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MATTHEW 22:37

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FOREWORD

Every one of us has heart trouble, the kind no cardiologist can find. In this message, preached in the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York, Billy Graham begins with the great commandment, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,” and asks one searching question: Is your heart right with God?

Dr. Graham shows that the heart, in Scripture, stands for the whole person: the seat of our emotions, our decisions, our belief and our life. Then, like a physician reading a chart, he sets out God’s own diagnosis of the human heart, which is sinful, deceitful, darkened, proud, idolatrous, stony and in danger of hardening like Pharaoh’s. But he does not leave the patient there. The God who ponders and weighs the heart also prepares it, opens it, cleanses it through the blood of Christ, and gives a new one.

His tone is warm and personal, drawing on his own angiogram at the Mayo Clinic, an evening in front of the television, and a little Sunday school girl’s wisdom about the pure in heart.

In preparing this edition, we have preserved the preacher’s message and wording. We removed time stamps and broadcast material, trimmed a few repetitions that belong to the spoken word, arranged the transcript into chapters with subheadings, and corrected punctuation, capitalization and obvious transcription errors so that it reads as a book.

Read these pages as a checkup of the soul. And if the diagnosis troubles you, take heart: the cure is a new heart, and God offers it freely.

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MAIN MESSAGE BEGINS HERE

CHAPTER 1

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

A CURE FOR HEART TROUBLE

Now tonight I want you to turn with me to the twenty-second chapter of Matthew's Gospel. And I want to speak on the subject "A Cure for Heart Trouble."

> *Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? And Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and the great commandment, and the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*
>
> **MATTHEW 22:35-40**

Think of it: all the law and all the prophets hang on these two commandments. I want to give you the Scripture text again so you can memorize it. It's Matthew 22: 37, 38, 39 and 40.

THE HEART COMES FIRST

And it's no mistake that Jesus made. He did it deliberately. He listed the heart first: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and all thy soul, and all thy strength."

CHAPTER 2

THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE

THE HEART OF NEW YORK STATE

You know, here in Syracuse, as you enter the city on I-690, there's a huge billboard announcing that Syracuse is the heart of New York State. And I believe it is. Franklin Roosevelt and the elder Roosevelt were associated worldwide with central New York.

And Bernard Baruch, who was one of the great philosophers, an advisor to six presidents, one of the most brilliant Jewish leaders in the country, and a friend to me, was once asked by Eleanor Roosevelt, "If my head says one thing and my heart another, which should I follow?" And Bernard Baruch said to Mrs. Roosevelt, "Follow your heart."

You see, your heart is the center of your life.

YOUR PHYSICAL HEART

You know, if you think about your heart, your physical heart, it beats a hundred thousand strokes every twenty-four hours. It contracts four thousand times an hour. Our blood weighs about twenty-five pounds, and all of it passes through the heart every four minutes.

MORE THAN A BODILY ORGAN

In Proverbs 23:7 the Scripture says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The heart is used throughout the Bible, and it is considered far more than a bodily organ.

It's the seat of our emotions. As boys, I remember, we used to write our initials and our girlfriend's name on trees or on the side of some barn, with a picture of

a heart. Valentine's Day is a day for sweethearts, and the symbol is a heart. When we become frightened or excited, we put our hands over our hearts. It's the center of our emotions. When we salute the flag—like we did the other day at the Rotary Club, when they were saluting the flag and singing "The Star-Spangled Banner"—or when we say some of the great patriotic things, we put our hands over our hearts.

The heart is also the seat of decisive action. The Bible says, "The fool hath said"—not in his mind, but "in his heart"—"There is no God." And the Scripture says in Proverbs 4, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

The heart is the seat of belief as well as the basis of doubt. Christ said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, and murders, and adulteries, and fornications, and thefts, and false witnesses, and blasphemies."

CHAPTER 3

IS YOUR HEART RIGHT?

SOMETHING WRONG WITH OUR HEARTS

But you have something wrong with your heart, and I have something wrong with my heart. Our hearts are diseased by a disease the Bible calls sin.

You see, the heart is also the seat of life. The Bible says your heart will live forever. Think of it: your body is going to die and go to the grave, but your heart—your soul, your spirit—will live forever. A thousand years from tonight it will still be alive.

GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART

When God looks at man, He doesn't look at the color of his skin, the kind of clothes he wears, or his social position. The Bible says that out of the heart—of a black person, or an oriental person, or a white man or woman—out of the heart are the issues of life. And no physician on earth can tell one from the other. We're all alike in the sight of God.

The Bible says, "Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks upon the heart." And in the Scriptures the heart is considered the symbol of the entire person.

"HERE IS MY FORTRESS"

When Stephen Colonna fell into the hands of his assailants, and they asked him in derision, "Wherein now is your fortress?" Stephen placed his hand over his heart and said, "Here is my fortress."

Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf and dumb, wrote, “The best and most wonderful things in the world cannot be seen or touched, but are just felt in the heart.”

You see, the heart has come to stand for the moral, spiritual and intellectual life of a person. It’s the seat of a person’s conscience and life, and it’s extremely important.

THE QUESTION TONIGHT

And the question I want to ask you tonight is this: Is your heart right? Is it right with God? Because if it’s not right with God, your sins are not forgiven. You’re not going to heaven when you die. Our hearts have to be right.

I do not ask about your outward life. I don’t ask about your intellectual life, or your financial status, or your social life. I’m asking about your heart. What about your heart? Dig deep into your heart tonight in your thinking. How are you toward God? Are you right with God?

The Bible says, “Prepare to meet thy God.” And before you can prepare to meet God, your heart has to be right, and your heart has to be touched by the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 4

WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT YOUR HEART

SINFUL FROM BIRTH

Now, what does the Bible teach about the heart? The Bible teaches that our hearts are sinful. Mine is; yours is. We're born with it from Adam and Eve. It's passed on from generation to generation.

FULL OF EVIL IMAGINATION

And the Bible says, first of all, that our hearts are full of evil imagination. Proverbs 6:18: "A heart that deviseth wicked imagination." What do you imagine? What are your fantasies? What do you fantasize about?

DESPERATELY WICKED

And then, secondly, the Bible says the heart is desperately wicked and deceitful. Jeremiah 17:9: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

That's your heart. That's what the Bible thinks of your heart. That's what God thinks about your heart and my heart.

FAR FROM GOD

The Bible says the heart is far from God, in Matthew 15: "This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoreth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me."

How many of us go to church and sing? How many of us go to church and listen to the clergyman? How many of us outwardly live a fairly good life, but our

heart is far from God? We don't have that experience with Christ in which He's in our hearts all day long, and we think about Him and pray to Him, and He's close to us. But He should be. And we're not bearing in our bodies and in our lives the fruit of the Spirit, which is love and joy and peace and gentleness and faithfulness.

A TREASURY OF EVIL

And then the Bible says that our hearts are a treasury of evil. In Mark 7, Jesus said, "For within, out of the heart proceed evil thoughts." Evil thoughts come from the heart. Adultery: you might commit adultery with your body, but it starts in the heart and in the mind. And fornications, and murders, and thefts, and covetousness, and wickedness, and deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride and foolishness. All these things, Jesus said, come from the heart.

So the most important thing in the world for you tonight is to be sure that your heart is right with God, and that you have been forgiven of all those things.

CHAPTER 5

DARKENED AND BLIND

DARKENED HEARTS

And how many today have darkened hearts? I'm sometimes absolutely amazed at their ignorance of the world. And their ignorance comes from the fact that they don't know God. They don't know the Bible. They don't know God's plan for the ages. And so they make so many mistakes, because their heart is dark, and Satan has blinded their eyes.

And many times I've talked to people who have very little education, but they know God. And they know more about what's wrong and how to right it than those people with all the brilliant education.

You see, there's something wrong with us that we don't recognize in the world in which we live. Our world is secular. Our world doesn't want to take into account that God exists, or that man is made in the image of God—that his heart is made in God's image and made for fellowship with God. And without God, it's dark.

You see, the devil darkens our understanding. Sin darkens our understanding. Sin paralyzes our will, dulls the conscience and defiles the heart.

UNBELIEVING AND BLIND

And then the Bible says we have unbelieving hearts. "Take heed, brethren, lest there be any among you with an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God"—Hebrews, the third chapter.

