

Checking Your Heart

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Text

Jeremiah 17:5-9

Objective

- To teach that the heart attitude toward God can result either in blessing or curse
- To teach them that man is inclined to do evil

Introduction

Why does many criminals who were caught , confessed that they did not know why they did it?

Lesson

1. Heart that departs from God results in curse v5-6

1. Like a heath in the desert (kugon)v6 – dry
2. Like a person without vision – v6 – nearsighted
3. Like a saltland inhabited –v6 – no life, dead

2. Heart that trust results in blessing v7-8

1. Like a tree planted by the waters,that spreads its roots by the rivers – always alive, abounding , never lacking
2. Unfearful of heat- always confident and can face heat anytime
3. Leaf is green- always fresh
4. No time of drought always yielding fruit- always fruitful

3. Heart should be mastered because its inclination is to evil v.9

1. Heart should be guarded , protected and guided.
Illu1. Many confessions of remorseful criminals- I don't know why I did it- I cant stop myself
2. A child is told to be good, because he was born bad Psalm 51:6

Conclusion:

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Story of the Son of Sam to Son of Hope

WHAT THE WORLD WON'T BELIEVE 10/13/07

THE CRIMES AND PUBLICITY, HAVE BEEN KEPT ALIVE.
BUT AFTER YEARS IN PRISON, THERE'S BEEN A SON RISE.

IN THE HEART OF DAVID, ONCE KNOWN AS SAM,
GOD CAME TO CLAIM, AND RECREATE THIS MAN.

ALL HATE AND VIOLENCE, WERE WASHED AWAY.
HIS DEBT OF SIN, THE LORD JESUS PAID.

SAM WAS CRUCIFIED, SLAIN AND BURIED.
TO GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT, DAVID'S SOUL WAS MARRIED.

A BRAND NEW CREATURE, IS WHAT HE BECAME
ALONG WITH HIS ADOPTION, GOD CHANGED HIS NAME.

THE SON OF HOPE OPENED UP HIS EYES,
AND EXPERIENCED FREEDOM, FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME.

ON THE NEXT MORNING, AFTER HIS CONVERSION,
HE WALKED THROUGH SULLIVAN, A DIFFERENT PERSON.

THE WOLF THAT ROAMED, NEW YORK CITY STREETS,
HAD BEEN PUT TO DEATH, BY THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

A LAMB NOW LIVES, IN DAVID'S CELL,
THAT KNOWS HOW CLOSE, HE WAS TO HELL.

BUT FORGIVENESS BROKE, THE SATANIC CHAINS.
GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU, CAN DO THE SAME.

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DAVID'S NOW MY BROTHER, FOR ETERNITY.

WITH MY FAMILY I'VE WITNESSED, WHAT THE WORLD WON'T BELIEVE.