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Dr. John Hagee #1

James: Thank all of you! You are so kind. Thank you very much. James Robison here, and Betty; we welcome you to *LIFE Today*.

One of the most dynamic and gifted preachers in America is here with us. His name is Dr. John Hagee; Cornerstone Church in San Antonio. When you say that there are some people who move heaven and hell, this man does. He is gifted by God to be one of the greatest communicators and preachers that I've ever heard in my life. I happen to have heard quite a few of them that you know and respect and you've seen them here on the program. Dr. Hagee and I have been friends for a long time. We've shared a great concern for the well being not only of the church but all the people the church should be impacting in a positive way. I just love this man.

I want you to welcome Dr. John Hagee to *LIFE Today*. Would you do that?

Good to have you here, buddy!

Dr. Hagee has written many best-selling books. This is a new one. It's called *The Three Heavens*: Angels, demons, and what lies ahead. I'm really interested in hearing what he has to say. I'm going to start out by asking him, obviously, he must think there are three but I'm going to start by asking you why does it matter? Why should it matter?

You're a great teacher, great preacher, and you try to teach on things that matter. I don't think you just try to get people curious about something, I think you try to touch what matters. Why does this matter?

Dr. Hagee: This matters because it is a biblical demonstration of the reality of angels that defend the righteous and the reality of demon powers who have a demonic assignment to rob, to kill, and to destroy. It teaches the persons that are reading the Word of God how to accept the security they have as a believer and then the ability they have as a believer to overcome the powers and principalities of darkness.

Demons are very real. Jesus sent no one out to preach who did not have the power over demon spirits; 25% of the ministry of Jesus Christ was curing people of demonic spirits. But the first

focus is on angels who protect the righteous.

James: So are they connected in some way to these three heavens that you reference?

Dr. Hagee: First, let's validate scripturally *The Three Heavens*. The Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens (plural) and the earth." Saint Paul said in Second Corinthians 12:2, "I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day and I was in the third heaven."

Logic says if there is a third heaven there is a heaven one and two. So the first heaven is the heavens that you see with your natural eyes.

King David wrote in the Psalms, chapter 19, "The heavens (plural) declare the glory of the Lord." The heavens -- the first heaven is the heavens we see with our natural eye.

James: Would that be his creation and all he did that reveals him and his nature so that we're without excuse? We can see that the heaven and earth declares his glory. You can actually see Him in his creation.

Dr. Hagee: Absolutely! And this is where we get the four blood moons. You can see this in the heavens. The second heaven is where Satan rules and reigns over one-third of the fallen angels that came with him in the rebellion that happened before Genesis 1:1, from which he is the commander and chief of all demonic forces on the earth. The third heaven is where God the Father sits on his throne, his son is beside him and there are archangels, seraphim, and multitudes of common angels who are the messengers of God where the body of Christ now is. Jesus Christ said to the thief on the cross, "This day you will be with me in Paradise." Paradise and the third heaven are one and same.

James: Well, you don't write a book, in my opinion, to just try to make people more intellectually in tune. You write a book, in my opinion, to try to get people to move according to the will of God. Am I right about that?

Dr. Hagee: True.

James: So when they learn something you want it to have an effect on them right now. And as you write this, and you talk about these realms and you talk about these powerful influences, you talk about angelic forces and angels that can help us and guard us and watch over us. Then you talk about these other assaulting destroying, deceptive angels and so forth. What do you want people to do, let's say, in an action moment when they see these things that you're revealing in this book so clearly?

Dr. Hagee: The first thing I would like for every believer to grasp is the absolute security that God has given to every believer. The President of the United States is guarded by secret service agents who are supposed to be the best with the weaponry that they have to defend the President of the United States.

But God almighty, according to King David's writings, he will give his angels (plural) charge over you (meaning to defend you) in all of your ways. Billy Graham said that verse is the Bible guarantee that every believer has two guardian angels watching you all the time. The president has the secret service; we have guardian angels that defend us against all evil all the time.

James: And seeing how his secret service has failed in this past year I'm glad we have the angels.

[Laughter]

I don't really want to trust anything government oversees. And I really get concerned why we're trusting so much of our money -- it is our money and it goes to them -- and we trust them to mismanage it so terribly. I think we need to stop the nonsense but we won't talk about that anymore.

[Laughter]

If we get people to wake up and get the damaging angels off of us and we might get some good things to happen in the country. So we have angels. You talked about demonic spirits. You and I both in our early days in ministry were kind of taught to ignore that. It was as though that was for ignorant people back in the time of Christ; He was accommodating their ignorance by talking about demons because they didn't understand so He talked in their level.

