

Is Your Heart Right with God?

Introduction

Acts 8:21 You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

1. The word "Heart" is first used in Genesis 6:5

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

2. Before we can do anything for Christ our hearts must be right before God.

A. To become a Christian is to take a serious step, to make a deep commitment to Christ.

B. To borrow a quote from Ron Halbrook "It takes a commitment of all your heart and mind and soul to learn the difference between right and wrong, to serve and follow the Lord all the days of your life, to pay any price, to make any sacrifice to go to heaven when you die."

From the Beginning

1. In Noah's day.

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

A. God was sorry he made man (v.6)

2. God rewards obedience.

Deuteronomy 11:1-18, 32

3. David's charge to Solomon:

1 Chronicles 28:9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

A. David's prayer to God.

1 Chronicles 29:17-19

B. Jeremiah's thoughts.

Jeremiah 12:1-3

Jeremiah 15:16

Jeremiah 31:33

1) The old law could be broken; now God gives a new power to the old law.

a. It was a mere code of morals, external to man; obeyed as a duty.

b. In Christianity it becomes an inner force shaping man's character from within!

Hebrews 8:10

God Should Be Implanted in Our Hearts

1. The law.

Psalms 37:31 The law of his God is **in his heart**; None of his steps shall slide.

2. The wise heart.

Proverbs 10:8 The wise in heart **will receive commands**, But a prating fool will fall.

Matthew 7:24-27

Ecclesiastes 10:2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand, But a fool's heart at his left.

3. Through trials.

Psalms 17:3 You have tested my heart; You have visited me in the night; You have tried me and have found nothing; I have **purposed** that my mouth shall not transgress.

Psalms 26:2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; **Try my mind and my heart**.

Psalms 139:23 Search me, O God, **and know my heart**; Try me, and know my anxieties;

Proverbs 17:3 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests the hearts.

4. Weighs our hearts.

Proverbs 21:2 Every way of a man **is right in his own eyes**, But the LORD weighs the hearts.

Proverbs 24:12 If you say, "Surely we did not know this," Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?

A. One can't hush up a wrong with a false plea of ignorance.

5. That we will withhold worldly pleasure:

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

God Knows Our Hearts

1. Are our hearts really centered on Him?

Luke 16:15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

2. Do we try to hide things from God?

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will **both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts**. Then each one's praise will come from God.

1 Corinthians 14:25 And thus **the secrets of his heart are revealed**; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

3. Are we pleasing ourselves or others only?

1 Thessalonians 2:4

Conclusion

- 1. Is your heart right with God?**
- 2. Does every aspect of your life reflect a heart that is Godly?**
- 3. Would Jesus approve of your attitude of heart?**
- 4. Have your affections been nailed to the cross?**

Invitation

Place

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