receiving a valentine from a friend. It is to know that the heart of Jesus Christ is loving and large enough to take us all in and no one needs to be left out. Jesus came from the heart of God. He is God's valentine to us.

This is important because if ever we do not receive even one valentine, we shouldn't mind because we know that Jesus loves us. We know He loves people regardless of race, creed or color. God looks at the heart and not the outward appearance. There was a time when His disciples were afraid, and Jesus had to reassure them.

Let us read John 14:1, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."

Jesus knew that He was about to go forth to die, but instead of asking for help and comfort, He spent these last hours comforting His disciples. After He had talked with them, He prayed with them, and then, after they had sung a hymn together, He went apart to the Garden of Gethsemane from which He was taken by the soldiers and crucified.

The greatest thing that Jesus did to show His love was to die for us, that our sins could be forgiven. We deserve to be punished because our hearts are sinful. But Jesus made it possible for our hearts to become clean. He took our sins upon Himself, when He died on the cross. It was only through the shedding of His blood that there could be remission of sins from that moment forward.

Most valentines are heart-shaped. There are over 750 verses in the Bible that mention the heart. From these we discover that one's heart means one's whole self. And thus, we say, "I love you with all my heart." The heart thinks, feels, loves and acts. Viewers, did you know that your heart is YOU! When God says in the Bible, "Give me your heart," He is saying, "Give me yourself."

Your heart is like a house. It has a door, and Jesus wants you to open that door and let Him enter in, as we read in Rev. 3:20, "Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Our Lord Jesus pictures Himself at the end of the church age as outside the church (though not outside the true church of course). Even so, He is still willing to be gracious to all who are willing to let Him into their hearts. This gracious invitation is for everyone who will hear His voice.

Here, where He gives His final invitation, the time He calls "today" is just about over! Therefore, the day of your salvation has arrived, if you will but hear His voice and open the door of your heart to accept Him as Savior, Master and Lord.

We are a miracle of God's creation. Think of your heart: This rugged organ consists of a four chamber, four valve pump, which handles 5,000 gallons of blood a day, an amount that nearly fills a railroad tank car. The heart supplies the blood, essential to the body's circulatory system, which consists of 12,000 miles of vessels, and in the course of a lifetime, the heart beats two and one half billion times.

Though your body is a marvel of God's handiwork, it is your life which is far more wonderful, than the body's physical functions. Yes, we are each a masterpiece of creation, a spiritual and physical being made to share His glory and reign over the earth, if we so choose.

It's true, each one of us is a special creation of God. Believe it or not, no one else is just like you. Your physical appearance, your voice and personality traits, your good habits, intelligence, personal tastes, and your innocent childlike spirit, together, make you one of a kind. Even your fingerprints distinguish you from every other human being on earth, past, present or future. You are not the product of some assembly line: you are unique.

But the most important facet of your identity is that God created you in his own image. He made you so you could share in His creation, loving, laughing and knowing Him on a person to person basis. You are special, indeed!

We read Psalm 139:13-17, "For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lower parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them."

Our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life when we are born again. If we reject the Lord and His salvation, then our names are blotted out, and there is no salvation for us.

We read Heb. 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." In other words, after death there is no salvation, only judgment.

It is the heart that rules the world and it is governed by love, for faith worketh by love. The likes and dislikes of mankind rule the world.

We read in Prov. 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

The importance of the heart is stressed throughout the Word of God. It is from the heart that the mouth speaketh. The child of God is able to keep his heart with total diligence because within him the Holy Spirit lives.

We read I Cor. 6:19-20, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

The price is the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. How many of us realize how important it is to obtain a clean heart, when we remember that we cannot enter heaven without it? "Morality" will keep us out of jail, but it will take "Holiness" to keep us out of hell.

Jesus said, in Matt. 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." It always remains true that the poor in spirit, rather than the proud, are blessed, and those who mourn because of their sins, who are meek in the consciousness of them, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness can be sure they will be satisfied. The merciful and "blessed," the pure in heart do see God.

The wicked shall come to know Jesus as an offended judge. Let's take for example, "The Rich Man and Lazarus."

We read in Luke 16:22-24, "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; (Abraham's bosom meaning paradise.) And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

Thus, we see that hell is separated from Paradise by an impassable gulf, as we read in the 26th verse: "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

The word, Hell, is a translation of another word which speaks of a place where rebels against God are chained until the Day of Judgment arrives. This place is the deep, an abyss, a bottomless pit, a place of judgment. The Lord Jesus Christ has the keys, and finally they will be cast into the lake of fire, the second death.

The Lord warned men of the certainty of Hell, and He Himself provided the means of escape from that horrible destiny, when He assumed man's sins and punishment upon the cross of Calvary. Please note from this story, that Hell is an actual place of torment, wherein the rebels will still be able to think and feel there throughout eternity.

Saints and viewers in today's TV audience, I hope and pray that you have a good clean heart, because it is the only thing which is presently keeping you out of hell. Just imagine, anyone not saved is only one heart beat from hell. If one persists in his sins and is never born again of water and of the Spirit, and then, should he die in his sin, the very moment his heart stops beating, his soul will be in hell. Thus, we now find the rich man making a plea to the father, asking him to send Lazarus to his father's house.

We read verses: 28-31, "For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will

repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

Yes, Jesus who rose from the dead, Who went about doing good, preaching "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God," and healing all who were oppressed of the devil; was still rejected and crucified by the people.

