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THINGS WE MUST NOT PREACH ON TODAY!

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You may say, "What is that?" If a preacher wants to get along well today, he must not preach on sin, hell or repentance. The worldly crowd will not hear it and a good deal of the church crowd does not want to hear it either. Noah was a preacher of righteousness (because they were so unrighteous and needed to repent). Jonah was sent to Nineveh to preach repentance. That was the message of John the Baptist, Jesus, the disciples, etc. God says, **"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."** Do you understand that? Why do people need to repent (including backslidden Christians)? Because they are wrong in the eyes of God! In plain English, if unsaved, it means you will die in your sins and go to hell unless you humble yourself and acknowledge your sin to God and trust Christ from the heart. To repent means to "change your mind" but never forget that if you truly change your mind about your sin, you will also turn around, be converted, in your conduct. Peter preached, **"...repent and be converted..."** We have a lot of pseudo-repentance today, people who have made a decision for Christ simply because they don't want to go to hell. We are told to preach the Gospel. If sin, hell and judgment are not real, or are unimportant, what is the Gospel all about? Do we really need it? The Gospel is **"Christ died for our SINS..."** Did you notice, the Gospel has to do with SINS! Very negative! Disconcerting! Many of you want to be saved *in* your sins...not *from* your sins. Many Christians don't want to repent of their sins and worldliness. We are told to **"Preach the Word...reprove, rebuke, exhort..."** That is for Christians. I know a lot of Fundamental believers who seem to believe in perfectionism; they must for they never acknowledge that they're wrong. Repentance is a word they have an aversion for; they'd rather think about the streets of gold and how we are seated in the heavenlies in Christ.

They said to Isaiah: **"...prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits."** There are plenty of those preachers, but what good is a "smooth" message if it won't save you? The apostle Paul said, **"Am I...become your enemy because I tell you the truth?"** If I deliberately deceived you, you would be terribly upset, and rightly so. But if you deceive yourself, that is all right. Well, you have no one to blame but yourself. A *gospel* that does not deal with sin, hell, and repentance is not the Gospel of God. God says, **"If any man preach any other Gospel than that ye have received, let him be accursed."** Someday you are going to come face to face with God and the only thing that will matter is whether you owned up to your sin before Him, repented, and received His Son as your Savior. Christ died for your sins and rose again, but you must repent of your sins and receive Him. God has provided salvation for repentant sinners, but hell awaits all who refuse to heed God's message. God asks: **"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"** You may say, "Well, I plan to do it someday." What assurance do you have that God will give you another opportunity? What guarantee do you have that you will do it before Jesus comes again? Oh, the procrastinators I have seen, those who intended to get saved someday, but time for them ran out before they repented. God says, **"... NOW is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation."** Time ran out on Esau though he sought God's blessing "with tears." Are you going to let time run out on you? We want to be true to God and His Word; that is why we preach sin, hell, repentance; so sinners might be saved and God's people might be right. We are well of the fact that these things are not popular, but they are necessary! If you are a disobedient Christian, we urge you to repent before you stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ!

YOUTH CORNER

YOUNG PEOPLE BEWARE! Though you may not see it now, being brought up in a truly Christian home is a great advantage and blessing. But it also has its dangers; one is becoming hardened to God's Word. Dr. George Truett told of the superintendent of a city cemetery who lived in a small cottage just inside the cemetery gates where he saw the funeral processions daily. Someone asked, "Does not the daily scene of sadness get on your nerves and interfere with your sleep?" "Oh, no," he said, "When I first began to work here, I often could not sleep; and when I did drop off to sleep, it was a fitful, restless sleep. I seemed to see the endless processions and the caskets of all lengths. Now, I have become so hardened to these things that I lie down and sleep soundly in the midst of the tombstones." Maybe you have heard the Gospel since you can remember, and there was a time you felt drawn to Jesus, but you did not respond. Now, you are not interested though you have heard it often. You have become hardened. If that is true, get alone with God right now - before it is too late - and ask the Lord to revive your soul and save you. Ask Christ to save your soul right now because you believe He died for your sins and rose again the third day.

