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Introduction:

Today as I offer to you this Volume IV of my "Effective Expositions" sermon outlines, it gives me great pleasure to share these outlines from my 52 years of Bible study and preparation to hopefully, help those of you who might need some help with some sermon material. I don't know about you, but when I started out in the ministry many years ago trying to pastor my first church, I really needed the help of seasoned men of God to have something fresh from God every week when I walked into my pulpit. Most of the sermon outlines which I read were just used by God to whet my appetite to study more and work harder because I believed my church family deserved the best I could give them from my limited knowledge and inexperience. I genuinely loved the materials that I read, and this study of other men's materials gave me great respect for these dear servants of God. I am still very grateful today after all of these years for what these men of God shared with others, and especially with us young preachers.

I would like to add that the purpose of providing these sermon outlines is not for any preacher to use them as a substitute for his own study and sermon preparation. If this happens, this will only reveal the laziness of the preacher, and the shallowness of his sermons because depth in preaching comes from hours of in-depth study and hard work. No man of God can have a sermon burning in his heart unless He has spent much time with Jesus allowing our wonderful Lord to speak to him before he attempts to speak to others. Therefore, I don't want these sermon outlines to become a crutch, but I do want them to be kindling that starts the fire burning in the heart of God's men.

This fourth volume of outlines begins my New Testament sermon studies. The first three volumes came from the Old Testament, but this volume and the next ones as well will be from the New Testament. I will for sure have many more sermons from the New Testament than I did from the Old Testament just simply because through my half-century of preaching, I have preached far more from the New Testament texts. Therefore, I hope to finish up this series of sermon outlines with many from my study of the New Testament. It is truly my prayer that God might truly use them to challenge each one of you that might read them to dig deep and work hard to glean all you can expositively from God's Word in order to proclaim it to your people. These sermons come to you with my prayers that you might become God's choice servant in these last days before Jesus comes again!

In the King's service,

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II Timothy 2:15

"The Virgin Birth Of Jesus Christ"

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

I. NOTICE THE MIRACULOUS CONCEPTION. v. 18

- A. Notice the proof of this miraculous conception. v. 18a
- B. Notice the Person of this miraculous conception. v. 18b

II. NOTICE THE MERCIFUL CONDUCT. v. 19

- A. Notice the cause of this conduct. v. 19a
- B. Notice the compassion in this conduct. v. 19b

III. NOTICE THE MAJESTIC COMMUNICATION. vs. 20-23

- A. Notice the messenger of this communication. v. 20a
- B. Notice the message of this communication. vs. 20b-21a
- C. Notice the meaning of this communication. vs. 21b-23
 - 1. It was a promise of salvation. v. 21b
 - 2. It was a promise of affirmation. v. 22
 - 3. It was a promise of incarnation. v. 23

IV. NOTICE THE MARVELOUS COMPLIANCE. vs. 24-25

- A. Joseph complied with a courageous act. v. 24
- B. Joseph complied with a chaste abstinence. v. 25a
- C. Joseph complied with a completed assignment. v. 25b

"Giving Like Wise Men"

Scripture: Matthew 2:9-12

I. NOTICE THE PERSON TO WHOM THEY GAVE. v. 9

II. NOTICE THE PLEASURE WHEN THEY GAVE. v. 10

III. NOTICE THE PURPOSE WITH WHICH THEY GAVE. v. 11a

IV. NOTICE THE PRESENTS WHICH THEY GAVE. v. 11b

V. NOTICE THE PATHWAY AFTER THEY GAVE. v. 12

"The Last Temptation Of Christ"

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

I. NOTICE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS TEMPTATION. vs. 1-2

- A. It came at a time of spirituality. v. 1a
- B. It came at a time of solitude. v. 1b
- C. It came at a time of suffering. v. 2

II. NOTICE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS TEMPTATION. vs. 3, 5, 8

- A. He was tempted through personal appetite. v. 3
 - 1. Lust of the flesh.
 - 2. Temptation of the body.
- B. He was tempted through personal attraction. v. 5-6
 - 1. Lust of the eyes.
 - 2. Temptation of the soul.
- C. He was tempted through personal achievements. v. 8-9
 - 1. The pride of life.
 - 2. Temptation of the spirit.

III. NOTICE THE CONFRONTATION OF THIS TEMPTATION. vs. 4, 7, 10

- A. The temptation was confronted with the Word of God's sufficiency. v. 4
- B. The temptation was confronted with the Word of God's surety. v. 7
- C. The temptation was confronted with the Word of God's Sovereignty. v. 10

IV. NOTICE THE COMFORT AFTER THIS TEMPTATION. v. 11

- A. Jesus was comforted by Satan's departure. v. 11a
- B. Jesus was comforted by the Seraphim's disclosure. v. 11b

"The Most Difficult Thing A Christian Will Ever Do!"
"Love His Enemies"
Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48

I. NOTICE THE STANDARD RATIONALE FOR LOVING OUR ENEMIES. v. 43

- A. It is a common rationale. v. 43a
- B. It is a convenient rationale. v. 43b

II. NOTICE THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT FOR LOVING OUR ENEMIES. v. 44

- A. It is a difficult requirement. v. 44a
- B. It is a daring requirement. v. 44b
- C. It is a deliberate requirement. v. 44c
- D. It is a Divine requirement. v. 44d

III. NOTICE THE SPIRITUAL REASONS FOR LOVING OUR ENEMIES. v. 45

- A. It reveals your relationship with the Father. v. 45a
- B. It reveals your fellowship of the Father. v. 45b

IV. NOTICE THE SPECIAL REWARDS FOR LOVING OUR ENEMIES. vs. 46-48

- A. You will have a life that makes you different from sinners. vs. 46-47
- B. You will have a life that makes you develop in status. v. 48

"How To Get Our Prayers Answered"

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

I. NOTICE THE PREPARATION FOR PRAYER. vs. 5-7

A. There needs to be a broken spirit. v. 5

1. A broken spirit prevents pretension. v. 5a
2. A broken spirit prevents publicity. v. 5b

B. There needs to be a bodily seclusion. v. 6

1. This bodily seclusion provides a secret place. v. 6a
2. This bodily seclusion provides a silent place. v. 6b
3. This bodily seclusion provides a successful place. v. 6c

C. There needs to be a burdened sincerity. vs. 7-8

1. This burdened sincerity prevents vain repetition. v. 7
2. This burdened sincerity provides valuable reassurance. v. 8

II. NOTICE THE PATTERN FOR PRAYER. vs. 9-13

A. This pattern requires the proper relationship. v. 9a

B. This pattern requires the proper reverence. v. 9b

C. This pattern requires the proper requests. vs. 10-13a

1. There should be a request for the Savior's return. v. 10a
2. There should be a request for the Savior's reign. v. 10b
3. There should be a request for the Savior's ration. v. 11
4. There should be a request for the Savior's remission. v. 12
5. There should be a request for the Savior's release. v. 13a

D. This pattern requires the proper recognition. v. 13b

1. We must recognize the Savior's Sovereignty.
2. We must recognize the Savior's strength.
3. We must recognize the Savior's splendor.
4. We must recognize the Savior's stability.

III. NOTICE THE PRODUCTS OF PRAYER. vs. 14-15

A. There is the product of a forgiving spirit. v. 14

B. There is the product of a fatherly sanction. v. 15

"Worry And How To Overcome It"

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

I. NOTICE THE CHARGE TO REFRAIN FROM WORRY. v. 25

- A. It is a Divine charge. v. 25a
- B. It is a direct charge. v. 25b
- C. It is a difficult charge. v. 25c
- D. It is a discriminating charge. v. 25d

II. NOTICE THE COMPARISONS TO ILLUSTRATE THE USELESSNESS OF WORRY. vs. 26-29

- A. One is to compare himself to the fowls of the air. v. 26
- B. One is to compare himself to the fashioning of his body. v. 27
- C. One is to compare himself to the flowers of the field. vs. 28-29

III. NOTICE THE CONFIDENCE THAT PREVENTS WORRY. vs. 30-32

- A. Notice the object of this confidence. v. 30
- B. Notice the operation of this confidence. v. 31
- C. Notice the obvious from this confidence. v. 32a
- D. Notice the outcome of this confidence. v. 32b

IV. NOTICE THE COMMAND THAT PREVENTS WORRY. vs. 33-34

- A. There is the command for the proper priorities of life. v. 33
- B. There is the command for the proper perspective for living. v. 34a
- C. There is the command for the proper perception of loss. v. 34b

"Do You Have Real Salvation?"

Scripture: Matthew 7:21-23

I. NOTICE THE TRAGEDY OF FALSE PROFESSION. v. 21a

- A. Notice the individuality of false profession.
- B. Notice the intention of false profession.
- C. Notice the inadvisability of false profession.

II. NOTICE THE TRIUMPH OF FAITHFUL POSSESSION. v. 21b

- A. This is a personal possession.
- B. This is a productive possession.
- C. This is a positional possession.

III. NOTICE THE TESTIMONY OF FOOLISH PRETENSION. v. 22

- A. This pretension produces false words. v. 22a
- B. This pretension produces false worship. v. 22b
- C. This pretension produces false works. v. 22c

IV. NOTICE THE TERROR OF THE FATHER'S PUNISHMENT. v. 23

- A. It will be a sudden punishment. v. 23a
- B. It will be a solemn punishment. v. 23b
- C. It will be a separated punishment. v. 23c

"A Great Invitation"

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

I. NOTICE THE SAVIOR'S REQUEST. v. 28

- A. Notice the simplicity of the request. v. 28a
- B. Notice the scope of the request. v. 28b
- C. Notice the surety of the request. v. 28c
- D. Notice the splendiddness of the request. v. 28d

II. NOTICE THE SINNER'S RESPONSIBILITY. v. 29a

- A. It is a submissive responsibility.
- B. It is a scholarly responsibility.

III. NOTICE THE SAINT'S REWARD. vs. 29b-30

- A. It is a Christ-like spirit. v. 29b
- B. It is a Christ-like satisfaction. v. 30a
- C. It is a Christ-like service. v. 30b

"The Unpardonable Sin"

Scripture: Matthew 12:22-23

I. NOTICE THE SITUATION IN THE SCRIPTURES. vs. 22-32

- A. The situation included a miraculous deliverance. v. 22
- B. The situation included a marveling declaration. v. 23

II. NOTICE THE ACCUSATION IN THE SCRIPTURES. v. 24

- A. Notice the crowd that made the accusation. v. 24a
- B. Notice the content of the accusation. v. 24b

III. NOTICE THE CONFRONTATION IN THE SCRIPTURES. vs. 25-30

- A. Notice the recesses of the confrontation. v. 25a
- B. Notice the rationale of the confrontation. vs. 25b-26
- C. Notice the request in the confrontation. v. 27
- D. Notice the rebuke in the confrontation. v. 28
- E. Notice the reality in the confrontation. vs. 29-30

IV. NOTICE THE REVELATION IN THE SCRIPTURES. vs. 31-32

- A. It is a revelation of positive truth. v. 31
- B. It is a revelation of promised terror. v. 32

Conclusion: What is included in the unpardonable sin?

1. Religion instead of salvation
2. Rejection instead of acceptance
3. Ridicule instead of belief
4. Retribution instead of forgiveness

"A Miracle That Fed A Multitude"

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

I. NOTICE THE CRITICAL SITUATION. vs. 13-15

- A. It included a heavy-hearted Master. v. 13a
- B. It included a healing ministry. v. 13b-14
- C. It included a hungry multitude. v.15

II. NOTICE THE COMPLAINING SERVANTS. vs. 16-17

- A. These servants complained because of a large responsibility. V. 16
- B. These servants complained because of limited resources. v.17a
- C. These servants complained because of little realization. v. 17b

III. NOTICE THE COMFORTING SOLUTION. vs. 18-21

- A. Notice the personal call in this solution. v. 18
- B. Notice the public command in this solution. v. 19a
- C. Notice the physical channels for this solution. v. 19b
- D. Notice the pleasing consequences of this solution. vs. 20-21

"Be Not Afraid"

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

I. NOTICE THE TERROR OF FEAR. vs. 22-26

- A. The fear was produced by an uncertain problem. vs. 22-24
- B. The fear was produced by an unknown presence. vs. 25-26

II. NOTICE THE TRIAL OF FAITH. vs. 27-29

- A. Peter's faith was tried by personal invitation. vs. 27-29a
- B. Peter's faith was tried by personal initiative. v. 29b
- C. Peter's faith was tried by personal irrationality. v. 29c

III. NOTICE THE TEST OF FAILURE. v. 30

- A. The failure was the result of diverted attention. v. 30a
- B. The failure was the result of Divine affection. v. 30b

IV. NOTICE THE TOUCH OF FIRMNESS. vs. 31-33

- A. It was a rescuing touch. v. 31a
- B. It was a rebuking touch. v. 31b
- C. It was a reassuring touch. v. 32
- D. It was a revered touch. v. 33

"The Real Tragedy Of Religious Tradition"

Scripture: Matthew 15:1-9

I. THIS RELIGIOUS TRADITION IS CRITICAL OF OTHERS. vs. 1-2

- A. It is a proud criticism. v. 1
- B. It is a pointed criticism. v. 2a
- C. It is a picky criticism. v. 2b

II. THIS RELIGIOUS TRADITION IS CALLOUSED IN OBEDIENCE. vs. 3-6

- A. This callousness includes disregarding the Word of God. vs. 3-4
- B. This callousness includes distorting the Word of God. v. 5
- C. This callousness includes deadening the Word of God. v. 6

III. THIS RELIGIOUS TRADITION IS COUNTERFEIT IN OPERATION. vs. 7-9

- A. It manifests fiction in works. vs. 7-8
- B. It manifests futility in worship. v. 9a
- C. It manifests fruitlessness in witness. v. 9b

"The Faith Of A Great Mother"

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28

I. SHE HAD A FAITH THAT TRANSCENDED DIFFICULTY. vs. 21- 22

- A. Her faith transcended the difficulty of racial prejudice. vs. 21-22a
- B. Her faith transcended the difficulty of religious pride. v. 22b
- C. Her faith transcended the difficult of a real problem. v. 22c

II. SHE HAD A FAITH THAT TRANSCENDED DISDAIN. v. 23

- A. This disdain came from impassionate disciples. v. 23a
- B. This disdain came from impatient disciples. v. 23b

III. SHE HAD A FAITH THAT TRANSCENDED DEBATE. vs. 24-27

- A. It was a debate about Divine purpose. vs. 24-25
- B. It was a debate about Divine priority. vs. 26-27

IV. SHE HAD A FAITH THAT TRANSCENDED DEFEAT. v. 28

- A. Her faith brought a positive answer. v. 28a
- B. Her faith brought a praising applause. v. 28b
- C. Her faith brought a powerful action. v. 28c

"Church Is No Game"

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

I. IT IS NO GAME BECAUSE OF THE ORIGIN OF THE CHURCH. vs. 13-17

- A. It is an origin that is habitually debated. vs. 13-14
- B. It is an origin that is heartily declared. vs. 15-16
- C. It is an origin that is heavenly disclosed. v. 17

II. IT IS NO GAME BECAUSE OF THE OWNER OF THE CHURCH. v. 18a-18d

- A. He is a grounded owner. v. 18a
- B. He is a growing owner. v. 18b
- C. He is a glad owner. v. 18c
- D. He is a gracious owner. v. 18d

III. IT IS NO GAME BECAUSE OF THE OPPONENTS OF THE CHURCH. v. 18e-18g

- A. These opponents are diabolical principalities. v. 18e
- B. These opponents are deathly powers. v. 18 f
- C. These opponents are determined predators. v. 18g

IV. IT IS NO GAME BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH. vs. 19-20

- A. There is the opportunity for eternal authority. v. 19a
- B. There is the opportunity for earthly activity. v. 19b
- C. There is the opportunity for egger alliance. v. 20

Conclusion: The verbs translated "shall be bound" and "shall be loosed" are in the future perfect tense. They could literally be translated "shall have been bound" and "shall have been loosed." It is not that heaven belatedly ratifies decisions made by Peter and the Apostles. Rather, the church gives visible expression to the decisions already sanctioned in heaven.

