

sick, not the well, who have need of the physician; I don't come to call the righteous, the righteous don't need to be called to repentance. But whether or not a person needs repentance is determined by the conduct of that person because you know the tree by the fruit it bears, not the words that are spoken or the campaign posturing that is done, but by the actions we place in support and help of those who need it. This same Jesus said if you do good to those who do good to you, you're not worthy of any thanks because the publicans, not Republicans, the publicans and Pharisees do the same. The ones who are to be helped are those who cannot, for whatever reason, help themselves, and if we are willing to help only those who are like ourselves, that kind of help has no moral value. It is not a plus on the side of the ledger which is going to be opened Judgment Day to determine whether you're going to heaven with me and Jesus and the angels who weren't co-opted by Lucifer and God and the Holy Ghost and two or three other poor people, or going to hell where most of the other people are, because Jesus said the way to hell is broad and a whole lot of people are going there, but the way to salvation is narrow and few there be that find it, besides Senator Chambers. But if I could put in a word for you all on that day I would do so as I'm trying to put in a word for those who on this earth catch a veritable hell because there is so much hatred and contempt shown toward them because of their sexual orientation or their perceived sexual orientation. This designation of being gay or lesbian carries worse implications than the old Scarlet Letter. We might read a publication called The Witch's Hammer, which was written to talk all about witches, the attitude of the church and others during history and the terrible things that were done to people designated witches and the vast majority of them happened to be females. We look at that kind of thing today and, from our position of enlightenment, we mock it. We ridicule it in movies and television productions and say there is no more hanging women because somebody says they are witches, or drowning them because somebody says they are witches. But the name is the only thing that has changed. The attitude remains the same. There is now a different target for all of those backward attitudes that have stayed with human beings from the dawn of their appearance on this earth. All of those vague superstitions, those shadowy notions in the mind that would terrify you as a child when your parents would say something's going to jump out of the closet, out from under the bed or from under the cellar steps if you don't be good, those things don't go away. Scapegoats are