

Ten Shekels (Compilation)

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of repentance and coming to the cross for the glory of God, not for personal gain or benefits.

Duration: 3:32

Scripture: Romans 12:1, Philippians 2:3

Topics: "Repentance And Worship", "The Cross"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of repentance and surrendering to God not for personal gain or assurance of salvation, but because God deserves our worship, obedience, and love. It contrasts serving God for selfish reasons with serving Him out of a genuine desire to glorify Him. The message highlights the significance of coming to the cross, embracing death with Christ, and allowing God to receive glory through our lives.

Transcript

Dear friends, there's only one reason, one reason for a sinner to repent, and that's because Jesus Christ deserves the worship and the adoration and the love and the obedience of his heart, not because he'll go to heaven. If the only reason you repented, dear friend, was to keep out of hell, all you are is just a Levite serving for ten shekels and a shirt. That's all.

You're trying to serve God because he'll do you good. But a repentant heart is a heart that has seen something of the enormity of the crime of playing God and denying the just and righteous God the worship and obedience that he deserves. Why should a sinner repent? Because God deserves the obedience and love that he has refused to give him.

Not so that he will go to heaven. The only reason he repents is so that he'll go to heaven and it's nothing but trying to make a deal or a bargain with God. Why should a sinner give up all his sins? Why should he be challenged to do it? Why should he make restitution when he's coming to Christ? Because God deserves the obedience that he demands.

I have talked with people that have no assurance of sin forgiven. They want to feel saved before they're willing to commit themselves to Christ. But I believe that the only ones whom God actually witnesses by his Spirit are born of him.

Are the people, whether they're saved or not, that come to Jesus Christ and say something like this, Lord Jesus, I'm going to obey you and love you and serve you and do what you want me to do as long as I live, even if I go to hell at the end of the road, simply because you are worthy to be loved and obeyed and served and I'm not trying to make a deal with you. You see the difference between being a Levite serving for ten shekels and a shirt or a Micah building a chapel? Because God will do you good. And someone that repents for the glory of God.

Why should a person come to the cross? Why should a person embrace death with Christ? Why should a person be willing to go in identification down to the cross and into the tomb and up again? I'll tell you why. Because it's the only way that God can get glory out of a human being. If you say it's because you'll get joy or peace or blessing or success or fame, then it's nothing but a Levite serving for ten shekels and a shirt.

There's only one reason for you to go to the cross, dear young person. And that's because until you come to the place of union with Christ in death, you are defrauding the Son of God of the glory that he could get out of your life. For no flesh will glory in sight.

And until you've understood the sanctifying work of God by the Holy Ghost making you into union with Christ in death and burial and resurrection, you have to serve in what you have and all you have. And that which is under the sentence of death, human personality and human nature and human strength and human energy, then God will get no glory out of that. So the reason for you to go to the cross isn't that you're going to get victory.

You will get victory. It isn't that you're going to have joy. You will have joy.

But the reason for you to embrace the cross and press through until you know that you can testify with Paul, I am crucified with Christ, isn't what you're going to get out of it, but what he'll get.

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