"Facing Up To The Fact Of Death"

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-27

I. NOTICE THE FACT OF DEATH DISCLOSED. v. 21

- A. This disclosure reveals the surety of death. v. 21a
- B. This disclosure reveals the suffering accompany death. v. 21b
- C. This disclosure reveals the success over death. v. 21c

II. NOTICE THE FACT OF DEATH DENIED. v. 22

- A. This denial produces personal boldness. v. 22a
- B. This denial produces personal bitterness. v. 22b

III. NOTICE THAT THE FACT OF DEATH DARKENS. v. 23

- A. It darkens one to the work of Satan. v. 23a
- B. It darkens one to the will of the Savior. v. 23b

IV. NOTICE THE FACT OF DEATH DEMONSTRATED. vs. 24-26

- A. It is demonstrated in the cost of fellowship. vs. 24-25
- B. It is demonstrated in the calculation of fortune. v. 26

V. NOTICE THE FACT OF DEATH DELIGHTED. v. 27

- A. Notice the Giver of this delight. v. 27a
- B. Notice the glory of this delight. v. 27b
- C. Notice the gifts of this delight. v. 27c

"A Vision Of Jesus Only"

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

I. NOTICE THE VALUE OF ISOLATION. vs. 1-2

- A. When we are isolated with Jesus, we experience His privileged grace. v. 1
- B. When we are isolated with Jesus, we experience His pure glory. v. 2

II. NOTICE THE VERITY OF REVELATION. v. 3

- A. The revelation included truth about the characteristics of departed saints.
v. 3a
- B. The revelation included truth about the conversation of departed saints.
v. 3b

III. NOTICE THE VANITY OF MISINTERPRETATION. v. 4

- A. Peter misinterpreted the permanence of the mount-top-experience. v. 4a
- B. Peter misinterpreted the place of man's equality. v. 4b

IV. NOTICE THE VOICE OF AFFIRMATION. vs. 5-6

- A. This was a voice of interruption. v. 5a
- B. This was a voice of illumination. v. 5b
- C. This was a voice of intimacy. v. 5c
- D. This was a voice of intoxication. v. 5d
- E. This was a voice of instruction. v. 5e
- F. This was a voice of intimidation. v. 6

V. NOTICE THE VICTORY OF FIXATION. vs. 7-9

- A. The victory included a personal touch. v. 7a
- B. The victory included a positive triumph. v. 7b
- C. The victory included a peaceful tranquility. v. 7c
- D. The victory included a preeminent target. v. 8
- E. The victory included a precious task. v. 9

"The Ineffectiveness Of Powerless Disciples."

Scripture: Matthew 17:14-21

I. NOTICE THE OCCASION OF THESE POWERLESS DISCIPLES. vs. 14-16

- A. This occasion included a multitude of needy people. v. 14a
- B. This occasion included a man with a nasty problem. v. 14b-15
- C. This occasion included a matter of no power. v. 16

II. NOTICE THE OFFENSIVENESS OF THESE POWERLESS DISCIPLES. v. 17

- A. Jesus was offended because of their lack of faith. v. 17a
- B. Jesus was offended because of their lack of focus. v. 17b
- C. Jesus was offended because of their lack of fruitfulness. v. 17c

III. NOTICE THE OUTCOME OF THESE POWERLESS DISCIPLES. v. 18

- A. The outcome included the need for an alternative Servant. v. 18a
- B. The outcome included the negation of an accomplished satisfaction. v. 18b

IV. NOTICE THE OBLIVIOUSNESS OF THESE POWERLESS DISCIPLES. vs. 19-21

- A. They were oblivious to their own powerlessness. vs. 19-21a
- B. They were oblivious to their own potential. v. 21b
- C. They were oblivious to their own prayerlessness. v. 21c

"When Christians Become Unbelievers"

Scripture: Matthew 17:14-21

I. NOTICE THE DESPAIR THAT REVEALED THE UNBELIEF. vs. 14-16

- A. This despair included a broken man. v. 14
- B. This despair included a bad malady. v. 15
- C. This despair included some bankrupt ministers. v. 16

II. NOTICE THE DENUNCIATION THAT REBUFFED THE UNBELIEF. VS. 17-18

- A. It was an exposing denunciation., v. 17a
- B. It was an exasperating denunciation. v. 17b
- C. It was an embarrassing denunciation. v. 18

III. NOTICE THE DIAGNOSIS THAT REMEDIED THE UNBELIEF. vs. 19-21

- A. This diagnosis included a request about this unbelief. v. 19
- B. This diagnosis included a realization of this unbelief. v. 20a
- C. This diagnosis included a recourse to this unbelief. v. 20b
- D. This diagnosis included rules to remedy this unbelief. v. 21

"Our Lord's Lesson On Forgiveness"

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

I. NOTICE THE INQUIRY OF SIMON. vs. 21-22

- A. It was a selfish inquiry. v. 21a
- B. It was a shameful inquiry. v. 21b
- C. It was a solved inquiry. v. 22

II. NOTICE THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE SERVANT. vs. 23-27

- A. Notice the accountability for this indebtedness. vs. 23-24a
- B. Notice the amount of this indebtedness. v. 24b
- C. Notice the assessment for this indebtedness. v. 25
- D. Notice the appeal because of this indebtedness. v. 26
- E. Notice the affection toward the one responsible for this indebtedness. v. 27

III. NOTICE THE INCONSISTENCY OF THE SERVANT. vs. 28-30

- A. It revealed his hypocrisy. v. 28a
- B. It revealed his hatred. v. 28b
- C. It revealed his hardness. v. 29
- D. It revealed his harshness. v. 30

IV. NOTICE THE INDICTMENT OF THE SERVANT. vs. 31-34

- A. It was a public indictment. v. 31
- B. It was a pointed indictment. v. 32
- C. It was a plain indictment. v. 33
- D. It was a painful indictment. v. 34a
- E. It was a perpetual indictment. v. 34b

V. NOTICE THE INSTRUCTION FROM THIS STORY. v. 35

- A. This instruction includes a specific warning. v. 35a
- B. This instruction includes a specific wisdom. v. 35b

"Our Lord's Denunciation Of Religious Pretenders"

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-36

I. NOTICE THE DESCRIPTION OF THESE RELIGIOUS PRETENDERS.

- A. Religious pretenders do not practice what they preach. vs. 1-4
- B. Religious pretenders love to be seen of men. vs. 5-7
- C. Religious pretenders make oaths in the presence of God to impress men.
vs. 16-22
- D. Religious pretenders do the physical acts of service, but neglect the
spiritual. v. 23
- E. Religious pretenders are inwardly filled with sin. vs. 25-32

II. NOTICE THE DAMAGE DONE BY THESE RELIGIOUS PRETENDERS.

- A. Religious pretenders are stumbling blocks to the Kingdom of God. v. 13
- B. Religious pretenders take advantage of helpless people. v. 14
- C. Religious pretenders proselyte people to their evil ways. v. 15

III. NOTICE THE DESTINY OF THESE RELIGIOUS PRETENDERS. vs. 33-36

- A. Their destiny is one of hell. v. 33
- B. Their destiny is one of bloody responsibility. v. 35

"Signs Of The Second Coming Of Christ"

Scripture: Matthew 24:1-14

I. NOTICE SOME OF THE SOCIOPOLITICAL SIGNS.

A. Notice the Sociological Signs.

1. There will be a "Days of Noah Society." v. 37
 - a. They were eating and drinking.
 - b. They were marrying and giving in marriage.
 - c. They were in a state of disbelief.
 - d. They were busy about unspiritual things.
 - e. They were multiplying on the face of the earth. (Gen. 6:1)

B. Notice the Political Signs.

1. There will be the establishment of a Gentile world government.
(Daniel 7:3-14; Revelation 13)
 - a. The European Common Market seems to be the revival of the Roman Empire by which the Antichrist will control the world.
 - b. The potential world banking system is setting the stage.
 - c. The cashless economic society is truly one of the signs; especially with the Mark of the Beast in view.
2. Israel's national revival is truly a sign. (Dan. 9:24-27; Amos 9:14-15; Ezekiel 37)
 - a. Israel became a state in May of 1948 for the first time in over 1,800 years.
 - b. During the 1967 Six Days war, Israel retook the Eastern Part of Jerusalem from the Arabs.
 - c. Scores and scores of Jews have been returning to Israel for the past many years just like the Bible has predicted.
 - d. President Donald Trump declared Jerusalem to be the capitol city of Jerusalem just this past year of 2017.
3. The expansion of Russia into the Middle East seems to be a sign. Pay attention to how Russia has really been pushing their way into Syria and even Iran. (Ezekiel 38-39) Russia and five Arab countries will eventually join in an attack against Israel.

- a. Russia wants the Mid-East oil fields.
- b. The Middle East contains 75% of the non-Communist world's oil reserve.
- c. By controlling the Middle East oil, Russia hopes to drive out the American presence in that region of the world.

II. THERE ARE CULTURAL SIGNS.

A. Notice Some General Signs.

- 1. There is the sign of absolute moral degeneration.
(2 Tim. 3:1-5; Rom. 1:18-32)
- 2. There is the sign of material appreciation and worship.
(Luke 21:34; Jude 14-16)

B. Notice Some Specific Signs.

- 1. The capability of biochemical control. (Gal. 5:20; Rev. 9:21)
 - a. The Greek word for drug is pharmakeia.
 - b. This reveals to us what the modern opioid and other drug problems we now have. Thousands have died because of drug abuse.
 - c. It is possible for world dictators to control people's minds by drugs and alcohol.
 - d. It is possible also to destroy entire populations by chemicals like was used by Syria in recent years.
 - e. Saddam Hussein killed thousands of his people by chemical weapons.
- 2. Another specific sign is the counterfeit church age in which we are living in. (Rev. 13:11-17; II Tim. 3:1-9; II Tim. 4:1-4)

III. THERE ARE PHYSICAL SIGNS.

A. There are signs in the earth.

- 1. There are natural disturbances. (Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:25)
 - a. Earthquakes are increasing in number and in intensity.
We first started calculating earthquakes in the 13th Century through seismology. During the 13th century there were only 84 earthquakes. During the 20th Century there were over 2,400 earthquakes.
 - b. Tornadoes, volcanic eruptions, tidal waves and hurricane

are increasing tremendously.

2. There are natural and Man-made disturbances. (Matthew 24:7)

- a. There are famines caused by over-population, poor harvests, distorted weather patterns and unpredictable temperatures.
- b. There are pestilences and new diseases such as new types of cancer, never-before seen bacterial bugs, AIDS, and a revision of some diseases which we had thought to have been eliminated.
- c. There is the imminent possibility of a thermonuclear explosion with such countries as North Korea, Iran, Pakistan, Russia, etc. (II Peter 3:10)

B. There are celestial, or space signs.

- 1. Sun disturbances are predicted. (Matthew 24:29)
- 2. Satellites in large numbers may be signs. (Luke 24:11)
- 3. Moon disturbances are predicted. (Matthew 24:29)

IV. THERE ARE SPIRITUAL SIGNS.

A. Notice Some General Signs.

- 1. A general state of apostasy is predicted. (Matthew 24:11-12)
- 2. Demon worship has now been accepted. (I Tim. 4:1-3)
 - a. The wide-spread growth of the church of Satan and its acceptance by society as a religion is a sign.
 - b. The rampant state of astrological dependence is a sign.
 - c. The multiplication and acceptance of occults and isms are truly a sign.
- 3. The pleasure addiction of our society is a tremendous sign. (II Timothy 3:4)
- 4. I believe the sports craze addiction phenomenon is truly a sign. This happened in the Roman Empire just before it was destroyed.

B. Notice Some Specific Signs.

- 1. The New Morality or Old Immorality is truly a sign. (II Pet. 2:18-19)
 - a. The religious aspect says that moral action should be based upon situation ethics and instead of absolutes.
 - b. The practical aspect says that one should no longer

denounce sin, but defend it.

2. The explosion of Christian atheism. (II Timothy 3:5)

- a. The form of piety is retained as valuable.
- b. The reality of God is denied.
- c. We now preach that we just need enough religion to make us immune to the real thing of genuine salvation.
- d. In other words, we are to have a head knowledge that God might exist way off somewhere, but we should not welcome Him into our lives.

3. The rise of the world counterfeit church is a sign. (Rev. 13)

- a. This world church will one day be led by the False Prophet.
- b. This seems to indicate the rise of ecumenicalism and the Emergent Church Concept.
- c. This world church will one day unite with the one world government, and the church will be run by the state.
- d. It may very well be that the possibility of the taxation of church property may lead to this union.

4. The present capability of spreading the Gospel by and through modern technology may indeed be a sign. (Mark 13:10)

"The Dangers Of Hiding Our Talents"

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

I. NOTICE THE PERSONAL ASSIGNMENT OF OUR TALENTS. vs. 14-15

- A. Notice the origin of our talents. v. 14a
- B. Notice the objects of our talents. v. 14b
- C. Notice the ownership of our talents. v. 14c
- D. Notice the order for giving us our talents. v. 15a
- E. Notice the optimism for the use of our talents. v. 15b

II. NOTICE THE POSSIBLE AVENUES FOR THE USE OF OUR TALENTS. vs. 16-18

- A. We may take the avenue of investing our talents. vs. 16-17
- B. We may take the avenue of increasing our talents. vs. 16-17
- C. We may take the avenue of interring our talents. v. 18

III. NOTICE THE PROMISED ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OUR TALENTS. v. 19

- A. It will be a patient accountability. v. 19a
- B. It will be a powerful accountability. v. 19b
- C. It will be a pointed accountability. v. 19c

IV. NOTICE THE POTENTIAL AWARDS FOR THE USE OF OUR TALENTS. vs. 20-30

- A. There will be awards for the faithful. vs. 20-23
 - 1. There will be the award of Divine pleasure. vs. 20-21a
 - 2. There will be the award of Divine position. v. 21b
 - 3. There will be the award of Divine peace. vs. 22-23
- B. There will be awards for the fearful. vs. 24-30
 - 1. These awards include an exposure of spiritual ignorance. v. 24
 - 2. These awards include an exposure of sarcastic indifference. v. 25
 - 3. These awards include an exposure of slothful idleness. vs. 26-27
 - 4. These awards include an extraction of Sovereign investment. v. 28
 - 5. These awards include an exodus of the Spirit's invitation. v. 29
 - 6. These awards include an eternity of suffering immeasurably. v. 30

"The Attitudes That Crucified Our Lord"

Scripture: Matthew 26 and 27

Text Verses: Matthew 27:27-54

I. THERE WAS THE ATTITUDE OF BETRAYAL. vs. 26:47-56

- A. This attitude was caused by a lack of commitment.
- B. This attitude was caused by a love of coins.

II. THERE WAS THE ATTITUDE OF DENIAL. vs. 26:69-75

- A. This attitude was caused by self-confidence.
- B. This attitude was caused by self-cowardness.
- C. This attitude was caused by sinful communion.

III. THERE WAS THE ATTITUDE OF NEGLECT. v. 26:56

- A. This attitude was caused by fearfulness.
- B. This attitude was caused by faithlessness.

IV. THERE WAS THE ATTITUDE OF JEALOUSY. v. 26:18

- A. This attitude was caused by the desire for popularity.
- B. This attitude was caused by the desire for praise.

V. THERE WAS THE ATTITUDE OF UNBELIEF. v. 27:42

- A. There was unbelief about the person of Christ.
- B. There was unbelief about the promises of Christ.
- C. There was unbelief about the power of Christ.
- D. There was unbelief about the program of Christ.

