

2 Chronicles 29:7

First RPC Durham

I. Rejecting God's Worship

- A.** The apostatizing Church or Christian discourages true worship
 - 1) Which is the duty of every person (Psa 99:5)
 - 2) The privilege of every member of the Church (Psa 100:4)
- B.** The apostatizing Church or Christian encourages false worship
 - 1) The doors of the temple were shut, but the places of idolatry were open (2 Chr 28:24-25)
- C.** The sinfulness of neglecting the worship of God
 - 1) Such sin is an affront to the majesty of God (Rom 1:22-23, 25)
 - 2) Idolatry is a great and foolish wickedness
- D.** The pervasiveness of absenting from worship in our day
- E.** Destruction from this sin contrasted with blessings of obedience
 - 1) Without public worship, we would ordinarily not persevere (Heb 10:23-25)
 - 2) Without worship and attentiveness to the Word of God, we would have an untested presumption, not a true assurance.
 - 3) Without public worship, we would lack true and lasting joy in the Lord (Psa 122:1, 2 Chr 29:35b-36)
 - 4) Without the worship of God, we would have God's curse upon us, leading only to our further disobedience.
- F.** Uses from the Text
 - 1) Let us delight in the public worship of God.
 - 2) Let us be diligent in worshipping God (1 Tim 4:7b)

II. Rejecting God's Law

- A.** Putting out the Lamps as the neglect of applying God's Word
 - 1) Exposition of the lamp as God's Word (Psa 119:105, 130)
 - 2) Particularly, not applying God's Word in preaching
- B.** Neglecting confession of sin, repentance, and Church Discipline
 - 1) Putting out lamps as an illustration of neglecting confession, repentance, and Church Discipline (Isa 42:3, Mt 5:14-16).
 - 2) Why are confronting sin, Church Discipline and repentance so often avoided?
- C.** The sinfulness of rejecting God's Law:
 - 1) Scorns the holiness of God (Isa 57:15)

- 2) Rejects the goodness of the Law (1 Tim 1:8)
- 3) Perverts the freedom we have in Christ (Gal 5:1)
- D.** The destruction from this sin:
 - 1) God's judgment upon the church (Amos 2:4)
 - 2) There will be no need in our minds for a Saviour (Rom 3:20b).
 - 3) There will be no foundation or basis for life and godliness
- E.** Uses from the Text
 - 1) Vigilance
 - 2) Swift, thorough confession and repentance (2 Sam 12:13).
 - 3) Courageous obedience (Heb 11:24-25)
 - 4) Fearing God (Pr 29:25)
 - 5) Loving neighbour (Lk 14:26)

III. Rejecting God's Gospel

- A.** Neglecting prayer
 - 1) Exposition of the Text (Rev 5:8)
 - 2) To neglect prayer is to reject our Mediator
 - 3) *Use*, We are to be a praying people. (Lk 11:1-2)
- B.** Rejecting the Gospel
 - 1) Exposition of the Text (Heb 10:1, 12-13)
 - 2) The great sin of Outrightly Rejecting the Gospel
 - 3) The great sin of Implicitly Rejecting the Gospel
 - 4) The Solution (1 Cor 15:3-4; Rom 5:1)
- C.** The sinfulness of rejecting the Gospel:
 - 1) Spurns the graciousness of God (Gal 5:4; Mt 23:37-38)
 - 2) The murder, as it were, of the soul
- D.** The destruction from rejecting or neglecting the Gospel:
 - 1) God will remove the candlestick (Rev 2:2-5)
 - 2) Forget the hope of heaven and the resurrection of the dead by only focusing upon this life (Col 3:1-4)
 - 3) Forget the true victory over sin is found in Christ and will be realized in glory (Rom 7:24-25a)
- E.** Uses from the Text
 - 1) Delight in the Gospel with faith and peace
 - 2) Continue to look to Christ with hope (Song of Songs 2:16)
 - 3) Walk in the Spirit with love and joy