

CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

Friday, 22nd July 2022

THEME: PERSONAL SOUL WINNING
TOPIC: USING GOD'S LAW IN SOUL WINNING
TEXT: PROVERBS 11:30; DANIEL 12:3; PSALM 19:7

INTRODUCTION:

In its simplest form of definition, Soul Winning is rescuing the perishing and saving the dying. The soul winners' message is the gospel. Which according to our study from previous weeks is the 'good news'. Our study today is about the importance of using God's law in Personal Soul-winning.

1. WHAT IS THE LAW? Exodus 20:2-17, Nehemiah 9:13

a. A set of rules, established by God that prescribes to men their duties to God and to each other.

- ❖ The law is summarily contained in the Ten Commandments.
- ❖ The law was written by the finger of God on two tablets of stone, and delivered to Moses on Mount Sinai.

b. It is man's duty to keep the law – **Ecclesiastes 12:13**

c. Man cannot render perfect obedience to the Law – **Romans 3:10**

Q: Why is the law not sufficient to save us?

2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S LAW?

a. The purpose of God's law is to stop the excuses of every mouth – **Romans 3:19**

- ❖ To stop sinners justifying themselves and saying,
 - "There are plenty of people worse than me.
 - "I'm not a bad person. Really."
- ❖ No, the law stops the mouth of justification and leaves the whole world guilty before God.

b. The purpose of God's law is to tell us what sin is – **Romans 3:20-21, 7:7 1 John 3:4**

- ❖ Paul says, "I didn't know what sin was until the law told me."

c. The purpose of God's law is to bring us to Jesus Christ – **Galatians 3:24; Romans 10:4**

- ❖ The law doesn't help us; it just leaves us helpless.
- ❖ It doesn't justify us; it just leaves us guilty before the judgment standard of a holy God.
- ❖ The problem today is that churches choose to attract sinners with the issue of "life enhancement".
- ❖ We have forgotten the law and its capacity to convert the soul, to drive sinners to Christ.
- ❖ Jesus Christ will give you peace, joy, love, fulfilment and lasting happiness.
- ❖ Christians, instead of preaching that Jesus improves your life, we should be warning the sinner they're going to hell – Hebrews 9:27
- ❖ When a sinner understands the consequences of breaking God's law, then he will run to Jesus solely to escape the wrath that's to come.
- ❖ If we're true and faithful witnesses, we'll be preaching that there is wrath to come – Acts 17:30-31
- ❖ The issue isn't one of happiness, but one of righteousness.

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- ❖ It doesn't matter how happy a sinner is, how much he's enjoying "the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews. 11:25).
- ❖ Without the righteousness of Christ, he'll perish on the day of God's wrath – Proverbs 11:4
- ❖ Peace and joy are legitimate fruits of salvation, but it's not legitimate to use these fruits as a draw card for salvation.
- ❖ If we continue to do so, sinners will respond with an impure motive lacking repentance.
- ❖ A.B. Earl said, "I have found by long experience [that's the true test] that the severest threatening of the law of God have a prominent place in leading men to Christ."
 - They must see themselves lost before they will cry for mercy; they'll not escape danger until they see it."
- ❖ And sadly, what's happened in the U.K. and the Western world as a result is that churches have preached the cure without first convincing of the disease.
 - Churches have preached a gospel of grace without first convincing men of the law, that they're transgressors.
 - That's why almost everyone you try and witness to has been given there lives or born-again six or seven times.
 - You know the guy's not a Christian. He's a fornicator. He's a blasphemer, but he thinks he's saved because he's been "born-again". What's happening?
 - He's using the grace of our God for an occasion of the flesh.
 - He doesn't esteem the sacrifice.
 - For him it's not a bad thing to trample the blood of Christ underfoot (Heb. 10:29). Why?
 - Because he's never been convinced of the disease that he might appreciate the cure.

Q: What is the balance between telling sinners about the law and sharing about the benefit of knowing Jesus?

CONCLUSION:

The law gives the Holy Spirit the grounds to convict the sinner of sin, righteousness and judgement to come and show them their need for a saviour. The law exposes the deeper problem man has – that he is separated from God.

The sins we commit are the evidence that we are sinners at heart. We are born sinners and are under the wrath of God until we are saved. God's wrath remains on the whole human race, if it wasn't for His mercy standing between us and His wrath, we would be instantly destroyed. Having made the points above we still need to be mindful that the law must still be presented in Love.