"Betrayed By A Friend"

Scripture: Matthew 26:44-56

I. NOTICE THE REVELATION OF THE BETRAYAL. vs. 44-49

- A. It occurred while the disciples were sleeping. vs. 44-46
- B. It occurred when the deceiver was scheming. v. 47
- C. It occurred with the diabolical sinning. vs. 48-49

II. NOTICE THE RESPONSE TO THE BETRAYAL. vs. 50-52

- A. There was a word of compassion. v. 50a
- B. There was a word of confrontation. v. 50b
- C. There was a word of condemnation. vs. 51-52

III. NOTICE THE RESULTS OF THE BETRAYAL. vs. 53-56

- A. It resulted in a fixing of Sovereignty. v. 53
- B. It resulted in a fulfillment of Scripture. vs. 54-56a
- C. It resulted in a forsaking by servants. v. 56b

"The Tragedy Of Human Existence"

Scripture: Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25, 47-50

Matthew 27:3-10

I. IT WAS A TRAGEDY BECAUSE OF HIS OBSESSION. vs. 14-16

- A. It was a subtle obsession. v. 14
- B. It was a sinful obsession. v. 15
- C. It was a serious obsession. v. 16

II. IT WAS A TRAGEDY BECAUSE OF HIS OPPORTUNITIES. vs. 20-25

- A. He had the opportunity of socializing with the Master's friends. v. 20
- B. He had the opportunity of savoring the Master's feast. v. 21
- C. He had the opportunity of sharing in the Master's forgiveness. vs. 22-25

III. IT WAS A TRAGEDY BECAUSE OF HIS OFFENSE. vs. 47-50

- A. Notice the alliance in the offense. v. 47
- B. Notice the audacity in the offense. vs. 48-49
- C. Notice the arrest as a result of the offense. v. 50

IV. IT WAS A TRAGEDY BECAUSE OF HIS OUTCOME. vs. 27:3-10

- A. The outcome included a life ending in sad remorse. v. 3
- B. The outcome included a life ending in sorrowful regret. v. 4
- C. The outcome included a life ending in Satanic ruthlessness. v. 5
- D. The outcome included a life ending in shameful remembrance. vs. 6-10

"A Great Challenge For The New Year"

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

I. NOTICE THE PEOPLE OF THE CHALLENGE. vs. 16-17

- A. They were committed people. v. 16a
- B. They were compliant people. v. 16b
- C. They were confident people. v. 17a
- D. They were confused people. v. 17b

II. NOTICE THE POWER FOR THE CHALLENGE. v. 18

- A. Notice the strength of this power. v. 18a
- B. Notice the source of this power. v. 18b
- C. Notice the scope of this power. v. 18c

III. NOTICE THE PROGRAM FOR THIS CHALLENGE. vs. 19-20a

- A. The program includes evangelism. v. 19a
- B. The program includes baptism. v. 19b
- C. The program includes catechism. v. 20a

IV. NOTICE THE PROMISE FOR THE CHALLENGE. v. 20b

- A. It is a positive promise.
- B. It is a perpetual promise.

"The Mandate Of The Great Commission"

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

I. NOTICE THE PREREQUISITES FOR THIS COMMISSION. vs. 16-17

- A. The first prerequisite is finding the place of God's appointing. v. 16
- B. The second prerequisite is finding the place of God's anointing. v. 17

II. NOTICE THE POWER FOR THIS COMMISSION. v. 18

- A. Notice the inclusiveness of this power. v. 18a
- B. Notice the individual of this power. v. 18b

III. NOTICE THE PROGRAM OF THIS COMMISSION. vs. 19-20a

- A. It is a program of willful effort. v. 19a
- B. It is a program of witnessing evangelism. v. 19b
- C. It is a program of willing exemplification. v. 19c
- D. It is a program of wise education. v. 20a

IV. NOTICE THE PROMISE FOR HIS COMMISSION. v. 20b

- A. Notice the condition of the promise. (And, lo)
- B. Notice the credibility of the promise. (I Am)
- C. Notice the continuance of the promise. (end of the world)
- D. Notice the challenge of the promise. (Amen—let it be so)

"Some Characteristics Of A Great Church"

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

I. THERE WAS A CONTAGIOUS PROCLAMATION THAT JESUS IS IN THE HOUSE. v. 1

- A. It was an exciting proclamation. v. 1a
- B. It was an exalting proclamation. v. 1b

II. THERE WAS A CROWD OF PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE. v. 2a

- A. It was a large crowd.
- B. It was a longing crowd.

III. THERE WAS A CLEAR PREACHING OF THE WORD IN THE HOUSE. v. 2b

- A. It was powerful preaching.
- B. It was pointed preaching.
- C. It was practical preaching.

IV. THERE WERE COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE. vs. 3-5

- A. These were caring people. v. 3a
- B. These were cooperative people. v. 3b
- C. These were committed people. v. 4
- D. These were confident people. v. 5

V. THERE WAS A COMFORT FOR PROBLEMS IN THE HOUSE. vs. 6-12a

- A. There was comfort in spite of skeptics. vs. 6-9
- B. There was comfort initiated by the Savior. vs. 10-11
- C. There was comfort indicated by steps. v. 12a

VI. THERE WAS A CHORUS OF PRAISE IN THE HOUSE. v. 12b

- A. It was multiplied praise.
- B. It was magnifying praise.
- C. It was marveling praise.

"Bringing A Man To Jesus"

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

I. NOTICE THE SITUATION THAT PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY. vs. 1-2

- A. Notice the pronouncement of Christ's presence. v. 1
- B. Notice the population of Capernaum's people. v. 2a
- C. Notice the preaching of Christ's purpose. v. 2b

II. NOTICE THE SICK THAT PROMPTED THE OPPORTUNITY. vs. 3-5

- A. Notice the condition of the sick. v. 3a
- B. Notice the compassion of the servants toward the sick. v. 3b
- C. Notice the commitment of the servants toward the sick. v. 4
- D. Notice the confidence of the servants toward the Savior. v. 5a
- E. Notice the consolation given to the sick by the Savior. v. 5b

III. NOTICE THE SKEPTICS THAT PLAGUED THE OPPORTUNITY. vs. 6-7

- A. Notice the passiveness of these skeptics. v. 6a
- B. Notice the problem with these skeptics. v. 6b
- C. Notice the piety of these skeptics. v. 7a
- D. Notice the pitifulness of these skeptics. v. 7b

IV. NOTICE THE SERMON THAT PERFECTED THE OPPORTUNITY. vs. 8-11

- A. Notice the incentive for the sermon. v. 8
- B. Notice the inquisition in the sermon. v. 9
- C. Notice the intent of the sermon. v. 10
- D. Notice the instruction in the sermon. v. 11

V. NOTICE THE SALVATION THAT PERPETUATED THE OPPORTUNITY. v. 12

- A. Notice the walk that proved this salvation. v. 12a
- B. Notice the wonder that proved this salvation. v. 12b
- C. Notice the worship that proved this salvation. v. 12c
- D. Notice the witness that proved this salvation. v. 12d

"Jesus, A Friend Of Sinners"

Scripture: Mark 2: 13-17

I. NOTICE THE SIMPLE INVITATION. vs. 13-14

- A. This was a public invitation. v. 13
- B. This was a personal invitation. v. 14a
- C. This was a pricey invitation. v. 14b
- D. This was a pleasing invitation. v. 14c

II. NOTICE THE SYMPATHETIC IDENTIFICATION. v. 15

- A. It was a caring identification. v. 15a
- B. It was a civil identification. v. 15b
- C. It was a convincing identification., v. 15c

III. NOTICE THE SAD INVESTIGATION. v. 16

- A. It was a legalistic investigation. v. 16a
- B. It was a loathing investigation. v. 16b

IV. NOTICE THE SOLEMN INDOCTRINATION. v. 17

- A. Notice the truth of this indoctrination. v. 17a
- B. Notice the terms of this indoctrination. v. 17b

"The Unpardonable Sin"

Scripture: Mark 3:22-30

I. NOTICE THE ACCUSATION IN THE SCRIPTURES. v. 22

- A. Notice the crowd that made the accusation. v. 22a
- B. Notice the content of the accusation. v. 22b

II. NOTICE THE EXPLANATION IN THE SCRIPTURES. vs. 23-27

- A. Notice the request in the explanation. v. 23
- B. Notice the rationale in the explanation. vs. 24-26
- C. Notice the reality in the explanation. v. 27

III. NOTICE THE REVELATION IN THE SCRIPTURES. vs. 28-30

- A. Notice the positive in the revelation. v. 28
- B. Notice the promise in the revelation. v. 29
- C. Notice the purpose of this revelation. v. 30

Conclusion: What is included in the unpardonable sin?

- 1. Religion instead of salvation.**
- 2. Rejection instead of acceptance.**
- 3. Ridicule instead of belief.**
- 4. Retribution instead of forgiveness.**

"Peace In The Midst Of The Storm"

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

I. NOTICE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE STORM. vs. 35-36

- A. It came with a period of darkness. v. 35a
- B. It came with a period of direction. v. 35b
- C. It came with a period of departure. v. 36a
- D. It came with a period of deficiency. v. 36b

II. NOTICE THE CALIBER OF THE STORM. vs. 37-38

- A. It was a dynamic storm. v. 37a
- B. It was a destructive storm. v. 37b
- C. It was a dangerous storm. v. 37c
- D. It was a deadly storm. v. 38

III. NOTICE THE COMMAND TO THE STORM. v. 39

- A. Notice the Person of the command. v. 39a
- B. Notice the power of the command. v. 39b
- C. Notice the peace of the command. v. 39c

IV. NOTICE THE CHIDING BECAUSE OF THE STORM. v. 40

- A. The disciples were chided because of fearfulness. v. 40a
- B. The disciples were chided because of faithlessness. v. 40b

V. NOTICE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE STORM. v. 41

- A. There was an exceeding reverence for the Master. v. 41a
- B. There was an enormous realization about the Master. v. 41b

"From A Maniac To A Missionary"

Scripture: Mark 5:1-20

I. NOTICE THE MANIAC AND HIS MISERY. vs. 1-5

- A. He was a demoniac man. vs. 1-2
- B. He was a dead man. v. 3a
- C. He was a dangerous man. vs. 3b-4
- D. He was a defeated man. v. 5

II. NOTICE THE MASTER AND HIS MERCY. vs. 6-14

- A. Notice the Divine confrontation. vs. 6-7
- B. Notice the demanding command. v. 8
- C. Notice the definite confession. v. 9
- D. Notice the demonic cry. vs. 10-12
- E. Notice the diabolical collapse. v. 13
- F. Notice the disturbed communication. v. 14

III. NOTICE THE MIRACLE AND ITS MANIFESTATION. vs. 15-16

- A. It was manifested with a personal peace. v. 15a
- B. It was manifested with a public purity. v. 15b
- C. It was manifested with a perfect perception. v. 15c
- D. It was manifested with a powerful persuasiveness. vs. 15d-16

IV. NOTICE THE MISSIONARY AND HIS MESSAGE. vs. 17-20

- A. Notice the offensiveness of his message. v. 17
- B. Notice the origin of his message. v. 18
- C. Notice the objects of his message. v. 19a
- D. Notice the order of his message. v. 19b
- E. Notice the outreach of his message. v. 20a
- F. Notice the outcome of his message. v. 20b

"The Trial Of A Woman Of Faith"

Scripture: Mark 5:25-34

I. NOTICE THE CONTENT OF HER TRIAL. vs. 25-26

A. It included disease. v. 25

1. It was a sapping disease—sapped her energy.
2. It was a stealing disease—stole her motherhood.
3. It was a shaming disease—considered an outcast.
4. It was a stopping disease—stopped her from worship.

B. It included desperation. v. 26a

C. It included destitution. v. 26b

D. It included dying. v. 26c

II. NOTICE THE CURE OF HER TRIAL. vs. 27-29

A. Notice the requirements for her cure. vs. 27-28

1. She was cured by touching Jesus. v. 27

a. It was an individual touch. v. 27a

b. It was an intelligent touch. v. 27b

c. It was an inconspicuous touch. v. 27c

2. She was cured by trusting Jesus. v. 28

B. Notice the results of her cure. v. 29

1. It resulted in a coagulated fountain. v. 29a

2. It resulted in a confident feeling. v. 29b

III. NOTICE THE CONFESSION AFTER THE TRIAL. vs. 30-34

A. It was a required confession. vs. 30-32

B. It was a reverential confession. v. 33a

C. It was a revealing confession. v. 33b

D. It was a rewarded confession. v. 34

"A Touch Of Faith Is Rewarded"

Scripture: Mark 5:25-34

I. NOTICE THE DIFFICULT FACT. vs. 25-26

- A. A certain woman had a chronic disease. v. 25
- B. A certain woman had a critical despair. v. 26

II. NOTICE THE DYNAMIC FAITH. vs. 27-28

- A. Notice the reason for her faith. v. 27a
- B. Notice the response of her faith. vs. 27b-28

III. NOTICE THE DEFINITE FEELING. v. 29

- A. It was an immediate feeling. v. 29a
- B. It was an immense feeling. v. 29b

IV. NOTICE THE DREADFUL FEAR. vs. 30-33

- A. Notice the cause of the fear. vs. 30-32
- B. Notice the confession as a result of this fear. v. 33

V. NOTICE THE DESIRED FREEDOM. v. 34

- A. It was a loving freedom. v. 34a
- B. It was a living freedom. v. 34b
- C. It was a lasting freedom. v. 34c

"God's Method For Feeding A Multitude"

Scripture: Mark 6:30-44

I. NOTICE THE PREPARATION FOR FEEDING THE MULTITUDE. vs. 30-31

A. The disciples were prepared by a time of intimacy. v. 30

1. During this time of intimacy, Jesus held them accountable for their deeds. v. 30a
2. During this time of intimacy, Jesus held them accountable for their doctrine. v. 30b

B. The disciples were prepared by a time of isolation. v. 31

II. NOTICE THE PLAN FOR FEEDING THE MULTITUDE. vs. 32-41

A. Notice the ingredients of the plan. vs. 32-38

1. There was an acceptance of a mixed crowd. vs. 32-33
2. There was an attitude of moving compassion. v. 34
3. There was an abolition of materialistic carnality. vs. 35-37
4. There was an allegiance to a mighty command. v. 38

B. Notice the implementation of the plan. vs. 39-41

1. The plan was implemented with organization. vs. 39-40
2. The plan was implemented with appreciation. v. 41a
3. The plan was implemented with delegation. v. 41b

III. NOTICE THE PRODUCTS OF FEEDING THE MULTITUDE. vs. 42-44

A. There was an ample supply for the hungry. v. 42

B. There was an abundant supply for the helpers. v. 43

C. There was an amazing supply for the hosts. v. 44

"The Feeding Of The Multitude"

Scripture: Mark 6:30-44

Introduction:

As Jesus and His disciples were assembled here, there arose a need for the multitude of people. Just as there arose a need for Jesus there, there is a need more here today. Let us compare the situation then and the situation now.

I. PLEASE NOTICE THE HUNGRY CROWD. (Mankind). v. 34

- A. The world is empty today and needs food—spiritual food.
- B. The people are searching in worldly things such as sex, alcohol, drugs, money, cars, sports, recreation, technology.
- C. The people are trying to fill their inward desires with outward things.
- D. After being involved in all these things, the people are more hungry than before their quests.

II. PLEASE NOTICE A DESERT PLACE. (The World) V. 35a

- A. We are needing a drink of water—living water.
- B. People are looking for this water, but they only seem to find mirage—something that fades away. They are living in a fantasy world.
- C. The people are giving up true living water for the worldly pleasure that will soon be over and gone.
- D. Christians are seemingly in a desert today because there are so many of them whose lives look like a cactus—rough on the outside, but useful on the inside if God were permitted to use them.

III. PLEASE NOTICE A DECLINING DAY. (Shortness Of Life). v. 35 b

- A. These people with Jesus were needing to be fed because it was getting late in the day.
- B. Lost person, you need to be fed with the food of Jesus Christ today because time is drawing to a close. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."
- C. If you don't accept Him today, you may find yourself starved to death at His coming.

IV. PLEASE NOTICE THE DIVINE COMPASSION. (Grace Of God) v. 37

- A. The Apostles wanted to send the multitude away.
- B. Jesus showed His compassion.
- C. He also showed His compassion for us when He died that we might have a way to overcome death.
- D. God's grace was surely shown, but we have the choice to make.

