

Spirit of Fear – Short Mountain Bible Camp 2017

Scripture Text: Ecc. 12:13

Spirit defined: “Vital principle to give life”

Fear defined: “to feel fear or be afraid of something”

- A. Do we fear?
 - 1. Unknown/future
 - 2. Spiders/snakes
 - 3. Difficult things/no experience
 - 4. School/tests
 - 5. Parents/teachers
- B. Why do we fear?
 - 1. Feel small, insignificant
 - 2. Not in control
 - 3. Attention taken off of self
- C. Ecc. 12:13 – only one thing to actually fear
- D. The Great Commission:
 - 1. MT. 28:18-20 – Teach all nations
 - 2. MK. 16:15-16 – All the world
 - 3. If Jesus said to go everywhere, and if we don't go, IT IS SIN (JS. 4:17)
 - 4. Therefore, even if we are scared, we still must take the Gospel!
- E. Two benefits of sharing the Gospel:
 - 1. Doing God's Will
 - 2. Saving Souls – each person has a soul

Why Do We Need to Share the Gospel? (Besides it is a command)

- 1. We Don't Have a Spirit of Fear
 - A. II TIM. 1:6-7
 - i. We have nothing to be truly afraid of!
 - ii. MT. 10:28
 - iii. RM. 8:31
 - B. We do have:
 - i. Spirit of Power – Phil. 4:13
 - ii. Spirit of Love – John 3:16, 15:13
 - iii. Spirit of a Sound Mind – we can know – John 8:32, 20:31
 - C. What are you afraid of?
 - i. God? Reverent fear is appropriate – ***ONLY THAT TYPE!***
 - ii. Anything else? Stop being afraid! It will only hinder you physically and spiritually!
- 2. We Don't have to be Ashamed!
 - A. Romans 1:16
 - i. Context: Romans controlled the 'whole world'
 - 1. Prophecied in Dan. 2
 - 2. Had to live in 'accordance with' Roman law.

- ii. Paul says that regardless of what is happening, he is not ashamed to own Jesus!
 - B. Ashamed: "Feeling shame, guilt, disgrace"
 - i. What would we need to feel guilty of?
 - 1. Sin
 - 2. Imperfections
 - ii. In Christ, we have no need to feel guilty of anything!
 - iii. MT. 10:32-33 – if you are ashamed of Jesus, He will be ashamed of you!
 - C. Why do we not need to feel ashamed?
 - i. Power of God unto salvation
 - ii. To everyone that believeth
 - iii. To Jew first and also to Greek
 - iv. The Gospel is truly for all!
 - 1. "The Blessed Gospel Is for all"
 - 2. "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord..."
 - D. What are you ashamed of?
 - i. God? Don't be!
 - ii. Sin? Remove it from your life!
- 3. We Don't Want Others to be Punished
 - A. II Thess. 1:7-9
 - i. Context: Describing the return of Jesus
 - 1. It will happen – be ready!
 - 2. Paul mentioned in previous to Thessalonians in I Thess. 4:17-5:1
 - ii. When Jesus returns, those outside of Christ will be punished!
 - 1. But "What if?" –
 - 2. All the conditions are laid out in V. 8!
 - 3. There is not going to be a line forming of people trying to weasel their way out of it!
 - B. II Thess. 1:3-10
 - i. V. 5
 - 1. Might suffer on Earth as a Christian
 - 2. Be rewarded in Heaven!
 - ii. V. 6
 - 1. Romans 12:17
 - 2. Romans 12:19
 - C. How do we do our part to see that none be punished?
 - i. MT. 28:18-20
 - ii. MK. 16:15-16
 - iii. MT. 5:16
 - D. Are you doing your part?
 - i. Remember JS. 4:17
 - ii. Imagine – (for Christians) if the person that taught you the Gospel never taught you – Where would you be right now!
 - iii. Imagine what will happen when you tell someone else!

- We don't want any of these things to happen! Therefore, we need to do our part in making sure they don't happen!
 - Don't Have the Spirit of Fear
 - Don't Have to be Ashamed
 - Don't Want to See Any Punished
- "If we don't, who will?"
- This morning has been based from the Great Commission. I have preached the Gospel of Christ – of which I am not ashamed!
- Are you ashamed of God? Or is He ashamed of you?
- Are you ashamed of your sins?
 - ISA. 59:1-2
 - RM. 3:23
 - RM. 6:23
- S.O.S.

Don't be afraid because you don't have a spirit of fear!

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