

SERMON OUTLINE John 12:27-36

Now My Heart Is Troubled

THE HARD ROAD OF OBEDIENCE (27)

THE RIGHTNESS OF OBEDIENCE (27-28)

He Named the Easy Way Out (27)

He Chose Way of Greatest Reward (27-28)

THE PLEASURE OF GOD IN OBEDIENCE (28-30)

THE CERTAIN VICTORY OF OBEDIENCE (31-36)

God Will Victoriously Judge the World (31)

God Will Victoriously Cast Out the Devil (31)

Jesus Will Victoriously Draw All People to Himself (32-34)

God Will Victoriously Make Sons of Light (35-36)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big ideas of this passage are that (1) Jesus helps us see that the souls of the godly must be troubled at times and that (2) the source of that trouble and response to it are critical. The main takeaway is to learn to be troubled by the things that trouble Jesus and respond in the ways modeled by Jesus in the confidence of the certain victory of Jesus..

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. When was the last time your soul was troubled? Why was it troubled? What did you do about it? Is it OK to have a troubled soul or is that always a sign of unbelief?
3. When your soul is troubled, is it rooted in righteousness or unmet selfish desires? Does it grieve you when things are not as God intends or are you content with things being in disordered rebellion against God? Are you more likely to be angered by something not going the way you want it or by something that falls short of the glory of God? When you are angered by something sinful, is it more because of the inconvenience it causes you or because it robs God of the glory due His Name?
4. Have you ever had a time when you knew what you needed to do to honor God, you knew it would cost a great deal to do so, and so you contemplated asking God to save you from having to obey?
5. How much different would your life be if you really believed, felt, and lived in light of the fact that in Jesus you always walk in the pleasure of God.
6. Which aspect of Jesus' victory are you most excited to share in (judgment, cast out the devil, draw all people, sons of light)?
7. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

8. Spend some time this week weeding out misplaced or misresponded soul-trouble.
9. Find someone with a troubled soul and care for them in their trouble.
10. Consider one area in which you are disobeying God's Word because the cost seems too high. Confess your sin, consider Jesus' example, find someone to pray for and remind you of God's promises, and strive in faith to obey.
11. Memorize one passage on the victory Jesus won for His people. Do this with someone in your family or DG.
12. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
13. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

14. Adoration. Praise God for being glorious, merciful, and mighty. Praise God for being sovereign, wise, and good. Praise God for being victorious. Praise God for being light. Praise God for being Triune.
15. Confess. Confess any sins of misplaced soul-trouble. Confess any ways you are wrongly responding to your soul-trouble. Confess any ways you are disobeying because you are taking the easy way out. Confess faithlessness in Jesus' victory.
16. Thanksgiving. Thank God that Jesus gave us a perfect example of faithfulness through trouble. Thank God that Jesus obeyed fully. Thank God that you get to share in Jesus' victory. Thank God that Jesus' victory empowers your obedience.
17. Supplication. Ask God to help someone you know whose soul is troubled. Ask God to help you obey in faith. Ask God to help our church live in light of the victory Jesus won, the pleasure of God in us, and trust in His promises.