

"Jesus Has Gone To The Dogs"

Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Intro:

- A lost or unsaved man in the scriptures is pictured as a dog.
- A dog in the scriptures is despised and portrayed as wicked and vile.
- The Gentiles were looked upon as dogs or unclean by the Jews.
- In the Old Testament the Jew was not allowed to pay a vow with either what a woman earned as a whore or the money received for selling a dog.
 - **Deut. 23:18** - "Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God."
- The word of God tells us in both the Old and New Testaments that a dog returns to its own vomit.
 - **Prov. 26:11** - "As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly."
 - **2 Pe. 2:22** - "...The dog is turned to his own vomit again;..."
 - What this is a picture of is a lost person may clean up his act for awhile, may turn over a new leaf for awhile, may even have a period of reformation in their life.
 - But one thing is certain that they will eventually return to their old ways or their sin unless they get saved.

- The Bible tells us that during the tribulation that the Antichrist will desecrate the temple by offering unclean sacrifices of which a dog is one.
 - **Isaiah 66:3** - "He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, **as if he cut off a dog's neck**; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations."
- The Bible tells us in the last chapter of the Word of God that the dogs or the lost will not enter the gates of New Jerusalem.
 - **Rev. 22:14-15** - "**22:14**: Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
22:15: **For without are dogs**, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."
- What we want to see this morning in order for a person to get they must see themselves lost.
- They need to humble themselves and see themselves as a dog or a sinner.

I. Dogs Who Won't Admit They Are Dogs Or Sinners Who Won't Admit They Are Sinners And Remain Lost.

A. Hazeal - 2 Kings 8:7-15

- **Notice his condition in v. 12 as described by the man of God, Elisha –**
 - “And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child.”
 - Picture of the man of God, the preacher telling a person they are a lost wicked sinner according to the Word of God.

- **Notice his rejection in v. 13 –**
 - “And Hazael said, But what, **is thy servant a dog**, that he should do this great thing?”
 - Hazael saying "I am not a sinner." "I would never do such a thing."
 - Hazael very prideful.
 - He would not admit that he was a dog, a sinner.
 - He would not humble himself.
 - The Bible tells us in **James 4:6,10 - 4:** "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." **10:** "Humble

yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

□ **Notice the results**

- **v. 15** – “Hazeal reigned in his stead”
- He became king over Syria as Elisha said he would.
- **v. 28** – Joram king of Israel was wounded when he went to battle against Hazeal and the Syrian army.
- **In 2Kings 10:32**, we are told that “Hazeal smote them in all the coasts of Israel”
- **In 2 Kings 13:22**, we are told that “Hazeal king of Syria oppressed Israel...”
- What the Elisha, the man of God said would happen in **2 Kings 8:12** did.
- Finally, in **2 Kings 13:24**, “So Hazeal king of Syria died;”
- The Bible says “For the wages of sin is death...”
- What we have pictured is a sinner rejecting the word of God as given by the man of God about his condition.
 - The unsaved man continues in his sin until his physical death then ends up in a lake of fire.

B. Goliath - 1 Samuel 17:38-50.

□ **Notice his condition in 1 Samuel 17:10 -**

- “And the Philistine said, **I defy the armies of Israel** this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.”

- What this pictures is the sinner hates the things of God, the scriptures, the saints, the sanctuary – **“I defy the armies of Israel”**
- **Notice his rejection in vs. 42-43 –**
 - **“42:**And when the Philistine looked about, and **saw David,** **he disdained him:** for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. **43** And the Philistine said unto David, **Am I a dog,** that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine **cursed David by his gods.**
 - David pictures the man of God, the preacher going to deal with someone about their soul.
 - We see a typical response by an unsaved man in v. 42, he disdained the man of God.
 - He despised David.
 - His attitude “What does this preacher think he is going to do?”
 - We see a picture of a sinner not admitting his condition, a lost dog on his way to a sinner’s hell in v. 43 – **“Am I a dog”**
 - “I’m not a sinner.”
 - “I do not need to be converted.”
 - “Whatever you have to say is not going to change me.”
- **Notice the results in v. 49 –**

- “And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.”
- Again, Goliath pride kept himself from seeing himself as a dog.
- Result was his destruction.
- The same thing with a sinner when he fails to admit his condition the result is destruction – eternity in a lake of fire.
- The Bible tells us in **Prov. 11:2**, "**When pride cometh then cometh shame.**"
- **Prov. 16:18**, "**Pride goeth before destruction...**"

II. **Dogs Who Admitted They Were Dogs Or Sinners that Admitted That They Were A Sinner And Got Saved.**

A. **The Gentile Woman - Matthew 15:21-28**

- **Notice her statement in v. 22**, trying to fake like a Jew by way addresses Christ.
 - "O Lord, thou Son of David"
- **Notice her condition as told by Christ in v.26.**
 - “But he answered and said, **It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.** “
- **Notice her confession in v. 27.**
 - "And she said, Truth, Lord: **yet the dogs** eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

- The woman realized and admitted her condition that she was a dog or a sinner.
- She humbled herself.
- The Bible tells us in **Luke 14:11** – “For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”
- **Notice the results in v. 28**, “Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.”
- Whenever a person humbles themselves and admits that they are a sinner (a dog) then they will be saved.

B. Mephibosheth – 2 Samuel 9: 1-13

- He was the son of Jonathan, grandson of Saul
- In this chapter we have a beautiful picture of a sinner getting saved because of the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary.
- Pictures or types in this chapter:
 - **The house of Saul** – All of condemned mankind born in the image of fallen Adam.
 - **David** – God the Father.
 - **Jonathan** - God the Son.
 - **Zibba, the servant** – God the Holy Spirit

- **Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son** – A sinner born in the image of fallen Adam being saved by Christ's work at Calvary.
- David showed kindness to house of Saul for Jonathan's sake.
- Jonathan loved David as he loved his own soul – **1 Sam 20:17**
- Jonathan protected David when his father Saul try to kill David.
- Jonathan made a covenant with David that David would not cut off his kindness from his house forever – **1 Sam. 20:15**
- This pictures the blood covenant that God the Son has with the God the Father to save all those that trust in His shed blood to save them.
- **Notice his condition in vs. 3, 13.**
 - **v. 3**, "lame on his feet."
 - **V. 13**, "was lame on both his feet."
 - Pictures a sinner, lost, dead in trespasses and sin.
- **Notice his confession in v. 8**
 - "And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such **a dead dog as I am?**

- **Mephibosheth** realizes that he is a dog, of house of Saul, deserves to die and does not deserve the mercy and grace of the king.
- Pictures a person realizes they are a sinner, born in the image of fallen Adam and does not deserve God's grace and mercy but deserves to go to a sinner's hell.
- **Notice the results in v. 13.**
 - So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for **he did eat continually at the king's table**; and was lame on both his feet.”
 - Again, when a sinner humbles themselves and receives Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, then will be saved.
 - They continually eat at the king's table.

Conclusion:

- We have seen what happens when Jesus goes to the dogs.
- Some humble themselves and admit their conditions (they are a dog, a sinner) and get saved.
- Some fail to admit they are a dog (a sinner) and die lost in their sins.
- Despite the movie title “All dogs do not go to heaven” only the saved ones.
- How about you have?
- Every dog has a license that identifies the owner.
- Who is your owner the devil or the Lord Jesus Christ?

- ❑ You can change your ownership today by receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.
- ❑ How about you whose owner is Jesus Christ?
- ❑ Are you living your life in such a way that reflects his ownership?
- ❑ Or have you run off to go run with the devil's dogs?