AMERICANS AND THE BIBLE. An article in the *Washington Times* says a poll reveals that Americans believe the Bible is more reliable than the daily newspaper. Well, that certainly is true, but the plain truth is few Americans know anything about the Bible or take it seriously. If they did, this country would not be in the pitiful condition you find it today. If you knock on doors to give people the Gospel, or witness regularly, you know that Bible literacy was never lower. They know nothing, and they don't want to know! One interesting fact is more than 80% say the Bible is divinely inspired and yet the number of those who accept it as literally true has dropped from 65% in 1960 to 33% today. A Zondervan (publisher of NIV) study shows that Americans want a Bible that is easy to understand - Americans want everything easy. Well, that is exactly the claim of all the modern versions; we make the Bible easy to understand. Why then are people so ignorant of God's Word. The truth is, if you are not saved, you can't understand the Bible,

I Corinthians 2:14

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:
for we are not ignorant of his devices.

1T Corinthians 2:11

THINGS I'VE NEVER SEEN. I have been a child of God for over fifty years; I have Pastored for 45 and there are some things I've not seen. I have never seen:

1. Someone who was too tired to go to Sunday School and church who stayed home from work and gave the boss that same excuse.
2. A Christian who ever lost anything by refusing to work on the Lord's Day.
3. Anyone who was a soul winner who was not faithful to all the services of his Church.
4. Anyone who ever went to the poorhouse because he gave too much money to God.
5. A person who lost anything by being obedient to God and His Word.
6. A businessman who lost his business because he closed it on Sunday, the Lord's Day.
7. A spiritual Christian who stayed home from church because he didn't like something or someone.
8. A truly happy and fruitful Christian who wasn't completely sold out to God.
9. A lazy person make a success out of anything for God (or anything else for that matter).
10. A spiritual Christian who did not experience the joy of the Lord. -Adapted

STUDY

TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED TO
GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDED
NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY
DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

ANOTHER ATTACK ON CHRISTIANITY. A fantasy trilogy, *His Dark Majesty*, marketed chiefly to teens, and said to be worse than *Harry Potter*, is a direct attack on Christianity, the church, and God Himself (1/27 *World*). Satan, with his principle of cosmic rebellion, is the hero. - *Calvary Contender*. The devil is certainly making great progress in demoralizing and demonizing the young people of our day. Parents, you had better be aware of all that your youth are seeing, reading and who they are associating with! I believe too many Christian parents are too trusting with their children. Don't ever forget that they have an old nature and it is capable of anything, though you and they might not think so. Don't wait until it's too late!

THE RAREST GEM

The rarest spiritual gem, is humility! Alexander Whyte said, "Never allow yourself to answer again when you are blamed. Never defend yourself. Let them reprehend you, in private or in public, as much as they please. Let the righteous smite you; it shall be a kindness; and let him reprove you, it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break your head. 'It's a mark of deepest, truest humility,' says a great saint, 'to see ourselves condemned without cause, and to be silent under it. To be silent under insult and wrong is a very noble imitation of our Lord. O my Lord, when I remember in how many ways Thou didst suffer, who in no way deserved it, I know not where my senses are when I am in such a haste to defend and excuse myself. Is it possible that I should desire anyone to speak any good of me...when so many ill things were thought and spoken of Thee! What about being blamed of all men, if only we stand at last blameless before Thee!'" It was said of Christ, "**Who when He was reviled, reviled not again.**" John Bunyan said, "It is hard to get down into the valley of humiliation. The descent is steep and rugged but that it is very fruitful, fertile and beautiful when we once get there." Wrongly treated, he spent 13 years in jail for the Lord. We read of Jesus, "**He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before his shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.**" ~Isaiah 53:7. God says, "**He is our example that we should follow in his steps.**"

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CHRISTIANS TOO BUSY

I Kings 20:40 says: "**As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone.**" Vance Havner quoted it and said, "*The man in the story received a charge to keep, but he was unfaithful, not because he was lazy or asleep, but because he was too busy. Parents are too busy and children get away, Christians are too busy even with good things, and the best thing - to know God - gets away...While we are puttering around life gets away. The day of grace...passes away unredeemed because we are too busy with here and there and forget the eternal. If you're too busy for the things of God, you are too busy. You have received a charge to keep, and if your busyness keeps you from being about your Father's business, you are a poor business man.*" We sometimes hear it said that Christians can be too busy in the Lord's work. I won't say that's not possible, but I don't know of any such person. Many Christians are quite busy, but it's not the Lord's work that wears them out, it's the "*here and there.*" A few are really busy for the Lord, but I doubt that they are too busy! Some are too busy outside the Church and that is their problem, but they usually want to give up some of the Lord's work rather than that which is to no profit. *We are supposed to be busy for God!* Jesus said, "**WORK for the night cometh when no man can work.**" "**Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth LABORERS...**" God says, "**Be ye stedfast, unmovable ALWAYS ABOUNDING in the WORK of the Lord..**"