V. PLEASE NOTICE A RESTING PEOPLE. (Not by works) v. 40

- A. These people didn't have to do anything for this food; they just accepted it—it was free.
- B. You don't have to do anything to gain salvation, just come and accept it.
(Illustration: Martin Luther and His Search)
- C. You may be the best church member, the hardest worker in the church.
But no matter how much money you give or how moral your life may be, if you don't have Jesus in your life and soul, you are lost.

VI. PLEASE NOTICE THE MIRACLE OF POWER. (The Power Of Christ). v. 41

- A. It was a miracle for Jesus to take such a small amount of food and feed so many people. He gave the disciples the food to set before the people.
- B. He had the power to do this just as He has the power to take one of the worst sinners (Saul of Tarsus) and turn him into a marvelous Christian. This Saul of Tarsus became Paul the Apostle.
- C. He had the power to forgive sin, but here again, we must accept Him.

VII. PLEASE NOTICE AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY. (Abundant Salvation) vs. 42-43

- A. There was plenty of food for all and still some left over.
- B. There is enough salvation for all men to be saved. "It is not God's will that any man perish." (II Peter 3:9)
- C. All men have the same choice.

"Religious Tradition Versus Genuine Christianity"

Scripture: Mark 7:1-23

I. NOTICE THE CRITICISM FROM RELIGIOUS TRADITION. vs. 1-5

- A. It was a conceited criticism. v. 1
- B. It was a childish criticism. v. 2
- C. It was a contemptuous criticism. vs. 3-4
- D. It was a comparing criticism. v. 5

II. NOTICE THE CONFRONTATION OF RELIGIOUS TRADITION. vs. 6-9

- A. The confrontation included a charge of hypocrisy. v. 6
- B. The confrontation included a charge of heresy. v. 7
- C. The confrontation included a charge of habituation. vs. 8-9

III. NOTICE THE CONSEQUENCES OF RELIGIOUS TRADITION. vs. 10-16

- A. The consequences included a disregard for the truth of God in order to accommodate self. vs. 10-12
- B. The consequences included a disregard for the testimony of God in order to accommodate sentiment. v. 13
- C. The consequences included a disregard for the taint of sin in order to avoid surrender. vs. 14-16

IV. NOTICE THE CHOICE TO RELIGIOUS TRADITION. vs. 17-23

- A. The choice involves a determined search for the truth. v. 17
- B. The choice involves a dedicated surrender to the truth. vs. 18-23

"Help For Hurting Parents"

Scripture: Mark 7:24-30

I. NOTICE A DESPERATE PARENT. vs. 24-26

- A. Notice her homeland. v. 24
- B. Notice her hurt. v. 25a
- C. Notice her hope. v. 25b
- D. Notice her humility. vs. 25c-26

II. NOTICE A DETERMINED PARENT. vs. 27-28

- A. Notice his strange refusal. v. 27
- B. Notice his satisfying response. v. 28

III. NOTICE A DELIGHTED PARENT. vs. 29-30

- A. Notice her anticipation. v. 29
- B. Notice her realization. v. 30

"A Crisis In Communication"

Scripture: Mark 7:31-37

Introduction:

There is an expression that is used today in many parts of the world that is causing much discussion and debate. This is called "The Millennials" or as some call them, "Generation Next." These are the younger people in our society, and sad to say, many of these younger people have nothing to do with the older generation of people. I remember way back in the late 1960's and early 1970's a term that truly described the situation in our society today. That terminology was and still could be the "Generation Gap". This term became popular years ago because of a lack of communication between different age groups. It included parents, children, brothers and sisters. In our Scripture for today, we find a man with a communication problem and Jesus with the answer. This same Jesus has the answer to our Generation Gap today. Let's take a look at our Scripture passage and see Jesus as He bridges the communication gap.

I. LET US SEE CHRIST REVEALING THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION.

A. Jesus reveals the problem by isolating the man. v. 33a

1. "And He took him aside."
2. Before God can show us our problems, we must get alone with Him.
3. "Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

B. Jesus reveals the problem by indicating the malady. v. 33b

1. "And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers into his ears, and He spit, and touched his tongue."
2. The man couldn't hear; therefore, he couldn't speak.
3. It is a physiological fact that usually a deaf man is also dumb.
4. The reason we can't communicate is that we don't listen.
5. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." James 1:19

II. LET US SEE CHRIST RESTORING THE PASSAGE OF COMMUNICATION.

A. It was restored by an upward look. v. 34a

1. Before we can communicate with one another, we have to communicate with God.
2. The line of communication must be kept open to God.

B. It was restored by an inward look. v. 34b

1. "And....He sighed"
2. This sigh indicated a peace and assurance in Jesus' heart.
3. Only when we are assured of God's answer to our requests can we communicate with one another.
4. Through personal peace with God, we can communicate with and understand others.

C. It was restored by an upward look. v. 34c

1. "....and saith unto him,be opened."
2. When we have communicated with God and understand ourselves, then the passage way is opened to the world.

III. LET US SEE CHRIST RELEASING THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION.

A. God's power in communication produces unity. v. 35a

1. "And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed....." v. 35a
2. Unity between living organs and living beings.

B. God's power in communication produces understanding. v. 35b

1. ".....and he spake plain."
2. Real understanding is impossible aside from the presence of God's power in our lives.

Conclusion:

Communication is probably one of the most important things we need to be able to do well. The whole of Christianity is communication. We need to know how to communicate the Gospel with our lives, our language, and our love. Not only must there be a restoration of the parent-child communication, but there needs to be a restoration of the Christian-non-Christian communication. Remember, if you can't speak for God, it is probably because you haven't heard God speak to you!

"The Pathway To Communication"

Scripture: Mark 7:31-37

I. NOTICE THE MAN'S CONDITION. vs. 31-32

- A. His was a disabled condition. vs. 31-32a
- B. His was a deaf condition. v. 32b
- C. His was a difficult condition. v. 32c
- D. His was a discerned condition. v. 32d

II. NOTICE THE MASTER'S CURE. vs. 33-35

- A. Notice the steps to the cure. vs. 33-34
 - 1. There was a walk of isolation. v. 33a
 - 2. There was a work of indication. v. 33b
 - 3. There was a watch of inspiration. v. 34a
 - 4. There was a wail of intimacy. v. 34b
 - 5. There was a word of instruction. v. 34c
- B. Notice the satisfaction of this cure. v. 35
 - 1. There was a clear understanding. v. 35a
 - 2. There was a clear utterance v. 35b

III. NOTICE THE MULTITUDE'S CONFESSION. vs. 36-37

- A. It was an unrestrained confession. v. 36
- B. It was an unimaginable confession. v. 37a
- C. It was an undeniable confession. v. 37b

"A Faithful Father Is Rewarded"

Scripture: Mark 9:17-29

I. LET US LOOK AT THE DESPERATION OF THE FATHER. vs. 17-18

- A. His desperation was caused by the son's problem. vs. 17-18a
- B. His desperation was caused by the servants' powerlessness. v. 18b

II. LET US LOOK AT THE DENUNCIATION OF THE FAITHLESS. vs. 19, 28-29

- A. The denunciation accused the disciples of being unbelievers. v. 19a
- B. The denunciation accused the disciples of being unbearable. v. 19b
- C. The denunciation accused the disciples of being undisciplined. vs. 28-29

III. LET US LOOK AT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE FAINT. vs. 20-22a

- A. He is described as weak. v. 20a
- B. He is described as wild. v. 20b
- C. He is described as weary. v. 21
- D. He is described as wounded. v. 22a

IV. LET US LOOK AT THE DESIRE OF THE FATHER. vs. 22b-24

- A. It was a desire requesting Divine compassion. v. 22b
- B. It was a desire requesting Divine confidence. v. 23
- C. It was a desire requesting Divine confession. v. 24

V. LET US LOOK AT THE DEED OF THE FAITHFUL. vs. 25-27

- A. The deed of Christ resulted in a release for the son. v. 25
- B. The deed of Christ resulted in rest for the son. v. 26
- C. The deed of Christ resulted in resurrection for the son. v. 27
- D. The deed of Christ resulted in a reminder for the servants. vs. 28-29

"When Being Good Is Not Good Enough"

Scripture: Mark 10:17-22

I. NOTICE THE RELIGIOUS REQUEST OF THIS GOOD MAN. v. 17

- A. It was an urgent request. v. 17a
- B. It was an unusual request. v. 17b
- C. It was an unadulterated request. v. 17c
- D. It was a universal request. v. 17d

II. NOTICE THE RIGHTEOUS RESPONSE TO THIS GOOD MAN. vs. 18-19

- A. It was a disclosing response. v. 18
- B. It was a demanding response. v. 19

III. NOTICE THE REPULSIVE REPLY OF THIS GOOD MAN. v. 20

- A. It was a proud reply. v. 20a
- B. It was a pious reply. v. 20b

IV. NOTICE THE REAL REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GOOD MAN. v. 21

- A. It was a compassionate requirement. v. 21a
- B. It was a costly requirement. v. 21b
- C. It was a conspicuous requirement. v. 21c

V. NOTICE THE REMORSEFUL REFUSAL OF THIS GOOD MAN. v. 22

- A. It was a sad refusal. v.22a
- B. It was a selfish refusal. v. 22b
- C. It was a senseless refusal. v. 22c

"Who Is The Greatest?"

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

I. NOTICE THE REQUEST OF SHALLOVNESS. vs. 35-37

- A. Notice the person making the request. v. 35a
- B. Notice the presumption in the request. v. 35b
- C. Notice the passion toward the request. v. 36
- D. Notice the pride in the request. v. 37

II. NOTICE THE REPLY OF THE SAVIOR. vs. 38-40

- A. Look at the inquisition in the reply. v. 38
- B. Look at the impulsiveness to the reply. v. 39a
- C. Look at the illumination in the reply. v. 39b
- D. Look at the instruction in the reply. v. 40

III. NOTICE THE RESENTMENT OF THE SERVANTS. v. 41

- A. Notice the number in this resentment. v. 41a
- B. Notice the nature of this resentment. v. 41b
- C. Notice the nastiness of this resentment. v. 41c
- D. Notice the names in this resentment. v. 41d

IV. NOTICE THE RULE OF SUPERIORITY. vs. 42-45

- A. Notice the practice of the Gentiles who deny this rule. v. 42
- B. Notice the preference of the great who desire this rule. vs. 43-44
- C. Notice the pattern of God who designed this rule. v. 45

"Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight"

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

I. NOTICE THE CONDITION OF BARTIMAEUS. v. 46

- A. It was a sightless condition. v. 46a
- B. It was a sinful condition. v. 46b
- C. It was a sad condition. v. 46c

II. NOTICE THE CRY OF BARTIMAEUS. v. 47

- A. It was a desperate cry. v. 47a
- B. It was a discerning cry. v. 47b
- C. It was a desiring cry. v. 47c
- D. It was a determined cry. v. 4d

III. NOTICE THE CHARGE OF THE CROWD. v. 48

- A. It was a collective charge. v. 48a
- B. It was a calming charge. v. 48b
- C. It was a counteracted charge. v. 48c

IV. NOTICE THE CALL OF JESUS. v. 49

- A. It was a compassionate call. v. 49a
- B. It was a commanding call. v. 49b
- C. It was a comforting call. v. 49c

V. NOTICE THE COMMITMENT OF BARTIMAEUS. vs. 50-51

- A. It was a separating commitment. v. 50a
- B. It was a sudden commitment. v. 50b
- C. It was a sure commitment. v. 50c
- D. It was a submissive commitment. v. 51a
- E. It was a singular commitment. v. 51b

VI. NOTICE THE CURE OF BARTIMAEUS. v. 52

- A. The cure resulted in personal salvation. v. 52a
- B. The cure resulted in perceptive sight. v. 52b
- C. The cure resulted in patterned steps. v. 52c

"What Are The Two Greatest Commandments"

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

I. NOTICE THE REQUEST THAT PRESCRIBED AN ANSWER. v. 28

- A. Notice the person of the request. v. 28a
- B. Notice the purpose of the request. v. 28b

II. NOTICE THE RESPONSE THAT PROVIDED THE ANSWER. vs. 29-31

- A. Notice the priority demanded in the response. v. 29
- B. Notice the practice demanded in the response. vs. 30-31

1. This practice includes a superior love for the Savior. v. 30

- a. We must love the Savior passionately. v. 30a (heart)
- b. We must love the Savior decisively. v. 30b (soul)
- c. We must love the Savior intellectually. v. 30c (mind)
- d. We must love the Savior energetically. v. 30d (strength)

2. This practice includes a sacrificial love for the sinner. v. 31

- a. Notice the scope of this love. v. 31a
- b. Notice the seriousness of this love. v. 31b

III. NOTICE THE RECOGNITION THAT PERCEIVED THE ANSWER. vs. 32-33

- A. This recognition produced a statement of spiritual declaration. v. 32
- B. This recognition produced a statement of spiritual discernment. v. 33

IV. NOTICE THE REJECTION THAT PASSED OVER THE ANSWER. v. 34

- A. It was a rejection in spite of comprehension. v. 34a
- B. It was a rejection in spite of closeness. v. 34b

"How To Have A Life That Will Last"

Scripture: Mark 14:3-9

I. NOTICE THE DEED SHE PERFORMED. v. 3

- A. Notice the place of the deed. v. 3a
- B. Notice the price of the deed. v. 3b
- C. Notice the process of the deed. v. 3c

II. NOTICE THE DISDAIN SHE PROVOKED. vs. 4-5

- A. This disdain was the result of selfish motivation. v. 4
- B. This disdain was the result of a secular mentality. v. 5a
- C. This disdain was the result of a superficial ministry. v. 5b

III. NOTICE THE DEFENSE SHE PROCURED. vs. 6-8

- A. This defense included a dear affection. v. 6a
- B. This defense included a definite approval. v. 6b
- C. This defense included a devastating admonition. v. 7
- D. This defense included a Divine acknowledgement. v. 8

IV. NOTICE THE DEMONSTRATION SHE PROVIDED. v. 9

- A. It was a long demonstration. v. 9a
- B. It was a lasting demonstration. v. 9b

"Do What You Can"

Scripture: Mark 14:3-9

I. NOTICE THE COURAGEOUS ACT. v. 3

- A. It was an act of boldness. v. 3a
- B. It was an act of bigness. v. 3b
- C. It was an act of brokenness. v. 3c
- D. It was an act of beauty. v. 3d

II. NOTICE THE CARNAL ARGUMENT. vs. 4-5

- A. It was the result of a selfish motivation. v. 4
- B. It was the result of a secular mentality. v. 5a
- C. It was the result of a superficial ministry. v. 5b

III. NOTICE THE CONFRONTING ANSWER. vs. 6-9

- A. It included a rebuke for His disciples. v. 6a
- B. It included a ratification for her deed. v. 6b
- C. It included a reminder about the hurting destitute. v. 7
- D. It included a revelation of His death. v. 8
- E. It included a recollection of her dedication. v. 9

"Remember The Crucifixion"

Scripture: Mark 15:16-39

I. REMEMBER THE CIRCUS SURROUND THE CRUCIFIXION. vs. 16-26

- A. It was a circus of mockery. vs. 16-20
- B. It was a circus of misery. vs. 21-23
- C. It was a circus of meanness. vs. 24-25
- D. It was a circus of manifestation. v. 26

II. REMEMBER THE CRIMINALS IN THE CRUCIFIXION. vs. 27-28

- A. Notice their faults. v. 27
- B. Notice their fulfillment. v. 28 (Isa. 53:12)

III. REMEMBER THE CRITICS AT THE CRUCIFIXION. vs. 29-32

- A. The critics attacked His prophecy. v. 29 (John 2:19)
- B. The critics attacked His power. vs. 30-31
- C. The critics attacked His position. v. 32

IV. REMEMBER THE CRY AT THE CRUCIFIXION. vs. 33-37

- A. It was a cry from deprivation. v. 33
- B. It was a cry from isolation. v. 34
- C. It was a cry causing consternation. vs. 35-36
- D. It was a cry of expiration. v. 37

