

The Bible our most Prized Possession Pt 5

1 Timothy 6:20-21

- Last week we read in Psalm 78 how important it is that believers today have a responsibility to not only grasp biblical truth but to also pass it on to the next generation. The Psalmist told the saints to pass on three things to those who are coming behind us > **1st The Praises of God**- how important it is for us to open our mouths and humble our hearts in lifting up our voices in thanking and acknowledging the goodness of God and how worthy He is of our praise.
- **2nd Gods Strength**- in our generation much is made of how strong we are, how powerful we can be, but in all honesty we are weak, fragile, vulnerable beings, that can fall apart in a matter of seconds depending upon the situation or circumstance. **Is 2:22**- were told why do we put such high regard on man, God says if he holds our breath we would just fall over. **Is 40:17**- the greatness of man together capable of forming nations are still nothing to God in fact less than nothing, even with his nuclear power and ability to gather and transmit information, God calls us a zero, in fact less than zero, what comes after less than zero, negative zero.
- **Lk 12:4-5**- says “**don’t fear those who can kill the body, but after that have no more that they can do, but fear Him Who after He has killed, has power to cast into hell, yes I say to you, Fear Him**”. **1Cor 12:7-10**- after Paul asked God multiple times to take away a physical weakness he had God not only told him no but also shared with him why He said no. Because “**God’s grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness**”.
- It’s when were weak God is seen as strong in our blurred vision, if we see ourselves as strong then we minimize our need for God > **Gen 11:1-9**- man thought he could be like God by building a tower that reached the heavens, God scattered the language in order to stop them from communicating as they were corrupting one another. **Is 40:29** tells us God gives power to the weak, and to them who have no might He increases strength, its opposite of what the world teaches to our youth, which is why we have to correct what they are learning.
- **3rd God’s Wonderful Works**- the world wants us to think that God is either dead or nonexistent, or He doesn’t care and is apathetic to our needs, why else would He allow such problems to exist. In this statement we miss the answer, it wasn’t God Who made this mess, God had us in a perfect paradise, we chose to think that we could do better than what God had given to us. The result we made everything that God created perfect imperfect, and now were complaining about it and putting the responsibility of this mess on God, even making up lies about Him.
- **Deut 8:2-4** God preserved Israel through the wilderness that after **40yrs** their clothes didn’t wear out or their shoes neither did their feet swell, and God gave them food and water and yet they disobeyed Him and later wanted to serve false gods. **Jer 5:22-25** God set a boundary of sand around the sea and commanded it that it go no further, He brings the rain at its appointed times so that man can have enough food to eat and in his heart he plots to rebel against God.

- **Eph 2:4-10**- even after our rebellion, deceit, blasphemy, God in His love has given us an opportunity to spend eternity with Him and escape the judgment that will fall upon this earth. First we were created perfect, but now because of sin were born in rebellious to God, and God loves us enough that we don't have to stay like that we can repent and come to Him and He will turn our sins from scarlet to white forgiving us and giving us the ministry of reconciliation.
- **1Tim 6:20-21**- The Apostle Paul when emphasizing how important what he was about to say to him often called him "**O Timothy**" its like when a parent uses a child's full name to let them know they are not playing you need to respond. In Paul's writings he warned Timothy that in caring for the needs of the church Timothy needed to make sure that he cared for himself > **1Tim 4:16**- "**take heed unto thyself**" if we are so concerned about others and forget to minister to ourselves eventually what we feared would happen to them will happen to you.
- **V20** God had committed the truth to Paul who in turn has committed it to Timothy, now it was Timothy's responsibility to guard the deposit and then pass it on those who also would do the same > **2 Tim 2:1-2**, this is how the gospel would spread to every part of the world. In this verse we see the how precious the gospel is as its portrayed as a "**trust**" that isn't for everybody, but given to Pastors like Timothy, as well as to all believers, with an expectation that they will "**guard**" protect what has been given to them as if their lives depended upon it because it did.
- In order to do this they had to avoid profane and idle babblings, and contradictions, in this we see a contrast, as Paul challenges Timothy to distinguish between **what comes from God** > (that which was committed to your trust) and **what comes from man** > (the profane, idle babblings, contradictions). Its like that today, if we can't tell the difference between the two then we will end up confused and lukewarm, viewing things from a worldly perspective and not a Godly perspective, and this is what's scary, not really knowing that what were doing is wrong.
- **V21** notice he says those who have fallen victim to this thinking will even redefine the terms and give it a title that is more socially acceptable like calling these contradictions, profane thinking, knowledge or science, even though it goes against what God has already said. If science lines up with God's Word then it true, but God's Word doesn't have to line up with man's science, for if there's a contradiction its not God's Word that needs to change its man's science that's wrong.
- He says some who once were following the truth have "**strayed**" or "**erred**" meaning they swerved, or deviated off the right path, and gotten on the wrong path. Folks because of pride once they start on the wrong path its almost impossible to get them back on the right one. Which is why Paul started out by telling Timothy "to guard" what was committed to his trust.
- "**A Trust**" is something like some money or a property, that is held by one party in order for the benefit of another, meaning once they become of age or reach a milestone then it becomes there's, we are given the truth, and we hold onto it until a person is ready to receive it, and when they are, we give it to them and then their responsibility is to pass it on to others. God does this with us He knows when our hearts are ready to repent and receive the gospel and when we are He sends the right person and scenario to open our hearts and eyes to the truth.

