

Paul H. Dixon
The Bible and the Exorcist
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Paul H. Dixon

I announce that tonight I would speak on the subject of the Bible and The Exorcist. I don't suppose that there's any subject today that more people are talking about across America than the issue of demonism and exorcism.

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Paul H. Dixon

We're going to be looking at the novel and the movie, but also at the word of God and trying to see exactly what God wants us to know about this issue of demonism. I'd like to encourage you tonight if you want to take your Bibles and turn with me to the first epistle of John and the

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Paul H. Dixon

third chapter. first John Chapter three. Now, not the gospel of John, but the epistle of John toward the back of your Bible. Shortly before you come, the revelation, you'll find first, John. And I'd like for you to know Chapter three, verse eight.

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Paul H. Dixon

He that committed sin is of the devil. For the devil came from the beginning. For this purpose, the son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil. Now we're going to look at that verse and take it apart.

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Paul H. Dixon

I want to give you a very simple outline tonight to hang your thoughts on I want you to go home with three words. I hope you'll never forget these three words. When you think about sight, you think about Demon.

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Paul H. Dixon

There's no one tonight. We're going to look at Satan's origin. Satan's origin. Does he exist? Is there such a one as Satan? Are there demons? And if so, where did they come from? Number two, Satan's occupation. If there's a devil and we can prove that and there are demons, what are they up to?

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Paul H. Dixon

What are they trying to accomplish? Satan's occupation. Number three, Satan's overthrow, if there's a devil and demons and we can find out what their goals are, how in the world can we stand up against the Satan's origin, Satan's occupation and Satan's overthrow?

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Paul H. Dixon

Let's, first of all, think tonight, is there a devil? Are there really demons? first, John, 38 says he that committed saying is of the devil, the word of God says yes. In fact, you don't go very far into the book of Genesis before you're confronted with the very real power for evil.

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Paul H. Dixon

What are you to take your Bible? And study Isaiah, 14, and Ezekiel, 28. You would find that there was a time when this one we call Satan wasn't heaven. He was created by God, but not evil. God made him perfect.

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Paul H. Dixon

He was very beautiful. He was very wise. And there came a time when he was lifted up with pride, and he said, I just believe I'll exalt my throat above the stars of God. I just believe that I'll become God.

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Paul H. Dixon

And he's saying that that very moment now, he was over all the other created beings that heaven. And he evidently gave a pep talk and said, I'm going to throw God out of heaven. Why don't you follow me on this rebellion and according to Revelation, Chapter twelve verse three, probably one third of all the created beings in

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heaven follow the devil in this rebellion. Well, they weren't any match for God. God defeated them and threw them right out of heaven. Some of them were immediately placed in Tartarus second Peter, to verse four in chain. But the rest of those fallen angels were allowed to come to this Earth with Satan and those fallen angels are

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Paul H. Dixon

what we referred to today as demons. People. There is a power for good on this Earth today, and that power is God. There's a holy trinity today, and that's God, the father, God, the son and got the Holy Spirit.

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Paul H. Dixon

But there's also a power for evil tonight and that powers the devil. And just as there's a holy trinity, there's an unholy trinity, Satan, the Antichrist and the false prophet. And God has his angels and the devil has his angels.

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Paul H. Dixon

God and all of his are for good. The devil and all of his are for evil. And as I said, anyone who believes the Bible and studies the Bible knows that the Bible teaches there's a devil and demons.

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Paul H. Dixon

But the amazing thing. Is that people are beginning to believe it? I can remember when I was. In high school, it not only was not. The end thing to believe in the devil, it wasn't the end thing to believe in God.

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Paul H. Dixon

You know, really today there are very few people who don't believe in God, and more and more people are beginning to believe in the devil. I have a poll with me that I'd like to read tonight that was taken by Lou Harris.