V. REMEMBER THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CRUCIFIXION. v. 38

- A. The consequences included access to Holiness. v. 38a
- B. The consequences included access to Heaven. v. 38b

VI. REMEMBER THE CONFESSION AT THE CRUCIFIXION. v. 39

- A. Notice the person making the confession. v. 39a
- B. Notice the proclamation within the confession. v. 39b

"A Pattern For Our Homes"

Scripture: Luke 1:5-17

I. NOTICE THE TESTIMONY THEY SHARED. vs. 5-6

- A. They were righteous in position. vs. 5-6a
- B. They were righteous in practice. v. 6b
- C. They were righteous in presentation. v. 6c

II. NOTICE THE TRIAL THEY SUFFERED. vs. 7-10

- A. Notice the description of this trial. v. 7
 - 1. It is described as a dreadful trial. v. 7a
 - 2. It is described as a degrading trial. v. 7b
 - 3. It is described as a desperate trial. v. 7c
- B. Notice how they dealt with this trial. vs. 8-10
 - 1. They maintained their service. v. 8
 - 2. They ministered their sacrifice. v. 9
 - 3. They multiplied their supplications. v. 10

III. NOTICE THE TRIUMPH THEY SAW. vs. 11-17

- A. Notice the glorious person in this triumph. vs. 11-12
- B. Notice the granted prayer in this triumph. v. 13
- C. Notice the glad people in this triumph. v. 14
- D. Notice the great preacher in this triumph. vs. 15-17
 - 1. He was a pure preacher. v. 15
 - 2. He was a persuasive preacher. v. 16
 - 3. He was a powerful preacher. v. 17a
 - 4. He was a practical preacher. v. 17b
 - 5. He was a purposeful preacher. v. 17c

"The Glorious Annunciation"

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

I. NOTICE THE DIVINE VISITOR. v. 26

- A. Notice the time of His appearance. v. 26a
- B. Notice the touch of His authority. v. 26b
- C. Notice the tow of His assignment. v. 26c

II. NOTICE THE DEAR VIRGIN. v. 27

- A. She was a lady of character. v. 27a
- B. She was a lady of commitment. v. 27b
- C. She was a lady of class. v. 27c
- D. She was a lady of casualty. v. 27d

III. NOTICE THE DECLARING VOICE. vs. 28-38

- A. It was a voice of approval. v. 28
- B. It was a voice of astonishment. v. 29
- C. It was a voice of acceptance. v. 30
- D. It was a voice of annunciation. v. 31
- E. It was a voice of acclamation. vs. 32-33
- F. It was a voice of assurance. vs. 34-38

"A Private Celebration At The News Of The Christ Child"

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

I. NOTICE THE PLACE OF THE CELEBRATION. vs. 39-40

- A. It was a distant place. v. 39
- B. It was a dangerous place. v. 40a
- C. It was a dear place. v. 40b

II. NOTICE THE PERSONS OF THE CELEBRATION. v. 41

- A. There was an expectant mother. v. 41a
- B. There was an exuberant Mary. v. 41b
- C. There was an excited man-child. v. 41c
- D. There was an eternal Master. v. 41d

III. NOTICE THE PROCLAMATION IN THE CELEBRATION. vs. 42-45

- A. It was a hearty proclamation. v. 42a
- B. It was a happy proclamation. v. 42b
- C. It was a humble proclamation. v. 43
- D. It was a historical proclamation. v. 44
- E. It was a hopeful proclamation. v. 45

IV. NOTICE THE PRAISE IN THE CELEBRATION. VS. 46-55

- A. Mary praised God for His personal goodness. vs. 46-49
 - 1. This personal goodness included God's salvation. vs. 46-47
 - 2. This personal goodness included God's selection. v. 48
 - 3. This personal goodness included God's sanctity. v. 49
- B. Mary praised God for His peripheral goodness. vs. 50-53
 - 1. This peripheral goodness included mercy to the humble. v. 50
 - 2. This peripheral goodness included might to the helpless. v. 51a
 - 3. This peripheral goodness included modesty to the haughty.
vs. 51b-52a
 - 4. This peripheral goodness included majesty to the hopeless. v. 52b
 - 5. This peripheral goodness included meat to the hungry. v. 53
- C. Mary praised God for His particular goodness. vs. 54-55
 - 1. This particular goodness included God's provision for Israel. v. 54
 - 2. This particular goodness included God's promise to Israel. v. 55

V. NOTICE THE PONDERING IN THE CELEBRATION. v. 56

- A. Notice the extent of the pondering. v. 56a
- B. Notice the end of the pondering. v. 56b

"The Glory Of God Returns To Earth"

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

I. NOTICE THE PLACE WHERE IT RETURNED. vs. 8-9

- A. It was an ordinary place. v. 8a
- B. It was an offensive place. v. 8b
- C. It was an obscure place. v. 8c
- D. It was an opportune place. v. 9

II. NOTICE THE PERSON IT REVEALED. vs. 10-12

- A. He was the Person Who would provide solace. v. 10
- B. He was the Person Who would provide salvation. v. 11a
- C. He was the Person Who would provide sovereignty. v. 11b
- D. He was the Person Who would provide a sign. v. 12

III. NOTICE THE PROCLAMATION IT RESOUNDED. vs. 13-14

- A. It was a proclamation permeated with praise. v. 13
- B. It was a proclamation promoting His power. v. 14a
- C. It was a proclamation promising His peace. v. 14b

IV. NOTICE THE PRODUCTS IT REQUIRED. vs. 15-20

- A. It required an immediate decision to seek the Savior. v. 15
- B. It required an important discovery to see the Savior. v. 16
- C. It required an immense declaration to share the Savior. vs. 17-18
- D. It required an immeasurable devotion to savor the Savior. v. 19
- E. It required an inspirational demonstration of support for the Savior. v. 20

"A Christmas Gift For Some Shepherds"

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

I. NOTICE THE SPECIAL RECIPENTS OF THIS GIFT. v. 8

- A. Notice the designation of these recipients. v. 8a
- B. Notice the location of these recipients. v. 8b
- C. Notice the occupation of these recipients. v. 8c

II. NOTICE THE SUPERNATURAL REVELATION ABOUT THIS GIFT. vs. 9-14

- A. Notice the messenger of the revelation. v. 9a
- B. Notice the majesty of the revelation. v. 9b
- C. Notice the mystery of the revelation. v. 9c
- D. Notice the message of the revelation. vs. 10-11
 - 1. It was a message of peace. v. 10a
 - 2. It was a message of promise. v. 10b
 - 3. It was a message of pleasure. v. 10c
 - 4. It was a message about a Person. v. 11
- E. Notice the mark of the revelation. v. 12
- F. Notice the multitude with the revelation. v. 13
- G. Notice the magnification with the revelation. v. 14

III. NOTICE THE SURE ROUTE TO DISCOVER THIS GIFT. vs. 15-16

- A. The route includes taking immediate action. v. 15a
- B. The route includes keeping an important appointment. v. 15b
- C. The route includes given an illuminated attention. vs. 15c-16

IV. NOTICE THE SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE TO THIS GIFT. vs. 17-20

- A. There was proclamation by the shepherds. v. 17
- B. There was admiration by the people. v. 18
- C. There was contemplation by Mary. v. 19
- D. There was glorification by the shepherds. v. 20

"The Dedication Of Baby Jesus"

Scripture: Luke 2:21-35

I. IT REQUIRED AN ACT OF COVENANT. v. 21

- A. This covenant fulfilled the past. v. 21a
- B. This covenant foretold His purpose. v. 21b

II. IT REQUIRED AN ACT OF COMMITMENT. vs. 22-24

- A. It required a serious commitment. v. 22
- B. It required a sanctifying commitment. v. 23
- C. It required a sacrificial commitment. v. 24

III. IT REQUIRED AN ACT OF COMPLIANCE. vs. 25-32

- A. This act of compliance was in the presence of the Man of God. vs. 25-26
- B. This act of compliance was in the place of the Man of God. vs. 27-29
- C. This act of compliance was for the proclamation of the message of God.
vs. 30-32

IV. IT REQUIRED AN ACT OF CONFIRMATION. vs. 33-35

- A. This was an amazing confirmation. v. 33
- B. This was an attesting confirmation. v. 34
- C. This was an alarming confirmation. v. 35

"An Old Man's Dream Comes True"

Scripture: Luke 2:25-35

Introduction:

As we begin, I want you to stop and think about a dream that you have had in the past that came true. I also want you to think about some present dream that you have which you hope will come true. From our Scripture, I want to show you that every profitable and good dream has been fulfilled in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our story, we find an old man by the name of Simeon who had dreamed for a long time that he might live long enough to see the coming of the Messiah for Israel. He did not have the same expectation of many others, who expected the Messiah to come as a powerful political or military leader and overthrow Rome. Instead, he looked for a Messiah Who would bring peace to the earth. Because of his faithfulness and righteousness, God answered his dream along with the genuine desire of all mankind. Let us see how the coming of the Christ Child was the fulfillment of all dreams.

I. LET US LOOK AT THE CHARACTER OF THIS MAN WHO DREAMED. v. 25

- A. He is described as a righteous man. v. 25a
- B. He is described as a devoted man. v. 25b
- C. He is described as a patient man. v. 25c
- D. He is described as a Spirit-filled man. v. 25d

II. LET US LOOK AT THE CONFIRMATION OF THE MIRACLE IN ANSWER TO THE DREAM. vs. 26-28

- A. The miracle was confirmed by Divine revelation. v. 26a
- B. The miracle was confirmed by life extension. v. 26b
- C. The miracle was confirmed by personal privilege. vs. 27-28

III. LET US LOOK AT THE COMING OF THE MASTER IN ANSWER TO THE DREAM. VS. 29-35

- A. The Master's coming brought salvation. vs. 29-30
- B. The Master's coming brought illumination. vs. 31-33
- C. The Master's coming brought condemnation. v. 34a
- D. The Master's coming brought resurrection. v. 34b
- E. The Master's coming brought perception. v. 35

Conclusion:

Certainly, the old man, Simeon, must have died in peace because his dream of seeing the Messiah had come true. Our dreams for personal peace and contentment for this life and the life beyond can only be answered by a personal encounter with the Master.

"The Ministry Of John The Baptist"

Scripture: Luke 3:1-20

I. NOTICE THE MOMENT OF HIS PRESENTATION. vs. 1-2

- A. He came at a time of pagan idolatry. v. 1a
- B. He came at a time of prominent immorality. v. 1b
- C. He came at a time of pious infidelity. v. 2

II. NOTICE THE MESSAGE OF HIS PREACHING. vs. 3-6

- A. It was a message of repentance. v. 3
- B. It was a message of righteousness. vs. 4-5
- C. It was a message of redemption. v. 6

III. NOTICE THE MANDATE OF HIS PROCLAMATION. vs. 7-14

- A. It included a proper harvest. vs. 7-9
- B. It included a passionate helpfulness. vs. 10-11
- C. It included a pure honesty. vs. 12-13
- D. It included a peaceful harmony. v. 14a
- E. It included a personal happiness. v. 14b

IV. NOTICE THE MAGNIFICATION OF HIS PRINCIPAL. vs. 15-18

- A. He magnified the preeminence of his Principal. vs. 15-16a
- B. He magnified the purpose of his Principal. vs. 16b-18

V. NOTICE THE MADNESS OF HIS PUNISHMENT. vs. 19-20

- A. Notice the motive for his punishment. v. 19
- B. Notice the method of his punishment. v. 20

"The Message Of Freedom"

Scripture: Luke 4:16-30

I. NOTICE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN THE MESSAGE OF FREEDOM WAS PRESENTED. vs. 16-17

- A. The circumstances reveal the place where it was presented. v. 16a
- B. The circumstances reveal the practice when it was presented. v. 16b
- C. The circumstances reveal the priority with which it was presented. v. 17

II. NOTICE THE CONTENT OF THIS MESSAGE OF FREEDOM WHEN IT WAS PRESENTED. vs. 18-19

- A. The content included freedom for the beggar. v. 18a
- B. The content included freedom for the brokenhearted. v. 18b
- C. The content included freedom for the bound. v. 18c
- D. The content included freedom for the blind. v. 18d
- E. The content included freedom for the bruised. v. 18e
- F. The content included freedom for the believer. v. 19

III. NOTICE THE CONFRONTATION WHEN THE MESSAGE OF FREEDOM WAS PRESENTED. vs. 20-27

- A. Notice the truth that caused the confrontation. vs. 20-21
- B. Notice the turmoil that continued the confrontation. v. 22
- C. Notice the test that climaxed the confrontation. vs. 23-27
 - 1. It was a test about respect. vs. 23-24
 - 2. It was a test about race. vs. 25-27

IV. NOTICE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE MESSAGE OF FREEDOM WHEN IT WAS PRESENTED. vs. 28-30

- A. The consequences included a rejection of the message. v. 28
- B. The consequences included a retaliation toward the Messenger. v. 29
- C. The consequences included a repudiation by the Messenger. v. 30

"Pathway To Freedom"

Scripture: Luke 4:16-22

I. NOTICE THE PROVIDER OF THIS FREEDOM. vs. 16-18a

- A. He was the familiar One. v. 16a
- B. He was the faithful One. v. 16b
- C. He was the fearless One. v. 17
- D. He was the filled One. v. 18a

II. NOTICE THE PROMISE OF THIS FREEDOM. vs. 18b-19

- A. The promise includes a message of hope for the beggar. v. 18b
- B. The promise includes a ministry of healing for the brokenhearted. v. 18c
- C. The promise includes a means of help for the bound. v. 18d
- D. The promise includes a miracle of health for the blind. v. 18e
- E. The promise includes a measure of happiness for the bruised. v. 18f
- F. The promise includes a manifestation of Him for the believer. v. 19

III. NOTICE THE PRODUCTS OF THIS FREEDOM. vs. 20-22

- A. There will be a concentration of sight. v. 20
- B. There will be a consciousness of sound. v. 21
- C. There will be a confirmation of speech. v. 22

"Jesus Heals A Leper"

Scripture: Luke 5:12-15

I. NOTICE THE CONDITION OF THE LEPER. v. 12

- A. It was a bad condition. v. 12a
- B. It was a broken condition. v. 12b
- C. It was a begging condition. v. 12c
- D. It was a believing condition. v. 12d

II. NOTICE THE COMPASSION OF THE LORD. v. 13

- A. It was a reaching compassion. v. 13a
- B. It was a real compassion. v. 13b
- C. It was a responsive compassion. v. 13c
- D. It was a restoring compassion. v. 13d

III. NOTICE THE CONFESSION OF THE LIBERATED. v. 14

- A. It was a commanded confession. v. 14a
- B. It was a conspicuous confession. v. 14b
- C. It was a costly confession. v. 14c

IV. NOTICE THE COMMUNICATION OF THE LIGHT. v. 15

- A. Look at the range of the communication. v. 15a
- B. Look at the response to the communication. v. 15b
- C. Look at the results of the communication. v. 15c

"The Call To Follow Jesus"

Scripture: Luke 5:27-32

I. NOTICE THE INDIVIDUAL CALL. v. 27

- A. Notice the Savior Who made the call. v. 27a
- B. Notice the sinner who received the call. v. 27b
 - 1. Notice the sinner's position. (Publican)
 - 2. Notice the sinner's potential. (Levi-crown)
 - 3. Notice the sinner's posture. (sitting)
- C. Notice the substance of the call. v. 27c

II. NOTICE THE IMMEDIATE COMMITMENT. vs. 28-29

- A. It was a commitment to separation. v. 28a
- B. It was a commitment to service. v. 28b
- C. It was a commitment to singularity. v. 28c
- D. It was a commitment to sinners. v. 29

III. NOTICE THE INSOLENT CRITICISM. v. 30

- A. It was a proud criticism. v. 30a
- B. It was a pointed criticism. v. 30b
- C. It was a perplexed criticism. v. 30c

