

THE PURPOSE OF PREACHING

TEXT: HEBREWS 13:17

INTRO:

- This verse of scripture is talking about pastoral authority.
- It is saying that the people in the church are to obey and submit to the authority of the pastor.
- This position of responsibility was given to him not by man^{but} by God.
- Reason why you are to obey and submit to the authority of the pastor is because he has been given by God an awesome responsibility of watching over each individual soul in his flock.
- The verse says "as they that must give account"
- Someday, I will be stand before the Lord Jesus Christ give account of how I watched over each individual soul of the flock God has given me charge over.
- I believe included as part of my watching responsibility is to warn each one of you when you are straying from God, getting into sin.
- Warn you so you won't fall off that spiritual cliff.
- All I can do is warn you, it is up to you to heed that warning.
- Just like when you pick up an over the counter medication and the instructions read "Don't take while driving or operating machinery".
- If ^{you} decide to take the stuff anyway ^{and drive your car} and get into an accident then that is your fault but it was the responsibility of the pharmaceutical company to warn against any side effect from taking the drug.
- Just like it is my responsibility to warn you against the side effects of getting into sin.
- I believe one of the ways a preacher can warn is through the preaching of the word of God.
- The Apostle Paul spoke about this warning through preaching - **SEE Colossians 1:21-29. Notice vs. 28-29.**
- The Lord told Isaiah in **Isaiah 58:1.**
- This morning I want to focus on the purpose of preaching and some of the things the man of God should warn against when he preaches.

- Unfortunately most of the preaching today is to tickle the ears of the hearer
- Most of the preaching is men-pleasing instead of pleasing to God.
- Most of the preaching today is not to offend anyone so, the people keep coming and the money keeps rolling in.
- Paul, the Apostle told the church at Ephesus - See Acts 20: 26-27 - ^{shunned} "to declare unto you all the counsel of God."
- The man of God is to preach the bitter with sweet God is love but He also hates sin.
- So, when the man of God preaches he should sound the warning concerning: -

I The Deceitfulness of Sin.

A. Sin defeats the Christian, I Cor 9:27

1. I Cor 9:27 - To be effective in his preaching, Paul said he had to live a clean life -
 - he had to keep his testimony -
 - otherwise, Paul said he would be a castaway - Did not mean he would lose his salvation -
 - He could not be used for God
 - Castaway - means "that which is thrown away"
 - In this case if Paul did not live a clean life led of the Spirit as oppose to flesh, then he would be abandoned by God, as unworthy of His favor, a Reprobate.

salt with no savour tasteless.

- Christian suppose to be salt of the earth - Mt 5.13
- By sin - Christian loses his savour - saltiness - no longer effective

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How far his sin would take him

2. Little did Samson realize when he married an non-believer, a daughter of the uncircumcised Philistines - ~~where his sin would take him~~.
- He ended up blinded, blinded, and grinding -
 - See Judges 16:21 -
 - We know he died destroying the temple.

3. Little did Lot realize, How far his sin would take him when split with his godly uncle Abraham and lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered (Ge 13:10).
- He ended up sitting in the gate of Sodom - (some kind of official) - mixing with worldly crowd
 - He lost at least two daughters and their husbands in the destruction of Sodom - + commercials because he had a poor testimony -
 - The Bible says - when went to warn his sons in law of up coming destruction of Sodom - "they mocked him" Ge 19:14 -
 - I notice words, they laughed at him and said - "what! did you get religious all of sudden"
 - Lot lost his wife as they were escaping Sodom, she look back - became a pillar of salt - Ge 19:26
 - Finally, Lot ends up drunk in cave and fathers a child from each of his unmarried daughters Ge 19:35-38.

B. Sin defiles others -

- (1) Heb 12:14-16 - bitterness affects whole church -
- (2) Achan and his family destroy - Joshua 7, because of covetousness - see Josh 7:20-25
- (3) Eccles 9:18
 - drunk - for a parent - effect on family
 - child abuser -
 - i.e. Adolph Hitler
 - i.e. Sadam Hussein - Iraq - Gulf War - adultery - effects on a family
 - i.e. Adam + Eve - fall in garden
 - i.e. - one busy body, one false witness in a church.
 - i.e. Because of David sins of adultery and

II Sam 11. murdered - Committed Adultery with Bathsheba, then his husband Uriah killed in battle murdered.

- effects -
- II Sam 12:10 - David always at war
 - II Sam 12:14 - affects unsaved
 - Also know - Baby Bathsheba died.
 - Amnon, David's son rapes Absalom's sister Tamar.
 - Absalom kills Amnon.
 - Absalom steals the hearts of Israel from a conspiracy against his father David
 - Absalom killed by Joab, David's general against David's orders -
 - we see David a broken man - II Sam 18:33
 - David never got to build house for God - one sinner destroys much good. - etc
 - David's sin affected his family greatly.

C. Sin destroys the soul -

Sin is deceitful because it made out to be fun, pleasurable, of benefit.

- The consequences are never discussed -
- Like eating alot of fatty foods -
- Fat makes food tasty but results -
clogs arteries - results heart attacks -
strokes -

• Scriptures -

Rom 6:23 - }

Rev 20:15 }

Gal 6: ~~6~~ 7-8

Eze: 18:4, 20

i.e. Luke 16: 19-31 -

Rich man never expected an eternity of torment
vs 22-26 -

Christian

• The preacher as well individual^{Christian} is to be a spiritual watchman - see Eze 3:17-21 -

Sound the warning of coming judgment -
for sin - " don't Repent of Sins + Trust Christ
as personal sinners. - " ^{from} Hell awaiting you

The preacher is to sound the warning concerning

- the deceitfulness of Sin
- Sin defiles the Christian
- " defiles others
- " destroy the soul