But that's not the case at all. We have both come to learn, forthrightly, that there are demonic spirits. These angels too, you actually had something happen where someone came up and tried to kill you, I believe in the church, at least you were speaking. What happened? Because you honestly believe it was angels.

And I will tell you this, we've had so many millions of people praying for our missionaries, we actually had three men sitting in the front of a semi -- we've never lost a missionary, which is a miracle -- three of them in front of the semi, 16 AKA-47 bullet holes through that. They couldn't find any of that weren't inside 12 inches of proximity. Not one of them hit those missionaries.

Dr. Hagee: That was the hand of God.

James: It had to be. What happened to you? Because you had something happen that was quite amazing.

Dr. Hagee: December 1971, I started to teach my congregation about the biblical position of demonology because I was raised in a denomination that did not believe it, and said they certainly couldn't belong to our denomination, although the devil was sitting probably on every pew.

[Laughter]

James: Well, demons were.

Dr. Hagee: And it was in the second series on a Wednesday night. As I'm teaching a man walks in the front door with a loaded gun in his hand; and he walks up the aisle and he roars like a lion. My people thought it was an illustrated sermon because I talked about Jesus, the demons coming out with a loud roar. And they thought, boy, the preacher is really going all out.

[Laughter]

So about that time he started using language that sounded like a pup tent full of Marine Corps drill sergeants and they knew this was not an illustrated sermon. He walked to the front of the church and he's standing about eight feet from me.

He said, "I've come to kill you in front of this congregation to demonstrate that Satan has more power than Jesus Christ."

I held up my Bible and I said, "This is the Word of God. It says no weapon formed against me shall prosper."

He said, "I have a gun." He was angry. "I have a gun!"

And I said, "And I have the Word of God."

James: God bless you, buddy!

Dr. Hagee: And he said, "I demand that you beg for your life." I said, "I am in authority here." It just baffled him.

James: It's baffling me!

Dr. Hagee: Not you. He said, "I'm going to kill you on the count of three." He lied. He started shooting on the count of two.

[Laughter]

I could see the jackets in the bullet chamber. Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Six times.

He ran down the aisle and a young man that was playing university football in my church ran across the back of the church and intercepted him at the wall, and hit him in the side of the head and drove him into the wall with such force that the walnut handles on that gun peeled off. I mean he blasted him. He was unfazed.

The police came. The police arrested him; took him downtown.

James: Did you get hit?

Dr. Hagee: No. Just a second I'm going to get there.

James: Okay.

[Laughter]

I'm wondering who is going to carry you out?

Dr. Hagee: Took him downtown and arrested him. Every one of those shots he shot at me missed. And the next day, the police came and put a two-by-four where he was standing and took string and measured it and the bullet holes in the wall. See I'm standing right where I stood. There were three bullets to the left and three bullets to the right. I believe the angel of God was there parrying those bullets right and left to preserve my life. I would not be alive without the protection of the angels.

James: Father, I pray that -- I pray that over believers right now who will take that stand for you; that you give them that guard, in this studio and all over the world will stand for you; in Jesus' name. Tell us about these other spirits, these demonic spirits that people seem so ignorant of.

Dr. Hagee: First, demonic spirits cannot overtake you without your invitation. The Bible calls --

James: You have to give them the ground.

Dr. Hagee: You have to give them the ground. The Bible says that Satan is the prince of darkness. Prince is someone that has authority in a specific kingdom. If you get in the kingdom of darkness, Satan has authority over you. Whenever you read an occult book, you are walking into the kingdom of darkness. Whenever you go to an occult movie, you are walking into the kingdom of darkness. Whenever you start doing, playing with Ouija Boards and things of that nature, you are walking into the kingdom of darkness. You are inviting demon spirits to infect you and to take you over. And believe me they can do it in record time.

There was a young lady in my church that went to see "The Exorcist" -- now this was years ago. But she went home from that Saturday afternoon movie and told her mother, "Something entered me today while I was watching this movie and it changed me."

The mother just thought, she is an 18-year-old girl; she is just emotional. The next day they came to church. I'm preaching on the blood of Jesus Christ and the power of the cross, and about 10 minutes deep in my sermon I hear this moaning in the back of the church on the right side. "Whoo!" It was louder than my microphone. So I had to stop and I asked the elders to go and take her to the counseling room to pray with her. Donna also went with her.

This girl was 18 years old, she was an honor student in school, she was Hollywood pretty. She was a beautiful girl. Her dad was a psychiatrist. They went into the counseling room and after the sermon I went back and talked with the parents and said, "I believe that your daughter has a demonic spirit."

