

Sermon Notes

Are You Sure? - Isa 55:6

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I. Introduction

Only 25% of mainline Protestant pastors believe in Adam and Eve. Only 45% believe in hell. Only 32% believe in sharing their faith. Over 70% believe parts of the bible are not accurate and no longer applicable today. 26% have doubts if God really exists. Ken Ham – Answers in Genesis

- a. are you sure what you're being taught about God is biblical truth... are you sure what you're believing about God is biblical truth... or is it just pieced together from etp...
Psa 25:5... "guide me in Your truth and teach me..."
Psa 26:3... "Your faithful love guides me... I live by Your truth..."
Psa 43:3... "Your constant love and truth will always guard me..."
Psa 119:160... "the entirety of Your word is truth..."
John 1:14-17... "Word dwelt among us... full of grace and truth... truth thru Jesus..."
John 14:6... "I am the way, truth, and life... no one comes to the Father but thru Me..."
John 18:28-38... "I came to testify to the truth... Pilate said, what is truth..."
aletheia... what is true in any matter under consideration; reality, in fact, certainly...
- b. calling evil good, good, evil... so much misinformation and confusion about who God really is... some comes from Christians... root is ignorance or hard heart...
Hosea 4:6... "people destroyed for lack of knowledge... or rejected knowledge..."
John 8:32... "you will know the truth... and the truth will set you free..."
John 14:1-11... "if you know Me... you will also know My Father... believe the Father is in Me..."
2Pet 1... "grace, peace, everything required for life... thru precise and correct knowledge of God..."
- c. deep down, we all know who God is... know He is good... but we also carry a belief system influenced by religion and years of pain, tragedy, and incorrect information... and that often silences the truth about His goodness... change that, change lives... pray...
Rom 1:16-32... "what can be known about God is evident... God has shown it... His qualities can be clearly seen... as a result, people are without excuse... they knew God, but did not glorify Him or give Him thanks... became utter fools... as a result, their lives became full of every kind of sin..."
doxaxo... always a good opinion, resulting in praise, honor; judgment, view, think, suppose...
Rom 2:4... "God is kind, tolerant, patient... goodness intended to turn you from sin..."

II. Are You Sure

- a. sometimes what we think the bible teaches is not actually what the bible teaches...
Gen 3:6... "she took some of its fruit and ate it..."
Matt 2:9... "star they had seen in the East... stopped over place where the child was..."
1Tim 6:10... "the love of money is the root of all evil..."
- b. devil deceived Adam and Eve with misinformation about God... instead of keeping quiet, Adam should have said, are you sure... false info caused them to focus on their faults and failures... made them hide... truth allowed them to enjoy unlimited blessings and intimate friendship with God... free of gsc... lies led to blame, not responsibility...
Gen 3:1-7... "did God really say... God knows when you eat it you will be like God..."
Gen 3:12-13... "woman You gave me, gave me fruit... serpent deceived me and I ate..."
John 10:10... "devil comes to steal, kill, destroy... Jesus came to bring abundant life..."
Eph 4:18... "shut out from fellowship and intimacy... because of ignorance, unbelief..."

- c. God isn't the source of your problems... not source of disease, death, difficulty... He isn't stealing, killing, destroying... devil must steal truth before he can kill and destroy...
Luke 8:11-15... "seed is the Word... devil comes immediately to take away Word from their hearts so they may not believe and be kept safe, rescued, healed, restored, preserved, saved from evil..."
- d. what do you do when you wake up at night to sound of broken glass... go out in LVR with guns blazing... must determine source to determine proper response...
Burglar - proper response might be a gun...
Picture fell off wall - proper response might be a broom...
Child knocked over glass - proper response might be a hug... and a broom...
- e. that same logic must be applied before you can determine who is the real source of tragedy and evil in this world... if you're taught God *controls everything*... or this is *God's will*... you'll just accept it and not respond properly... won't know who to fight...
Eph 6:10-18... "struggle not against flesh and blood... against evil, spiritual forces... stand..."
James 4:7... "resist the devil, and he will flee from you..."
1Pet 5:8-9... "be alert... devil is prowling... resist him, firm in the faith..."
anthistemi... set one's self against, withstand, resist, oppose...
- f. if God's responsible for sickness, pain, poverty, confusion, depression... don't fight... but if the devil is... then use every weapon at your disposal to destroy him...
Prov 18:21... "death and life are in the power of the tongue..."
Matt 22:29... "you don't know the Scriptures or the power of God..."
Luke 10:17-20... "demons submit to us... given you authority over all power of enemy..."
Acts 5:38-39... "if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow... be fighting against God..."
1Cor 1:18... "the word of the cross... is the power of God to us..."
2Cor 6:7... "by the Word of truth... by the power of God... weapons of righteousness..."
Eph 6:10-18... "sword of Spirit, which is the Word... pray at all times in the Spirit..."
Heb 1:3... "sustains everything by the mighty power of His Word..."
Heb 4:12... "the Word is living and effective... sharper than any two-edged sword..."
Rev 12:11... "conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony..."
- g. probably hardest thing to understand about God is how good He is... seriously...
Isa 55... "is anyone thirsty, come and drink... even if you have no money, take your choice of wine or milk, its all free... come to Me with your ears wide open, listen and you will find life... I will make an everlasting covenant with you... I will give you unfailing love... I have made you glorious... let the wicked change their ways... let the sinful one return to the Lord that He may have mercy on him... turn to God, for He will freely forgive... My thoughts are not your thoughts and your ways are not My ways... My word will not return empty... it will prosper... and you will go out with joy..."
Jonah 1-4... "go to Ninevah, announce My judgment, I have seen how wicked they are... Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction... they believed God, when He saw it, He changed His mind and did not carry out the destruction He had planned... this greatly upset Jonah and he became very angry, I knew You would do this, I knew you are a merciful God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love, You are eager to turn back from destroying, just kill me now, I'd rather be dead than alive..."
- h. God's heart is to save, not destroy... no matter who you are or what you've done...
Luke 9:56... "Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them..."
John 3:16-18... "God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but to save it..."
1Tim 2:4... "God... desires all men to be saved... come to knowledge of truth..."
- i. sometimes confusion between God's actions in OT and NT... we'll get to that... for now... are you sure what you're believing about your Daddy is biblical truth... pray...
Isa 55:6... "seek the Lord while He may be found... call to Him while He is near..."
Mark 8:29... "but you, who do you say I am..."
Luke 18:18-19... "why do you call me good... no one is good but God alone..."