No matter how moral or righteous we may be, Rom. 3:23, tells us, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." There is none righteous, no not one. The heart is desperately wicked and every imagination of the thought of the heart is evil continually.

We read Mark 7:21-23, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

The Lord Jesus presents, in logical order, the three forms in which sin appears: (1) in human nature--"out of the heart;" (2) in the human mind--"evil thoughts;" and (3) in human action--"adulteries, fornications, murders," etc.

Today, we are living in a generation when a person with brains is considered more important than a person with a good heart. This is one of the reasons the world is confused and upside down.

We read Rom. 10:9-10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, And shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Over 2000 years ago, there lived a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus, who had a heart of gold and was a ruler of the Jews. He was among the best of men in his community at that time. He was truly a religious man. He had attained great heights in the study of religion and lived a strict, devout life; in fact, he was a member of the select group called the Sanhedrin, which was virtually a religious supreme court.

However, he realized being religious was not good enough to enter into the Kingdom of God. He needed to be born again. There are many men today like Nicodemus. They live good, clean lives. They serve well in civic life; they are honest in business, they are good to their families; they even go to church and contribute to worthy causes. But let me tell you, that is not enough!

You can't rest your hope of entering heaven upon your own goodness or works. Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, and the Lord spoke to Nicodemus, like He is speaking to you right now, about the new Birth.

Let us read John 3:2, "The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."

Just as we can picture Nicodemus coming to Jesus, we should also see a similar picture, which would include the entire human race coming to Jesus. Nicodemus came by night because anyone caught consorting with Jesus was cast out of the synagogue.

Hence, here is Nicodemus, the religious leader, who slipped out under the cover of darkness to see Jesus. Under his long robe there was a heart, which was hungry for something better than what he had. Surely, Nicodemus was not satisfied with the rites and ceremonies in which he participated.

Jesus told Nicodemus, you have religion, position, and power. But unless you are "born again," you can not see the Kingdom of God. A man in this world may see the great sights of it, but if he has never been born again, he will never see the Kingdom of God.

We read in John 3:3, "Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

What Kingdom was Jesus talking about? There is a mineral kingdom where one finds all manner of stones and jewels. But God's Kingdom outshines even that. There is a vegetable kingdom, where one finds exotic trees, plants, and flowers, but God's Kingdom will be filled with beauty beyond that. Then there is the animal kingdom, as well.

However, Jesus had the following to say to Nicodemus, as we read in John 3:5, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." And in the 7th verse it reads, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

To be "born of water" is to be baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ. To be "born of the Spirit" means to speak in an "unknown tongue or language," which is the Bible's way of proving the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Nicodemus had never heard anything like this before. When Jesus used the word "born," Nicodemus could think of nothing but a physical birth. Thus, he questioned, "How can these things be?" I am an old man, can I go back into my mother's womb the second time and be born?"

With all his religious background, we can see that Nicodemus didn't understand the spiritual truths. The second birth is a spiritual birth, as we read in John 3:8, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

In other words, the work of the Holy Spirit in saving men is like the wind. It is from heaven; though it cannot be seen and its power and work can never be fully understood, it can be heard; it is very powerful, and finally, it gives life, and it was the breath of life, which made man a living soul.

Thus, we are informed that baptism is essential to salvation. Without proper baptism, it will be impossible to enter into the Kingdom of God.

The most essential element of water baptism is that it be consummated in the name of Jesus Christ, according to Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Without His name all water baptism is null and void. One who is born can't be unborn. I was born of my father and mother, and I'll always be their child, and since I am born of water and of the Spirit, I'll always be a child of God.

Acts 4:12 declares, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

There is no name in this world that is comparable to the name of Jesus! Yes, viewers, all you have to do is repent and receive Jesus as your Savior. You are only one heartbeat from hell! If you are still "in your sins," and have not been born again. Whether it seems logical to you or not, your eternal destiny depends on your acceptance or rejection of the Son of God, as we read in I John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Only one heartbeat from Hell! Do not rest your laurels in the false security of your own morality, or your own good works, or even your church membership. The salvation of your soul is of the utmost urgency. It is later than you think!

We need God's help, as we read in Titus 3:4-5, "But after that the kindness and love God our Savior toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Therefore, there is no time to lose! Don't lay aside this precious salvation until you have first realized your need of eternal forgiveness through Jesus and then having looked by faith unto Him, Who said in John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Today you can be one heartbeat from Heaven instead of one heartbeat from Hell. Therefore, examine your heart.

Once upon a time there lived a man in a house that was shaped like a heart. One evening while he was sitting on the back porch, a dirty tramp came up to him and asked if he could sleep in a corner of one of the rooms. The owner of the house said, "You may stay tonight but you must leave in the morning." The tramp agreed to do this. When the man asked the tramp for his name, he was told that it was Mr. Jealousy. When morning came, the tramp refused to leave, and asked to stay another night. Mr. Jealousy kept on staying at the man's house. One night Mr. Jealousy brought home some friends, Mr. Selfishness, Mr. Hate, Mr. Meanness, and Mr. Sin.

The owner of the house grew tired of his guest and friends and told them they had to leave. They said, "We will not leave." The owner of the house found the answer in the Bible! God's Word said that if he would let Jesus come into his "heart house," God's Son would make the other men leave, for they cannot live with Jesus. The man prayed and committed the "bad spirited hoboies" into the hands of Jesus. Jesus did come into the man's "heart house" and all the tramps left. Jesus brought His good friends with Him, Mr. Love, Mr. Joy, Mr. Peace, Mr. Goodness and Mr. Faith.

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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