

Every man's Search 21

Trimming the Lamps!

I. Relevance of who we are (vs 1)

This is who we are and Whose we are!

1. Church – Ecclesia – The called out ones! Not Questioned
2. Church – The workers for God – No Question (vs 2 & vs 6)
3. Church – discerning Vs 2 Tried the – No question
4. Church – Longevity/Patience/Fainted not(endurance) No Question (vs 3)

II. Remember (vs 5) where you once were!

Vs 4 Left first love (Level 5 Love)

Remember Therefore – Therefore Remember – **Remember and Repent** (Change) and do

First Love Christians do. But there is a difference, they do because of love!

The word – **work** – 2041 – The object of Employment (The reason for taking the task)

The Church was created to overcome the Gates of Hell!

Matthew 16

The Rock of the Church:

- Knowing who He is – The Christ
- Being an instrument of God in declaring who He is – The Christ
- **The Christ – the anointed Deliverer**

Deliverer from What?

The Gates – Door way of Hades! Dark cloud hovers over all Humans! The Gates/Door to Hades!

Job 38: 17 Have the gates of death been open unto thee? Or hast thou seen the doors of the Shadow of death!

Shadow of death – 6757 – one of the Few compound words in the Bible – deep darkness! The calamity of being set apart into the darkness of the separation!

Psalms 23: 4 Shadow of death / the experience of death

John 3: 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

Matthew 4: 16 The people that sat in darkness have seen a great light: and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up.

John 1: 4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

When Jesus came to do – create a church to deliver people from the Shadow of Death, the darkness of the walk without God.

But

When the Church has left thy first love – we work, we labor, we declare liars, false teachers but we forget **Whose we are and why we are called to be who we are!**

We are to remove the shadow of death! But we cannot do so without the light!

Level 1 Christians do but Level 1 Christians do not do like Level 5 Christians (the issue is motive)

III. Repent and Return (vs 5) and do the first works... the works you do when you have Me as your first love!

Or I will come and remove your candlestick / **Lamp!**

We have nothing but darkness if the lamp is removed... No light in this dark world except what we fabricate ourselves. Remember, we are not the light and we can only fabricate the light but when we are His Church we hold the Light!

But all hinge on Level 5 Love!

The Church is the Lamp! The Holy Spirit is the Oil! Jesus is the Lamp! When we labor without Level 5 Love we loose all the Supernatural of the Light! We then have only fabricated light!

IV. Results

Remember – Head!

Repent – Heart

Repeat – Hands

Or else!

I will remove your Heavenly Authentication!

Sampson was known for His supernatural power that could do what God could do through Him as the vessel but there was no eternal security on His strength!

David was the greatest King of Israel but his Kingdom's greatness depended on God's appointment and there was no eternal security on David's kingdom!

Israel was God's chosen people but their supernatural abilities was totally because of God's desire but there was no eternal security to their nation.

The Church at Ephesus was Jesus' Church but their supernatural light was the presence of Jesus but there was no eternal security to the Church of Ephesus and we now see that they did not listen. There is no Church in Ephesus today, they were overrun with Muslims and the city that Jesus was beaming His light in through the Church of Ephesus was closed and no light shines there now.

Questions?????

Are we Light Bearers or just stick holders

The reward is The Presence of God! Revelation 22: 2, 14