

Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

August 4, 2021

John 14: 24 - 31

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. **25** These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. **26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. **27** Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. **28** Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. **29** And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. **30** Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. **31** But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

Verse 24

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

*We believe the WORD is authoritative and inspired , God breathed. Jesus has told us outright what someone who loves Him should do and what someone who does love Him does. The Word is the Father's.

*We do not know someone's heart, we cannot know it. God says that we must not judge lest we be judged. But God allows us to know someone's love by their fruits: what they do, their character, how they live out their lives.

*Some folks talk a good talk but their fruit is different than their talk. This difference can create a negative impact on others. But if your walk matches with your 'talk', your fruit, then you may have a positive impact on others.

* Jesus is saying here that if you love Him and do something contrary to His Word, then you don't really love Him... Your actions/fruits should match your love for Him.

*Not much discernment is needed to see the discrepancy in someone's talk and walk.

*Satan has an agenda and he is very good at mixing /twisting truth and lies so that our lives don't match our loves.

Verse 25

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

Verse 26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

*The Holy Spirit or Paracletus is someone who comes alongside you. Jesus says here that He is sending us a comforter.

*Where would we be without a Paracletus in all the situations we just listed in the prayer concerns even tonight?

*In the Zach Williams and Dolly Parton song, "There was Jesus", we are reminded that Jesus is with us even when we didn't know it!

*Jesus says that the Holy Spirit's job is to teach us (about Jesus). He will bring to remembrance (remind us) how God brought us through situations and then remind us that God can do it again and again!

Verse 27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

*Peace...not like the world gives. The church has the answer if only the rest of the world could witness it.

*In these troubled times, when the church has come back together yet is only half full, we must trust that God is still in control and wins in the end.

*John 14;6 is repeated in verse 27...reminding us to not let our hearts become troubled (anxious). Pastor Jon shared an old Gospel hymn:

GOD LEADS US ALONG

In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet,

God leads His dear children along;

Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet,

God leads His dear children along.

Refrain:

Some through the waters, some through the flood,

Some through the fire, but all through the blood;

Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,

In the night season and all the day long.

Verse 28

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

*This is God's divine plan...NOT ours. Even though it may be hard to understand, the divine plan is not haphazard.

*Jesus says He has to go away so that the Holy Spirit can come and facilitate world-wide salvation.

*The 'Father's greater will' is also used when Jesus is praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Verse 29

And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

*A short overview of the Old Testament looks like this:

- People turn from God
- People return to God for a while
- People turn away again and it will be worse than the last time.

This makes us think about what will happen to people who have left the church? God is a disciplinarian! We fear for good people who have fallen away.

Verse 30

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

*Jesus is saying that he will not talk much more because Satan is coming and has no interest in me.

*The evil being that is permeating our society today is Satan. He is getting more talk than Jesus. Jesus' voice is getting dimmer while Satan's is ramping up because his days are numbered!

*We are seeing 'symbols of death' everywhere creating a death culture today. This evil knows no boundaries.

*Pastor Tom thinks we all have rage/anger within us because the words of Jesus are being overshadowed by the devil. And so Pastor Tom has decided to preach Christ crucified.

Verse 31

But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

*To this verse Pastor Tom used another old hymn containing good theology:

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine!

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God

Born of this Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song

Praising my Savior all the day long!

Go in peace, go in joy, go in love!

May the Lord watch between me and thee

While we are absent one from the other.
