

Sermon Outlines

Men To Whom God Spoke

Readings:

2 Chronicles 36:11-16; Proverbs 29:1; Acts 17: 30; 2 Peter 3:4

Introduction

- 1) The fourfold deliverance in Exodus.
 - a) Deliverance from the executed judgment due to birth.
 - i) Liberation from the enslavers (Ex. 8:20; 12:29-37)
 - ii) Bondman (Deut. 7:8)
 - iii) Pharaoh (Deut. 7:8)
 - b) Release from the sphere of enslavement.
- 2) As believers, we find it very difficult to be free from the Egyptian mindset because we are bombarded by the world of anti-truth attitudes.
 - a) Not conformed to this world. (Rom. 12:2)
 - b) But more serious is the deadly anaesthetizing of the unsaved's attitude toward life, being blinded by Satan. (2 Cor. 4:4)
- 3) Is it a possibility or a reality that we do not have a heart belief in the truth of:
 - a) The uncertainty of life? (Jam. 4:14)
 - b) There is but a step between me and death. (1 Sam. 20:3)
 - c) The imminency of the Lord's return? (Jn. 14:2-3)
 - d) The fact that God speaks to the unsaved for the last time?

The scripture records individuals to whom God spoke for the last time

- 1) All the following individuals had a time in life experience when:
 - a) They had a God-consciousness.
 - b) They believed in the reality of God.
 - c) They heard unmistakably the commands of God. (Acts 17:30)
 - d) Of their own volition, they suppressed the convictions from God and rejected the command of God.
- 2) Pharaoh
 - a) He rejected the repeated prodding of God. (Ex. 7:14-24; 7:25-8:11; 8:12-8:19)
 - b) He heard the command of God. (Ex. 8:20)
 - c) He saw the power of God in judgment and mercy, but he hardened his heart. (Ex. 7:14; 8:15, 32)
 - d) His last words, "see my face no more". (Ex. 10:28)
 - e) Moses turned his back on him. (Ex. 10:6)
 - f) Judgment was settled and now it was only a matter of time. (Ex. 12:30)
 - g) Too late
- 3) People of Noah's day
 - a) Noah had preached for possibly 100 years, but they disbelieved.
 - b) It had never happened before and they did not believe it would happen now.
 - c) They rejected the only way of salvation. (Gen. 6:14)
 - d) God shut the door. (Gen. 7:16)
 - e) Judgment was settled and now it was only a matter of time. (Gen. 7:4, 10)
 - f) The rain began to fall, and the foundations of the earth were broken up. (Gen. 7:11)
 - g) Too late to weep, etc.
- 4) A man to whom God spoke when judgment was about to fall, no time for repentance
 - a) Belshazzar

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- b) How well he knew of God's humbling. His grandfather Nebuchadnezzar. (Dan. 5:18-22)
 - c) How he mocked God in the use of the holy vessels. (Dan. 5:3-4)
 - d) God spoke amid the revelry, and the starkness of eternity became real. (Dan. 5:4-6)
 - e) This man had rejected the warnings and now God speaks condemnation. (Dan. 5:25-30)
- 4) Never a word from God to the unsaved after death.
- a) But, in Luke 15 a man gets messages from the other side. (Lk. 16:25-26; 30-31)
 - b) A great gulf fixed. (Lk. 16:26)
 - c) There is no transference of place. (Lk. 16:26)
 - d) And there is no repentance in this man. (Lk. 16:24)

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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