It angered them, especially her father who was a psychiatrist.

I said, "Would you like for me to pray for her?"

He said, "Absolutely not."

I said, "Well, you are the spiritual authority of that girl. I certainly am not going to countermand that so I will not."

They left and I never heard from the family again only to know as she had been placed into psychiatric care and had not been delivered years later from that problem.

James: It breaks your heart.

Dr. Hagee: Now it is not an innocent thing when you walk into the kingdom of darkness. The demonic power can take you over and the only thing that will get it out is the authority of Jesus' name and the blood of the cross.

James: Do you appreciate Dr. Hagee talking about things that really matter in the spiritual realm? We have just a few minutes left. Let me just say this. The book is in the bookstores. You can go online and get it -- and go get it. You write in a captivating fashion and filled with such biblical insight, but you want something to happen to the reader so as they see all that is unfolding, what do you want to happen in that reader's life that we can actually be praying for everybody listening to us today to have happened, John?

Dr. Hagee: The thing that I want the reader to take away from this book, "A" is the absolute authority that believers have over the powers and principalities of darkness.

Two: The absolute security you have that when you are on the divine assignment of God you are virtually indestructible. The powers of hell cannot touch you; the angels of God are defending you.

Thirdly, I want them to carry away that there is a very real devil. It was a very real devil that came into the Garden of Eden to seduce Adam and Eve. It was a very real devil that tempted Jesus in the wilderness. He is still in business. He goes to church every Sunday. And if you don't know how to recognize him and take authority over him he'll destroy your life, your marriage, your children, your church, your hopes, your dreams. That's what I want them to take away.

James: Well, I thank you for that. Would you say thank you, God and say thank you, Dr. Hagee? We have, as you know, been doing our best to show people the power of God to deliver from evil. We're going to have temptation. We just don't have to give this cultivated field to the briars that the enemy would like to bring forth. We don't have to let him have one inch of our lives. I don't think we have to let him have an inch of our land.

Our country seems to not understand what evil looks like. We have leadership from the highest levels in our country who don't recognize evil and destruction. I really believe if we see this, do you think if we would really begin to pray it could wake up some people to get their eyes open, get the scales off?

Do you believe that if the church would rise up, Dr. Hagee, do you believe we could see America make a course correction that would be meaningful?

Dr. Hagee: We absolutely could. God gave Abraham the power to intercede for Sodom and Gomorrah. God gave Moses the power to intercede for Israel. God became so angry with Israel he said, "Moses, you step aside and I'll wipe them out."

And Moses said, "If you do, what will the wicked say about you?"

God changed his mind because of Moses interceding with God. If the righteous will begin to intercede with God -- I told my congregation this this past week. If the righteous in America will begin to intercede with God on behalf of this nation we can take this nation back, righteousness can prevail, light will conquer darkness, good will destroy evil.

[Applause]

James: Father, I want to thank you for all the viewers, and everyone in this studio. I pray that every person listening will realize that they are here on a divine assignment, if they're a believer, and they're to be salt and light, preserve the precious, and illuminate the way and expose the error. Father, I pray every Christian would come out from under cover and become a shining city set on a hill by standing together fearlessly, faithfully; in Jesus' name.

To any one of you right now that are watching and realize there's some kind of power in control of my life, and I know it's destructive, damaging. You see that phone number there? There are people who will pray with you and agree with you for God to set you free. And for you to allow Jesus Christ who lives, he died on that cross but he conquered death and the grave, and he's alive to live in us, in the power -- in the power of his spirit. If you will call and say, "I want help," somebody will agree with you. I pray you'll do it.

If you'd like to have Dr. Hagee's book we'll be more than happy to send it to you because we want to help you grow. John, one of the things that we're doing that has blessed our viewers, and it thrills me, we're putting God's arms of love around the most desperately needy people in the world. And our viewers love to extend God's arms.

I want you to look in with us -- all of you -- I want you to see right now a situation that only love can make whole. We're on the verge of seeing it but it's going to take you, us together, to see this miracle and you're going to want to see it. Watch closely.

Begin video clip

Announcer: The fact that children and young women are being kidnapped and held captive is intolerable. But what happens next to these innocent victims is unthinkable.

>> I would scream and cry and say I didn't want to do that work. But the lady would beat me with a big stick. I still have the scars on my arm from her beatings.

One girl that was in there with me had her throat slit; another had her breasts cut off. After seeing all that torture, I was terrified I would get murdered too. So I did the work they forced me to do.

Announcer: Anjolie's story ended well because she was rescued from her captors and she has started the healing process. But there are thousands of other victims and children at risk who are not so fortunate. They are still waiting to be rescued.

