

The Hebrews Wall of Separation

Text: Prov. 25: 28

Intro

1. When we tread into our world today, always we are in a battle of values.
2. At the very heart of the battle is the conflict between ~~the~~ the secular view of life and the spiritual view of life.
3. 1) The secular says: man is the measure of all things / spiritual view says: The chief end or purpose of man is to glorify God & serve him forever.
2) If take the secular view: believe that gov. can create a utopia on earth / spiritual view: believe only utopias will ever have is when ~~there is a~~ earth is deluged by fire / new heaven / new earth where righteousness prevails.
3) If take secular view: govern our lives by moral relativism. / spiritual view: believe in an absolute truth - based on the Word of God.
4) If take secular view: believe in importance of the state and the development of a new world - new world order. / spiritual view: importance of faith / community / family / one nation under God with liberty & justice for all.

5) If told the secular view → coin a new phrase for successful people → "judgy capitalists" + try to remove God from everything from the public school library to the Boy Scouts → spiritual view → told as story → soy: (Owls)

6) If told the secular view → develop a society like Israel's in Judges 17:6 "In that day there was no king → no absolute → no authority → everyone one did what was right in his own eyes." spiritual view: if → accept the authority of the Word of God: Live by:

(1) Ps. 119: ~~97~~ 47: → For I delight in your commandments (word) because I love them (it).

(2) Ps 119: 72 → The love from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver + gold.

(3) II Pet. 1:21 → For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were moved by (convinced by) the Holy Spirit.

(4) I Pet. 1:25 → ²⁴ For you have been born again, imperishable the living + enduring word of God: (25) all men are like grass + all their glory is like the flower of the field - the grass withers + the flowers fall → but the word of the Lord stands forever, and this is the word that was revealed to you.

(5) Psalm 19: 7-11 →

3. Parents: come to I Tim. 6:15 → fight the fight of faith →

1) Answer is not: executive order / congressional legislation / agency regulations / judicial decree / ~~top down~~ or social reform.

2) Answer is: Luke 11:28

3) What the Word is

- (1) helping hand
- (2) moral values
- (3) ethical standards
- (4) Value of an ^{in your life} fulfillment / protection
- (5) Good neighbor
- (6) Hard work
- (7) Fulfillment of the Am. dream.

II Chron. 7:14

4. Sounds great → How? → live spiritual life.

1) Confused → hear the same thing over & over → like a broken record → del: A holy / healthy heart.

2) Reluctant → know what to believe? → del: speeding ticket.

5. Come to the text → Bible raises up a wall of defense for the believer. → (Quote text):

murder
rape
violence
divorce

~~terrorism~~

1) of all the power/powers/steeds derive from
 soul → most significant → power of self control.

2) Most essential weapon in the battle
 of spiritual warfare.

3) Like the wall of a city →
 (1) Cement tower → most important
 aspect of a city → primary means of defense/
 security / strength / property / stability / →
 judge a city by its walls.

(2) Tower → Rehearsal → in the time
 of the Babylonians captured → destroyed / deposed →
 walls of Jerusalem had been down → sat down
 + rest.

(3) Real meaning of cement →
 joint masonry of the wall → each person
 owned a section → degree kept up → degree
 secure.

6. What talking about → self control ?

- 1) Governing of one's desire.
- 2) Ability to avoid excess
- 3) Power to stay within bounds
- 4) Healthful regulation of desire, appetite, passions
- 5) Prevention of control through excessive indulgence

7. Is this really important?

1) Basis of problems in society → AIDS + ~~homosexuality~~ / lesb

2) What is causal factors of aids / homosexuality / menaging / sexual harassment / wife batter / child abuse / violence / crime? → lack of self control.

3) Ill: New York → 50 years ago →

(1) Only 150,000 more than ~~100~~ ~~substant~~ in 1944 than 1994

(2) 97% born in 1944 → members of a parent family → 1994 only 50% households → rebuilt water / fuel

(3) 1944 → total of 44 people died of gunshot wounds. 1994 → " " shot & killed every 10 days.