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Paul H. Dixon

I quote. Although 52% of the American people say they do not believe in demonism. A substantial 36% do think that people are sometimes possessed, taken over in mind and body by a demon of the devil. With the popular success of the Motion Picture, The Exorcist.

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Paul H. Dixon

The possibility of such a phenomena has received wide currency. I want you to listen to this statistic. A total of 5% of Americans 18 years and over one in every 20 report to the Harris survey that either they.

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Paul H. Dixon

Themselves or someone close to them have actually been possessed by the devil. They're saying we have either personally been possessed by the devil or we know someone who has and the aggregate that comes to over 7 million adults in this country who would claim to be demon possessed at one time in their lives or know someone who has

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Paul H. Dixon

. That's an amazing statistic I quote again. The question of demonology has attracted widespread public interest with the publication of the book The Exorcist and the movie subsequently made from the book fully 74% in a national cross section say they followed the exorcism issue.

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Paul H. Dixon

A majority of 53% says it personally believes in the existence of the devil. While no more than 30% deny it. I read a recent figure that now 70% of Americans say they believe there is a personal devil. The Exorcist teaches this.

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Paul H. Dixon

William Blatty wrote The Exorcist. And that book has sold millions of copies. The movie that came from the book has sold millions of dollars worth of tickets at the box office so people could stand in line

sometimes for as long as six to eight hours to go in and see The Exorcist, only to leave when it was

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halfway over. I was in Atlanta, Georgia, back when the actresses were just coming on strong. And Atlanta is the Bible belt. And many of those people were standing in line going in to see The Exorcist with Bibles under their arms.

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Paul H. Dixon

I don't know why. Maybe they thought that somehow by just having a copy of the scripture with them, that would help them. Many, many people have gone to see The Exorcist or read the book. Blatty wrote the exercise as a result of studying the actual case history of a boy who lived in Mount Rainier, Maryland, outside Washington

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Paul H. Dixon

, D.C., back in the forties. The boy was 14 years old and had a sudden personality change. And not only did his personality change, but his physical features changed. And they took into sociologists and psychologists and doctors to no avail.

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Paul H. Dixon

Finally, someone suggested that they call it a Roman Catholic priest. They said they have an ancient rite of exorcism, and possibly they can cast the demons out of the boy if that's his problem. And the account says that they called in the Roman Catholic priest.

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Paul H. Dixon

And he actually cast the demons out of the boy. He was restored to his right mind. He's living today somewhere in these United States. Mary has the family. We can understand why they would not release his name or where he is living.

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Paul H. Dixon

The Exorcist, the movie is much like that, with the exception that it's a girl whose demon possessed instead of a boy. And the girl's mother as a movie star. Her boyfriend, she's divorced and her boyfriend happens to be her movie director.

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Paul H. Dixon

The girl is bored. She has nothing to do. And she starts playing with a Ouija board. And as she plays with that Ouija board, she conjures up a character that she calls Captain Howdy. That sounds innocent enough like a cartoon character on a Saturday morning.

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Paul H. Dixon

But Captain Howdy is not innocent. Before long, he is doing things to her, and she's beginning to change physically and personality wise, just like the boy in Marilyn and her mother begins to witness this as she comes in and watches the bed as it shakes quite violently.

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Paul H. Dixon

And again, they try the psychologist and the doctors cetera, and they call on the Roman Catholic priest only this time to praise come in. An older priest who's studied the occult. And a younger priest who is more of a skeptic and wants to watch it all happen.

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Paul H. Dixon

The older priest begins to try and cast the demons out of the girl. And as he does so, he drops dead with a heart attack. The younger priest. Then looks at that demon and says, come out of her, and if you leave that girl, you buy an hour end to my body.

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Paul H. Dixon

And as he commands that demon to come out of that girl in the name of Jesus Christ. three times in the name of Jesus Christ come out of her. And the name of Jesus Christ come out of her in the name of Jesus Christ, come out of her, the demon leaves the girl innocent to the priest.

