

## Check Mate - I don't think so!

*I want to talk to you today on the subject of Check Mate!*

When you play chess and I'm not a chess player, I'm a checker player and I never learned how to play chess that is a fancy Southerner's game.

I like checkers because it happens quickly and if you play me I'll jump you three times before you ever know what happened.

It is fast moving and lots of moves, chess is a lot of thinking and then a move.

In chess they have a lot of pawns and war horses, the king and the queen, the bishops and the knights, **the bottom line to playing chess is that you have one objective** in the game of chess; **when a game is won it is done by a king being left un-protected.**

**It is when the king** is completely surrounded, when the King can't go left or right, forward or backwards, **when the king is un-protected and doesn't have anywhere else to move.**

That's when a person **who has hemmed the king in**, will say the word **Check Mate!**

**And when he says Check Mate**, it means you are trapped, you're blocked, you're stopped, you're arrested, you've been circumvented, **you don't have a chance, you're surrounded by your enemy, there is no escape, and it is Check Mate!**

**You and I have an adversary** that wants' to scream in your ear and my ear, **your trapped, you're stuck, and there is no way out, CHECK MATE.**

You can not move this way, you can't run that way, I've got news for you, when the adversary **screams check mate**, I've got you, you have no where else you can turn, **Heaven screams back, I don't think so!**

**Heaven is fighting for us today;** in life Satan wants to **Check Mate our lives!** He wants' to render us **helpless**, he wants to put us in a position where he can whisper it's over, there is **no way out**, what's the use, there is nothing left for you.

**John 10:10** says the thief comes to *steal, kill and destroy*, the order is important, cause before he can kill and destroy he must first steal something,

He has to steal **your faith**, he has to steal **your hope**, he has to **steal your dream**, he has to steal **the promises of God** from your heart,

But, **if god is for me who can be against me?**

If there is no counsel, no wisdom no understanding that can stand against the Lord then you must get this revelation,

**When hell whispers check mate, then you need to have a response in your spirit that says, I DON'T THINK SO!**

As a matter of fact **you're going to help me preach this morning** I'm going to say **check mate** and when I do in this sermon I want you to shout, **I DON'T THINK SO!**

- I hope you do it so loud you wake up all the people around you. Try it, **CHECK MATE**. This time say it like you mean it!
- When Satan whispers I got you there is no escape, there is no way out, **CHECK MATE**.

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**God's going to have the last word.** There is no wisdom, power and counsel against the lord.

When we understand the situation that Pharo was in, his future was bleak because he was facing the red sea.

Moses was running from Pharo and he was facing the red sea and he had a **mountain on the left side** and a **mountain on the right side** and **Pharos army closing in** -

**They would certainly slaughter their families**, they certainly would **destroy** and **wipe them out**, there was **no hope**, their children were going to **die**, there was no where to turn, they were surrounded, there was no moves left on the table. Suddenly the enemy yells **Check Mate** - - - **Its over**.....

See when the enemy says Check Mate, ***you have got to understand that God is never out of moves.***

See there is one thing that you and I can do that **God can't do**, we say god can do anything, but that's not true.

Here is what you and I can do that **God cant do**, I can do everything that I can do in some situations -

**God has never done all that he can do!**

Sometimes the **doctor says I've done all I can do**, sometimes the **banker says I have done all I can do**, sometimes the **counselor says I have done all I can do** for your family, **I've done all I can do**.

**But**, we serve a God who has never said, "**I have done all that I can do**".

- **God has never done all that he can do.**

**In Habakkuk chapter 3: 1-3** It says that God came from Teman and when he showed up he displayed his glory, and the bible said that the wind begin to blow, and the mountain begin to turn upside down, and bolts of lightening begin to hit, and thunder began to roar, and then there in this scripture in **Habakkuk 3 that says, and then there was the hiding of his power.**

Just when you think that **God has reveled all that he can do**, **God has hid more than he has ever reveled.**

He loves you and he cares for you, listen to this, **He is on your side.**

He has **never** done anything to the magnitude that he is capable of doing.

**If he did all that he could do** this universe would come un-glued when he speaks, **he has to hold back some of his power.**

**So here Moses is**, he's tongue tied, he's a stutterer, he's got sheep dung between his toes, he doesn't have anywhere to turn, **and hell whispers Check Mate.**

- God found Moses in his dessert - God found Jeremiah in his pit,
- God found Joseph in his prison - God found Job in His dilemma,
- **and God can drop a ladder into your pit...**

God will **never give up on you** even when you **feel like you've given up** on yourself.

