

Glory be, I sure enjoyed this sunrise today and our time with our Chapel family this past Sunday. May the Lord continue to give each of us a sound mind and the right kind of hope, joy, growing faith, and His irreplaceable peace.

"Mark the blameless, and watch the upright, for the future of that servant is peace... The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble. The Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the hand of that wicked one because they trust in Him."
(Psalm 37:37-40)

The Wrong and Right Kind of Hope

In our bible study, we consider some of the characters in Genesis in light of Job 27:8 — "For what is the hope of the hypocrites (those living without God), though they gain much (even the whole world) if God takes away their life?"

I imagine most of you, that personally know and trust the Lord, have asked this question before. "How do people cope or handle the challenges of everyday life without the presence and patience of the Father of mercies and the God of all grace?"

Isaiah and Proverbs unveil to us, on several levels, how they can and why they do (Isaiah 57:10; Proverbs 16:25; 14:12). When people are blinded to their own blindness, warped in their own knowledge and wisdom and encouraged and strengthened in their own lies and deception, by the culture they live among... falsehood just "seems" right and truth will inevitably "seem" wrong. Therefore, they find LIFE and PEACE in their own hopes and dreams. And though the journey is hard and wearisome at times... they find what is necessary, in life and not from the Lord, to not be overwhelmed with grief and despair. And, in most cases, this life becomes their continuous feast and aspirations... and very little to no time is spent seeking and living for Jesus or preparing for the eternal life to come.

This is a warning to those living for themselves and not for the glory of God. Examine what or who is drawing you to do what you do and what's on the inside of you that's driving you to keep at it...

What our hearts SEEK our MOUTHS will eat...

What are we SEEKING to get our fill of today?

Proverbs 16:25-26...There is a way that SEEMS right to a man, but its end is the way of death. The person who labors, labors for himself, for his hungry mouth drives him on...

Why is all this important? Because we can be, as God describes it in Jeremiah — Wise in ALL the WRONG Things

Who wants to be wise in wasteful things?

Who longs to be worldly-wise while missing out on Jesus and His wisdom and ways?

God includes the very basic people to the brightest of people in Jeremiah's day.

"...people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are silly children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge." (Jeremiah 4:22)

God must establish, build, and reinforce our hope or our hope will come to nothing when we die.

#nestingwithjesus #genesis #genesis8 #genesis4 #genesis11 #genesis10 #job27and8
#isaiah57and10 #romans15and4 #romans15and13 #proverbs14and12 #proverbs16and25
#proverbs16and2 #proverbs21and2 #proverbs4and23 #proverbs3and5thru6 #itseemsright
#whospeaking #lifeinyourownhand #howitseemswrong #whyitSeemsRight #fools #deceived
#proverbs15and21 #proverbs13and19 #proverbs24and11 #stumbling #skiesoverthechapel