

SUBJECT: Eschatology.

TITLE: There's A Great Day Coming.

PROPOSITION: To look at the judgment day.

OBJECTIVE: So we can better prepare ourselves for it.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Read the text.

2. Regarding the text.

(1) Jehu had already killed Joram and Ahaziah and their sons and brethren for their evil ways, and now he was determined to finish the job by killing off all who worshipped Baal.

A. This was supposedly a great day for all the Baal worshippers as they thought that Jehu had converted to Baalism and would worship Baal alot (2 Kings 10:18).

B. Jehu had Jehonadab to make sure that there were no worshippers of the Lord in the assembly, just worshippers of Baal (2 Kings 10:23).

(2) This was a great day for both sides.

A. It was a great day for the worshippers of the Lord because they were finally rid of Baal worshippers.

B. It was a great (mighty--disasterous) day for the worshippers of Baal because they were destroyed).

(3) Another great day is coming, it is a day that we want to be prepared for.

3. Reference To S.T.P.O.

DISCUSSION: THERE'S A GREAT DAY COMING--

I. FOR THOSE WHO ARE WORSHIPPERS OF THE LORD.

1. It will be great because we will be rid of the trials of life.

(1) Here on this earth we all suffer persecutions (2 Thess. 1:4).

(2) In eternity there will be no more trials and tribulations (Rev. 21:4).

2. It will be great because we will be rid of temptation.

(1) We are tempted by Satan every day, but God does give us a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13).

(2) We are to help those who are weak, but we have to watch out lest we also are tempted (Gal. 6:1).

3. That will be a great day for those who worship God.

II. FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT WORSHIPPERS OF THE LORD.

1. It will be great for a different reason than it will for a different reason than it will for the believers.

(1) It will be great in that it will be a great terrible day (2 Thess. 1:7-9).

(2) It will be great in that it will be a great day of separation (Mt. 25:31-33).

2. Those who are not worshippers of God--

(1) Will be put in the eternal lake of fire and brimstone (Rev. 21:8).

(2) Will be punished day and night forever (Rev. 20:10).

3. It will be a great day, but not great as in good for those who do not worship God.

III. LET US ALL GET READY FOR THAT DAY TO COME.

1. Are you ready?

(1) Have you obeyed the gospel call (2 Thess. 2:14).

(2) Have you lived faithfully (1 Jno. 1:7,9).

2. If you were to die this day, or if Christ were to return now--

(1) Would you be ready to be judged (Heb. 9:27).

(2) Would you hear "Well done thou good and faithful servant" (Mt. 25:23, 34).

3. If not, then you need to get ready this hour (Acts 22:16).

CONCLUSION:

SUMMARY: There's A Great Day Coming--

1. For those who are worshippers of the Lord.

2. For those who are not worshippers of the Lord.

3. Let us all get ready for that day to come.

APPEAL: Are you ready? Offer the invitation

•Hear (Jno. 5:25).

•Believe (Jno. 8:24).

•Repent (Acts 2:38).

•Confess (Acts 8:35-37).

•Be baptized (Acts 22:16).

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SUBJECT: Christian Living.

TITLE: I'm Not Ashamed To Own My Lord.

PROPOSITION: To look at ways we are not to be ashamed of Jesus.

OBJECTIVE: So we will stand up for him.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Read the text.
2. Regarding the text.
 - (1) During the persecution of the early church many Christians lost their lives because they stood up for their beliefs.
 - A. Some stood strong for their beliefs on the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:5-7).
 - B. Some gave their lives because of their beliefs (Acts 7:51-58).
 - (2) Our persecution today comes in the form of criticism.
 - A. The infidel criticizes us for believing in God and his word (Psa. 14:1).
 - B. The liberal criticizes us for being legalistic because we try to keep the laws of Christ (Jno. 14:15).
 - (3) Our persecution is nothing compared to the persecution of the first century church.
3. Reference to S.T.P.O.

DISCUSSION: WE ARE NOT TO BE ASHAMED TO OWN OUR LORD--

I. BECAUSE HE DIED ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS.

1. He died, was buried and was raised the third day according to the scriptures (1 Cor. 15:3,4).
 - (1) Because of his death and his resurrection we now do not have to fear death (1 Cor. 15:54,55).
 - (2) When we are baptized we are baptized into his death and raised as he was (Rom. 6:3,4).
2. He made a selfless sacrifice on our behalf.
 - (1) He did it because of his love for us (1 Jno. 4:19).
 - (2) The love of God is the reason we have salvation (Rom. 5:6,8,9).
3. Because of this selfless sacrifice we have hope of eternal life and we should not be ashamed of him.

II. BECAUSE HE HAS THE WORDS OF LIFE.

1. Peter's statement to Christ (Jno. 6:68).
 - (1) No one else has the words to get us to heaven, only Jesus Christ and his words are what the Holy Spirit revealed (Jno. 16:13).
 - (2) The philosophies of men will not get us there and they will not be our judge, but the words of Christ will judge us (Jno. 12:48).
2. People look for something to believe in.
 - (1) The naturalist looks to science, but science is fickle and can never be trusted--today it is fact, tomorrow something comes along and falsifies it--that is what science is.

- (2) The philosopher looks to philosophy, but again, it falls short because it is only human thinking and human thinking cannot get you there.
3. Only the words of Christ will get you to heaven and we should not be ashamed of him.

III. BECAUSE HE IS THE GREATEST LORD THERE IS.

1. There is no other name whereby we can be saved (Acts 4:12).
 - (1) In Christ we are all equal (Gal. 5:6).
 - (2) Redemption is in Christ (Rom. 3:24).
2. Since we have the greatest Lord, we need to fight for him.
 - (1) We need to earnestly contend for the faith (Jude 3).
 - (2) We need to fight the good fight (1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:6-8).
3. He is the greatest Lord there is and we are not to be ashamed of him.

CONCLUSION:

SUMMARY: We have seen that we are not to be ashamed to own our Lord

1. Because he died on the cross for our sins.
2. Because he has the words of life.
3. Because he is the greatest Lord there is.

APPEAL: Be not ashamed to own your Lord, but hurry to defend his cause.
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