

Few Find the Way to Life - Part 6

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The sermon encourages listeners to desire to be lost in the crowd in heaven, to cleanse themselves of lying and other sinful behaviors, and to walk with Jesus in humility.

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Scripture: Psalm 58:3, Proverbs 12:22, John 14:6, Ephesians 4:25, Philippians 2:3, James 4:8, James 4:10, 1 John 1:9, Revelation 14:4, Revelation 21:27

Topics: "Spiritual Purity", "Following Jesus"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of living a life of purity and truth, following Jesus wholeheartedly, and desiring to be in His presence at all times. It challenges believers to cleanse themselves from lies and worldly influences, to walk in humility, and to seek a deeper relationship with God. The message encourages a commitment to honesty, integrity, and a genuine pursuit of God's presence in every aspect of life.

Transcript

I'll give you a little homework that you should do now and then. I do it often. It really excites me when I do it.

I sometimes picture in my mind, you know, as I've often said, we have used our imagination for all types of filthy things in the past. Why not use our imagination now for some good things? And here's one of the good things you can use your imagination for. Just picture that the Lord has come and you are now standing in heaven and, boy, what a crowd that is.

That's really a mega church. Millions and millions and millions of people and you're sort of nobody. Nobody knows you.

I mean, here in this church at least somebody knows your name. But, boy, can you imagine getting into that crowd? Nobody even knows who you are. And you're just standing there and, oh, there's a guy here and a guy there and you're standing here and nobody... And you're absolutely thrilled that nobody knows you.

You're really a nobody. And you say, Lord Jesus, Thou alone art worthy. I am excited when I use my imagination to think like that and say, Lord, that's the thing I long for.

Here a lot of people know my name but I'm looking forward to that day when I'll be lost in that crowd. Even if you search for me it may take many, many hours or days to find me. It'll be such a huge crowd.

Oh, just to be lost there and to be taken up with Jesus. It's a good exercise. That's how they are.

They learn that song. And these are the ones who've not been defiled with women. That doesn't mean they were unmarried.

Remember, it's all sign language. And who are the women in Revelation? Babylon, the great harlot and her daughters. That means those who have the spirit of a harlot not the spirit of the bride of Jesus Christ.

The harlot is the one who claims to be engaged to Christ but is fooling around with the world. No, these people didn't defile themselves with Babylon, the mother or with the daughters. They have kept themselves pure.

And here's the wonderful thing. These are the ones who follow Jesus wherever He goes. Say, Lord, I don't want to go to a single place without You.

I don't want to sit and watch a single television program without You sitting there and saying, You also enjoy it. I don't want to do anything in my life without You. I don't want to go anywhere or if I speak to my wife, I want to know that You're there.

I want You to listen to every word I'm saying to my wife. I want You to hear it. I want You to be happy with the way I'm speaking to my wife.

I want You to be happy with the way I'm speaking to my husband. I want You to be happy with my attitude towards the poor people in Your church. Lord Jesus, I want You to be with me all the time.

They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. And the Bible says here, describes these people as people who've been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And here's another characteristic about these people.

They did not tell lies. Boy! That's really a miracle. I wonder if there's even 144,000.

Some people say 144,000 is a small number. Are there 144,000 people who never told lies? I mean, not never, who don't tell lies. You know, there's a verse which says Psalm 58, verse 3. I don't know whether you've read this verse.

The wicked are estranged from the womb. They speak lies and go astray from birth. And the Living Bible says the first words out of the womb are lies.

What does that mean? They tell lies as soon as they're born. You know what it is? I have a few grandchildren now and I'm rediscovering the old days when I had children. How they tell lies.

They cry and scream and you think they're in some terrible pain. They're not in any pain. They just want you to pick them up and pat them, that's all.

It's a lie. It's to scare you. And fathers usually get scared.

Boy, what's wrong with the child? Mothers know by now they just want to be picked up, that's all. They tell lies from the time they are born. You can tell a lie by crying.

You can tell a lie without opening your mouth. Ananias and Sapphira told a lie just by joining a queue. How can you join a line of people and tell a lie without opening your mouth? This is the line of the wholehearted people who are giving all their money to God.

They just keep quiet and stand in that line. They told a lie. Just by standing in a line.

You can tell a lie by claiming to be a part of a church because you want a name. Because maybe that church has got a name. We've got Abraham for our father.

It's wonderful. You know, these are the overcomers that the book of Revelation speaks about. People who really overcome.

These 144,000 also told lies just like all other babies from birth. How did they come to the place where it says finally there was no lie found in their mouth? They cleansed themselves. They were not different.

They were not born different. We are all born telling lies. But they cleansed themselves.

They cleansed themselves and they came to the place where no lie was found in their mouth. You know, when I read that, I say, Lord Jesus, make me like that. My heart longs.

I say, Lord, I don't want to go to a single place on earth where you are not there. I want to be where you are. I'm willing to go to jail for Christ's sake.

I'll be crucified. I'll kill for Christ's sake. If you are there, I'm happy to go anywhere.

I'm happy to do anything. Dear brothers and sisters, you know what the Lord has been saying to you today? He's not condemning you. He's not criticizing you.

He's saying, my son, my daughter, come up higher. Don't live in that low place you've been living all these years. Come up higher and walk with me in humility.

That's real greatness in God's kingdom. Let's pray. While our heads are bowed in prayer, I want to urge you to respond to the Lord Jesus who's right here in our midst.

Thank you, Lord Jesus. You're right here. Right here.

How wonderful that you can be here right next to us as we talk to you. Just tell Him exactly what you want to tell Him. Be serious.

Take those right decisions today and keep taking them every day. Walk the path of lowliness. Associate with the lowly and not with the high-minded.

And you'll have grace upon grace upon grace till your last day of life on earth. Thank you, Father, for your Word that preserves us in the pathway of life. We praise you with all of our hearts.

You love us and that's why you give us your Word. We're surrounded by your love. You rejoice over us with shouts of singing but you are grieved when we live at such low levels.

Lift us up. My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay. I've heard the song of saints on higher ground and I want to get there.

Thank you, Father, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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