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"Jesus - the Way, the Truth and the Life"

If you see things in God's light and the light of eternity you cannot take things lightly. You're a fool if you do.

John 14

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Matt 28

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The Lord Jesus had revealed Himself to them as the One who has all power in heaven and earth.

May that be revealed to you too, as engraved with a diamond on your heart.

There's nothing hidden before the Lord. His eyes are like flames of fire. He doesn't just see the outside but the inside too.

Jesus said nothing is hidden that will not be revealed. What is whispered in the ear will be shouted from the rooftops.

Let's look at two things which can be found in a preacher's heart.

Even if you're not a ministry, search your heart.

1) Immorality

2) The love of money

Much damage has been done because of these two things.

May no one leave with these things still in their life! Bring it to the light and deal with it.

With the disciples it was doubt Jesus noticed.

But tonight we focus on these two things.

If you leave with these two things in your heart there's no future for you. You might pray for revival but it won't come. In fact it will flee from you.

Think of the letter to the seven churches we read of in Revelations.

Those churches were still young, maybe 50-70 years old and then Jesus wrote them those letters.

Go and study those letters as if written to you personally.

Jesus commends them for many things, but many sad things are written there too, where the Lord spoke harsh words. "if you do not repent I will remove your candle stick".

If you go to those regions today you find that the candle sticks were indeed removed, there's no sign that they existed.

And it would be the same with your church if those things be found in them!

Jesus reprimands those seven churches ten times in those letters.

If that sin isn't dealt with in your heart there is no future for you.

One doesn't understand the times we live in. There's something which causes rot everywhere and it's pornography.

When Billy Graham started his ministry in 1948 they came together to study what is the greatest danger to destroy a ministry. They studied what it was that caused so much harm to the Gospel. Bev Shea and Cliff Barrows were present.

They studied what caused the Gospel to be despised.

They identified four things to guard against that it be not found among them.

Tonight we will look at two of them, Money and Immorality.

They saw preachers go throughout the world but aren't faithful in their marriages. So they made a rule. No worker will be with another woman alone in a car.

We have the same rule here. Some did not heed it and fell in sin. And unless they repent they're doomed and damned.

But there are many ways to be immoral and the most common today is pornography. Many are enslaved day and night.

One preacher's wife thought that her husband was wrestling with God at night, and she would go to bed and leave him to study the Bible and pray. One night she awoke early and made him some tea and softly took it to him not to disturb him. As she entered and looked over his shoulder she was shocked to see he was looking at naked women. She was so shocked she almost dropped the hot tea on him.

The scientist say that if you look at pornography it gives off chemicals that alters your brain and does damage worse than the worst drugs!

These days even women are troubled by pornography.

The Bible says marriage should be held in honour by all and the bed undefiled.

Even smoking and alcohol are not as dangerous as pornography.

A teacher in Switzerland asked the children if they think it was a sin to smoke. One child answered, "yes because the Bible says we must be on fire for God and not just smoking".

South Africa is known as the rape capital of the world! Every 17s there's a known rape case. But the police say less than 1% of rape cases are reported!

This is Sodom and Gomorrah.

Why does pornography have the hold it has? Because it's so easily accessible on the internet.

Where are we as going as preachers if we practice these things? Then you're not a servant of Christ but of the devil. Think of Job who vowed that he will not look at a girl even if she is a virgin.

The porn industry revenue is more than the largest companies in the work combined. In 2006 alone it generated \$89.6 billion. The devil is let loose and rule. Are you part of his kingdom?

Do you allow your children to have such pictures in their room? Then you're not fit to be a parent. You're an evil person.

The prisons are full because of pornography that destroyed people's lives.

In Numbers 25 we read of a young leader of Israel who took a girl from Midian and walked right passed the leaders of Israel and into his tent. That caused Phineas' anger to arise and he took his spear and went after them and thrust them through that they died together and God blessed him for that.

This sin of immorality makes a person to become brazen in sin, just like this Israelite. Beware of such people especially your own children.

Let's look at money. Money is not evil in and of itself, but the love of money is the root of many kinds of evil.

If you don't have money you haven't lost much.

Billy Graham said. If you've lost your wealth you haven't lost anything. If you've lost your health, you've lost something. But if you've lost your character you've lost everything!

What do your hands and eyes look like. Can you say with Job that you've made a covenant with your eyes that you won't look at a girl?

God will never send His Spirit into a life filled with rubbish!

Is there something in your life that doesn't please God? Woe to you if you don't make it right today.

Stop all your silly praying for revival if your life isn't sanctified. Revival will break out as you cleanse your life and sanctify yourself. Jesus taught us to "watch and pray". Note that He placed watching first, that we see to it that our lives are fit vessels to be used by God, sanctified and holy.

This is a serious matter. You need to take that spear as Phineas did and put an end to that sin. If you don't then that sin will end you.