

8-2-20

Sermon- Who is Your Brother?

Scripture- Romans 9:1-5, CTW- Psalm 17:1-7

Hymns- 20, 304, 460

Theme- We have heard these words: "Know your destiny. Be secured in your calling. We are all called by God to accomplish His will. Our calling is determined by our burden! Evangelism is a burden for the "lost", a Passion for the "lost", the passion to reach the "unsaved". How do you feel about these words?

I. Introduction:

Here is another passage which will help us understand what Paul is trying to say in the Romans passage: Luke 10: 25-29 Who is my neighbor?

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?"

27 The man answered, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"^[a]

28 "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"

29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

II. EVANGELISM: A burden for the "lost". Passion for the "lost". The Passion to reach the "unsaved".

The Passion to bring the "lost" to Christ. (PASSION=BURNING DESIRE)

Paul describes his great passion in the second and third verses: **Romans 9:2-3**, "I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in

my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race..." Charles Spurgeon said, "Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you are not saved yourself. Be sure of that." He continued, "The saving of souls, if a man has once gained love to perishing sinners and his blessed Master, will be an all-absorbing passion to him. It will so carry him away, that HE WILL ALMOST FORGET HIMSELF in the saving of others. HE WILL BE LIKE THE BRAVE FIREMAN, who cares not for the scorch or the heat, so that he may rescue the poor creature on whom true humanity has set its heart... If hell must be filled... let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for."

A. It is a basic but unforgotten fact that anyone who calls him/herself a Christian must have concern for the lost.

Listen to the words of **Genesis 4:9-12:**

(NLT) 9 Afterward the LORD asked Cain, "Where is your brother? Where is Abel?" "I don't know!" Cain retorted. "Am I supposed to keep track of him wherever he goes?" 10 But the LORD said, "What have you done? Listen -- your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground! 11 You are hereby banished from the ground you have defiled with your brother's blood. 12 No longer will it yield abundant crops for you, no matter how hard you work! From now on you will be a homeless fugitive on the earth, constantly wandering from place to place."

WANDERER= Living w/o Purpose/Mission.

Hebrews 11:4 reminds us that we must have an ongoing desire to live a holy life

B. From the Genesis passage, we get something called the Cain Syndrome.

We need to compare our lives to Cain's shortcomings:

1. He was half-hearted towards God

He knew God, but the problem was he never took the time to cultivate his relationship with his heavenly Father. He never diligently desired to look after GOD'S OWN HEART & never tried to find out what GOD WANTED HIM TO DO.

"O God! Let your WILL be done."

2. His Decision was based on His own wisdom.

He did things that he thought was right in OWN EYES but it wasn't right in the EYES OF GOD. We can all fall into this trap of the enemy if we do not SPEND TIME to get to know the WILL OF GOD.

Always ask for GOD'S GUIDANCE. Spend time in reading the Bible.

3. He did not follow the PLAN of God.

Cain, being a farmer, offered God some fruit from his own backyard. Instead of obtaining the product from his brother's flock, Cain wanted to keep everything WITHIN HIS CONTROL. Obedience to the WILL OF GOD. Cast out your selfish ambition.

4. He became slave by his own sins.

He didn't repent. God was waiting for him to ask for forgiveness. ("Where is your Brother?")

Every time we fail to listen and obey GOD'S WILL, we are opening the door to sin. If we fail to rule over sin, sin will rule over us.

Always ask for forgiveness (Ezekiel 36:26). "Ask God give you a CLEAN HEART w/ RIGHT DESIRES".

5. Cain was easily offended.

Sometimes, as in Cain's case, people get angry when they are being rebuked. Instead of turning back, they keep on going because they are OFFENDED by the CORRECTIVE WORDS.

God tried to correct Cain, but instead of responding to the WILL OF GOD, Cain was offended.

Ezekiel 36:27 says that The Holy Spirit will help you become sensitive to the voice of God..." I will put my spirit within you and

cause you to walk within my Statutes, and you will be careful to observe my ordinances.”

6. He hated his brother.

Cain didn't listen to the voice or WILL OF GOD. Evil has taken root in his heart and he resented his brother, thinking Abel was the cause to all his problems and frustrations.

7. He ran away from God.

He was trying to hide from God's presence; he was running away from his CALLING.

Even then, God still PRESERVED Cain's life and PROTECTED him, in the hope that the prophetic message of the blood of Abel would ONE DAY AWAKEN HIM! All of us had experienced the "Cain Syndrome"

The Blood of Jesus represents the blood of Abel. We are redeemed by the blood of Jesus.

III. Getting to know more about CAIN can help you understand more about the mission which God calls us all to:

The FIRST BORN son of Adam and Eve. Cain became a TILLER OF GROUND, as his brother Abel followed the pursuits of PASTORAL LIFE.

Means "Acquired". Adam and Eve taught that Cain was the promised Deliverer in Genesis 3:15. "Seed of a Woman"

A. God's People are to be the fulfillment of the Promises of God. You are the fulfillment of the Prophecies. You are the Prophetic People. You have greater things to accomplish. You will deliver the whole world! You are the ARROW to be launched!.

You were all Called to **hit** the kingdom of darkness.

Cain was a "Spoiled Son". He knew that he is the ARROW. So everything he asked from his earthly parents were given.

B. You must show that you are Worthy. That you are Willing to do the Will of God.

Everyone of us should want to receive the Prophetic anointing

God is waiting for your WILLINGNESS. Take note this Principle: "Your TEARS and your GROANS are USELESS without WILLINGNESS."

"To Tell the Good News About Jesus Throughout the World."

C. This is our Mission! We are CALLED to perform.

Take note this Principle: "I RECIEVED the GOOD NEWS FREE so I want to SHARE it FREE!"

Why do we need to do this, "Am I my brother's keeper?" When Jesus came, God promised Eternal Life.

So Jesus commissioned us to go to the ends of the world to proclaim the Good News. (Family, Friends, our City, our Nation & the Whole World.)

You Cannot Appreciate this MISSION w/o COMPASSION.

Compassion: The Dictionary says it is a Deep awareness of the suffering of another coupled with the wish to relieve it.

The humane quality of understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it

Sorrow or pity for the sufferings of another person.

D. Have a HEART after GOD's OWN HEART(in Harmony w/ GOD'S WILL)

- What GRIEVES Him, BURDEN's you.
- What GLORIFIES Him, GIVES you JOY.

IV. Conclusion in these passages, it is clear that God is calling you to:

Know Your Destiny.

Be secured in your CALLING.

We are all CALLED by God to Accomplish His Will.

Our CALLING is determined by our BURDEN!

Think about what your kingdom burden is!

You might be hearing the VOICE of God:

"Go to the right, stop that in your life. This is wrong and I want you to change."

We are all Called by God accomplish His Great Purpose.
To Proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord & He will come very soon.
Amen! Let Us Pray...