- Your job is to keep yourself in the love of God,
- Your job is to keep a good attitude, and
- Your job is to just keep your spirit lifted up -
- And holding on to the promises of God.

***When the enemy whispers check mate –***

**Your spirit has to come back with an - “**I Don't Think So.**”**

***That's our job as the church to say to the world when a girl is pregnant out of wedlock and the enemy whispers and says **Check Mate** -***

- **Your life is over** *it's the churches job* to say **I don't think so.**

***To the person who has had the abortion and hell says you are a failure, just give up God doesn't love you, **Check Mate**,***

- **The church** is suppose to be there saying **I don't think so.**

***To the alcoholic, to the drug addict that can't seem to get free and the enemy whispers Check Mate,***

- ***There is a church*** that's going to say back to you **I don't think so**
- **Hell can't have you** - God has away of escape - **God has the Power to deliver.**

***When your home is on the rocks and the devil says just **walk away from that marriage** and that family and those children, **Check Mate I got you** –***

**Heaven will scream I don't think so**, my grace is enough, my love is enough, and my anointing is enough.

**You can start over**, your destiny is **greater than your difficulty**, and your destiny is **greater that your disaster**, your destiny is greater than **your present dilemma**.

**God has his hand on your life** and **your destiny** depends on **who** you agree with.

- You can **agree with the enemy** or **you can agree with God**.

***Display Checkmate painting:*** Every year in Europe they have a tournament for the world's greatest chess players.

Where they hold this contest they have a mural that is painted that goes back centuries ago.

It is a picture of the King and he is **completely surrounded** and is called **check mate**, because at the bottom of the painting it says **check mate**.

**One day one of the master's of chess** was walking by the painting and stopped and studied the picture during a break and kept looking at and studying the picture and then after **25 minutes he started screaming**,

- **He said no, no its wrong its wrong**, and everyone stopped playing chess and they all gathered around.
- **And he said, that's not true**, he said **the king has one more move** that the painter has missed.

**This game is not check mate because the king has one more move.**

***I've come today to tell you that -***

**The doctor** might not have any more hope, but, **the king has one more move**.

They say **you've lost everything** and you will **never get your house back** and you will never have a happy home, **the king has one more move**.

**You may have trouble in your life like you've never experienced**, but **the word of the Lord** to you today is, **the king has one more move**.

**He wants you to win**, he wants you to **live**, he wants you to **go forward**,

- **He is not going to let you die in your dilemma**.

**If you believe it give him a shout of praise!!!!**

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**John 8:1~11** - When they caught that woman in the very act of adultery; this story has always **bugged me!**

These Pharisees who caught her in this act of adultery, meaning they were **peeping between the tent flaps**; these Pharisees, and it says they caught her in the midst of adultery.

Well, how does a Her commit adultery? **Where is Him?**

First of all **they wanted judgment** to come on this woman so **they grabbed her** -

**The dumbest thing you can ever do if you want to punish a sinner is throw them at the feet of Jesus.**

If you want to **punish a sinner** take them to a **denomination head quarters** -

- take them to a religious organization,
- take them to some church members,
- **Throw them at their feet and they will punish them real good.**

**But the dumbest thing you can do if you really want to get a sinner with some judgment is throw them at the feet of Jesus.**

**Because the King Has one more move, when the law says you're finished, when you have failed and messed up, don't ever take a guilty person and throw them at the feet of Jesus.**

They said the word says, the law says, she should be stoned -

- **But the king had one more move.**

**He said, I am the word, and he started writing a new word in the sand -**

- **He said, just when everybody thinks that it is over -**
- **Because you failed that God don't love you and that he can't use you,**

**I want you to know that the King has one more move.**

He said go and sin no more your sins are forgiven.

You see there is a difference between performance and worth.

You can have a bad performance but that does not invalidate your worth.