IV. NOTICE THE ILLUMINATING COMMENT. vs. 31-32

- A. The comment included an obvious illustration. v. 31
- B. The comment included an only intention. v. 32

"Three Distinctive Characteristics Of Real Christianity"

Scripture: Luke 6:27-38

I. THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION OF GRACIOUSNESS TO OUR ENEMIES. vs. 27-35

A. Notice the method of this demonstration. vs. 27-31

1. This graciousness will be demonstrated by loving our enemies.
v. 27a
2. This graciousness will be demonstrated by serving our enemies.
v. 27b
3. This graciousness will be demonstrated by blessing our enemies.
v. 28a
4. This graciousness will be demonstrated by praying for our enemies.
v. 28b
5. This graciousness will be demonstrated by forgiving our enemies.
v. 29
6. This graciousness will be demonstrated by sharing with our enemies.
v. 30
7. This graciousness will be demonstrated by patterning for our enemies.
v. 31

B. Notice the motive for this demonstration. vs. 32-35

1. We must set a higher standard in love. v. 32
2. We must set a higher standard in service. v. 33
3. We must set a higher standard in generosity. v. 34
4. We must set a higher standard in expectancy. v. 35a
5. We must set a higher standard in character. v. 35b

II. THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION OF GODLINESS IN OUR ENCOUNTERS. vs. 36-37

- A. This Godliness withholds retaliation. v. 36
- B. This Godliness withholds evaluation. v. 37a
- C. This Godliness withholds condemnation. v. 37b
- D. This Godliness withholds incarceration. v. 37c

III. THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION OF GIVING FROM OUR ECONOMY. v. 38

- A. Notice the requirement for giving. v. 38a
- B. Notice the reward for giving. v. 38b
- C. Notice the rule for giving. v. 38c

"The Hypocrisy Of Judging Others"

Scripture: Luke 6:37-42

I. NOTICE THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THIS HYPOCRISY. vs. 37-38

- A. We are instructed to avoid criticism. v. 37a
- B. We are instructed to avoid condemnation (pronounce guilty). v. 37b
- C. We are instructed to activate compassion. v. 37c
- D. We are instructed to activate charity. v. 38

II. NOTICE THE ILLUSTRATION ABOUT HYPOCRISY. vs. 39-40

- A. Notice the test in the illustration. v. 39
- B. Notice the truth in the illustration. v. 40

III. NOTICE THE INQUISITION ABOUT HYPOCRISY. vs. 41-42a

- A. This inquisition includes a question about perception. v. 41
- B. This inquisition includes a question about practice. v. 42a

IV. NOTICE THE INDICTMENT ABOUT HYPOCRISY. v. 42b

- A. Notice the accusation in the indictment. v. 42b-1
- B. Notice the admonition in the indictment. v. 42-2
- C. Notice the answer in the indictment. v. 42-3

"A Demonstration Of Jesus' Love"

Scripture: Luke 7:11-17

I. NOTICE THE PLACE OF THIS DEMONSTRATION. v. 11

- A. It was a public place. v. 11a
- B. It was a precious place (Nain means gracefulness). v. 11b
- C. It was a populated place. v. 11c

II. NOTICE THE PROBLEM THAT REQUIRED THE DEMONSTRATION. v. 12

- A. The problem included a dead man. v. 12a
- B. The problem included a distraught mother. v. 12b
- C. The problem included a despairing multitude. v. 12c

III. NOTICE THE PASSION IN THE DEMONSTRATION. v. 13

- A. It was a passion of observation. v. 13a
- B. It was a passion of identification. v. 13b
- C. It was a passion of consolation. v. 13c

IV. NOTICE THE PRODUCTS OF THE DEMONSTRATION. vs. 14-15

- A. The products included a personal touch. v. 14a
- B. The products included a perplexed team. v. 14b
- C. The products included a powerful talk. v. 14c
- D. The products included a phenomenal triumph. v. 15a
- E. The products included a perfect tenderness. v. 15b

V. NOTICE THE PROCLAMATION OF THIS DEMONSTRATION. vs. 16-17

- A. Notice the motive for the proclamation. v. 16a
- B. Notice the manner of the proclamation. v. 16b
- C. Notice the message of the proclamation. v. 16c
- D. Notice the magnitude of the proclamation. v. 17

"A Dynamic Expression Of Love For Jesus"

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

I. NOTICE THE DEMONSTRATION OF REPENTANCE. vs. 36-38

- A. Notice the courage revealed in this demonstration. v. 36
- B. Notice the condition revealed in this demonstration. v. 37a
- C. Notice the cost revealed in this demonstration. v. 37b
- D. Notice the compassion revealed in this demonstration. v. 38

II. NOTICE THE DISDAIN BY THE RELIGIOUS. vs. 39-40

- A. This disdain produced criticism of the Savior. v. 39a
- B. This disdain produced condemnation of the sinner. v. 39b
- C. This disdain produced confrontation of Simon. v. 40

III. NOTICE THE DESCRIPTION OF REMISSION. vs. 41-47

- A. This description of remission includes the unconditional love of Jesus.
vs. 41-43
- B. This description of remission includes the uninhibited love of the sinner.
vs. 44-46
- C. This description of remission includes the unlimited love of the saint. v. 47

IV. NOTICE THE DELIVERANCE FOR THE REMORSEFUL. vs. 48-50

- A. Notice the substance of her deliverance. v. 48
- B. Notice the skepticism toward her deliverance. v. 49
- C. Notice the source of her deliverance. v. 50

"The Parable Of The Sower"

"It's Time For A Soil Test"

Scripture: Luke 8:4-15

I. NOTICE THE SITUATION OF THE PARABLE. v. 4

- A. The situation included a large congregation. v. 4a
- B. The situation included a longing congregation. v. 4b

II. NOTICE THE PRESENTATION OF THE PARABLE. vs. 5-8

- A. It was a presentation about the sower. v. 5a
- B. It was a presentation about seed. v. 5b
- C. It was a presentation about soil. v. 5c-8
 - 1. The first soil was hard soil (the wayside). v. 5c
 - 2. The second soil was shallow soil (upon a rock). v. 6
 - 3. The third soil was crowded soil (among thorns). v. 7
 - 4. The fourth soil was good soil (good ground). v. 8

III. NOTICE THE MOTIVATION FOR THE PARABLE. vs. 9-10

- A. The motivation for the parable was that the spiritual might understand.
vs. 9-10a
- B. The motivation for the parable was that the secular might not understand.
v. 10b

IV. NOTICE THE EXPLANATION OF THE PARABLE vs. 11-15

- A. There is an explanation about the seed. v. 11
- B. There is an explanation about the soil. vs. 12-15
 - 1. The hard soil (by the wayside) represents the rebellious heart. v. 12
 - a. This soil represents the person who hears the Word of God but immediately allows the devil to snatch the seed away.
 - b. This soil has no roots, no shoots, and no fruits.
 - 2. The shallow soil (upon a rock-stony ground) represents the religious heart. v. 13
 - a. This soil represents the emotional hearer who quickly responds to the message, but his or her interest wanes

and he or she does not continue.

b. This soil has no roots, shoots, and no fruits.

3. The crowded soil (among thorns) represents the riotous heart. v. 14

a. This soil illustrates the person who does not repent and
"weed out" the things that hinder the harvest.

b. This person comes closest to salvation, but he still produces
no genuine fruit as evidence of salvation.

c. This soil has some roots, shoots, and no fruit.

4. The good soil (good ground) represents the responsive heart. v. 15

a. This soil illustrates the individual who hears the Word,
understands it, receives it within, is truly saved, and
proves it by patiently producing fruit.

b. This soil has roots, shoots, and fruits.

"What To Do When The Storms Rage"

Scripture: Luke 8:22-25

I. WE MUST REVIEW THE SITUATION. v. 22

- A. In this review, we recognize the Savior's presence. v. 22a
- B. In this review, we recognize the saint's presence. v. 22b
- C. In this review, we recognize the Savior's promise. v. 22c

II. WE MUST REFUSE TO BE SCARED. vs. 23-24a

- A. Fear is the result of laboring by self. v. 24b-1
- B. Fear is the result of looking at the storm., v. 24b-2
- C. Fear is the result of a lack of security. vs. 23c-24a

III. WE MUST RELY ON THE SAVIOR. v. 24b

- A. We must rely on His prudence. v. 24b-1
- B. We must rely on His power. v. 24b-2
- C. We must rely on His peace. v. 24c

IV. WE MUST REVERENCE THE SAVIOR. v. 25

- A. We must reverence His words. v. 25a
- B. We must reverence His walk. v. 25b
- C. We must reverence His work. v. 25c

"An Assured Family Revival"

Scripture: Luke 8:39

I. NOTICE THE COMMAND THAT LED TO THIS REVIVAL. v. 39a

- A. Notice the mandate in this command. (Return)
- B. Notice the mission in this command. (to thine house)
- C. Notice the message in the command. (show how great things God hath done unto thee)

II. NOTICE THE COMPLIANCE THAT LED TO THIS REVIVAL. v. 39b

- A. It was prompt compliance. (And he went)
- B. It was public compliance. (published)
- C. It was persevering compliance. (the whole city)
- D. It was powerful compliance. (how great things)
- E. It was praising compliance. (Jesus)
- F. It was personal compliance. (hath done unto him)

"A Nobody Who Became A Somebody"
"The Trial Of A Woman Of Faith"
Scripture: Luke 8:40-48

I. LET US LOOK AT THE WOMAN'S TRIAL OF FAITH. v. 43

- A. Physically, she had lost her faith. v. 43a
- B. Medically, she had lost her faith. v. 43b
- C. Financially, she had lost her faith. v. 43c
- D. Religiously, she had lost her faith. v. 43d (Lev.15:19-30)

II. LET US LOOK AT THE WOMAN'S TOUCH OF FAITH. v. 44

- A. It was an individual touch of faith. v. 44a
- B. It was an intentional touch of faith. (Mark 5:27)
- C. It was an intelligent touch of faith. v. 44b
- D. It was an inconspicuous touch of faith. v. 44c

III. LET US LOOK AT THE WOMAN'S TRIUMPH OF FAITH. vs. 44d-48

- A. Her triumph of faith resulted in personal cleansing. vs. 44d; 48
- B. Her triumph of faith resulted in personal confession. vs. 45-47

"Jesus Resurrects A Twelve Year Old Girl"

Scripture: Luke 8:41-42; 49-56

I. NOTICE THE DREADFUL SITUATION. vs. 41-42, 49

- A. The dreadful situation included a desperate father. v. 41
- B. The dreadful situation included a dying daughter. v. 42
- C. The dreadful situation included a devastating message. v. 49

II. NOTICE THE DARLING SAVIOR. vs. 50-53

- A. Notice the encouragement of the Savior. v. 50
- B. Notice the empathy of the Savior. v. 51
- C. Notice the enlightenment of the Savior. v. 52
- D. Notice the enmity of the scorners. v. 53

III. NOTICE THE DIVINE SOLUTION. vs. 54-56

- A. It was a personal solution. v. 54
- B. It was a powerful solution. v. 55
- C. It was a puzzling solution. v. 56

"The Cost Of Following Jesus"

Scripture: Luke 9:57-62

I. NOTICE THE EMOTIONAL TEMPTATION THAT MUST BE AVOIDED. v. 57

- A. This temptation includes an attempt to impress others. v. 57a
- B. This temptation includes an attempt to increase opportunities. v. 57b

II. NOTICE THE EVIDENT TABULATION THAT MUST BE ASSESSED. v. 58

- A. We must tabulate the comforts of following Jesus. v. 58a
- B. We must tabulate the costs of following Jesus. v. 58b

III. NOTICE THE EARTHLY TIES THAT MUST BE ABROGATED. vs. 59-61

- A. To cut these ties we must put Jesus before expected family responsibilities.
v. 59
- B. To cut these ties we must put Jesus before expressed family rules. v. 60
- C. To cut these ties we must put Jesus before emotional family relationships.
v. 61

Luke 18:29-30- "And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the Kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and the world to come life everlasting."

IV. NOTICE THE ETERNAL TRUTHS THAT MUST BE ADOPTED. V. 62

- A. We must adopt the truth of the seriousness of following Jesus., v. 62a
- B. We must adopt the truth of the singularity of following Jesus., v. 62b
- C. We must adopt the truth of the satisfaction of following Jesus. v. 62c
- D. We must adopt the truth of the significance of following Jesus. v. 62d

"Fit For The Kingdom Of God"

Scripture: Luke 9:57-62

I. ONE WHO IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM MUST WEIGH HIS EAGERNESS. vs. 57-58

- A. He must weigh his eagerness because the way of the Kingdom often leads to death. v. 57a
- B. He must weigh his eagerness because the way of the Kingdom often leads to a different direction. v. 57b
- C. He must weigh his eagerness because the way of the Kingdom often leads to deprivation. v. 58

II. ONE WHO IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM MUST WATCH HIS EXCUSES. vs. 59-60

- A. He must watch the excuse of sentimental pride. v. 59
 - 1. There may be sentimentality about our former churches.
 - 2. There may be sentimentality about our children.
 - 3. There may be sentimentality about our parents.
 - 4. There may be sentimentality about our friends.
- B. He must watch the excuse of secular priorities. v. 60

III. ONE WHO IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM MUST WORK HIS EMPLOYMENT. vs. 61-62

- A. One must work his employment without reservation. v. 61
- B. One must work his employment without reconsideration. v. 62a
 - 1. One must work without reconsidering past failures.
 - 2. One must work without reconsidering past successes.
 - 3. One must work without reconsidering past hurts.
- C. One must work his employment with revelation. v. 62b
- D. One must work his employment with regulation. v. 62c
- E. One must work his employment with relaxation. v. 62d

"Why Should We Go Witnessing?"

Scripture: Luke 10:30-37

I. WE SHOULD GO WITNESSING BECAUSE OF THE FALLENESS OF A RUINED SINNER. v. 30

- A. A fallen man had lost his way. v. 30a
- B. A fallen man had lost his wealth. v. 30b
- C. A fallen man had lost his wardrobe. v. 30c
- D. A fallen man had lost his wholeness. v. 30d
- E. A fallen man had lost his walk. v. 30e

II. WE SHOULD GO WITNESSING BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE RELIGIOUS SANCTIMONIOUS. vs. 31-32

- A. The priest made an appearance, but offered no help. v. 31
- B. The Levite made an analysis, but offered no hope. v. 32

III. WE SHOULD GO WITNESSING BECAUSE OF THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE REPUDIATED SAMARITAN. vs. 33-37

- A. His faithfulness was based upon compassion. v. 33

- 1. His compassion crossed the bonds of race.
- 2. His compassion crossed the bonds of religion.
- 3. His compassion crossed the bonds of rank.

- B. His faithfulness was blessed with commitment. vs. 34-35

- 1. His commitment cost him his time. v. 34a
- 2. His commitment cost him his talent. v. 34b
- 3. His commitment cost him his transportation. v. 34c
- 4. His commitment cost him his treasure. v. 35

- C. His faithfulness was blessed with calculation. vs. 36-37

- 1. It was a calculation about opportunity. 36
- 2. It was a calculation about obedience. v. 37

"Who Is My Neighbor?"

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Introduction:

In this Scripture passage, Jesus sets forth one of the greatest truths in the entire Bible. A certain lawyer comes to understand that the result of eternal life is being able to love all people, no matter how different they might be. In order for us to minister, we must have the same question answered for us, personally, as Jesus did for the lawyer—"Who is my neighbor?" To find the answer to this question, let us look at three primary points in this story.

