

“Three Steps in Gaining the Right Perspective on Life” 9/27/09

Psalm 39:1-13

Do you enjoy life completely? I mean not 1 complaint? Have you ever been in a hurry for the rapture? Do you have struggles getting along with some people? Did you ever wish you had something more? Something to look forward too? If you are content in this world, there is a problem! DAVID IS HAVING ONE OF THOSE DAYS!

"Adulterers and I adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." (James 4:4)

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15)

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ," (Philippians 3:20)

"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." (John 15:19)

"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." (John 17:15)

SIT DOWN, SHUTUP, AND PRAY! BE SILENT, MEDITATE, PRAY!

POINT 1- In our meditation we should be seeking UNDERSTANDING

- A. The path to understanding should always include silent WAITING (Vv. 1-3; Eccl 3:7b; Ps 46:10; James 1:26; Amos 5:13; Jer 20:9)
- B. The path to understanding should always include an honest ASSESSMENT (Vv. 4-6; Psalm 90:1-12; Isaiah 40:6-8; Luke 12:16-21; Eccl 2:18-19)
- C. The path to understanding should always include humble PRAYER (Vv. 7-8; Rom 15:4; 2 Cor 1:10; 3:12; Heb 6:19; 1 John 1:9; Job 4-25)

Going Deeper *God expects us to recognize our limits of life and focus on the eternal!*

POINT 2- In our meditation we should be seeking RELIEF

- A. The path to relief should always include silent WAITING (V. 9a; Romans 3:19; Lamentations 3:28-33; 1 John 1:8-10)
- B. The path to relief should always include an honest ASSESSMENT (Vv. 9b-11; Heb 12:3-11; Job 5:17; Prov 3:11-12; Psa 119:75; Rev 3:19)
- C. The path to relief should always include humble PRAYER (Vv.12-13; Heb 11:13; Eph 2:12; 1 Peter 1:1; 2:11; John 16:33)

Going Deeper *God wants us to hear Him when He speaks to us and seek Him!*

Homework: *Take time to write down and assess what you are spending your time, treasure (money), and talent (gifts) on... Is it Matthew 6:33?*