And then our hearts are blind. Ephesians 4: "Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." Our hearts are blind.

Would you like to have your heart illuminated by the Spirit of God? You that are watching by television can pick up that telephone and call that number on the screen right now. There's a counselor standing by, ready to talk to you about how you can have a new heart. Because He promises a new heart to all of those who put their faith and trust in Him, and you can do it right now. What a wonderful thing!

DECEITFUL AND PROUD

And then the Bible says our hearts are deceitful. "The heart is deceitful above all things." Think of it: above all things, your heart is deceitful. It deceives you. It deceives other people.

And then in Psalm 101 it says that our hearts are proud. "Him that hath a high look and a proud heart I'll not recognize," says God.

Then the Bible says our hearts are rebellious. "But this people hath a revolting and rebellious heart; they're revolted and gone."

THE BOX IN THE CORNER

The Bible says that our hearts are idolatrous. We think of other things more than we think of God. And anything that you think more of than you do of God becomes idolatry.

It may be that box in the corner of your room that we call television. You spend more time in front of the television than you do in the Bible—more time thinking about what you've seen on the television than you do in the Bible.

And sometimes I have to get down on my knees and confess that I've done the same thing. And I say, "O God, cleanse me and forgive me. I've spent too much

time in front of that screen tonight. I should have been reading and soaking up Your Word, and spending time in prayer for people in Africa and people in other parts of the world where there's so much hunger and so much homelessness and so much suffering."

STONY HEARTS

And then the Bible says our hearts are stony. "And I will take the stony heart out of their flesh." The Bible says our hearts are stony: hard, cold and barren.

That's your heart. That's what the Bible says. That's how God diagnoses your heart.

CHAPTER 6

A HARDENED HEART

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS

You go to a cardiologist to get diagnosed, and he puts instruments on you, gives you a stress test or whatever, or you take a cardiogram or an angiogram.

I remember the first time I had an angiogram, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. I was a little bit nervous about it, because people had told me, "Oh my!" and they had me nervous. And I lay there, and there were several doctors, and I said to the doctor, "When are you going to insert that tube and put that dye in my heart?" because they had a big screen up there. He said, "It's already in. Look up there." I didn't even know it when they did it.

PHARAOH HARDENED HIS HEART

The Bible also says that our hearts can be hardened. I was watching a little bit of *The Ten Commandments* the other night when I was home; they had it running on one of the stations. And I saw how Pharaoh hardened his heart.

In Exodus 7 it says, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hard. He refuses to let the people go." God sent ten plagues to soften Pharaoh up. The people of Israel were slaves in Egypt, and every time, he promised he'd let them leave Egypt. But he didn't do it. He broke his promise every time, and he hardened his heart.

THE LAST TIME

And let me tell you something. The Bible says, "He that hardeneth his heart, being often reproved, shall suddenly be cut off, and that without remedy." In other words, there will come the last time that you harden your heart, and it will all be over. There will be no more chance for you.

Because, you see, when you harden your heart, it builds a little ring around it. And the Holy Spirit may speak to you again, but your heart will be harder. It will be like Pharaoh's heart, getting harder and harder every time, until when God speaks to you, you can no longer hear Him.

What about you? Is your heart right?

CHAPTER 7

GOD WEIGHS THE HEART

HE PONDERS THE HEART

God takes our heart out and ponders it. Think of the Almighty God studying your heart! “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the heart”—Proverbs 21:2.

The Scripture says, “If thou sayest, Behold, we know it not; doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? and He that keepeth thy soul, doth not He know it? and shall not He render to every man according to his works?”

He knows your heart. He studies it. You can’t fool Him. You can’t hide. He knows all the secrets. How do you stand before God? Is your heart right with God?

HOW MUCH DO YOU WEIGH?

Then the Bible says He weighs the heart and tries the heart. What do you mean, He weighs the heart? Well, He weighs your heart by the Ten Commandments. He weighs it by the Sermon on the Mount. He weighs it by the great law that we just read. He weighs it by the life of Christ. He weighs it by the teachings of Scripture on the way we ought to live. He weighs your heart. How much do you weigh?

