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WM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM IS THE HEART ITSELF"

WM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

OUR GOSPEL MEETING IS NOV 6-9. WE WILL HAVE EVENING SERVICES ON SUNDAY AT 3:15 FOLLOWING THE FIRST SUNDAY SINGING AT 2 PM

GOSPEL MEETING AT ZION, OCT 23-26

READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- MATTHEW 5-6; MON- 7-9; TUES- 10-12; WED- 13-14; THUR- 15-17; FRI- 18-20; SAT-21-22; SUN- 23-24

ANNIVERSARIES:

Oct 16: H.C. & Jimmie Nell Brown

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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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THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM IS THE HEART ITSELF

(Matthew 15:1-20)

The heart _____ God's word (vs. 1-6).

- A. The Pharisees had an _____ law called the Mishnah.
 - 1. It was an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses that came to _____ that Law in many respects.
 - 2. It was expanded to have over _____ rules and regulations that covered every aspect of life.
 - 3. One such aspect was that of _____ cleanliness.
 - 4. They believed what you brought into the body _____ it.
- B. Jesus immediately pointed out their _____ and sinfulness by showing how they abused the Law.
- C. The real problem is the heart will corrupt God's word on its _____.
- D. The heart has to be silenced and God's word _____ to its rightful place as the standard of our lives to overcome this.
 - 1. We've got to get to the point where it is God's word over all _____.
 - 2. No longer is it our will, but God's will that must _____.

I. The heart _____ from us who we really are (vs. 7-14).

- A. Jesus goes on to quote _____ 29:3.
 - 1. He tells them their hearts have _____ them into thinking they are right with God.
 - 2. They _____ they were something they really weren't.
- B. They believed they were _____ God.
- C. Jesus _____ them of two things we really need to hear.
 - 1. A religious showing does not _____ spiritual worship.
 - 2. Genuine worship is _____ in God's word.
 - a. Just because you _____ does not mean you worshiped.
 - b. Just because you did it like it's always been done here doesn't mean it was _____.
- D. Our _____ will deceive us (Jeremiah 17:9).

II. The heart _____ who we really are (vs. 15-20).

- A. What the heart conceals from us, it _____ to others.
- B. It is not what we eat or drink that defile us, it is what comes _____ from the heart that does so.
- C. _____ sinful thing we do begins in our hearts.
- D. If our hearts are right with God we will love Him and _____ His commandments (John 14:15),
- E. Our attitudes and our _____ say far more about us than we realize.

IS HELL A REAL PLACE?

Mark Lindley

All that we may know about heaven and hell comes from the pages of the Bible. Without instruction from God's Word, we are left with mere human opinion concerning the afterlife. The Bible teaches that in the next world, there is a heaven to gain and a hell to avoid. Studies reveal, however, that more people believe in heaven than believe in hell. Perhaps, some feel that a God who is full of love, mercy, and compassion would never allow anyone to go to a place of suffering and torment. Consequently, many reject the concept of hell.

Denying the reality of hell, however, is not an option for those who believe the Bible. Jesus said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). The Lord also stated, "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched" (Mark 9:43). Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus stressed the reality of hell.

In fact, God's plan to save people from sin demands the reality of hell. Paul wrote that "Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). We need to consider why Jesus desires to "save" sinners. The word "save" implies that a sinner needs to be saved "from" something. What does one sin need to be saved from? If not from hell, then what does a sinner need to be saved from? If there is no danger of hell, then there was no logical reason for Jesus to allow sinful men to nail His body to a cross. The brutality of the scourging, the mockery, the crown of thorns, and the agony of crucifixion—Jesus endured all of these things in vain, if there is no such place as hell.

In addition, if heaven is a real place where the saved will be throughout eternity, then it naturally follows that there should be a real place for the lost in eternity. The scales of God's justice would be out of balance if the wicked and the righteous, the good and the evil, the saved and the lost received the same reward. Jesus taught that the "goats" will not receive the same reward as God's sheep: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46). Yes, according to the Son of God, there will be punishment for some and eternal life for others.

Hell is no joke. It is a real place. But the good news is that no one has to go there. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Those who choose to believe and obey Christ will have a happy eternity to rejoice!