

# Every Man's Search (Part 18: Getting Beyond Religious Barriers/ Understanding True Salvation)

## Matthew 23: 37-39

Luke 13: 34-35

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings and ye would not! Behold your houses are left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

1. Jesus came to take those who love Him enough to a new life that is not SLAVERY but FREEDOM! Living supernaturally, no matter the circumstances!

Religion can be, and has proven to be, the Biggest Obstacle against people coming to God. Either they are giving a false route to go to or they are making people not desire God. Religion and Religionists are the enemy of Freedom, not the answer. Now that does not mean that we do not need the church or some form of partnership as believers and as Churches. The Prophets were not bad, nor the priests. The Law is not bad nor is the Bible. But people fail to find the truth themselves and find a false truth that they believe will take them to God. And in their insecurities, they are not willing to hear truth when it is spoken because it offends their belief or the belief of someone very dear to them.

Jesus made a lot of noise in here in the public to expose false beliefs that had been transferred from truths.

2. Jesus took it a step farther. He said, that they were not only wrong and would not listen to truth but that they were taking a whole nation to Hell with them.
  - Jesus exposed their lack of truth and came to offer the way of Truth!
  - Jesus was telling them that they were going to miss heaven and end up with the Devil.
  - Jesus was trying to get them to understand that they were in the way of others as well.

## 8 Woes

Woe – vs 13 – not only are you going to miss heaven, you are stopping the doorway up for others.

He gave some itemized examples of their issues of declaration:

Woe – vs 14 ye devour widow's houses and pray for show.

Ye are a Hypocrite – 5273 – an actor under an assumed name

Woe – vs 15 you are a Hell-bound laborer and are heavily laboring to carry others with you

Woe – vs 16 you are a blind guide even your focus is off. Gold instead of the sacrifice/ Altar rather than the gift

Woe – vs 23 you strain at a gnat and swallow a camel... / you worry about people's tithe at the temple on dill and spice seeds but ignore the bigger issues

Woe – vs 25 you clean the outside of the cup but the inside is full of filth (violence) extortion

Woe – vs 27 you are like whitened sepulchers but inside you are dead men's bones (looking good outwardly but inside full of iniquity)

Woe – vs 29 you build and polish the gravestones of the prophets and say that if you had been there you wouldn't have killed them or allowed them to be killed. But they were also guilty of killing the prophets and even witnessing prophets being killed. Anyone who challenged their beliefs they wanted removed.

Jesus was trying to say to them that it is bad that they will miss the freedoms He is offering Himself for them to receive, but it is even worse that they are blocking others from the door of forgiveness and forgiveness.

How can you escape the damnation of Hell? vs 36

Then He wept over the mess that was about to be judged for their rejection and their keeping others in rejection. vs 37-39

For you and me, how can we get past the Religion of our day and come to freedom in Christ?

- By believing on the Lord Jesus Christ!
- By proclaiming publicly that we are in Christ and we are not ashamed to be seen with Him.
- By surrendering my will to His will...

## **Law vs grace explained:**

Jesus promised a supernatural life! How does it come to be?

The Law of God – Romans 3: 23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 6: 23 The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **This Life is a supernatural offer---Let me explain:**

\*Law of Gravity/ How does the eagle defy the law of gravity? – He uses another Law, The Law of Lift! He spreads his wings and the law of gravity cannot keep him on the ground!

This is the essence of this series! How can we spread our wings? By loving Jesus enough to surrender and do His will over our own!

It's pictured in our Baptism: Romans 6: vs 1ff / vs 12, 13 / vs 14 “For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law but of grace. (favor) (benefiting by a favor from the Prince of the King)”

vs 23 For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Eternal** – 166 – outside of the law of time and space

**Life** – 2222 – referring to the principles of life as a spirit in the presence of God...

Now you can understand why Jesus was weeping when they were rejecting what He was bringing and what they were doing to keep others from the gifts He was bringing.

What was He bringing?

Eternal Life – the ability to step outside the law of sin that brings us to death!

The ability to live a life above the Chains of Sin and it's bondages.