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Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: The sure victory of a right spirit

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Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:10

Introduction

A right spirit is our guarantee of victory. When we walk in a right spirit, we may still face affliction and adversity, but we won't be defeated.

Ps 51v10 KJV: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Now what is a right spirit? Well let's look at the word "right" in that scripture:

Kuwn: (koon) to stand upright, steadfast, fixed, secure, stable, to make provision and prepare oneself.

Ps 51v10 KJV: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a "upright, steadfast, fixed, secure, stable" spirit within me.

A right spirit is about refraining from sin, and remaining steadfast in walking according to God's Word and ways.

A person passive in the face of life's trials and troubles will not maintain a right spirit, we've got to hold onto the Lord, through thick and thin!

1. Judgement is in God's hands, not ours

Christians will experience many injustices in this life; we live in a broken world. We also have an enemy who aim to rob, kill and destroy. And finally, many people in the world are driven by their own selfish desires, causing them to hurt others.

What should our reaction be when we are hurt or wounded by others? We have a duty to keep our hearts clean and maintain a right spirit. To do this we need the Holy Spirit to help us live according to God's Word.

Rom 12v17-21 says: Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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This is how a *son* or *daughter* of God acts! Remember it's not in our strength. His grace is sufficient to empower us for the task. We just need to pray for that grace, so that we don't become bitter and offended.

The Lord delights in mercy and so should we. Christ's ministry was a ministry of reconciliation. He didn't come to condemn the world, but that through Him the world might be saved. Should we not have the same heart as Him?

Luke 4v18-20: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." ²⁰ Then He closed the book

Our ministry is the same as Christ's, the ministry of reconciliation! The ministry of mercy. We are to leave judgement and wrath in God's hands.

1 Cor 4v5 says: Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

Vengeance and judgement are in God's hands, our ministry is to bless those who curse us and to intercede for those who spitefully use us.

2. The Valley of Consequences

One of the greatest challenges in life is when we face the consequences of other people's actions. Where we experience a valley we didn't deserve because of someone's else's greed, selfishness, jealousy, nastiness, deceit, hard heartedness, spite, anger, lust, pride etc.

Things like being passed over for promotion through corruption, being stolen from by family, being unjustly accused and lied against with devastation following, or being abused by those who were called to love and care for you.

The reality is the freedom of human choice means every person has power to affect other people for good or for evil. This is why so much evil persists in the world, people have choices and choices have consequences.

Bible examples of people who experienced the valley of consequence due to the actions of others:

- Joshua and Caleb. They spied out the land and brought a good report. But the 10 other spies brought a bad report which resulted in the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for 40yrs.
- David. He was a shepherd boy, and a worshipper. He wanted the best for Israel, he killed Goliath and he served Saul. But Saul became jealous and suspicious of David and tried to kill him. For 13 yrs David had to live on the run, even spending time living among the Philistines.
- Joseph. He was betrayed by His brothers, sold as a slave, imprisoned unjustly, forgotten for years.



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3. All things work together for good!

How do you come out of the valley of consequences without your heart being captured along the way? Without falling into despair, discouragement or sin.

Firstly, we need to ensure that our hearts are captured by God. That Jesus is our Saviour and Lord, so that He can rule and reign no matter what happens to us.

Then we can focus on God's Word and on His promises, and let them comfort us.

Rom 8v28-29,

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

The promise is that ALL THINGS will work together for our good, not some things.

In the working together God will use our adversity to conform us, to mould us to the image of Jesus.

Gen 50v20

"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."

Deut 31v6

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Phil 1v6

"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Ps 73v26

"My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."



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Lam 3v22-24

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. ²³ They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. ²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I hope in Him!”.

Ps 34v17-18

“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.”

1 Thess 5v24 AMP

“Faithful and absolutely trustworthy is He who is calling you [to Himself for your salvation], and He will do it [He will fulfil His call by making you holy, guarding you, watching over you, and protecting you as His own].”

Conclusion

A man or a woman with a right spirit cannot be defeated, not when their strength is in the Lord. We need to leave justice to the Lord, let Him deal with those who have hurt, wounded and betrayed us. That was we can walk in the ministry of Christ, the ministry of reconciliation, and pray for our enemies, while believing in faith in God’s promise to work all things together for our good.

The valley will not become your grave!



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