

Selected Readings:

“In His earthly life we see very clearly on at least one occasion this holy excitement in His heart. When He had won the wicked woman of Samaria to God and holiness, His disciples, arriving where He was with provisions which they brought from the town, prayed Him, saying, ‘Master, eat.’ But He could not eat; He was too delighted and absorbed; and He answered, ‘I have meat to eat that you know not of.’ Then, looking towards the city, whither the woman had gone to bring more souls to Him to be won, He continued in the same enraptured strain, ‘Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say to you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.’ It was the same deep passion in another phase, when He beheld the city which He had in vain attempted to win and in which many souls were perishing, and wept over it.

In these sacred emotions all soul-winners partake in their degree; and there are no higher emotions in this world. They are the signature and patent of nobility derived directly from Heaven; for the humblest Christian worker, who is really pained with the sin of men and rejoices in their salvation...”

~James Stalker 1848-1927 (Imago Christi pg. 159)

Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Jeremiah 23:1-6

Song #155 ~ My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 19:1-37

Song #136 ~ My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

Prayer

Sermon ~ Romans 12:2

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #133 ~ He Will Hold Me Fast

Jeremiah 14:22

Are there any among the idols of the nations who give rain?
Or can the heavens grant showers? Is it not You, O Lord our
God? Therefore, we hope in You, for You are the One who
has done all these things.

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Text: Romans 12:2

Theme: Present yourself as a sacrifice to God.

- I) Do not be conformed to this world.
 - A. God has always expected His people to be holy.
 1. The OT Laws given to Israel were given because God did not want them to be like the surrounding nations (cf. Lev. 18:3-4; Lev. 20:22-23).
 2. We are to be holy because God is holy (1 Pet 1:16).
 - B. The command is vague because it touches every area of our lives—nothing is excluded.
 1. When Paul uses the word “world” he is using a broad term that refers to this age.
 2. We are called to be holy—set apart from the world. The default for the world is to complain, but we can be set apart by not complaining. (Phil. 2: 14-15).
 3. Gentiles walk in darkness. They are given over to sensuality and greediness—only thinking about themselves (Eph. 4:17-20). But you are called to be holy like Christ.
- II. But be transformed.

~ There does not appear to be a significant difference between the word “conform” and the word “transform” (cf. Phil. 2:6-7).

- A. This transformation occurs by renewing the mind.
 1. Renewing the mind is done daily (2 Cor. 4:16-18).
 2. Renewing the mind is inward (2 Cor. 4:16-18).
 3. There is a tendency to lose heart while renewing the mind (2 Cor. 4:16-18).
 4. If you lose heart while renewing the mind, look towards eternity (2 Cor. 4:16-18).
 5. Our minds are renewed when we behold the glory of the Lord (2 Cor. 3:18).
- B. Being transformed by renewing your mind enables you to prove God’s will for your life.
 1. God’s will cannot be separated from a daily renewing of the mind (cf. 1 Thess. 4:3).
 2. Young person, do you want to know God’s will for your life? God’s will is not revealed by some mystical idea or feeling. God’s will is proved by renewing your mind and by putting to death the deeds of the body. You cannot know God’s will for your life tomorrow concerning marriage unless you are renewing your mind today.
 3. God’s will is always good, and pleasing to Him, and perfect. You will never regret it.