

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Victimology is what we practice in our society today.
 - i) Nobody wants to take the blame or personal responsibility.
 - (1) Man may be ill, but not evil.
 - (2) Man may be sick, but not sinful.
 - (3) If there is anything wrong, it has to be somebody else's fault.
 - (a) It is the environment.
 - (b) It is heredity.
 - (c) It is glands.
 - (d) It is circumstances.
 - (e) It is society.
- b) Some even try to blame God.
 - i) "God, this is the way You made me."
 - ii) "God, You created these circumstances. I am a helpless victim."
 - iii) The "blame game" is as old as the Garden of Eden.
- c) Adam sinned against God.
 - i) Genesis 3:8-13
 - (1) Adam blamed God for the Woman He gave him.
 - (2) Eve blamed the serpent.
 - (3) Adam and Eve denied personal responsibility for their actions.
- d) James 1:12-15
 - i) In this life, you will be tempted.
 - ii) It is impossible to tempt God with evil.
 - (1) James 1:13
 - (2) God is completely whole.
 - (3) God is totally holy.
 - (4) God is the antithesis to sin.
 - iii) God will never tempt you with evil.
 - (1) God will test and prove you; but He will never induce you to do evil.
 - (2) God gives us test to make us stand.
 - (3) Satan gives us temptations to make us stumble.
- e) If you are a friend of God, you are going to be tempted.
 - i) Being saved does not protect us from temptation.
 - ii) Jesus was tempted.
- f) When we become a Christian, we immediately become an enemy of Satan.
 - i) If you have never met the devil, it is because you and the devil are headed in the same direction. Turn around, and rather than being in collusion with him, you will be in collision with him.
 - ii) When God opens the windows of Heaven to bless us, Satan opens the doors of Hell to blast us.
 - iii) Satan has plans to sabotage our lives, but he cannot do it without our consent.
- g) Sin is an inside job.
 - i) It starts in us.

- ii) James 1:14
 - (1) “Drawn away” means “to entice;” “seduction.”
- 2) THERE IS A COURTSHIP THAT LEADS TO A CONSENT
- a) Satan is going to try to entrap, ensnare and lure us in to sin.
 - i) Like a fisherman uses a fishing lure to attract a fish to his hook.
 - ii) Prostitutes are called “hookers” because they lure men into sin.
 - b) Mark 7:21-23
 - i) Sin comes from the heart of man, not from God.
 - c) A “con-man” entraps people with a scheme.
 - i) “Nobody can be caught in a confidence scheme unless he has a touch of larceny in his heart.”
 - ii) The sin is already in the human heart.
 - d) Satan tempts us to draw us away.
 - i) The sinner says, “I do” to the enticement.
 - (1) The sinner cannot blame God for his own sin.
 - (2) The sinner cannot blame the devil for his own sin.
 - (3) The sinner cannot blame circumstances for his own sin.
 - ii) We are drawn away according to our own lusts.
 - e) We are free to choose, we are not free not to choose, and we are not free to choose the consequences of our choice.
 - i) After you choose, your choice chooses for you.
- 3) THERE IS A CONSENT THAT LEADS TO CONCEPTION
- a) James 1:15
 - b) There is an unholy union of inward lust and outward attraction which brings forth sin.
 - i) The mother of sin is inward lust; flawed appetite.
 - ii) The father of sin is outward attraction; fatal attraction.
 - iii) Put these together and a sin is produced; a conception.
 - c) At the moment of conception, there is joy, even around a sin.
 - i) It may seem pleasant, beautiful and natural.
- 4) THERE IS A CONCEPTION THAT LEADS TO A CONSUMMATION
- a) Romans 6:23
 - b) The term “when it is finished” in this Scripture literally means “when it is fully grown.”
 - i) When the sin is young, it looks good, feels so natural and seems so right.
 - ii) We think we have beaten the game; we have not.
 - (1) Ezekiel 18:20
 - (2) Romans 6:23
 - (a) First sin fascinates, then it assassinates.
 - (b) First it thrills, then it kills.
 - (3) James 1:15

- (a) The child of lust is sin and the grandchild of lust is death.
 - (4) James 1:14-15
 - (a) In the end, we will always be the loser if we play the blame game.
 - c) Some examples of the end result of sin:
 - i) Alcoholism
 - (1) Proverbs 23:31-32
 - (a) "At the last" means "in the end."
 - (b) Liquor ads always highlight the beginning, never the end.
 - ii) Immorality
 - (1) Proverbs 5:3-5
 - (a) We do not break God's laws, we are broken on them.
 - (b) Flee fornication.
 - (2) Exodus 20:14
 - (a) "*Thou shalt not commit adultery.*"
 - iii) Human pride
 - (1) Proverbs 14:12
 - (a) We can say we have our own ideas; go our own way.
 - (2) Proverbs 20:17
- 5) THERE IS THE CONCEPTION OF THE NEW BIRTH
 - a) Mark 7:21
 - i) Sin comes out of the heart; we cannot blame anyone else for our sin.
 - b) James 1:18
 - i) As long as we live, there will always be sin and temptation.
 - c) The only thing we can possibly do is have an inward change; a heart change.
 - i) Satan will not stop tempting so we need a change of heart.
 - d) James chapter 1 is talking about the old heart, the old desire, the old lust.
- 6) CONCLUSION
 - a) We are not perfect.
 - b) Jesus can give us a new heart.
 - i) Then we have the strength and power to live victoriously.
 - ii) We do not have to make excuses.
 - iii) We do not need to blame God.
 - iv) We can say, "By the grace of God, I am what I am, changed."
 - c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
 - d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16