THE BLOOD

But there’s something else. All the way through the Scriptures we read about the blood of Jesus Christ. Somebody said, “Don’t you think that the Scriptures have too much about blood?” Some have called it a slaughterhouse religion. There is a lot about blood in the Scriptures. But the Bible says that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

If Jesus Christ had not died on that cross and shed His blood for you, there's no way you could be forgiven of your sins. It means that His heart bled. And it is only through the cleansing of that blood that we can be forgiven.

CHAPTER 8

GOD GIVES A NEW HEART

HE PREPARES THE HEART

And then the Bible says God prepares the heart by the Holy Spirit. He prepares your heart. Your heart's already been prepared for this meeting tonight. He prepares it through the many experiences in your life. The Bible says, "The preparations of the heart in man are from the Lord." Many of the experiences that you thought were terrible were God preparing you.

HE OPENS AND ENLIGHTENS THE HEART

The Bible says He opens the heart. Acts 16:14: "Whose heart the Lord openeth." How wonderful for God to prepare the heart, then open the heart! Then He enlightens: "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened."

Without the enlightenment, the opening and the preparation by the Holy Spirit, no one could receive Christ. You see, salvation is of the Lord. We receive, but it's all of God. He's the One who gave His Son on the cross. He's the One who sent the Holy Spirit to convict you. He's the One that made it possible for you to come here tonight, so that you can receive Him into your heart.

NOT A PATCH, BUT A NEW HEART

And the Bible says that He gives a new heart. God says an old heart will not do. You have to have a new one. God doesn't just patch you up.

> *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.*
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> **EZEKIEL 36:26**

God says a new heart is what you need. What about you? Have you received this new heart from God?

CHAPTER 9

THE PURE IN HEART

"I'VE BEEN CONFIRMED"

You say, "Now, Billy, I've been baptized. I've been confirmed. And I try to live a good life. I don't succeed, but I try. And I try to get to Sunday school once in a while, and I go to church, or I watch some church service on television." And we think that's enough. But it's not enough.

Oh yes, you may have been born again at the moment of confirmation. But many of you need to reconfirm your confirmation vows. You need to come to the Lord and say, "Lord, I haven't kept those vows. I want to reconfirm them. I want to rededicate my life to what I promised at confirmation, or what was promised for me at baptism." There are many people like that—thousands of people. Whatever denomination you are, it makes no difference.

A LITTLE GIRL'S ANSWER

A little Sunday school girl was asked which of the Beatitudes she would rather be like. She said, "Pure in heart." They asked why. She said, "Because if I could obtain a pure heart, I would possess all the other good qualities that are spoken of in this chapter."

If your heart is right, the rest of you is going to be right too. Christ changes the pattern of living. He said, "A good man out of the good treasures of the heart bringeth forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasures brings forth evil things." Christ said, "Except a man be born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven."

CHAPTER 10

HOW TO RECEIVE HIM

REPENT

How do you receive Him? First, you must repent of sin. You have to say to God, "O Lord, I've sinned. I'm sorry. I'm willing to change my way of living." That's repentance. "I'm willing." Notice, you can't do it yourself. God has to help you even in the repenting.

RECEIVE HIM BY FAITH

And then you receive Him by faith. When I stepped up on this platform the other night for the first time, I didn't stomp on it to check it, to see if it had been built to hold a man. I had faith in the people that put it here. When you sat in that seat, you didn't look it over and feel it to see if it would hold you. You believed in the people that built it.

That's the same kind of faith we're talking about here: faith in Christ. Not in anything else except Christ, and what He did at the cross and at the resurrection, when God raised Him from the dead. And He's alive.

TWO ROADS

I'm going to ask you to do it, as we saw more than a thousand people do last night. I'm going to ask you to get up out of your seat. From up there in the top gallery and around, it will take an extra minute or two. And all of you down here that God has spoken to, and in the choir. You may be a leader in the church; last night we even had a clergyman come. But you may want to make that commitment.

I'm going to ask you to make that commitment tonight and say, "Lord, I want a new heart. I want to leave here a new person. I want to walk a different road."

Jesus said there are two roads: there's the narrow road and the broad road. You're on one or the other. Which one are you on?

WHY PUBLICLY?

