

3) Isaiah 30. Worship - March 9, 1969 P.M. WIKRI

SPIRITUAL GUIDELINE

Isaiah 66

INTRODUCTION:

In your work you follow certain procedures. Often a complete handbook is provided for a specific type of work. In the handbook you have methods, directions, a guideline for doing the task. These instructions are indeed good to have. First, they assist in getting good results. Second, they prevent blunders and free one from false accusations when he follows the rules. This is true especially when something goes wrong. You can always say "I followed the handbook I stuck to the guidelines."

The Prophet Isaiah writes out some Spiritual Guidelines in Chapter 66. His last message (65) told of an unbelievable day when the wolf and lamb would feed together. A prophecy yet to be fulfilled.

In this final chapter we find guidelines for the penitent and impenitent. Also evidences of Divine Judgment are given.

OUTLINE:

- I. Spiritual Worship - V. 1-4.
- II. Spiritual Joy - V. 5-14.
- III. Spirituality Basis of Judgment - V. 15-24.

I. Spiritual Worship - V. 1-4.

V. 1 - Majesty of Jehovah.

Jews looked to the Temple. God does not need a house made with hands. His dominion is above, earth his footstool - limitless majesty, glorious splendor Heavens above his Throne.

Solomon, the Heavens cannot contain Thee how much less this house that I have builded. I K. 8:27. Heavens & Heavens cannot contain Thee - How much less this house.

Quoted Acts 7:49-50 by Stephen, told the Council that the prophet Isaiah heaven his throne - earth footstool - & that God did not need an earthly house filled full of Holy Ghost & looking steadfastly into heaven - saw Jesus

V. 2 - Dwells in humble, contrite heart. This is the Temple he lives in.

Three things:

✓ 1. (Poor) - Not poverty - consciousness of a deep need. More than lip confession. Man who stood with bowed head and eyes cast down saying be merciful to me a sinner.

✓ 2. (Contrite) Spirit - Reverse of men with high esteem. He wants pardon.

"I will look to this man".

Diogenes went down the street of Athens with a lantern at night looking for an honest man.

God is looking for a man he can dwell in, he can trust, who is that man?

✓ 3. (Trembleth) at His Word - Such a heart is a living Temple. Earth his footstool, Heaven his Throne, but a poor, contrite, trembling heart is his dwelling place.

Every man that God has used has been men of broken contrite spirit - here is the Spiritual Guideline. We are so proud, not willing to humble ourselves.

Marriages break up - one gets up on stilts.

Reverence.

2 K. 22:11, 19. When King Josiah heard the words of the Book, he rent his clothes

Ezra 9:4. Trembled at word of God because of transgressions.

Jesus -> John 14:23. "If a man love me, he will keep my words & my Father will love him"

Rev. 21:22 - No Temple in Heaven but Lord.

V. 3 - (Formal Worship) condemned.

Something people look upon as being irreproachable. All would concede murder is bad, but the worshipper cannot be wrong.

Form of godliness but no power or spirit sacrifice lost it's meaning - brought lame, sick.

Ox as a man.

Lamb as a dog.

Blood as a swine.

Incense as an idol.

Force of comparison - disgust Jehovah. Formalism, cold, occupied with yourself and not Jehovah.

Jesus faced same situation. John 7:7.

Heartless church membership - formal Rel. observance.

What about you - you must have an order of service - appointed time officials of the church meet - use God only when you are in trouble.

V. 4 - Delusions - Fear

Not answer

Not hear - deaf to what He said.

Not see - blind to truth.

2 Thess. 2:11.

Chose their own ways.

*To make our Religious experience Real we
must To:
Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strange & dim
In the light of His glory & grace.*

II. Spiritual Joy - V. 5-14.

V. 5 - Word of God has joy for the contrite remnant. He will plead for them against persecutors. John 16:2 *Put you out of the Synagogue - church* - Time cometh that whosoever killeth you will think he doeth God's Service. *[They have not known the Father or Christ.]*

Let your faith show patience.

Joy instead of rebuke.

Persecution often done under cloak of pious expressions "Let the Lord be glorified". "Give God the Praise".

John 9:24.

V. 6 - Great Voice.

Suddenness - abrupt language.

City - crowded - confused - needs - hurts - anxieties - shouting - cursing.

Temple - apostasy, heresy.

Lord - Eternal voice. Voice of Justice. Voice heard by Adam & Eve. Voice

spoken through the Prophets, voice in these last days by His Son.

Heb. 1:1-2.

I Thes. 4:16.

V. 7-8 - Question - Shall nation be born at once?

Contrast of a nation being born in one day.

Unheard of.

Ezra 2:1; 3:1. *An the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.*

Return of Exiles - Second birth of the nation.

Isa. 5:8.

Rom. 11:1. *Hasn God cast away his people -*

Phil. 1:6.

Man - child - is the nation born at once. Nation has to be the Christian Church.

3,000 in one day.

Man child, term applied to Christ. Rev. 12:5. *Man child who was to rule all Nations*

Rom. 9:5.

