

Why All The Fluff?

Occasionally, I enjoy the fluff dessert. It is light and airy. There is not much to it. When I eat a little more than I should have sometimes I will get this. Some at different pitch ins will bring this. Knowing there will be a lot of food and people like me tend to overeat at these times people like to not have something as dense as some desserts can be.

While I enjoy the fluff dessert sometimes there are many today that like to use the fluff in sermons constantly. Many do not want to talk about sin or anything of that nature that separates us from God. Many have gotten away from teaching about this and instead offer sermons filled with fluff.

It was warned by Paul in **II Timothy 4:3-4**. People want to hear something but not what is needed, instead it is what they want.

Have you ever noticed how many of the for-example televangelist shows are on? Did you ever notice with some of these how there are thousands upon thousands of people there? Have you ever heard the sermons that have been given in these cases? Not much to them. Filled with a lot of words but have no true understanding of salvation. People are looking at how many people there are and say that is automatically successful. You know at Pentecost there are at least three thousand people there. I imagine there were more than that and as you would agree too. However, three thousand were saved that day. What was the gospel message. Peter convicted them of putting Jesus to the cross. Peter told them that he indeed was Lord and Christ of all. It was just fluff it was a message telling them they need to repent.

Peter goes on in his second epistle to talk about false doctrine. In **II Peter 2:18** he goes into detail of what false teaching is like. When you talk about fluff dessert you fill up with light airy food and usually even though you got filled your body didn't get the nutrients as in fact starving. When you fill a soul full of fluff you are offering words of emptiness. Yes, people may believe they are receiving the gospel and has led the soul to being full it is fact decaying and growing even more corrupt. *While they promise liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption (II Peter 2:19)*. It is like giving a cow straw instead of hay. Yes, in many ways they are both similar. However, straw is a filler and hay has the nutrients needed for cattle. When the one raising cattle is low on hay they will add straw in the hay. It is done to make the hay last longer. However, if one just gave a cow straw, we could see they are getting filled but then suddenly, the cow died. Why? When you feel full of emptiness then the body craves what it needs and is not getting it, instead it is starving and dying on the inside.

Many again look at the numbers. It is in fact viewed as being successful based on the numbers alone. While I can see where numbers would play some part of the role it is not the deciding factor. What about edification? What about being built up? What about the truth? Does the truth inspire one? It in fact should absolutely inspire one and encourage one.

God has given us what we need. We need Jesus (**John 6:35**). He is the bread of life. We will never hunger and thirst. We can have the living water (**John 4:10**). The soul needs this to survive. Yet people want to deviate from it and instead fill one up with fluff.

Jesus taught that one needs to believe, one needs to repent, one needs to confess, one needs to be baptized, and one needs to be faithful. He went on to convict the Jews of sin. He warned them that

many would think they are pleasing to God but were not (**Matthew 7:21-23**). Many would like to believe they can offer many acts pleasing to God but if one has not obeyed God's will they are not saved.

Friends, we need to get away from the fluff. There are times when we can offer some words of comfort, but we need to get to the heart of the matter. We need to preach the truth, we need to let people know of sin, we need to let people know that sin is going to separate one from God (**Romans 6:23**). People need to know the real story of Jesus. Not just the fluff! Fluff is good in a dessert but is not good when preaching of Jesus and the cross!

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