I. LET US NOTICE THE CONDITION OF THE SINNER. v. 30

- A. His was a foolish condition. v. 30a
- B. His was a fallen condition. v. 30b
- C. His was a naked condition. v. 30c
- D. His was a wounded condition. v. 30d
- E. His was a dying condition. v. 30e

II. LET US NOTICE THE CARELESSNESS OF THE SANCTIMONIOUS. vs. 31-32

- A. The priest failed to care because of not enough concern. v. 31
- B. The Levite failed to care because of not enough commitment v. 32

III. LET US NOTICE THE COMPASSION OF THE SAMARITAN. vs. 33-37

- A. The Good Samaritan had crossing compassion. v. 33
 - 1. His love crossed the bonds of race.
 - 2. His love crossed the bonds of religion.
 - 3. His love crossed the bonds of rank.
- B. The Good Samaritan had a costly compassion. vs. 34-37
 - 1. His compassion cost him his time. v. 34a
 - 2. His compassion cost him his talent. v. 34b
 - 3. His compassion cost him his transportation. v. 34c
 - 4. His compassion cost him his treasure. v. 35
- C. The Good Samaritan had a committed compassion. vs. 36-37

Conclusion:

After Jesus had told the story of the good Samaritan, He asked the lawyer, "Which proved to be a good neighbor?" He replied, "The one which showed the beaten man mercy." Jesus said, "go thou and do likewise."

"Our Best Friend Is Jesus"

Scripture: Luke 10:30-37

I. NOTICE THE HELPLESS PREDICAMENT THAT DEMANDED A FRIEND. V. 30

- A. This helpless predicament included a destitute man. v. 30a
- B. This helpless predicament included a degraded man. v. 30b
- C. This helpless predicament included a damaged man. v. 30c
- D. This helpless predicament included a dying man. v. 30d

II. NOTICE THE HEARTLESS PEOPLE THAT DECIDED NOT TO BE A FRIEND. vs. 31-32

- A. The first heartless person was a religious man with a casual observance.
v. 31
- B. The second heartless person was a religious man with a carnal omission.
v. 32

III. NOTICE THE HEAVENLY PERSON THAT DECIDED TO BE A FRIEND. vs. 33-35

- A. This Samaritan was a concerned person. v. 33a
- B. This Samaritan was a compassionate person. v. 33b
- C. This Samaritan was a courageous person. v. 34a
- D. This Samaritan was a caring person. v. 34b
- E. This Samaritan was a calculating person. v. 35

IV. NOTICE THE HEAVENLY PROPOSITION THAT DESCRIBED FRIENDSHIP. vs. 36-37

- A. It was a proposition about friendship. v. 36
- B. It was a proposition about followship. v. 37

"Getting Our Value System Right"

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

I. GETTING OUR VALUE SYSTEM RIGHT REQUIRES AN APPRAISAL OF WHO THE LORD IS. vs. 13-14

- A. The Lord is not a pawn in a selfish man's game. v. 13
- B. The Lord is not a partisan in a selfish man's game. v. 14

II. GETTING OUR VALUE SYSTEM RIGHT REQUIRES AN APPRAISAL OF WHAT LIFE IS. v. 15

- A. Life is an attitude of guarded contentment. v. 15a
- B. Life is an attitude of genuine calculation. v. 15b

III. GETTING OUR VALUE SYSTEM RIGHT REQUIRES AN APPRAISAL OF WHAT LOVE IS. v. 16

- A. Real love is blessing unconditionally. v. 16a
- B. Real loves is blessing the unappreciative. v. 16b

IV. GETTING OUR VALUE SYSTEM RIGHT REQUIRES AN APPRAISAL OF WHAT LUST IS. vs. 17-18

- A. Lust is mental desire. v. 17a
- B. Lust is monumental dissatisfaction. v. 17b
- C. Lust is mad determination. v. 18

V. GETTING OUR VALUE SYSTEM RIGHT REQUIRES AN APPRAISAL OF WHAT LIVING IS. vs. 19-21

- A. Living is a conduct with an awareness of a spiritual imperative. v. 19
- B. Living is a conduct with an awareness of a sudden inventory. v. 20a
- C. Living is a conduct with an awareness of a sure injury. v. 20b
- D. Living is a conduct with an awareness of a sound investment. v. 21

"The Foolish Rich Man"

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Introduction:

Notice the problem that produced the parable.

- A. Look at the request by a man. v. 13
- B. Look at the rebuke from the Master. v. 14
- C. Look at the reminder from the Master. v. 15

I. NOTICE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE RICH MAN. v. 16

- A. He is described as a resourceful man. v. 16a
- B. He is described as a real man. v. 16b
- C. He is described as a rich man. v. 16c

II. NOTICE THE DESIRES OF THIS RICH MAN. vs. 17-18

- A. He possessed selfish desires. v. 17a
- B. He possessed stupid desires. v. 17b
- C. He possessed squandering desires. v. 18a
- D. He possessed smug (conceited) desires. v. 18b
- E. He possessed storing desires. v. 18c

III. NOTICE THE DECLARATION BY THIS RICH MAN. v. 19

- A. It was a sad declaration. v. 19a
- B. It was a sudden declaration. v. 19b
- C. It was a satisfied declaration. v. 19c

IV. NOTICE THE DENUNCIATION OF THE RICH MAN. v. 20

- A. It was an authoritative denunciation. v. 20a
- B. It was an accusative denunciation. v. 20b
- C. It was an assigning denunciation. v. 20c
- D. It was an attacking denunciation. v. 20d

V. NOTICE THE DISCLOSURE IN THIS STORY. v. 21

- A. It is a personal disclosure. v. 21a
- B. It is a patterned disclosure. v. 21b
- C. It is a poverty disclosure. v. 21c

"The Pursuit Of Happiness"

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Introduction:

From the Declaration Of Independence, we get these words:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the Pursuit Of Happiness."

Many years ago, there was a popular song that young people sung. It didn't seem to make much sense to adults, but listen to the lyrics and see if this isn't the cry of every person's heart, including yours.

You can't go swimming in a baseball field;
You can't go fishing in a watermelon patch;
You can't go roller skating in a buffalo herd;
But you can be happy if you are a mind to.
All you have to do is do it, do it, do it!

In our Scripture, we find a man who was seeking happiness in financial and worldly security, but it would not come. He was never satisfied! He, like many of us today, was looking in the wrong place for happiness. Let us see from the Scripture two main things about this man and his pursuit of happiness.

I. HE WAS A MAN WITH FAULTY CONCERNS. v. 19

A. He was concerned with the body rather than the soul.

1. "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years...." v. 19a
2. He was confused between the body and the soul.
3. We are concerned about how we look, smell, and about the health and size of our bodies.
4. Bodily speaking, we are the cleanest nation in the world.
5. **"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also..... Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." (Matthew 23:25-26, 28)**

B. He was concerned with "now" rather than "forever."

1. "...take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry." v. 19b
2. He was living like many Americans—"Enjoy now, pay later."

3. People no longer ask what does it cost, but how much are the payments.
4. If you enjoy the pleasures of sin and remain there, you will make payments throughout eternity.

C. He was concerned with "how much" rather than "what kind."

1. "And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow all my fruits and my goods
v. 17
2. We are concerned with how much we can accumulate, and not the quality of our lives.
3. Billy Graham once said, "It is not the number of years you live, but the quality of your life while you live."

II. HE WAS A MAN OF FATAL CONSEQUENCES. v. 20

A. The first fatal consequence was a soured happiness.

1. ".....Thou fool....." v. 20
2. Have you ever bitten into a thought-to-be sweet pickle and it turned out to be a dill pickle?
3. What about people who come to our church because they have heard about our warmth and sweetness, and only to be greeted with some stuck-up person with a sour face?
4. Bite into sin and, ultimately, everything will turn sour!

B. The second fatal consequence was spiritual hopelessness.

1. "....Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou has provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."
2. We can search for happiness in the security of the temporary world, only then to be called a fool.
3. Illustration: Miser counting his money when the wife asked him, "what are you doing?" He said, "I am counting my money in order to put it up in the attic. Then, when I die, I am going to just go up through the attic and get it." Sometime went by and the man died. A few days after his funeral, the wife decided to go up into the attic to see if he really did get his money. When she arrived in the attic, there sat his money in his treasure box. She emphatically stated, "I knew he should have put it in the basement."

Conclusion:

The true lesson that we learn from the story of the Rich Fool is, "We better live our lives more interested in the eternal instead of the temporary. We need to get our priorities right like a piano tuner gets the middle C correct, and then tunes the other keys by it. We must seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all the other things will be added unto it."

"Finding Freedom From Bondage"

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17

I. NOTICE THE DISCLOSURE OF THIS BONDAGE. vs. 10-11

- A. Notice the place of this disclosure. v. 10
- B. Notice the person in this disclosure. v. 11a
- C. Notice the period in this disclosure. v. 11b
- D. Notice the perpetrator in this disclosure. v. 11c
- E. Notice the pain in this disclosure. v. 11d
- F. Notice the prohibition in this disclosure. v. 11e

II. NOTICE THE DELIVERANCE FROM THIS BONDAGE. vs. 12-13

- A. Notice the compassion that had to be extended. V. 12a
- B. Notice the call that had to be heeded. v. 12b
- C. Notice the comments that had to be spoken. v. 12c
- D. Notice the cure that had to be accepted. v. 13a
- E. Notice the chorus that had to be rendered. v. 13b

III. NOTICE THE DISDAIN OF OTHERS IN BONDAGE. vs. 14-16

- A. Notice the character of this disdain. v. 14a
- B. Notice the cause of this disdain. v. 14b
- C. Notice the chiding for this disdain. vs. 15-16

IV. NOTICE THE DEMONSTRATION RESULTING FROM THE FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE. v. 17

- A. The demonstration included humiliation for those yet in bondage. v. 17a
- B. The demonstration included happiness for those freed from bondage
v. 17b

"Refusing The Lord Jesus"

Scripture: Luke 13:34-35

I. LET US LOOK AT THE CRY AGAINST THOSE WHO REFUSE. v. 34a

- A. It was an intimate cry.
- B. It was an indicting cry.
- C. It was an insistent cry.

II. LET US LOOK AT THE CARE FOR THOSE WHO REFUSE. vs. 34b

- A. It was a persevering care.
- B. It was a protective care.
- C. It was a passionate care.

III. LET US LOOK AT THE COUNSEQUENCES OF REFUSAL. v. 35

- A. There is the awfulness of certain tragedy. v. 35a
- B. There is the absence of complete truth. v. 35b
- C. There is the assurance of coming triumph. v. 35c

"The Parable Of The Great Supper"

Scripture: Luke 14:16-24

I. NOTICE THE REQUEST IN THE PARABLE. vs. 16-17

- A. Notice the Sovereign in the request. v.16a
- B. Notice the supper in the request. v. 16b
- C. Notice the subjects in the request. v. 16c
- D. Notice the servant in the request. v. 17a
- E. Notice the summons in the request. v. 17b

II. NOTICE THE REJECTION IN THE PARABLE. vs. 18-20

- A. The first rejection was because of property. v. 18
- B. The second rejection was because of profession. v. 19
- C. The third rejection was because of pleasure. v. 20

III. NOTICE THE RECOURSE IN THE PARABLE. vs. 21-23

- A. Notice the motive for the recourse. v. 21a
- B. Notice the mandate in the recourse. v. 21b
- C. Notice the moment in the recourse. v. 21c
- D. Notice the method in the recourse. v. 21d
- E. Notice the mixture in the recourse. v. 21e
- F. Notice the misfortune in the recourse. v. 22
- G. Notice the mercy in the recourse. v. 23

IV. NOTICE THE RETALIATION IN THE PARABLE. v. 24

- A. Notice the origin of this retaliation. v. 24a
- B. Notice the objects of this retaliation. v. 24b
- C. Notice the outcome of this retaliation. v. 24c

"Excuses! Excuses!"

Scripture: Luke 14:16-24

I. NOTICE THE INVITATION THE EXCUSES REJECTED. vs. 16-17

- A. It was an excellent invitation. v. 16a
- B. It was an extended invitation. v. 16b
- C. It was an expressed invitation. v. 17a
- D. It was an expectant invitation. v. 17b

II. NOTICE THE INSINCERITY THE EXCUSES REVEALED. vs. 18-20

- A. It was an insincerity produced by love for property. v. 18
- B. It was an insincerity produced by love for profession. v. 19
- C. It was an insincerity produced by love for pleasure. v. 20

III. NOTICE THE INDIGNATION THE EXCUSES RECEIVED. vs. 21-24

- A. This indignation was a merited response. v. 21a
- B. This indignation was a merciful response. v. 21b
- C. This indignation was a manifesting response. v. 22
- D. This indignation was a mandating response. v. 23
- E. This indignation was a monumental response. v. 24

"The High Cost Of Discipleship"

Scripture: Luke 14:25-35

I. NOTICE THE CROWD THAT DISCIPLESIP RECEIVES. v. 25

- A. It is an enormous crowd. v. 25a
- B. It is an emotional crowd. v. 25b

II. NOTICE THE COST THAT DISCIPLESIP REQUIRES. vs. 26-27

- A. It requires evaluating our social loyalties. v. 26a
- B. It requires evaluating our self-lives. v. 26b
- C. It requires evaluating our sure loss. v. 27a
- D. It requires evaluating our Savior's leadership. v. 27b

III. NOTICE THE CALCULATION THAT DISCIPLESIP REQUIRES. vs. 28-32

- A. We need to calculate present resources. v. 28
- B. We need to calculate potential reproach. vs. 29-30
- C. We need to calculate prudent recourses. vs. 31-32

IV. NOTICE THE COMMITMENT THAT DISCIPLESIP REQUIRES. v. 33

- A. It is a personal commitment. v. 33a
- B. It is a pricey commitment. v. 33b

V. NOTICE THE CONSEQUENCES THAT DISCIPLESIP REVEALS. vs. 34-35

- A. Discipleship results in a favorable life. v. 34a
- B. Discipleship rejects a flat life. v. 34b
- C. Discipleship repudiates a foolish loss. v. 35

"Seeking The Lost Sheep"

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7

Introduction:

- A. Notice the sinners gravitating to the Savior. v. 1
- B. Notice the sanctimonious grumbling about the Savior. v. 2

I. THE CONDITION OF THE SINNER DEMANDS THAT WE SEEK THE LOST SHEEP. vs. 3-4

- A. A sheep is dumb.
- B. A sheep is directionless.
- C. A sheep is defenseless.