**God still loves you and he will not let hell have you if you will fall at his feet.**

***Check Mate!***

**The king has one more move, nobody is too far gone that God can't reach you.**

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**In Job 42:16** Job had gone thru his crisis, he had lost his family, his health, his wealth, everything that he had was gone, and the book of Job says this, "**After this** job lived 140 years"

***The lord say's - tell people today that God can give you and after this!***

***After the divorce, after the drug addiction, after the doctors report, after the crisis, after the bankruptcy, after loosing everything –***

***God has an after this for his people***

- ***You're going to - - - - have life after this -***
- ***You're going to get thru this -***
- ***Then you're going to live after this...***

***Somebody shout in this house today!!!***

***God can put an after this in you life.***

- ***After you've lost it God can give you an after this.***
- ***And he lived 140 years after this, his most severe trial.***

***If God could let Job live 140 years after his trial –***

- ***You can live after your crisis -***
- ***You can live after your accident -***
- ***You can live after your trial -***
- ***You can live after your divorce –***

***You can live and I'm telling you that today –***

***Hell has whispered to some of you check mate, you're never going to recover, but the king has one more move!***

- ***He has withheld some power for this hour.***

***If you believe it give him a shout of praise in the house.***

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***In Genesis 9:28- Noah went thru the flood and ***at the end of the flood*** he said, and Noah lived ***after the flood*** 350 years.***

***He had more life after the flood than he had before the flood.***

- ***And if Noah can live after his storm,***
- ***God has life for you after your crisis,***
- ***After the hell that you've been thru,***
- ***God has life for you.***

Noah lived after the flood 350 years.

The whole world got wiped out but Noah kept on living –

- You know that when Noah went on that ark he was a minority,
- Everybody was laughing,
- Everybody was saying that he was a fool, - trusting God -
- But when he came off the ark he was a majority.

When Jesus comes back –

- We're going to leave this world a minority
- When we come back we are going to rule and reign with him as the majority.

**There is life after the flood!**

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Jonah 1~4 - I thought about old Jonah, how he *didn't even want to even go and preach mercy* to the people in Nineveh. You know why?

Because he knew that God would rather give them forgiveness than judgment.

- So he didn't even want to go preach it,
- So God created and built the first one man submarine.
- And he put Jonah in the belly of a fish.

Now I'm going to tell you that everybody in here might have some problems, but, you don't have any problems if you're not at the bottom of the ocean, *none of us have a problem like that*.

A problem that has so swallowed you up that you are in the fish's belly and don't you know that hell is whispering Check Mate.

- And when he began to cry out for the mercy of God,
- God caused the problem that had swallowed him up to spit him out.

If you will ask God for his mercy:

- He will make the problem spit you out, and let you go -
- I don't even care what people say, there is no counsel, there is no wisdom, there is no understanding -
- That can come against our God he is able to do anything,

If you believe it say Amen!

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**I'm closing in just a moment**, but you know that **when you understand** that **God wants us to win**

Even when he **confronts us and convicts us** of sin like he did David **its for restoration** because **he wants us to win**.

**They took Jesus**, they **hung** him on a cross, they **nailed** his hands, the soldiers **surrounded** the king –

He was hanging on that cross -

- And hell begun to laugh and mock and whisper –
- **Check mate** on you Jesus,
- **It's over** and **you're finished** -

And when **his blood caked lips said it is finished**, he gave up the ghost, he died.

**They took his body and put him in the tomb,**

- They rolled a stone in front of that tomb,
- They sealed that tomb
- They put guards outside of that tomb.

**Where is a dead man going to go?**

- He is in **the tomb**, with a **rock**, **sealed** and **guarded** tomb.
- **One** day goes by, then **two** days go by, then **three** days go by -
- And **Satan says check mate** - - -

**On the third day Jesus rose from the dead, the king had one more move.**

**CLOSE:**

**If you have made a mess of your life –**

If your **diagnoses** is bad,

If you've **tripped up** and - **Fallen and failed**

And your **frustrated** - And **bound and addicted**.

**If you feel like you're surrounded** and there is **no way out** -

I'm here to tell you today **if hell is whispering check mate** - ***I've got you this time,***  
**I don't believe I'm preaching this sermon by accident** - - -

***Just when the enemy is grinning like in that picture thinking I have won the game - The KING Has one More move.....***

- Does anybody still believe that God is still God?
- That ***he is still able***, that ***he has one more move***,
- ***somebody praise him like you believe that***.

***Let's stand to our feet*** right now and ***just begin to praise him*** right now.

- ***Who*** am I preaching to today?

***Check Mate***, there is one more move,

But Pastor you don't know how bad I failed...

- ***I'll just throw you at the feet of Jesus!***

***The arch of the covenant*** had ***the law in the bottom of it***, the ***ten commandments on stone tablets***.

***But above it was the mercy seat*** it is always above the law.

And his mercy is extended to you today.

**THE KING HAS ONE MORE MOVE!**