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Paul H. Dixon

He goes over and jumps out of the window to his death below on the pavement. We don't know whether this is an act of mercy that he's trying to destroy the demon or whether it was murder as the demon just threw him out of the window.

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Paul H. Dixon

But the exercise does teach, and many people are beginning to believe it, that there is a devil and there are demons just like the Bible teaches. But the next question is. What are these demons? What is the devil trying to accomplish?

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Paul H. Dixon

What is his occupation? Did you notice that when I read first, John, 38? It said he that committed sin is of the devil. For the devil, since from the beginning, very simply, the Devils occupation is seen as an.

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Paul H. Dixon

Those are his goals. That's his objective. Sen. In fact, I'd like for you to notice in first John, Chapter two, some more things that are said about the devil relative to his occupation might be like to mark this in your Bible.

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Paul H. Dixon

And first John, Chapter two, verse 13. I ran into you, fathers, because you've known him, that is from the beginning. Right on to you, young men, because you've overcome the wicked one and underlined that the wicked one, John is describing the devil as the wicked one.

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Paul H. Dixon

Go down to verse 14, about halfway through the verse I've written unto you, young men, because you're strong and the word of God, a bite, a thin you and you have overcome the wicked one and underline that the wicked one.

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Paul H. Dixon

Go, if you will, over to Chapter three, verse twelve, not as Cain, who was of that wicked one and underlined that that wicked one. Go over to Chapter five, verse 18. We know that whosoever is born of God, sin a thought, but he that is begot the God keep it himself and that wicked one underlying that wicked

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one touch with them. Not. And we know that everyone verse 19, we know that we are of God and the whole world live in wickedness. The whole world tonight is lying in wickedness, and that can be translated. The whole world tonight is lying in the lap or in the power of the wicked.

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Paul H. Dixon

What? Satan's occupation is saying wickedness, and he's doing a great job of it. Now I'd like to narrow it down. I want you to see how he spreads this wickedness. Turn with may keep a finger in first, John, three, eight or a piece of paper and go to John 8:40 for the gospel of John, probably John gives

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us some of the best teaching on the devil as any other writer in the New Testament. If you'll study his gospel and his epistles and his revelation, some great teaching on the devil John 8:44 ought to be memorized.

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Paul H. Dixon

You're of your father, the devil. Incidentally, look up from your Bibles the minute. You have heard people talking about the fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. That sounds good. Just one problem. It's not true. What they're saying is that God is every human being's father, and all of us are brothers and sisters because we all

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belong to God. Not so. I just read you something that Jesus said, and he looked at a group of people and he said, Your father is the devil. You are of your father, the devil and my friend, until you repent of your sin and put your faith in Christ and are born again.

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Paul H. Dixon

You're not God's child, you're the devil's child. And until you're safe, we are not brothers and sisters. You're the devil's children. And those who are born again are God's children. Now, the doctrine of the fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man is just not found in the Bible.

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Paul H. Dixon

You are of your father, the devil, and the loss of your father. He will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and about not in the truth, because there's no truth in him when they speak of the law.

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Paul H. Dixon

He speaks of his own party as a liar and the father of it. I want, you know, there's two things that John says about the Devils occupation. He says he's a murderer. He says he's a liar. Now, the word of God is blunt.

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Paul H. Dixon

I believe that we need to preach the word of God just as bluntly. But devil is a murderer. The devil is a destroyer. The devil is a liar, the devil is a deceiver. I want to prove that to you.

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Paul H. Dixon

If you would start in the beginning of the Bible, you would find that here is Adam and Eve and they're in the Garden of Eden. And all of a sudden, along comes the devil, and what does he do?

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Paul H. Dixon

He gets them to listen to him and disobey God, and he destroys their paradise, it destroys their relationship with God, and he destroys their relationship to each other. You know how he accomplished that? He deceived the. He said God didn't really say that.

