

What a Great Responsibility!

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The sermon emphasizes the great responsibility of preachers to preach the true gospel and the consequences of their message on the day of God's wrath.

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20, John 3:36, Acts 2:38, Romans 10:14-15, 1 Corinthians 3:12-15, Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Timothy 4:2, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 4:5, Revelation 6:17

Topics: "Accountability to God", "Responsibility of Preachers"

Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the immense responsibility placed on preachers and teachers of the gospel, highlighting the accountability they will face on the day of God's wrath. He questions whether the message preached is clear about the lost state of those apart from Christ and whether it encourages repentance and belief in the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. Tozer warns that much of what is done in the church may not withstand God's refining fire, urging ministers to reflect on their stewardship and the urgency of their message. The sermon culminates in the poignant question, 'Who can stand?' as a reminder of the seriousness of their calling.

Transcript

For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand? --Revelation 6:17

What a great responsibility God has laid upon us preachers of His gospel and teachers of His Word. In that future day when God's wrath is poured out, how are we going to answer? How am I going to answer? I fear there is much we are doing in the name of the Christian church that is wood, hay and stubble destined to be burned up in God's refining fire. A day is coming when I and my fellow ministers must give account of our stewardship:

What kind of a gospel did we preach?

Did we make it plain that men and women who are apart from Christ Jesus are lost?

Did we counsel them to repent and believe?

Did we tell them of the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit?

Did we warn them of the wrath of the Lamb--the crucified, resurrected, outraged Lamb of God?

With that kind of accounting yet to come, the question John hears from the human objects of God's wrath is especially significant: "Who can stand?" (6:17). Who indeed? Jesus Is Victor!, 108.

"Lord, how am I going to answer?"

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