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Sermon: What shall it profit a man?

Bible passages: Mark 8 vs. 36 and Luke 12:16- 21 (About the foolish rich man)

Today God wants us to talk about a topic titled "What shall it profit a man that gained the whole world and forfeit his soul".

In Mark 8 vs. 36 the passage talked about gaining the whole world and secondly forfeiting the soul.

In Luke 12 vs. 16- 21, we saw the account of a rich man who had great resources/ wealth. He even went to the extent of storing up wealth for himself that would last him many years. All his labour were towards acquisition of material things, he was materialistic, he was not heaven minded. But in verse 20 something strange happened, God visited him and asked for his soul and further down the Bible says who will get what you have prepared for yourself. In Matthew 6 vs. 19- 21, the Bible talks about laying for yourself treasures in heaven-----
-----). This man was laying treasures for himself on earth forgetting about heaven. This man gained the whole world and lost his soul.

What do we mean by gaining the world?

1. It means doing things without being heaven conscious
2. It means channelling all ones efforts towards the things of the world that does not glorify God
3. It means to acquire friends, Power, fame, it means to be celebrated in the world, it means to partner or be a friend to the world (1 John 2 vs. 15- 17.....)

What do we mean by losing the soul?

1. It means getting disconnected from the divine source
2. It means to forfeit relationship with God
3. It means to have one's name blotted out from the book of life
4. It means to lose your spiritual power
5. It means for the soul to end in hell fire

In Matthew 21 vs. 13 the Bible says for my house shall be called the house of prayer but you are making it the den of robbers. The Church that supposed to be called a house of refuge has now become a house of sorrow

House of peace has now become the house of confusion

House of power has now become a safe heaven to witches and wizards

House of comfort has now become house of pains and agony

House of light has now become the house of darkness

House of direction has now become the house of distraction

Why because the Church has abandoned her purpose, which is to save souls and lead them to heaven etc the world has entered the church and the church has entered the world. The Church no longer cater the needy, etc-----

To the members: Psalm 39 vs. 6, Ecclesiastes 2 vs. 17- 23

What shall it profit you after gaining all the friends, power, fame. I want to be rich, I want to have chains of businesses, I want to be known all over the world. But have you asked yourself this simple question, if I die who will look after all my toil, or would they bury my fame and wealth with me? Why not start building for yourself treasures in heaven.

In Revelation 22 vs. 12, the Bible says behold I'm coming and my reward is with me to give unto everyone according to what he has done (If Jesus come and your name is not found in the list of those to be rewarded with the eternity) also in the same Revelation 20 vs. 15, the Bible says if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. On that day the Bible says in Matthew 7 vs. 22 – 23, many will say Lord did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, I never knew you. Away from me you evildoers.

What must we do today?

We need to re-examine our ways and ask ourselves this questions, are my way pleasing to God? Secondly you must repent of all known and unknown sins after you must declare and wage war against the powers that want you to end your journey in hell. In proverbs 16 vs. 25 the Bible says there is a way that seems right to a man but the end is death.

Altar call.....

PRAYERS

1. Powers calling me to join the queue of those going to hell release me and die in Jesus name
2. Mr Flesh I crucify you today, you shall not destroy my soul in Jesus name
3. Spirit and soul destroyers of my father's house die in Jesus name
4. My life shall not refused the call of God in Jesus name