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Paul H. Dixon

And you just keep working your way through the Bible and you see the devil as a destroyer, and the way he accomplishes it is he deceives people and the listening to him instead of listening to all of us, sayeth the Lord.

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Paul H. Dixon

You look at the world, you look at history and you'll find that there have been empires that have been destroyed because of sin. You look at America tonight and America is being destroyed. Not by the Communists. Not by the Russians, not by the Chinese.

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Paul H. Dixon

But from within. Vance Hefner says I'm not half as concerned about the woodpeckers on the outside as I am the termites on the inside. And he absolutely right. We are being destroyed morally. All I have to do is mention Watergate.

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Paul H. Dixon

And you saw an entire administration destroyed. We saw a president toppled from this position. And how did it happen? Because they were deceived into thinking they could sing and lie and get by with it destruction because of deception.

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Paul H. Dixon

I have with me tonight. A poll that I received this week and some statistics from that poll. Last year, there were 48 divorces for every 100 marriages. Can you believe that? In 1973, there were 918,000 couples divorced in America and in 1974 there were 1 million couples divorced in America, and it will surpass that in 1975.

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Paul H. Dixon

48 out of every 100 marriages ended in divorce. This year. Ministers are being asked to perform homosexual marriages. Do I have to tell you? We're being destroyed from within morally in this line. one sixth of all, American children live in one parent families.

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Paul H. Dixon

About twice that many live in a divorce wrecked family. 1 million young people run away from an unhappy home situation every year. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people in America. You begin to get the idea that we have problems.

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Paul H. Dixon

The devil is out to destroy us as a nation. And he does it by deceiving us as the nation and I think, well, we're a Christian nation. So it can happen to us, though, it happened to Rome and happened to other empires can happen to us.

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Paul H. Dixon

Well, let's stop thinking about the nation as a whole. Let's just start thinking about us individually. So we recognize this statistic, but did you know that the devils out to wreck your home? You young couples who

are here, you moms and dads who are here, all you say, we've been married 25 years.

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Paul H. Dixon

Great. Did you ever pick up the divorce notice this and notice how many people get divorced after they've been married 20 and 25 and 30 years? Just because you've been married long time, that doesn't mean you're going to stay together.

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Paul H. Dixon

There are a lot of people staying together who divorced psychologically. They maybe haven't gone through the court, but they're not making it. The devil is out to destroy our families. The devil is about to destroy our churches, the churches that preach the word of God want to do a job for Jesus Christ.

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Paul H. Dixon

The devil is out to destroy you, friend. He'll destroy you any way he can. And let me just speak a word. To you, young people who are here tonight. The devil wants to wipe you out. Just as you're leaving the launching pad.

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Paul H. Dixon

Right now, when you're making the major decisions in your life as a teenager and your your life is just starting to take course, the devil is going to do everything that he can to wreck you. And generally the way that he does it.

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Paul H. Dixon

Is moral. Assistant pastor last year asked if he could talk with me privately in a church. I walked back into a small Sunday school classroom when he poured out his heart. You said, Paul, my lovely teenage daughter, senior in high school.

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Paul H. Dixon

The gal that. Was the number one person in our family? The gal that you would say come home at eleven or eleven, 30 or twelve, she'd be there right on the dot. The girl she had responsibilities around the house, you didn't have to tell her twice.

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Paul H. Dixon

The guy who would bring your boyfriends to me and say, Dad, does this guy meet your approval? Came in to me in December and said that I don't know how to tell you this, but I have to get Mary.

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Paul H. Dixon

And somehow, Paul, I think I could have accepted it from all the rest of my kids even, but I just could not believe that I was hearing it from this one. They were married. She dropped out of school.

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Paul H. Dixon

And a few weeks ago, she came to see me and said, Dad, I want to talk to you again. She shared this. That I thought that when I said it was just between me and that guy. And I was so wrong.

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Paul H. Dixon

I thought it wouldn't affect anybody else, and no one else would know but God, but to be honest with you, I didn't stop to think much at the time whether God was watching or thinking or not. You see, she was deceived by the devil.

