

Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

October 13, 2021

John 16: 1 - 11

These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. **2** They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. **3** And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. **4** But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. **5** But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? **6** But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. **8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. **9** Of sin, because they believe not on me; **10** Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; **11** Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Pastor Jon led Bible Study tonight in Pastor Tom's absence. He read the entire passage to begin and noted 2 things that stick out to be remembered in these 11 verses:

1. There will be persecution of believers. (verses 1 - 4)
2. The Holy Spirit will come with a 3-fold ministry. (verses 8 - 11)

Verse 1

These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

*Jesus is preparing His disciples for what will be occurring when He is gone. (offended can mean upset)

Verse 2

They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

*Persecution is a misdirected allegiance to God by the persecutors.

There are 3 types of persecution:

1. Mental - this can be shunning or avoidance because you are a believer
2. Emotional - this includes rejection by someone because of your stand with Jesus.
3. Physical - arrest, torture or being put to death as a result of your beliefs.

*Jesus is telling His disciples to be prepared because of their belief and following Him.

Verse 3

And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

*The persecutors have not known the Father or Jesus...this is misdirected allegiance to God.

Verse 4

But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

*Jesus reminds the disciples that they need to prepare now that He is returning to the Father. He did not need to prepare them when He was going to be with them for a while.

Verse 5

But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

*Nobody asks where He is going? No one wants to know what's next.

Verse 6

But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

*We can ask ourselves: Were the disciples sorrowful because Jesus was going away? OR were the disciples sorrowful because Jesus called them out for not asking where He was going?

Verse 7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

*But Jesus follows the reprimand in verse 6 with a positive statement:

I will send a Comforter (Greek word is Paraclete) who will come only after I leave you.

*The Holy Spirit is the most neglected person of the Trinity God-head. The Holy Spirit intimidates some people because we don't understand the mystery of the Trinity, God as 3 persons in 1:

1. God, the Father (In John 4 it states that they that worship the Father shall worship Him in Spirit and in Truth)
2. Jesus, (John chapter 1 states that the Word was made incarnate, the Word became flesh)
3. The Holy Spirit (John 16: 7)

Jesus talks about the Father and the Holy Spirit: He goes to the Father and then the Holy Spirit comes. We do not hear them (Jesus and the Spirit) spoken of as being together at the same time.

Verse 8

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

*Here begins the explanation of the 3-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit reproves us of 1) sin, 2) righteousness and 3) judgement.

To reprove means to convict, correct, reprimand, admonish, call to account. Other dictionary input about *reprove* lists that it implies an often kindly or gentle intent to correct a fault)

Verse 9

Of sin, because they believe not on me;

*Because the Jewish leaders and others did not believe in Jesus, The Holy Spirit must reprove us (call us out, remind us in our gut) that this kind of unbelief will only bring dishonor to God (sin!)

Romans 3:23 states that “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” The first Adam caused sin by disobeying God. He hid in the garden when he realized what he had done and therefore, **all** of creation comes under the curse of sin.

Pastor Jon shared from study notes in his Bible that there are 6 literal meanings for the word **sin** from the Hebrew and Greek words for sin or sinner:

1. Transgression - an overstepping of the law; the divine boundary between good and evil.
2. Iniquity - an act inherently wrong, whether expressly forbidden or not.
3. Error - a departure from right.
4. Missing the mark - a failure to meet the divine standard (10 Commandments or Sermon on the Mount)
5. Trespass - the intrusion of self-will into the sphere of divine authority. (When we think we know better than God. I'll do it my way)

6. lawlessness/ spiritual anarchy and unbelief or an insult to the divine veracity. (No authority can tell me what to do. I'll do only what I want to do)

*Another aspect of sin is the “unforgivable sin.” This is often associated with the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. This means that when the Holy Spirit is speaking to you, trying to bring you to Christ, to be born again it is called ‘wooing’ or inviting you. If you choose to reject that invitation from the Holy Spirit, you are saying no to God which is disobedience or sin.

(Dictionary definition of blasphemy: the conscious and hardened opposition to the truth, ‘because the Spirit is truth (1 John 5:6) This conscious, hardened resistance to the truth leads man away from humility and repentance, and without repentance there can be no forgiveness of sins.)

*Dwight L. Moody noted that the Holy Spirit will only woo a person 3 to 5 times in a lifetime.

Verse 10

Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Romans 3:21 states, “But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;”

*This verse emphasizes that Righteousness is Christ is all that God requires. It is the only thing that is required because Christ is our imputation. Imputation means that our sins are being attributed to another. That being the sinless life of Jesus Christ who took upon Himself all of our sins, past, present and future.

*Many people hear the Gospel but those who do not act upon the Word will not go to heaven. There is only one way and that is through Jesus Christ who knew no sin but became sin for us. The Holy Spirit may nudge us to remember this truth.

Verse 11

Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

*Satan/Lucifer/the devil was judged (defeated) at Calvary when Jesus took all the sins of the world upon Himself and descended into hell with them and left them there where they belong. The Holy Spirit reminds us of this so that we can accept the salvation Christ offers when we believe on Him.

*Tonight's verses contained some heavy-duty theological ideas. Pastor Jon then opened up the floor for questions:

How do you know the Holy Spirit talks to you?

Having a knowledge of His Presence in your life is one way to know He speaks to you. And we must be ready to stop doing all the talking and listen for the Spirit through reading/studying/meditating on Scriptures, continual prayer and being quiet before the Lord in order to hear His Voice. Walking closely enough to God everyday that we can recognize His voice speaking to us.

1 Corinthians 6: 19 and 20

*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

*At the point of our salvation, the Holy Spirit takes up residence within our bodies. Therefore, be sure to glorify God in your body and spirit which really belong to God anyway because He bought them with the blood of Jesus at the Cross.

May the Lord watch between me and thee

While we are absent one from the other.