Return of Jews to Palestine - Few and many. Matt. 24:8, 29, 30.

V. 9 - It is the Lord's doing.

Finish my work in restoring Israel.

V. 10-11 - Rejoice with Jer.

Sorrows turned to abundant joy.

If you love God love Jer.

If you love God love His Church.

Rev. 3:16.

Festal singing.

Prophet does not leave them in darkness but turns to a note of hope.

V. 12 - Peace unhindered - unchecked stream flows through that beloved city.

Flow over and cover her.

Prosperity uninterrupted.

John you are very poor - if your wife fell ill, you would be hard up. True - But John for more than what owe this to "To God" What induced you to think that the hand from which you

have received so much - would close against you when you grow old "
Red face - from a poor old English boy -5-

River flows and increasing until swallowed up in the ocean.

Enemies swept over her to destroy. Peace to enrich. Like music.

Preacher once told a couple - grown children. He said I can't stand her. She couldn't stand him. Got the man off to himself. You know if I were you what I would do? I wouldn't blame that old girl for a thing in the world, you know the strange thing is how she has stood you for these 20 years. She has had a pretty hard time. Things were wonderful after that.

V. 13 - Real comfort follows peace.

V. 14 - Heart rejoice.

Hand of the Lord is upon his servants. Mother comforts.

John 16:22 - Your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you.

Nation is like an aged man - new life is made to surge through those branches.

III. Spirituality Basis Of Judgment - V. 15-24.

V. 15 - Last Days - Final Judgment.

Penalties.

"Come with fire"

As the pillar of cloud and fire was towards their enemies.

Agency of judgment overtake them.

2 Thes. 1:8. "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God & that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Pet. 3:7-10. Heaven & earth reserved unto fire against the day of judgment.

Chariots - regarded as symbolizing the hosts of supernatural forces - like the whirlwind. The whirling of the wheels of chariots - their noise - swiftness.

V. 16 - Striking feature in that final judgment. Fire - cut down - ruin - extensive.

V. 17 - Judgement against those who have gone through the forms of religion.

Worshippers of idols.

Eating forbidden food - swine flesh and the mouse.

Rev. 21:27, 22:15. There shall be no wise enter anything that defileth

V. 18 - I know their works and their thoughts.

Rom. 2:16.

He was appear to comfort of the faithful.

Those that know his grace are hereby commissioned to invite others to come
- other countries are in darkness. They had not heard the joyful sound.

Gal. 5:7-9.

V. 19 - Set a sign - place of meeting. Resurrection of Jesus.

Go as missionaries to Gentile nations.

Tarshish - Spain - in West. I K. 9:28, 22:48.

Pul - East and North of Africa.

Lud - West of Egypt. Gen. 10:13, 22.

Declare the Gospel among Gentiles.

V. 20 - Gentiles converted will aid in conversion of Jews who are dispersed around
the world.

N. T. angels are seen being sent forth to gather the elect from the four
winds.

Here we see Jewish missionaries who have been through a time of tribulation
- go to tell them what has taken place at Jerusalem.

2 Thes. 2:10-12.

Great numbers will come.

"New Jerusalem" be localized - figurative expressions - all welcome - carrying
them back. Horses, chariots, mules.

As in days when Jews traveled to Jerusalem for feast days.

Acts 2:5-6-10.

Heb. 12:22.

Matt. 24:14.

Jerusalem today - Jews from over 100 nations. They come by whatever transport-
ation is available.

V. 21 - Add fresh members to the Priesthood from newly converted Gentiles.

Church of the redeemed - They are together. Restore Israel - Reign of her Messiah - Harmony with others. New heaven and new earth. Rev. 20:9.

Heitherto the Priest and Levites were the ministers now in Gospel times
Gentile converts.

Phil. 1:1.

Acts 6:2-4.

Acts 14:23; Tit. 1:5.

V. 22 - New Heaven and earth will continue forever.

Col. 3:11.

Seed of true believers will continue also.

Christian seed one generation passes away another comes.

2 Peter 3:13.

Rev. 21:1.

V. 23 - Worship attended and kept up.

Jer. 3:16-17.

Duty - Christian assemblies.

Wait upon God. I Cor. 10.

Stated times.

V. 24 - Image of Hell.

Bodies left unburied in valley of Hinnom. South of Jerusalem.

Rev. 14:10. John 17:21-23.

Tormented with fire & brimstone,
Doom - destruction.

Transgressed against the law.

Eaten by worms - future state - wrath. Dead in sin.

Mark 9:44, 46, 48. *Where worm die th not of fire is not quenched.*

Quenchless fire.

Final condition of impenitent sinners.

Battle of Armageddon.

Jesus, used these words of the worm die not in describing the doom of the

impenitent one.

Matt. 3:12 - Burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Matt. 22:13. - Bind him hand and foot and take him away into outer darkness.

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matt. 25:41, 46 - Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.

Luke 16:23 and in Hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off.

Rev. 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire".

Important Doctrine on eternal judgment. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Spirit and the Bride say come.

Rev. 20.

it's aich - Guideline - urge men to seek the Lord - avoid hell,