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Paul H. Dixon

She said that I didn't realize what it would do to my mother, I didn't know how many nights she would cry herself to sleep because of this. I didn't know what it would do to you and to your ministry.

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Paul H. Dixon

I didn't know what it would do to my brothers, who would have to go back to that same school and fight for me and defend my name after I left and got married. I didn't know what it would do to my own safe grandfather, and I was the one person who could reach him for Christ, the apple

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Paul H. Dixon

of his eye. I thought it was just between me and that guy and dead. I was so wrong. She was destroyed because she was the same. And it's not just young people tonight, it's adults as well. Are men are blowing at women who are blowing it morally in every way, and we think somehow we'll never be found

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Paul H. Dixon

out. We think we can say in an hour since we'll never find this out, but the word of God says you can be sure your sins will find you and. The Devils occupation is to destroy us, and he does it by deceiving us.

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Paul H. Dixon

I might also add this. He wants to take Christian young people and adults and destroy our testimonies. And he does it again by deceiving us into thinking, really, no one is watching my life, it doesn't make any difference if I drag my feet spiritually.

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Paul H. Dixon

And the greatest way he wants to destroy us as any country. He wants to see to it that we die in our sins and go to hell with him. He doesn't want anyone going to heaven if the devil could have his way.

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Paul H. Dixon

He would be populate heaven. There wouldn't be a soul there. The devil wants to say to it and he'll use everything he can to deceive you. He'll use every excuse in the book to whisper in your ear to see that you do not receive Jesus Christ as your personal side.

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Paul H. Dixon

The devil is in destroy. And, you know, that's how it's pictured in The Exorcist. Some people ask me, they say, Paul, did you go to see The Exorcist? No. I'll tell you what. Be honest with you, I received Christ as my savior when I was a senior in high school.

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Paul H. Dixon

I know a lot of young people can appreciate what I'm going to say here, but. It's amazing that many of us who were saved when we were teenagers. And when we got safe, God gave us some conviction. There were a lot of things that were a great part of my life.

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Paul H. Dixon

They were my life. Until that night, and I've never been to church on a Sunday night before in my life. I used to make fun of these religious fanatics who go to church on Sunday night. I was about to graduate from high school.

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Paul H. Dixon

I walked into a church on Sunday night where it breaks the gospel, and I got saved that night and the night I got saved, I said, Lord, they're going to be some changes made in my life. There are a lot of those things that have meant so much to me, all that music that is so controlled my

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Paul H. Dixon

life. I'm going to listen to some different kinds of music. I used to live on the dance floor. I used to think that's where it was, I knew what went on on the dance floor. Amazing thing today is that many of that, those dances and what took place back in the secret corners than they used to call

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Paul H. Dixon

it the dirty boogie. You know what it was? It's done openly now. I don't do them back in the dark rooms anymore, it's out there for everybody to see and I said, Lord, I've gone to that last dance.

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Paul H. Dixon

I'm not going to those anymore. I said, Lord, I've gone to the last move. I'm not going to those anymore than I'd tell you. I don't see how anyone who professes to be a Christian can hang around those movie houses today with all that's going on.

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Paul H. Dixon

I wasn't about to see the actress wasn't, even if you don't share my convictions and that's that's up to you, but I'll tell you what friend you'd best leave the occult and everything that's connected with the occult. I love.

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Paul H. Dixon

Don't touch it. Don't play with the Ouija board. Don't read horoscopes. Don't go to see The Exorcist, don't read it. All that vile, filthy language, you say, preach that you read it, I started to I started getting in that filth.

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Paul H. Dixon

I said if I have to wade through that to preach on The Exorcist, then I'll not do it. I just started reading reviews and US News and World Report, Newsweek and I went to the library and got everything I could not yet have anybody come up to me and say, Paul, you misrepresented The Exorcist.