Young people, older people, whoever you are, I'm going to ask you to come and stand here publicly. Why do I do it publicly? When Jesus died on the cross, He died publicly in your place, and God laid on Him all of our sins—publicly. He said, "If you're not willing to acknowledge Me publicly before men, I'll not acknowledge you before My Father which is in heaven." There's something about coming and making it public that He requires. And it also does something for you psychologically.

FOLLOW HIM

And then you must follow Him and serve Him. It's not just a one-time experience. This is the beginning of something new that's going to be daily with you, in which you're trusting Him. You're willing to take up the cross and deny self and follow Him. You're willing to look on your neighbors and the needs of the world in a new way.

CHAPTER 11

THE INVITATION

GET UP AND COME

I'm going to ask you to get up and come right now. And after you've all come, I'm going to say a word to you, and have a prayer with you, and give you some literature to help you in your Christian life. And if you're with your friends or relatives, or you've come in a group, they'll wait. But you get up and come. We're only going to keep you a few moments here.

Just get up and come right now, hundreds of you that God has spoken to. There's a little voice inside that says you ought to come. You come tonight—from here, up there, and in the choir. God has spoken to some of you. Get up and come.

THE INVITATION HYMN

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

(Announcer) You can make that decision to follow Jesus Christ, just as these many hundreds are doing here in Syracuse, New York. The number on your screen is your number to call for spiritual help and counseling, so make that call now. It could be the most important call you've ever made.

IN THE CARRIER DOME

We're in the Carrier Dome, this beautiful, magnificent structure here in Syracuse, New York, in the central part of the state. And what a wonderful part of America this really is. And tonight, as you can see, hundreds of people have responded to come and make their commitment to Christ, or to renew their vows to Christ. And you that are watching need to do the same thing.

You may be in a hotel room; you may be in your own home, wherever. Make your commitment to Christ tonight. He'll come into your heart. And if you will, pick up the phone and call that number that you see, and there's a counselor standing by to say a word to you and to help you. May God help you to make that commitment tonight. God bless you.

(Announcer) There's still time to make your personal decision for Jesus Christ. Special friends are waiting to talk with you and to pray with you. Just call the number now on your screen. If the line is busy, write the number down and call again in a few moments. We'll be here as long as the calls keep coming in.

CLOSING WORDS

(Closing Announcement) If you just prayed that prayer with my father, or if you have any questions about a relationship with Jesus Christ, why don't you just call that number on the screen. There'll be someone there to talk with you, pray with you and answer those questions. And remember, God loves you! If you would like to commit your life to Jesus Christ, please call us right now, toll free at 1-877-772-4559. That's 1-877-772-4559. Or you can write to us at: Billy Graham, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Department C, Charlotte, North Carolina 28201. Or you can contact us on the web 24/7 at peacewithgod.tv. We'll get the same helps to you that we give to everyone who responds at the invitation.

On behalf of Franklin Graham and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, thank you for watching and thank you for your prayers.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

William "Billy" F. Graham Jr. (1918–2018) was raised on a dairy farm in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 1934, at age 15, he made a commitment to faith during a revival led by Mordecai Ham. He was ordained in 1939, graduated from Florida Bible Institute in 1940, and earned a B.A. from Wheaton College in 1943, where he married Ruth McCue Bell.

After pastoring in Illinois and serving as the first full-time evangelist for Youth for Christ International, Graham was vaulted into national prominence by the 1949 Los Angeles Crusade. This event launched decades of global outreach, including historic, extended crusades in London (1954), New York City (1957), Seoul (1973), and Rio de Janeiro (1974). Overall, he preached live to nearly 215 million people in over 185 countries and territories.

In 1950, he founded the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA). Through BGEA, Graham hosted the syndicated *Hour of Decision* radio program for over 60 years, published *Decision* magazine, and authored 33 books—including bestsellers such as *Angels: God's Secret Agents* (1975) and his 1997 autobiography, *Just As I Am*.

A counselor to U.S. presidents, Graham appeared on Gallup's "Ten Most Admired Men in the World" list a record 61 times. His honors include the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1983), Congressional Gold Medal (1996), and an Honorary Knighthood (2001). Following his passing in 2018 at age 99, he lay in honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, and a bronze statue of him was added to the U.S. Capitol in 2024. Billy and Ruth raised five children, 19 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

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