WORD SEARCH

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<u>Notes</u>

Daily Living

Luke 9:23; 2 Corinthians 11:28

Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

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"Therefore knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men...For the love of Christ constrains us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

2 Corinthians 5:11, 14-21

Would We Go to The Scythians?

"A 26-year-old American missionary was killed on a remote island off the coast of India, where he attempted to share the gospel with the most isolated tribe in the world...'You guys might think I'm crazy in all this, but I think it's worth it to declare Jesus to these people...Please do not be angry at them or at God if I get killed'" (Christianity Today, November 21, 2018).

When the apostle Paul announces those accountable to God, and candidates to the blessing of Christ, he said, "where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman; but Christ is all, and in all" (Colossians 3:11). Of these he speaks of the Scythians, who are described as, "a race of savages...they had the most filthy habits and never washed in water...they drank the blood of the first enemy killed in battle, and made napkins of the scalps and drinking bowls of the skulls of the slain...Their deities were many...but the most characteristic rite was the worship of the naked sword (ibid. 62), and they sacrificed every hundredth man taken in war to this deity. War was their chief business, and they were a terrible scourge to the nations of Western Asia." (ISBE).

As we recall the words of Isaiah, after the Lord said, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

Question: Would we go to the Scythians?

When the remnant of Judah said to Jeremiah, "Let, we pray thee, our supplication be presented before thee, and pray for us unto Jehovah thy God, even for all this remnant...Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of Jehovah our God, to whom we send thee." When Jeremiah returned with God's answer, they said, "Thou speakest falsely: Jehovah our God hath not sent thee to say, Ye shall not go into Egypt to sojourn there" (Jeremiah 42:2; 43:2). They would have been better of not to have asked than to have asked and rejected the answer.

DAILY LIVING

- I. Daily Living is Difficult:
 - A. The Gospel came through great difficulty:
 - 1. 1 Pet. 4:18-19 scarcely "with difficulty"
 - 2. Heb. 9:22 "the shedding of blood"
 - 3. Titus 2:13-14 Jesus "gave himself"
 - B. Obedience is likewise difficult:
 - 1. Matt. 7:13-14 "strait" = "being narrow"
 - 2. 2 Tim. 3:12 "shall suffer persecution"
 - 3. Rev. 2:10 "Be thou faithful unto death"
- II. Why Is Daily Godly Living Difficult?
 - A. 1 Tim. 3:14-15 The truth is not well received.
 - B. 1 Thess. 1:6-8; Rev. 3:7-12 The influence for good, depends on the brethren.
 - C. 1 Tim. 4:16 Individual influence for good depends on a daily walk with God.
 - D. 1 Jn. 1:6; 2 Car. 6:16 Communion requires diligent attention.
 - E. 2 Pet. 1:10 When Peter said, "make your calling and election sure," he did so after appealing to the need of developing personal character qualities.
- III. Conclusion:
 - A. Over the next few weeks we will direct our attention to six aspects of "Daily Living":
 - 1. Prov. 8:12 "find out knowledge *and* discretion"
 - 2. Prov. 8:32-36 "Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not"
 - B. Acts 16:5 "So the churches were strengthened in the faith,"

Solomon Says

He that goeth about as a tale-bearer revealeth secrets; But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth a matter (Proverbs 11:13)

He that goeth about as a tale-bearer revealeth secrets; Therefore company not with him that openeth wide his lips (Proverbs 20:19