(4) 1944 → 100 bodies sent to pyrexes. 1994 → thousands all around → trash can to bus station rest rooms.

4) Ill: Talk show talked people → study in lack of self control → Teacher in Wash. D.C. → trial made national news →

(1) Initiated sexual ill. 3 students.

(2) One → been private; celebrity.

(3) Justified behavior.

① Law → no laws enforced.

② Be exposed → girls now sexually active now

③ Mental devices → couldn't control self → no sexual exposure

8. Ret the story of the Babe

9. Babe tells us:

1) ITh. 5:6 →

(see paper)

2) ITh. 5:8 →

3) Titus 2:6 →

4) IPet. 4:7 →

5) IPet. 5:8 →

10. Need to learn → talk about spirit-filled life → fruit → self-control.

11. How? → Turn to IPete →

1) ~~Babyhood~~ Babyhood

~~2) Self-control → us → 1-6~~

2) IPetes 4: 1-11

12. See a formula:

I. Am I connected with the attitude of Christ.

1. USS: 1-6

2. 3 dimensions to the attitude of Christ:
(Phil 3:5-11)

- 1) Christ suffered in his body for us. - vs. 1a →
- 2) Though Christ was filled with sin → 2-1b/2.
- 3) New notes of repentance in mind of Paul → 3-6.

3. What is our attitude is:

- 1) Mind set / heart set / vol set /
- 2) Translation of inner feelings into outward behavior

4. Read article → Massimo K. Herz → Sept issue of Focus on Family.

- 1) Do you want to feel great in the morning?
- 2) " " " " keep your mar. together?
- 3) " " " " enjoy Saturday play it with

Spouse?

4) Religion has a lot to do with it → research says:

5) Health professionals surprised:

(1) 12 years of psychiatric research →

Having a relationship with God + participating in religious exercises → 90% studies → show:

Significantly

- ① Better physical health
- ② Less risk of heart disease

- ③ The over forces from bones, fracture, ~~high~~.
- ④ Lower blood pressure (fewer headaches) / less anxiety
- ⑤ Less likelihood of divorce / greater joy in marriage
(100 couples live together before war; 40 break up before war; of 60 who stay → 45 widows; → only 15 intact men out of original 100.)

6) Bottom line → nothing is capable of stopping or blocking progress.

5. Substitution Illustrations: flight attendant.

II. Admit to the world in the action of Christ.

1. Verse 7-11.
2. See a process for a self-controlled sense of relationality → dynamic bit of how to really operate like a Christian. // meaning of Christlikeness
 - 1) Be clear-minded
 - 2) Be self-controlled
 - 3) Love each other deeply.
 - 4) Offer hospitality
 - 5) Use your gifts to serve others
 - 6) Faithfully administer God's grace.
 - 7) Speak like God
 - 8) Serve in the steps of God
 - 9) In all things → please God.

3. Eudog → process of adjustment → behavior schemes.

4. Need the Biblical lines central to make it work → act like Christ acts.

5. What Bible teaches about: (Subjunctive adjustment)

1) I Heb. 13:4 → Marriage should be honored by all + the man be kept pure for his wife + the adulterous + all the sexually immoral.

2) I Thes. 4:3-5 → It is God's will that you should be sanctified - that you should avoid sexual immorality ④ That each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy + honorable ⑤ Not in passions like the heathen who do not know God.

3) II Cor. 10:5 ⁴⁺ → ④ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

⑤ We demolish arguments + every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, + we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

4) Prov. 4:23 - Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

5) II Tim. 2:22 → Flee the evil desires of youth + pursue righteousness, faith, love + peace along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

6) Provs 19:14 → Let words of mouth →

6. News plundered the depictions of the actions of
Church.

7. Ill' Helms/Kelly - released the Church possessions.

1) Thompson and Sullivan - break things into
the world of ~~social~~ society.

2) Food Card