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Paul H. Dixon

At Girl. That's some of the most grotesque things. Many, many reviewers of that movie says, and this is a mouthful. She does some of the most grotesque things ever seen on an American screen. Now that some statement, when you think of what's in the movies today, I wouldn't begin to tell in the mixed audience some of the

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things that that girl does. one time she turns our head 365 degrees to curse out that phrase. She actually murders her mother's boyfriend, the movie director, under the power of that demon, picking them up and throwing him out of the window.

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Paul H. Dixon

And The Exorcist pictures the devil as a destroyer as that girl's life is wiped out. But let me say this. The devil has used The Exorcist. You know, he's a master. He knows what he's doing, say, Paul, how do you know that he is destroying people and deceiving people through the exercise through that poll that I read

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Paul H. Dixon

? I don't believe that statistic. I don't believe 7 million adults in this country been demon possessed. They preach it, don't you believe in demon possession? Yes, I do. You read the Bible and you'll find. Listen closely if you don't understand what I'm saying, come and see me after I get finished.

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Paul H. Dixon

Glad to talk with you. Glad to answer questions comments lately. Demon possession in the Bible was rare. Very rare. In fact, when you get into the epistles, there is no admonition for anyone to go around casting out demons.

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Paul H. Dixon

I have grave reservations about these preachers today who are self-appointed exorcist. I don't know that I've ever met anyone Demon possessed. I requested that anyone in this auditorium tonight is demon possessed. I'm not saying that there isn't such a thing, I'm just trying to impress upon you.

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Paul H. Dixon

It is a rare thing. And I know that a Christian can't be demon possessed. You see what the devil done, the people going around saying, Oh, I don't want the demon to control me. I don't want that to happen to me.

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Paul H. Dixon

What happened to that girl in the movie? I saw what it did to her. I don't want that to happen in my life. Wait a minute. The devil's destroying a lot of you tonight. And he doesn't have to possess you.

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Paul H. Dixon

To accomplish his purpose. He doesn't have to control you. He's destroying some of your homes, he's destroying some of your lives, and many of you here tonight are not safe and you'll be destroyed in hell. He's continually deceiving you into thinking that's plenty of time to make this decision.

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Paul H. Dixon

Which leads me to Satan's overthrow. If you remember when I read and first, John, 38, it talked about the devil saying from the beginning, and then it says for this purpose, the son of God, Jesus Christ was manifested.

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Paul H. Dixon

For this reason, Jesus Christ came to this Earth that he might destroy. The devil. We're up against an enemy tonight who has had thousands of years of experience. He has an organization that is against God, that is

against everyone that God has created is against all of us and our only hope is in the person of Jesus

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Paul H. Dixon

Christ. Jesus Christ destroyed the devil, by the way he was born. And Genesis, Chapter three, verse 15, it was prophesied that Jesus would be born of a virgin and by his birth, the straw the devil. Jesus destroyed the devil in his life.

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Paul H. Dixon

He went out toe to toe in Matthew for Jesus Christ, defeated him through the word of God, he destroyed him in his life. He destroyed him in his death. The word of God says that through the cross in Hebrews, he might destroy him, that has the power of death.

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Paul H. Dixon

That is the devil, and he destroyed him by his resurrection. Galatians two, 14 and 15 Having spawned principalities and powers, Jesus Christ made a show of them openly triumphing over them and himself. When Christ came out of that grave, it destroyed the devil.

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Paul H. Dixon

The only hope for any of us is in Jesus Christ. We need to have a personal encounter on a personal experience with Jesus Christ. There needs to be a time in your life that when you just join a church that way, you just get baptized.

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Paul H. Dixon

That way you decide I'm going to stop doing some of the things that I did in my life and straightened my life out. But when you actually go to God as a law center and recognize that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart, life and be your savior

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Paul H. Dixon

. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall we say. one of my favorite illustrations. Trials had Spurgeon used to give years and years ago. When the Romans would come back from their battles, they would march into the streets of Rome.

