

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APR 12, 2009

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AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "I DON'T WANT TO BE A PHARISEE"

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "GLAD FOR THE THESSALONIANS"

DESSERTS FOR APRIL 16: SANDRA HUNT; 23: MARGIE MAYS; 30: LESLIE EARNEST

DAVID RAY & ANDREW ELLIOTT ARE IN NEED OF ENCOURAGEMENT. THEIR ADDRESSES ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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Good Morning!
Ben Wright

April 12, 2009
Sermon Advantage

I DON'T WANT TO BE A PHARISEE
(Matthew 23:1-12)

- I. One criticizes _____.**
- A. Is not disobeying Jesus being critical of Him?
 - B. What about criticizing what Jesus taught about the _____?
 - 1. What about those that say “one is as _____ as another?”
 - 2. Or, “attend the church of your _____?”
 - C. We can be critical of Jesus in disobeying of any of His _____.
- II. One cares not about lost _____.**
- A. The Pharisees could not believe that Jesus would have anything to do with _____ (Mark 2:15-16).
 - B. What about towards those that don't _____ like us?
 - C. Or, what about towards those that don't _____ like us?
 - D. Paul said that our God “will have all men to be _____” (1 Timothy 2:4).
 - E. We need to have the same love for the lost that _____ did (Luke 19:10).
- III. One chooses not to _____ those who sin against him/her.**
- A. Everyone is in the same need for _____.
 - B. The elder brother was so busy looking out for his brother's sins, he could not see his own _____ for forgiveness.
 - C. This is _____ (Matthew 23:25-26).
- IV. One consciously plays the role of a _____.**
- A. Matthew 23:14.
 - B. Do you say one thing to one person and something _____ to someone else?
 - C. Do you hold others to a _____ standard?
- V. One concerns him/herself only with _____.**
- A. The Pharisees did a lot of _____ works.
 - B. The problem was they did it so others could _____ it (Matthew 23:5).
 - C. Do you want the _____ of others for your actions?
- VI. One constantly finds _____ in others.**
- A. The Pharisees were known for being hyper-_____.
 - B. There are those who come to services for no other reason it seems than to find fault with their _____.

C. We need to remember that love “_____ no evil” (1 Corinthians 13:5).

HOW HEAR WE...? (Pt. 2)

Ben Wright

There needs to be more like the Thessalonians when it comes to hearing and receiving God’s word. Paul commended them for the way they received the gospel. “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” (1 Thessalonians 2:13). These brethren heard God’s word and believed it to be what it claimed, the inspired word of God. This is a wonderful example of a proper hearing taking place.

Proper hearing must take place in order for one to be saved. It is the first step in the process of salvation. If there is no hearing, there can be no believing (Romans 10:17). If there is no belief, there is only damnation awaiting the individual (Mark 16:16). When one’s soul is in the balances, that should solidify in our minds the premium that is placed on hearing God’s word.

There are those today that refuse to hear the word of God. The masses of people walk through life oblivious to their spiritual state. They are content to live life selfishly and for the moment’s pleasure that sin has to offer. That this is true is seen in the growing number of what statisticians call “unchurched” people. This is a demographic that has increased steadily in this decade.

There are those that will hear the word but through filters. They filter God’s word through their denominational prejudices or the filter of their own conscience. Some have been taught denominational sinfulness and refuse to comprehend God’s word because of this filter. Every verse is filtered through their “grace only”, “faith only”, “once saved, always saved” or other doctrines that they have swallowed. Some allow their conscience to guide them in ways that are not found in scripture. For instance, some believe that if you are a good person then you will be saved. This is most definitely contradictory to scripture, but some have this filter in their minds and every passage that goes against it is not heard.

The filters need to be removed so proper hearing can take place. One needs to come to

God's word with open ears and an open mind. The Thessalonians were commended because they came to believe that what they heard was God's word and they accepted it as such. Everything that is taken in through the ears needs to be filtered through the word of God, not man-made doctrines or consciences. If what is heard is contrary to God's word it needs to be rejected. Sadly, too many are rejecting the truth in favor of what man says.

May we ever be a people that hear the way that Jesus wants us to hear. May we take off the denominational filters and accept the pure word of God. It is God's only power to save mankind (Romans 1:16). How is your hearing?