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DEFEATING GOD'S PURPOSES

Matthew 23:29-39

INT: Man is both fearfully weak and fearfully strong.  
So weak he cannot save himself from doom if left alone.  
So strong he can stop God's plans to save him, bless him.  
Any of God's plans for man can be defeated by man.

I. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN WAS GOOD.

- A. Six times God pronounced His creations good. Gen. 1.
- B. Man not satisfied with the status quo. Gen. 3:6-7.
- C. Sin did not kill man's desire for heaven. Ps. 42:1.
- D. But man has not ceased to foil God's plans for him.
  1. Man's duty is clear. Ecc. 12:13-14. All men.
  2. Elijah despaired of life. I Kings 19:10-18.
  3. Jeremiah announced God's defeat. Jer. 5:25. Material.
  4. Modern Jews continued the battle. Text. V. 38 Spiritual

II. GOD PURPOSED A HAPPY HOME FOR MAN.

- A. Nothing lacking in man's first home. Gen. 1:12.
- B. God jealous over His children's home. Why? Wouldn't you??
  1. Satisfies the needs of the human race. Contentment.
  2. Forms solid foundation for orderly society. Peace.
- C. Monogamy has ever been God's plan.
  1. First law. Gen. 2:23-24. Marriage-oneness--unity.
  2. One cause of divorce. Deut. 24:1-4. Matt. 5:31-32.
- D. Why is America alarmed about her homes? 1 in 4 breaking.
  1. God not leave the right instructions?? Forgot us???
  2. Or, man is not following God's plan? Defeating God.

III. GOD ESTABLISHED THE CHURCH WITH A PURPOSE IN MIND.

- A. Church will not perish. Matt. 16:18. In destructible.
- B. Charged it to preach gospel to whole world. Mk. 16:15-16.
- C. Does not guarantee it will always do so. Man is human.
  1. Corinthian church was weak and sickly. I Cor. 11:30.
  2. Laodicean church was dead. Rev. 3:15-16.
  3. Galatian church out of grace. Gal. 5:4.
- D. Local congregations defeated God's purpose and perished.
- E. Some congregations are still defeating God's work.
  1. Condone sin in membership. Swifton, Ark. Divorce case.
  2. Self-satisfied with truth. Slothful. Pocahontas, Ark.
  3. Some digressed with innovations. Instrument etc.

IV. GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR EVERY NATION.

- A. A nation is a political arrangement of the people for the purpose of making and administering necessary laws.
- B. God has laws to govern nations also. Prov. 14:34.

REMARKS ON THE PROVERBS

17-18:35 to 18:36

- C. Israel ceased to be a nation. Jer. 31:36. Text. V. 36
- D. Gomorrhahites fell because of internal sin. Gen. 18:20.
- E. More righteous people the safer the nation.
- F. If you love your country will consider this viewpoint.

INV: Lots of reasons for being a Christian. Save self, make home better, strengthen the church and preserve the nation. Surely need no more. B-R-C-B.

Every sin of the Christian harms himself, his family, the church and the nation where he lives. R-P.

HOW MANY TIMES A CHRISTIAN SHOULD...

- 1. How many times should a Christian be baptized? 1. Once.
- 2. How many times should a Christian be married? 1. Once.
- 3. How many times should a Christian be divorced? 1. Never.
- 4. How many times should a Christian be re-married? 1. Never.
- 5. How many times should a Christian be forgiven? 1. As often as he asks.
- 6. How many times should a Christian be reborn? 1. Never.
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