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Paul H. Dixon

They would throw open the gates. And the people that lined the streets and they would hang out of the buildings and they closed down the shops. And they would welcome the returning, conquering Roman Army. And the first part of that procession would be the first half of the Roman soldiers.

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Paul H. Dixon

Standing tall and erect. Heads held high. Bloody, dirty. But they were victorious. Next would come the defeated the first half of the defeated army heads bowed. They had the look of defeat all on their faces. At the last tap was the last half of the defeated army and the last half of the victorious army, and then they

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Paul H. Dixon

would be carrying large banners that would have pictures of the battles that had been fought. If you look right in the center of that parade. There was a chariot. LED by beautiful horses. Standing in that chariot. Sword held high.

00;34;29;05 - 00;35;04;20

Paul H. Dixon

Was the returning victorious Roman general? And if you look carefully. Chained to that chariot. We're all the defeated generals. And I want you tonight to see Jesus. The son of God standing in that chariot. Who was manifested to destroy our enemy and train to that chariot is thin and chained to that chariot is there and chained to

00;35;04;20 - 00;35;25;29

Paul H. Dixon

that chariot is this entire world system and chained to that chariot as the devil and all this demons? And there's victory tonight in Jesus Christ. And The Exorcist. The priest says in the name of Jesus Christ, come out of her, but friend, there is no priest, no preacher who can stand up here and say in the name

00;35;25;29 - 00;35;40;05

Paul H. Dixon

of Jesus Christ, be saved and pronounced. You say, I don't like The Exorcist. I don't like the way it closes. That girl's life isn't necessarily changed where she gives a testimony for Jesus Christ. There's no evidence she really becomes a Christian.

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Paul H. Dixon

I can't call on the name of the Lord for you, but you can call on the name of the Lord tonight. You can make the greatest decision in your life. You can receive Jesus Christ as your personal slave.

00;35;50;00 - 00;36;09;18

Paul H. Dixon

You remember he's out to destroy you and this life and any trinity. But Christ has come to destroy him, I like for you to buy your heads with me all over this auditorium. I'm going to ask that you do two things.

00;36;09;18 - 00;36;24;02

Paul H. Dixon

Number one, that no one look around, I want everyone to feel perfectly at ease tonight. This is a private matter, and it's a very important matter,

and I don't want anyone to look around. Number two, I'm going to ask that everyone be honest.

00;36;26;01 - 00;36;43;23

Paul H. Dixon

Young people. Are making a big word of honesty today. In the last 14, 15 months, everyone is talking about honesty in politics and in every other way. Well, let's practice it tonight. And it's for your sake. No one else's.

00;36;46;10 - 00;37;05;11

Paul H. Dixon

Would you be honest with yourself and with God? Has there ever been a time in your life where you knew that you were a loss center? That you're on your way to hell. And you recognize that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you, and you didn't just to believe this is a fact, but you personally exercised

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Paul H. Dixon

your will and received Jesus Christ as your savior. And this is so definite in your mind that you have absolute assurance that if you died right now, you'd go to heaven. Can you honestly say that? If you can say, Paul, there's no question in my mind if I died right now, I know.

00;37;23;27 - 00;37;35;21

Paul H. Dixon

I'd go to heaven. Would you testify to it with a raised hand? Or is it because others are going up around, you don't raise it because someone else does. If you have to look to someone else to see what they do, you don't have it.

00;37;36;27 - 00;37;52;00

Paul H. Dixon

I want you to be honest with yourself, with God. Thank you, stuff them down. I appreciate the honesty of many people, men, women and young people tonight. And you didn't raise that hand. There were some who raise them half heartedly.

00;37;52;00 - 00;38;01;25

Paul H. Dixon

You're not really sure if you're not sure if you couldn't raise that hand or you just did it half heartedly, would you be willing right now to raise it and say, Paul, pray for me. I'm concerned about my soul.

