

## A HOUSE NOT MADE WITH HANDS

TEXT: 2 Cor 5:1-10

THESIS: The spirit of the body should be carefully maintained less it fall away from the Lord.

### INTRODUCTION:

1. The world is filled with choices that we can make.
  - a. These choices that are presented to us can be good or bad.
  - b. It is with these choices in life that determines our road to salvation.
2. The bodies that we have are like an M & M.
  - a. They are hardened on the outside from a world who does not care about anything, but the inside is soft, sweet, and good.
  - b. This inside becomes a good thing, or it can cause decay.
3. God never intended for us to live forever on the earth and so we must prepare ourselves for the day of judgment.
  - a. We must build our souls on the foundations watered with the knowledge of the scriptures in obedience to His will.
  - b. This allows our souls to grow as our bodies wilt as a flower out of season.
4. So with this in mind, I would like to observe what Paul taught on:
  - a. The mortal body
  - b. The immortal body
  - c. All the things that are recorded

### DISCUSSION:

#### I. THE MORTAL BODY

- A. The Apostle Paul knew by divine revelation that our earthly body would one day come to an end and that a spiritual body would immerse from it. (5:1)
  1. The body is a tabernacle which provides a temporary dwelling place for the soul to dwell.
  2. But without the body, we can have no faith.
    - a. "So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17)
    - b. The parts of the body allow the soul to obey the will of God, but the body is not eternal.
- B. The body will one day die and begin to corrode.
  1. "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." (Eccl. 12:7)
  2. The law of nature that God has put in place allows the body to serve His purpose.
- C. The body is a delicate and fragile part of God's creation.
  1. Because of life, the body will eventually die.
  2. It becomes burdened with ailments, injuries, and natural weaknesses that take control of the human body.

- a. But because of the body's frailties, the spirit can also be burdened not just by the law of nature, but also by the anguish and hardships thrust upon it simply because some call themselves Christians.
- b. This causes the soul of a Christian to ache for a home in Heaven where they are freed from pain and suffering.

## II. THE IMMORTAL BODY

- A. There is another body within us that is not built with hands, but with the spirit.
  - 1. It is a body built by our own desires to please either ourselves or God.
  - 2. For Christians, "we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4)
- B. After baptism, the soul is reborn out of a world of sin and clothed with the righteousness of God through His obedience.
  - 1. This new body walks by faith and not by sight. (5:7)
  - 2. This faith in God may not always be seen, but we know that He keeps His promises and that we should always labour for Him.
- C. Without obedience in God, the soul is naked and susceptible to corruption.
  - 1. This corruption from the world allows the soul to be deceived in seeing something that causes the soul harm and contradicts the Bible.
  - 2. It causes one to be without God and without hope of salvation.
- D. Christians need to be constantly encouraged and to labour for their souls to keep them in tune with what God expects of them.
  - 1. We should not keep with the things of the world because it cannot give us salvation.
  - 2. We should be more absent from the body because of the blessings that was promised to all who have obeyed His will and have maintained the home of the soul.
    - a. Paul was confident in these blessings and had presented this to the church at Corinth. (5:8)
    - b. He felt that being in the flesh was keeping him from being with the Lord.

## III. ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE RECORDED

- A. God has given us His word so that it may guide us.
  - 1. Christians should continually work for the Master because we do not want to be found unprepared for Heaven.
  - 2. One day, our lives on earth will end and the soul will rise to a place of waiting.
    - a. Which place will this be?
    - b. Have we done all that we can to be in Paradise waiting to embrace our Saviour, or are we preparing for Tartarus where we wait in terror and torment crying to the Lord saying, I have made a

mistake!

- B. All will appear before him in judgement. (10)
  - 1. He will judge the spiritual body based on its obedience to His word.
  - 2. We will be judged in everything we do whether it is good or bad.
- C. There is no respect of persons with God. (Rom. 2:8-11)
  - 1. We cannot come to Him asking for forgiveness on the day of judgement because he has already judged from His word.
  - 2. Those that obey not the truth and choose to live in unrighteousness working evil will be judged with His mighty hand.
- D. We should strive to have a glorious immortal spirit.
  - 1. Heaven is a place where God will give eternal life for His children.
  - 2. It is a place where the soul can come home from rest

#### CONCLUSION:

- 1. In life, what we do with our bodies is up to us.
  - a. We can exercise, stay in shape, or do whatever else we want to do.
  - b. But, what we expose the outer self to, also can corrupt the inner body, which is the soul.
- 2. Our outward appearance will quickly erode.
  - a. “Whereas ye know not what [shall be] on the morrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” (Jas 4:14)
  - b. Time always works against us and we should make sure that we lay hold on eternal things.
- 3. Heaven is where we will rest free from all care being happy with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
  - a. It is where the spiritual body will hurt no more.
  - b. When the day of judgment comes, what will the books say about the life you lived on earth.
- 4. Will it say, well done thy good and faithful servant, or will it say, “I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matt 7:23b).