II. THE COMPASSION OF THE SHEPHERD DEMANDS THAT WE SEEK THE LOST SHEEP. v. 4

- A. It is a caring compassion. v. 4a
- B. It is a costly compassion. v. 4b
- C. It is a committed compassion. v. 4c
- D. It is a ceaseless compassion. v. 4d

III. THE CELEBRATION OF SALVATION DEMANDS THAT WE SEEK THE LOST SHEEP. vs. 5-7

- A. There is a celebration in the heart. v. 5
- B. There is a celebration in the home. v. 6
- C. There is a celebration in Heaven. v. 7

"The Homecoming Of A Wayward Son"

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

I. NOTICE THE LAD AND HIS FOOLISHNESS. vs. 11-16

- A. This foolishness included defiant ways. vs. 11-12
- B. This foolishness included disorderly works. v. 13
- C. This foolishness included dire wants. v. 14
- D. This foolishness included dependence upon the world. v. 15
- E. This foolishness included a desperate willingness. v. 16

II. NOTICE THE LOVE OF THE FATHER. vs. 17-24

- A. This love prompted a constant reminder. v. 17
- B. This love produced a conscious repentance. vs. 18-19, 21
- C. This love procured a capitulating return. v. 20a
- D. This love promised a complete remission. v. 20b
- E. This love pledged a celebrated relationship. vs. 22-24
 - 1. It was a royal relationship. v. 22a
 - 2. It was a reserved relationship. v. 22b
 - 3. It was a redeemed relationship. v. 22c
 - 4. It was a rejoicing relationship. v. 23
 - 5. It was a resurrected relationship. v. 24a
 - 6. It was a recovered relationship. v. 24b

"An Example Of Real Repentance"

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

I. NOTICE THE CONDITIONS THAT REQUIRED THE REPENTANCE. vs. 11-16

- A. It was a selfish condition. vs. 11-12
- B. It was a sinful condition v. 13
- C. It was a suffering condition. v. 14
- D. It was a shameful condition. vs. 15-16a
- E. It was a solitary condition. v. 16b

II. NOTICE THE COURSE THAT REVEALED THE REPENTANCE. vs. 17-19, 21

- A. The course included an honest recognition. v. 17
- B. The course included a hurried return. v. 18a
- C. The course included a humble revelation. vs. 18b-19, 21

III. NOTICE THE COMPASSION THAT REWARDED THE REPENTANCE. vs. 20, 22-24

- A. It was a waiting compassion. v. 20a
- B. It was a watching compassion. v. 20b
- C. It was a wishful compassion. v. 20c
- D. It was a welcoming compassion. v. 20d
- E. It was a wonderful compassion. vs. 22-24
 - 1. This wonderful compassion provided a new relationship—robe.
v. 22a
 - 2. This wonderful compassion proclaimed a never-ending
ownership—ring. v. 22b
 - 3. This wonderful compassion promised a noble son-ship—shoes.
v. 22c
 - 4. This wonderful compassion produced a note fellowship—feast.
vs. 23-24

"Forgiveness From A Loving Father"

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

I. NOTICE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SIN THAT REQUIRED FORGIVENESS.

vs. 11-16

- A. It was a sin of wickedness. vs. 11-12
- B. It was a sin of waywardness. v. 13
- C. It was a sin of wastefulness. v. 14
- D. It was a sin of worldliness., v. 15
- E. It was a sin of wretchedness. v. 16

II. NOTICE THE DECISION OF THE SON THAT RESULTED IN FORGIVENESS.

vs. 17-19, 21

- A. He remembered the sustenance of his father. v. 17
- B. He repented of the sins against his father. vs. 18, 21
- C. He requested to be a servant of his father. v. 19

III. NOTICE THE DEEDS OF THE FATHER WHO RESPONDED WITH FORGIVENESS. vs. 20, 22-24

A. The deeds included a tearful reception. vs. 20, 22

- 1. It was a longing reception. v. 20a
- 2. It was a loving reception. v. 20b
- 3. It was a luxurious reception. v. 22

- a. He received a robe of righteousness. v. 22a
- b. He received a ring of relationship. v. 22b
- c. He received shoes of restoration. v. 22c

B. The deeds included a triumphant rejoicing. vs. 23-24

- 1. It was a time of special rejoicing. v. 23
- 2. It was a time of significant rejoicing. v. 24

"For Jealousy Is The Rage Of A Man"

Scripture: Luke 15:23-32

Introduction:

Proverbs 6:34- "For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance."

I. NOTICE THE REJOICING THAT CREATED THE JEALOUSY. vs. 23-26

- A. It was a rejoicing of a special honor. v. 23
- B. It was a rejoicing over a son's homecoming. v. 24
- C. It was a rejoicing that infuriated a selfish heart. vs. 25-26

II. NOTICE THE REASONS THAT CRESCENDOED THE JEALOUSY. vs. 27-28

- A. There was a disdain for his brother. v. 27
- B. There was a derangement because of his bitterness. v. 28

III. NOTICE THE REMARKS THAT COMMUNICATED THE JEALOUSY. vs. 29-30

- A. These were disrespectful remarks. v. 29a
- B. These were deceptive remarks. v. 29b
- C. These were demeaning remarks. v. 29c
- D. These were devastating remarks. v. 30

IV. NOTICE THE REBUKE THAT CONFRONTED THE JEALOUSY. vs. 31-32

- A. It was a compassionate rebuke. v. 31a
- B. It was a comforting rebuke. v. 31b
- C. It was a challenging rebuke. v. 32

"The Selfishness Of The Elder Brother"

Scripture: Luke 15:25-32

Introduction:

If there is one word that characterizes the society in which we live today, it has to be the word "selfishness". From the pauper on the streets to the politician in Washington, we find selfishness everywhere. The tragedy of the hour is that selfishness is not only found outside the church, but sad to say, it is found among many who profess to know Jesus.

In our Scripture, we find the story of a selfish elder brother and his reaction toward his family when the prodigal son came home to a loving father. The selfish attitude of the elder brother is typical of so many in this year of 2018. Let's look at this story and see what caused this selfishness, the catastrophe produced by it, and the cure for it.

I. LET US LOOK AT THE CAUSE OF THIS SELFISHNESS. vs. 25, 29, 31.

- A. It was caused by positional pride. v. 25
- B. It was caused by professional pride. v. 29a
- C. It was caused by pious pride. v. 29b
- D. It was caused by playful pride. v. 29c
- E. It was caused by physical pride. v.31

II. LET US LOOK AT THE CATASTROPHE PRODUCED BY THIS SELFISHNESS. vs. 28, 29, 31, 32

- A. The catastrophe included the loss of fellowship with his family. v. 28
- B. The catastrophe included the loss of festivity with his friends. v. 29
- C. The catastrophe included the loss of faith in his father. v. 31
- D. The catastrophe included the loss of feeling for the faithless. v. 32

III. LET US LOOK AT THE CURE FOR THIS SELFISHNESS. vs. 17-18, 20.

- A. There must be a realization of this selfishness. v. 17
- B. There must be a repentance of this selfishness. v. 18
- C. There must be a restoration for this selfishness. v. 20

Conclusion:

Selfishness is a terrible thing. We are prone to become this way if we take our eyes off of Jesus. Selfishness stands in the way of a Christian fellowshiping with God, while it becomes a barrier that prevents lost people from coming to Christ. If we are to enjoy our Christian lives and do the most we can for Jesus, then selfishness has to go.

"The Day Of Accounting"

Scripture: Luke 16:1-15

I. THIS DAY BROUGHT FORTH A REBUKING ACCUSATION. vs. 1-2

- A. He was accused of wasted money. v. 1
- B. He was accused of worthless management. v. 2

II. THIS DAY BROUGHT FORTH A REVERENTIAL ANXIETY. v. 3

- A. There was anxiety because of the loss of position. v. 3a
- B. There was anxiety because of the level of pride. v. 3b

III. THIS DAY BROUGHT FORTH A RESOLVED ACTION. vs. 4-7

- A. This action was impudent. v. 4
- B. This action was impulsive. v. 5
- C. This action was improper. vs. 6-7

IV. THIS DAY BROUGHT FORTH A RARE APPROVAL. vs. 8-9

- A. He was approved for his prudence. v. 8
- B. He was approved for his preparation. v. 9

V. THIS DAY BROUGHT FORTH A REALISTIC ANALYSIS. vs. 10-12

- A. This analysis reveals a pattern of truth. v. 10
- B. This analysis reveals a proof of trust. vs. 11-12

VI. THIS DAY BROUGHT FORTH THE REQUIRED AFFECTION. vs. 13-15

- A. This affection demands a personal choice. v. 13
- B. This affection demands a proper consideration. vs. 14-15

"The Rich Man And Lazarus"

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

I. NOTICE THE SETTING OF THE STORY. vs. 19-21

A. Notice the condition of the rich man. v. 19

1. His was a rich condition. v. 19a
2. His was a royal condition. v. 19b
3. His was a rare condition. v. 19C

B. Notice the condition of Lazarus. vs. 20-21

1. His was a poor condition. v. 20a
2. His was a powerless condition. v. 20b
3. His was a putrefied condition. v. 20c
4. His was a perishing condition. v. 21a
5. His was a pathetic condition. v. 21b

II. NOTICE THE SEPARATION OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS. v. 22

A. Notice the day of their separation. v. 22a

B. Notice the difference in their separation. v. 22b

III. NOTICE THE SUFFERING OF THE RICH MAN. vs. 23-26

A. His pain reveals his suffering. v. 23a

B. His perception reveals his suffering. v. 23b

C. His prayer reveals his suffering. v. 24

D. His past reveals his suffering. v. 25

E. His partition reveals his suffering. v. 26

IV. NOTICE THE SUPPLICATION OF THE RICH MAN. vs. 27-31

A. Notice the sincerity of his supplication. v. 27a

B. Notice the sympathy in his supplication. vs. 27b-28

C. Notice the sadness in the answer to his supplication. v. 29

D. Notice the sign he asks for in his supplication. v. 30

E. Notice the solution given in answer to his supplication. v. 31

"The Healing Of Ten Lepers"

"A Lesson About Genuine Thanksgiving"

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

I. NOTICE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS HEALING. vs. 11-13

- A. The circumstances included the Master with an intentional purpose. v. 11
- B. The circumstances included the men with an immense problem. vs. 12-13
 - 1. Their problem included a terrible disease. v. 12a
 - 2. Their problem included a terrible degradation. v. 12b
 - 3. Their problem included a terrible desperation. v. 13

II. NOTICE THE COMMAND FOR THIS HEALING. v. 14

- A. It was a command that revealed feeling. v. 14a
- B. It was a command that required faith. v. 14b
- C. It was a command that resulted in favor. v. 14c

III. NOTICE THE CONSCIENTIOUSNESS ABOUT THIS HEALING. vs. 15-16

- A. This conscientiousness included an awareness of his healing. v. 15a
- B. This conscientiousness included an adoration for his healing. v. 15b
- C. This conscientiousness included an appreciation for his healing. v. 16a
- D. This conscientiousness included an astonishment about his healing. v. 16b

IV. NOTICE THE CURIOSITY ABOUT THIS HEALING. vs. 17-18

- A. This curiosity included a question about the scope of the healing. v. 17
- B. This curiosity included a question about the sincerity of the healed. v. 18

V. NOTICE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE HEALING. v. 19

- A. The consequences included a healed man walking in the Divine way. v. 19a
- B. The consequences included a healed man walking in Divine wholeness.
v. 19b

"The Parable Of The Publican And Pharisee"

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

I. NOTICE THE PROBLEM THAT PROMPTED THE PARABLE. v. 9

- A. It was a personal problem. v. 9a
- B. It was a pride problem. v. 9b

II. NOTICE THE PERSON PROJECTED IN THE PARABLE. v. 10

- A. The one was a Pharisee. v. 10a
 - 1. He was religious.
 - 2. He was respected.
- B. The other was a Publican. v. 10b
 - 1. He was rich.
 - 2. He was rejected.

III. NOTICE THE PRAYER THE PHARISEE PRAYED. vs. 11-12

- A. Notice the posture as he prayed. v. 11a
- B. Notice the pride in his prayer. v. 11b
- C. Notice the pronouncement in his prayer. v. 11c
- D. Notice the piety in his prayer. v. 12

IV. NOTICE THE PRAYER THE PUBLICAN PRAYED. v. 13

- A. Notice the shame in his prayer. v. 13a
- B. Notice the submissiveness in his prayer. v. 13b
- C. Notice the seriousness of his prayer. v. 13c
- D. Notice the supplication in his prayer. v. 13d

V. NOTICE THE POINTS THE PARABLE PROVIDES. v. 14

- A. It reveals the plan of sinner salvation. v. 14a
- B. It reveals the prospect of self-exaltation. v. 14b

"The Conversion Of Zacchaeus"

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

I. NOTICE THE CONDITION OF THE SINNER. vs. 1-4

- A. His was a responsible condition. vs. 1-2a
- B. His was a rejected condition. v. 2b
- C. His was a rich condition. v. 2c
- D. His was a ready condition. v. 3a
- E. His was a restricted condition. v. 3b
- F. His was a resolved condition. v. 4

II. NOTICE THE COMPASSION OF THE SAVIOR. v. 5

- A. It was a planned compassion. v. 5a
- B. It was a pointed compassion. v. 5b
- C. It was a perceptive compassion. v. 5c
- D. It was a personal compassion. v. 5d
- E. It was a promising compassion. v. 5e

III. NOTICE THE CONVERSION OF THE SINNER. v. 6

- A. It was a rapid conversion. v. 6a
- B. It was a real conversion. v. 6b
- C. It was a receptive conversion. v. 6c
- D. It was a rejoicing conversion. v. 6d

IV. NOTICE THE COMPLAINT OF THE SANCTIMONIOUS. v. 7

- A. It was a collective complaint. v. 7a
- B. It was a critical complaint. v. 7b
- C. It was a condemning complaint. v. 7c
- D. It was a conceited complaint. v. 7d

V. NOTICE THE CONFIRMATION OF SALVATION. vs. 8-10

- A. It was confirmed by reverence for the Lord. v. 8a
- B. It was confirmed by relief for the poor. v. 8b
- C. It was confirmed by restitution to the wronged. v. 8c
- D. It was confirmed by recognition by the Savior. v. 9
- E. It was confirmed by revelation of Christ's purpose. v. 10

"The Revelation In The Lord's Supper"

Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

I. IT IS A REVELATION OF HIS COMPASSION. vs. 14-15

- A. It is a designed compassion. v. 14
- B. It is a demonstrated compassion. v. 15

II. IT IS A REVELATION OF HIS COMING. vs. 16-18

- A. His coming promises celebration. v.16
- B. His coming procures communion. v. 17
- C. His coming proclaims conquests. v. 18

III. IT IS A REVELATION OF HIS COST. vs. 19-20

- A. It cost Him His sinless body. v. 19
- B. It cost Him His sacrificial blood. v. 20

"The Lord's Supper"

Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

I. NOTICE THE DESIRE FOR FELLOWSHIP. vs. 14-15

- A. Notice the condition for fellowship. v. 14a
- B. Notice the companions for fellowship. v. 14b
- C. Notice the consequences of fellowship. v. 15

II. NOTICE THE DECLARATION ABOUT THE FUTURE. vs. 16-18

- A. It was a declaration filled with promise. vs. 16 and 18
- B. It was a declaration fixed with performance. v. 17

III NOTICE THE DEFINITION OF THE FACTORS. vs. 19-20

- A. Notice the definition of the bread. v. 19
 - 1. The definition reveals the steps for eating. v. 19a
 - 2. The definition reveals the significance of the element. v. 19b
- B. Notice the definition of the beverage. v. 20
 - 1. The definition reveals a new covenant. v. 20a
 - 2. The definition reveals a new compassion. v. 20b

"Peter's Denial Of Jesus"

Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

I. NOTICE THE CAUSE OF HIS DENIAL. vs. 31-34; 54-56

- A. It was caused by imprudent submission to Satanic seduction. vs. 31-32
- B. It was caused by impulsive speaking because of sinful self-confidence.
vs. 33-34
- C. It was caused by improper separation from the Savior's side. v. 54
- D. It was caused by immoral sitting with Satan's society. vs. 55-56

II. NOTICE THE CONTENT OF HIS DENIAL. vs. 57-60

- A. It included a denial of relationship with the Savior's Person. v. 57
- B. It included a denial of fellowship with the Savior's people. v. 58
- C. It included a denial of citizenship in the Savior's province. vs. 59-60

III. NOTICE THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS DENIAL vs. 56, 58-62

- A. The consequences included a startling revelation. vs. 56, 58-60
- B. The consequences included shameful regrets. v. 61a
- C. The consequences included stinging remembrance. v. 61b
- D. The consequences included a sad remorse. v. 62

Conclusion:

Well, today we come to the conclusion of Volume IV of our "Effective Expositions." In this volume have had tried to present over one hundred sermon outlines that hopefully will be used by many young and yes, older preachers as well for many years to come. The sermon outlines in this volume have come from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. It is my sincere prayer that God might use the sermons to bring many lost sinners to the Savior, and to help change and grow the lives of thousands of believers. Most of these sermon outlines are expository exegetical verse-by-verse interpreted sermons directly from God's precious Word. The power in these outlines is not and never will be in the presented form of the outlines, but the power will be in the anointing by the Holy Spirit on the content and even more so, on the life and presentation of the men of God that might use them. It is my sincere prayer that one day when I get to heaven that I might meet many people who came to Christ through the preaching of God's Word from these outline studies which I left behind. I send these sermons out with the prayer that God will mightily use them and the preachers and teachers who present them in a wonderful way. As I was told many years ago by one of my Expository Preaching professors, "there is nothing new under the sun" when it comes to truth from God's Word, but hopefully, there will be new lives changed by the power of God when these messages are presented!

Let me conclude this book with the announcement that Volume V will soon be added to this sermon outline set. I hope you will be blessed by the other volumes which are to come as you have been by the four previous editions. May God richly bless those of you who choose to use these sermons in your ministry!