

Evening Sermon Outline – October 15, 2017

Hating the Double-Minded

Psalm 119:113-120

Kentucky Fried Chicken used to have a slogan, “We do chicken, right!” In their ads they would say, we do only “CHICKEN” not burgers, not fish, not 32 flavors of ice cream, but one thing!

The person, or group that concentrates on doing one thing well, is often very successful! In this Psalm, the Psalmist is single minded, He will keep God’s Law right, so much so he hates the “double-minded.”

I. *Who are the double-minded?*

1. *Here the Psalmist places them against his love for God’s law –*

A. *We already have seen God’s word / the law placed in opposition to sin –*

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You! (Psalm 119:11 NKJ)

B. *You could ask the question, is the double-minded person a sinner?*

In the double-minded man’s own mind he probably thinks, “NO” because he thinks he is staking out middle ground, trying to be fair to both sides ...

Yet, Lord what God’s Word, especially Jesus says about this:

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. (Matthew 6:24 NKJ)

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. (Revelation 3:15-16 NKJ)

In this passage, Jesus is speaking to the Laodicean’s passion, their commitment, they were “lukewarm” and why? They thought they were rich, had need of nothing! They were rich materially, they were serving God and mammon!

Christ will not allow us to put our families on par with Him –

"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. (Luke 14:26-27 NKJ)

2. *What makes this difficult Passion for God, is not an excuse for neglecting a family –*

For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. (2 Thessalonian 3:10 NKJ)

He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. ¹⁰ "For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' ¹¹ "But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me *is Corban* "-- '(that is, a gift to God), ¹² "then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, (Mark 7:9-12 NKJ)

So, love for God, love for Christ, is not a blind passion but it is directed by the rules of God’s Word ... Still, we are instructed –

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (1 John 2:15-17 NKJ)

Long, long time ago, when I still lived in Illinois, I went to a conference in Indiana, where one of the speakers was preaching balance!

Basically what he told us was don’t be passionate about God, or His word, which I would say is OPPOSITE of what Scripture teaches –

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one!⁵ "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NKJ)

3. *God and His Kingdom are the priority –*
"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:33 NKJ)

II. *Where are the double-minded? –*
You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word. (Psalm 119:114 NKJ)

1. *The Psalmist's Hiding place and Shield is the LORD, Himself –*
For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good *thing* will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. (Psalm 84:11 NKJ)

2. *The double-minded man will often desire to be with us in such a place, however the Psalmist tells him to depart –*
Depart from me, you evildoers, For I will keep the commandments of my God! (Ps. 119:115 NKJ)

They want the safety, but not the STRICTNESS, they are not keeping God's commands, they are not in God's Word.

III. *Where will the double-minded be?*
Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.¹¹⁷ Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.¹¹⁸ You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceit *is* falsehood.¹¹⁹ You put away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies.¹²⁰ My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments. (Ps. 119:116-120 NKJ)

1. *They will not be where the Psalmist is, that is:*
 - A. *Upheld by God, this is his prayer Psalm 119:116 & 117*
 - B. *Hopeful –*

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13 NKJ)

2. *Rather, those who stray from God's statutes, will be:*

A. *Psalm 119:118 – rejected*

"Their deceit is falsehood." He means not here of that deceit whereby the wicked deceive others, but that whereby they deceive themselves. And this is two-fold: first, in that they look for a good in sin, which sin deceitfully promises, but they shall never find. Next, that they flatter themselves with a vain conceit to escape judgment, which shall assuredly overtake them.—*William Cowper.*

B. *Psalm 119:119 – put away, like dross*

C. *Like chaff, blown away, separated and judged –*

The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalm 1:4-6 NKJ)

D. *Like something that does not taste good, vomited out of Jesus' mouth – Revelation 3:16*

IV. *This should make even the godly fearful of God, why? Because we know we are far from perfect / far from hot hearted like we should be –*

My flesh trembles for fear of You, and I am afraid of Your judgments. (Psalm 119:120 NKJ)

Verse 120.—"My flesh trembles for fear of thee." instead of exulting over those who fell under God's displeasure he humbles himself. What we read and hear of judgments of God upon wicked people should make us (1) To reverence his terrible majesty, and to stand in awe of him. Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? 1 Sam. 6:20. (2) To fear lest we offend him, and become obnoxious to his wrath. Good men have need to be restrained from sin by the terrors of the Lord; especially when judgment begins at the house of God, and hypocrites are discovered, and put away as dross.—*Matthew Henry.*

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