

Setting The Record Straight – Some Things God Did or Did Not Do or Say, Part 2 - - Sunday PM 03/01/20

I) About Your Life and Its Purpose

A) God did not say he just wants you to be happy

1. A lot of sins are justified based on the idea that all that matters to God is my happiness.
2. Almost every sin I can think about is due to some kind of pleasure, happiness, it brings to the sinner. After awhile the pleasure may be gone but the original justification is what makes me happy.
 - a. Sexual sins—fornication, adultery, homosexuality, pornography, etc. Are all condemned in the Bible, **Hebrews 13.4, Matthew 19.9, Romans 1.26-27, Matthew 5.28**
 - b. False religions appeal to what we want, what makes me happy.
 - c. Even things like murder, gossip, stealing, makes the person happy.

B) God says

1. Our purpose in life is to fear God and keep His commandments, **Ecc. 12.13**
2. Our eternal happiness is connected to our relationship with Him, **Ps. 1.1ff.**
 - a. Happiness, pleasure that is temporary and comes at

the expense of our soul is not true happiness but deceitful, **Hebrews 11.24-25**

- b. Happiness connected to God's word is what matters. See the Beatitudes. **Matt. 5.3-11**

II) About Your Heart

A) **God did not say He knows your heart and everything is good.**

1. Often heard statement "God knows my heart" or "I think God understands and approves what I am doing because He knows my heart."
2. What does this actually mean? I may not be doing what the Bible says but I am still a good person. People often think of the heart as how one feels.
3. The heart argument is also used to excuse all kinds of sins.
 - a. I can lie, use profanity, etc. because God knows my heart.
 - b. I can live an immoral life because God knows my heart. Etc.
4. Such makes the Bible secondary to how one feels.
5. The Bible warns us about our heart, **Jeremiah 17.9**.

B) **What God says about the heart**

1. God knows what is in our heart, **Psalms 44.21**
2. Our sins are evidence of the impurity of our heart, **Matthew 15.18-19**
3. You don't sin in spite of having a clean heart; you sin because there is something wrong in your heart.

4. We must purify our hearts in order to be pure, **James 4.8-10.**

III) Events and The Will of God

A) God has a reason for everything that happens.

1. Some tragedy happens and out of comfort somebody says “We don’t know why but God did this for some reason” or “Ours is not to question but accept the will of God” or “It must have been God’s will for this to happen.”
2. Such lays everything at God’s feet.

B) There are some things that are not the will of God.

1. Not the will of God for Israel go into idolatry.
2. For man to sin and be lost eternally.

C) Some things that are the will of God

1. For us to listen to His Son, **Mark 9.7**
2. For us to be saved, **2 Peter 3.9**
3. For us to be sanctified, **1 Thess. 4.3**; to be thankful, **1 Thess. 5.18**

IV) The Church – the called-out people of God, the saved

A) God did not create many different churches (religions)

1. Different doctrines, organizations, means of entrance, etc.
2. Each “church” or denomination have a different foundation, **1 Cor.3.11.**
3. Any other doctrine, foundation, church, will be uprooted, **Matthew 15.13-14.**

B) God through Christ did establish His church, *Matthew 16.16-18.*

1. There is one church, that Jesus died for and purchased with His blood, *Acts 20.28*
2. That church has one creed book the Bible, and is His body, *Ephesians 1.22-23; 4.4.*
3. One way of entrance, *Galatians 3.27.*
4. All of the saved are members of that one church, *Acts 2.47.*

Conclusion:

It is important to understand what God did not do or say and what He did do or say. We can say all things work out for good to those who love the Lord, *Romans 8.28.*