00;38;01;25 - 00;38;11;08

Paul H. Dixon

I don't know if I died right now, I'd go to heaven. I see my need of Jesus Christ tonight. And I'm concerned enough about it that I want you to pray for me. Those who would say that raise your hands.

00;38;11;09 - 00;38;23;12

Paul H. Dixon

Let me see. All right. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Yeah, you all of young men. These men in here. How many others? Yes. I'm not sure. I don't really know if I died right now. I'd go to heaven and I want you to pray for me.

00;38;24;03 - 00;38;38;13

Paul H. Dixon

Great. How many more just let them up. Let me see them wherever you're seeing it. Just raise it high and let me acknowledge it. Here and here, here, here, here. All up in the bleachers, down here on the floor, how many people?

00;38;38;13 - 00;38;54;27

Paul H. Dixon

I don't know. I'll admit I'm concerned about a place. Pray for me. Just raise it right where you are. Let me see it. Yes. Others. Others. My slip them there. Many of you raise those hands and say you're going to heaven.

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Paul H. Dixon

You don't live like it. You live like the devil's children's that of God. I wonder how many Christians tonight would say I'm tired of the way I'm living. I look at my life. And I don't like what I see.

00;39;19;18 - 00;39;29;25

Paul H. Dixon

And there need to be some changes in my Christian life, and I want you to pray for me that I might come to grips with my life and the sin in my life and my life might get turned around for Jesus as a Christian.

00;39;31;06 - 00;39;57;16

Paul H. Dixon

Christians would say that, could I see your hand? Great. Many. Others. Thank you, father. The Lord Jesus that gives us victory. We need not fear. We need not be obsessed with the devil or demons constantly conscious of it.

00;39;59;09 - 00;40;13;10

Paul H. Dixon

But we need to set our minds on the I pray for all of these believers tonight who are weary. I'm living half hearted. Backs little lives, I pray they might make decisions tonight or turn their Christian lives around.

00;40;13;19 - 00;40;31;24

Paul H. Dixon

I pray for everyone, those who raise their hands. I pray that tonight, not by might, not by power, but by the spirit, as they're concerned and interested that it might go beyond that, that they might be saved tonight and go out of this gymnasium knowing that they're going to heaven when they die, having Christ as their savior

00;40;32;26 - 00;40;50;26

Paul H. Dixon

. Thank. Amen, you look this way, please. Just a minute, we're going to stand and we're going to start to sing. Just as I am without one plea, and I recognize everyone doesn't know that, but I'll tell you, I wouldn't care if no one saying the issue is not singing a song.

00;40;50;27 - 00;41;05;06

Paul H. Dixon

The issue is what are you going to do with this Jesus that you've heard preached tonight? Now I'm going to invite every Christian. Who said my life needs to get turned around, and I'm tired the way I've been living to get up out of your seats and make those way out of those bleachers and from down here

00;41;05;14 - 00;41;16;12

Paul H. Dixon

, just come and come to the front. I want to pray with you and counsel with you tonight and help you as a Christian when you come. I'm going to invite everyone here tonight to raise that hand and said, Paul, I need to be saved.

00;41;16;12 - 00;41;30;21

Paul H. Dixon

I'm not sure I'm safe. I know that I'm not just to get up out of your seat, make your way to the front. We have people trained in the Bible, take your side, answer your questions and go over the plan of salvation, lead you to Christ and I I pray you won't stop with just to raise your

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Paul H. Dixon

hand, but I pray that now, given this opportunity, just as soon as we start this thing, you'd say I'm going to get saved and I have no one else gets saved. I don't count my buddy does or my friend, I'm going to settle this tonight.

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Paul H. Dixon

Whether you're up on that top row or whether you're in the middle or down there, wherever you are. It's about Carl right now. Let's stand all over. Everyone stand. Let's start to thing you be that first one right now as we begin.