

All About Jesus Revival Seminar

#8 - *Dealing with Failure*

1. Thoughts for keeping
 - a. Transformed lives come as a result of spending time with Jesus
 - b. A Christlike character is not something we achieve - It is something we receive!
2. Holiness (sanctification, transformation, victory, obedience, overcoming) is not optional
 - a. Hebrews 12:14 - Pursue...holiness without which no one will see the Lord
 - 1) Matthew 5:10 - Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake
 - 2) Romans 14:19 - Pursue the things which make for peace and building up one another
 - 3) 1 Corinthians 14:1 - Pursue love, yet earnestly desire spiritual gifts
 - 4) 1 Timothy 6:11 - Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love...
 - 5) Philippians 3:12-14 - I press on... I press toward the goal
 - b. Philippians 1:6 - God promises to complete His work IN us - Just as He has completed His work FOR us
3. Assurance or Obedience? - YES
 - a. 1 John 5:11-13 - "...you may know that you have eternal life"
 - b. Hebrews 12:14 - "Pursue...holiness without which no one will see the Lord"
4. We are incapable of producing any real holiness - Because our core problem is in our HEART
 - a. Isaiah 64:6 - All our righteousnesses are like filthy rags
 - b. Jeremiah 13:23 - Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots?
 - c. Jeremiah 17:9 - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?
 - d. Job 14:4 - Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one!
 - e. Proverbs 20:9 - Who can say, "I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin"?
5. Jesus makes it clear: Our problem is HEART trouble - and we are helpless to change our hearts
 - a. Matthew 5
 - 1) v.8 - Blessed are the pure in heart
 - 2) v.21 - Anger and murder - must be solved at the heart level
 - 3) v.27 - Lust and adultery - must be solved at the heart level
 - 4) v.44 - Love your enemies = much more than just being nice to them
 - b. Matthew 12:34 - Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks
 - c. Matthew 15:8 - Their heart is far from Me
 - d. Matthew 15:18-20 - What proceeds out of the mouth comes from the heart
 - e. Matthew 23:25-28 - Clean the inside...
6. The 10th Commandment - is about the HEART
 - a. Exodus 20:17 - You shall not covet
 - b. Romans 7:7-11 - That 10th commandment killed me

See also: Selected Messages Vol.1, p.353.3 - Some who come to God by repentance and confession, and even believe that their sins are forgiven, still fail of claiming, as they should, the promises of God. They do not see that Jesus is an ever-present Saviour; and they are not ready to commit the keeping of their souls to Him, relying upon Him to perfect the work of grace begun in their hearts. While they think they are committing themselves to God, there is a great deal of self-dependence. There are conscientious souls that trust partly to God, and partly to themselves. They do not look to God, to be kept by His power, but depend upon watchfulness against temptation, and the performance of certain duties for acceptance with Him. There are no victories in this kind of faith. Such persons toil to no purpose; their souls are in continual bondage, and they find no rest until their burdens are laid at the feet of Jesus.

Steps to Christ, p.44.2 - There are those who profess to serve God, while they rely upon their own efforts to obey His law, to form a right character, and secure salvation. Their hearts are not moved by any deep sense of the love of Christ, but they seek to perform the duties of the Christian life as that which God requires of them in order to gain heaven. Such religion is worth nothing.

7. Israel's resolve - and failure. Why?
 - a. Exodus 19:8 - All that the Lord has said we will do
 - b. Exodus 24:7 - All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient
 See also: Steps to Christ, p.47 - Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand.

8. God promises to fix our heart - Which will fix our behavior
 - a. Ezekiel 36:26-27 - A new heart - Cause you to walk...
 - b. Jeremiah 31:33 - Put the law in our heart
 See also: The Desire of Ages, p.668.3 - All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses. The will, refined and sanctified, will find its highest delight in doing His service. When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of continual obedience. Through an appreciation of the character of Christ, through communion with God, sin will become hateful to us.

9. Two sets of two verses - to make this clear
 - a. From nothing to everything
 - 1) John 15:5 - Without me you can do nothing
 - 2) Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
 - b. Good fight vs. Bad fight
 - 1) 1 Timothy 6:12 - Fight the good fight of faith
 - 2) John 6:28-29 - Work on trust

10. God promises to fight for us
 - a. Isaiah 59:19 - When the enemy comes in like a flood,
the Spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against him
 - b. Zechariah 4:6 - Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit

11. Being transformed - metamorphosis - (passive)
 - a. 2 Corinthians 3:18 - By beholding we are "being transformed"
 - b. Romans 12:2 - Be transformed by the renewing of your mind
 See also: Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing, p.76.3 - By the revelation of the attractive loveliness of Christ, by the knowledge of His love expressed to us while we were yet sinners, the stubborn heart is melted and subdued, and the sinner is transformed and becomes a child of heaven. God does not employ compulsory measures; love is the agent which He uses to expel sin from the heart.
Christ's Object Lessons, p.311.4 - This covering, the robe of His righteousness...woven in the loom of heaven, has in it not one thread of human devising.

12. The Sabbath - A sign of transformation by faith alone
 - a. Exodus 31:13 - A sign...that I am the Lord who sanctifies you
 - b. Ezekiel 20:12,20 - A sign... that I am the Lord your God (v.20) ...who sanctifies you (v.12)
 - c. Hebrews 4:9-10 - There remains therefore a rest (Greek: *sabbatismos*) for the people of God
 - 1) The one who has entered into His rest (*kata+pausis* = complete-ceasing) - See Exodus 35:2 LXX
 - 2) also has rested (completely-ceased) from the works of himself, as indeed God from his own (works)

13. God guarantees to finish what he has started in us - Philippians 1:6
 - a. 1 John 2:28 - Abide in Him - When He appears we may have confidence...not be ashamed before Him
 - b. 2 Corinthians 3:18 - Being transformed into the same image from glory to glory

14. Philippians 3:13-14; 8-10
 - a. vs.13-14 - Pursue the goal
 - b. vs.8-10 - Count all things as loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ... That I may know Him

15. Hebrews 12:14 - Pursue...holiness (sanctification - transformation - obedience)
 - a. Without holiness - You will not get there
 - b. By seeking holiness - through sin management - You will never get there
 - c. By seeking Jesus - in daily relationship - You will get holiness - and you will get there - GUARANTEED