>> I prayed that before more girls die in there we can get them out so they can have hope and a new life like me.

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James: Thank God she's been rescued.

Now let me tell you what must happen. Now think about this a moment. The mission workers that go there are sent by God -- into almost like the pit of hell -- and you and I have been there. We know what it's like. We know the love that compels people to go and plant their life in the midst of that pain to bring healing that only God can offer and his love through his people. And so the workers are there.

What we need, in order to rescue like all those little children and others that are being taken in the earlier stage, we've got to be able to go in and take them out and take them to a secure place. We've got several rescue centers that we're already operating but they're not secure like the one we must build.

In other words, when we take one out, we head many of them off before the predator gets them. We can see the child is vulnerable and we get them and take them to safety. But we can actually now, with your help, and these incredibly courageous workers and the Lord's army, real missionaries, we can get them out, take them to a safe haven, a rescue center and we can give them a new future. We can't talk about where it is but we can build it.

Now here's the miracle. God put on the hearts of a family to give \$820,000 toward that. The cost is \$1.23 million, nearly one and a quarter million. Over here in the states it could be \$4 million to \$5 million. But there because the labor and the work and all the resources necessary we can do it. This is what it means. It means that a gift you make will be multiplied in its effect three times. You give a gift of \$1200 toward building that incredible rescue center and it multiplies to \$3600. You give \$40, it multiplies to \$120 in its impact; most people like to see what they do multiplied.

Well, the love of God through this family that's able has said we'll do this and we're asking the viewers to complete it. Look at the prayer power that will go into that.

Father, I pray every person watching will say, "I am ready to rescue those children. God, I'm ready to put your arms of love around every one of them." -- In Jesus' name.

Right now I'd like for you to go to LifeToday.org. Do you know most people now are going online and using their bankcard and making the gift? And it is immediately here. Or you can call the phone number you see, take that bankcard, always use them like a check, the only way you should ever use them, like it's a check, and make the gift God puts on your heart knowing it's going to be multiplied three times in its impact.

I'm showing you right now some views of that rescue center. I have a drawing of it right here beside me that's in a small picture. It's beautiful. It almost looks like a college campus but it's totally secure.

And we want you to know that you can provide this safe haven. This is a miracle of God you're a part of. Would you go to LifeToday.org right now and make the gift God's leading you to make, knowing it's going to be multiplied three times? Or would you call that number? Thank you so much.

I know all of you are praying, God meet this need. Let us rescue those precious children. Thank you for doing it!

Begin video clip

Announcer: Innocent children created to be happy, loved and cared for are being abducted and sold at the hands of violent predators; their spirit and bodies broken under horrific, emotional, and physical abuse.

Our dream is to build a unique child rescue center in Southeast Asia, a safe haven 100% dedicated to rescuing young victims from sex traders and helping them begin the recovery from

the abuse they have suffered. This dream of a new rescue center can soon become a reality with your support, combined with a promised \$820,000 matching gift. All we have to do is raise an additional \$410,000 to begin construction. That means your gift today will be matched two-to-one having a triple impact! Gifts of \$20 will be tripled to \$60! \$40 will be tripled to \$120! \$80 will be tripled to \$240! And generous gifts of \$1200 will be tripled to \$3600 to help us rescue children from sexual slavery.

With your gift of any amount we'll send you Sarah Young's newest book, *Peace in his Presence*; favorite quotations from *Jesus Calling*.

Also, please consider a gift of \$1200 to help us build the child rescue center and you may request this beautifully framed canvas print of the "Forest Chapel."

Please call, write, or make your gift online today!

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In the studio

James: From the depth of our heart, and I know you didn't say much during the program. We listened, I think, so keenly to Dr. Hagee, we love him so much.

But you know how special the gifts are. You know what a blessing Sarah Young is and this book is going to be a blessing.

Then as we say thank you, Betty, I want to offer to all the viewers an incredible teaching on *The Three Heavens*. I'd never really even thought about that. And I'm amazed at the gift God has given Dr. Hagee to communicate biblical truth. But the thing I love about it is that he stirs us to action. It is one thing just to sit become and listen, it is another thing to release the power of the truth that you've heard.

If you'd like to have the book we'll send it to you. You simply help us touch those children and we'll send you this book also to say thank you if you'd like to have it.

Join Betty and me in saying thanks to Dr. Hagee for being with us.

[Applause]

I love you, John! You're going to be back -- he's going to be back with us and we're going to

talk about what we can do right now to witness a miracle we need to witness. Thanks for watching!