

L3 | Divine Institutions | Institution of Business Pt. 2 | Matt. 22:37-39

I. Intro/Review:

1. Institution of Business

1.1 - Principle

1.2 - Many issues inherently resident within it

1.2.1 - Judgment/Accountability

- God is Judge
- Given Judgment to Christ

1.2.2 - Stewardship/Servanthood/Responsibility

- Give an account

2. Business

2.1 - Definition - employment for the purpose of profit

II. Preview:

1. Significance and bearing

2. Corrupt to the core

3. Alive unto God

III. Sermon:

1. Significance and bearing

1.1 - Examples of nature of this business toward God

1.1.1 - Matt. 22:37-39 - the two great commandments - the first toward God

- Ex. 20:3-4

1.1.2 - Rom. 14:12-13 - give account of himself to God

1.1.3 - Gal. 6:7-10 - God is not mocked

1.1.4 - Eph. 5:1 - Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

1.1.5 - Tit. 1:1 - the faith of God's elect

1.1.6 - Heb. 13:15-16 - offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually

1.1.7 - Eph. 6:5-9 - Master/servant

- Col. 3:22-4:1

1.2 - Examples of departure

1.2.1 - Rom. 1:20-25 - worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator

1.2.2 - Deut. 4:13-19 - worship and serve them

1.2.3 - Idolatry (Ex. 20:3-4)

- Col. 3:5 - "...covetousness, which is idolatry:"

- The pursuit of evil lusts
- A want of that contrary to what you were made for

1.3 - Bearing

- 1.3.1 - Ecc. 1:1-3, 12-14 - vanity of vanities
- 1.3.2 - Rom. 1 - vain imaginations
- 1.3.3 - Eph. 4:17 - walk in the vanity of their mind

2. Corrupt to the core

2.1 - Why is it that man walks in the vanity of their mind in pursuit of their unclean, evil lusts?

- 2.1.1 - Because of sin

2.2 - Humble & Glorious Beginnings

- 2.2.1 - Genesis 1:26 - "man in our image, after our likeness" - purpose and intent
- 2.2.2 - Genesis 2:7 - "formed man of the dust of the ground" - matter of our makeup (God's harnessing of His material)
- 2.2.3 - Ps. 8:1-9 - man crowned with honor and glory

2.3 - Corruption

- 2.3.1 - Romans 5:12 - sin entered into the world, and death by sin

- All have sinned

- 2.3.2 - Sin is the pursuit of that which is contrary to God

- Sin abuses the lust chamber for its own pleasure - not the pleasure of God
- Sin is a foreign agent to that which God naturally made when He made man
- Sin is first found in Lucifer when he uses the faculties and provisions of God contrary and apart from God.
- Sin's fervency, that is, lust is selfish, contrary to God, contrary to the purposes of God, and contrary to man.
- Sin corrupted the natural in the first of us, thus becoming what is natural to that which would come from the first of us.
 - Naturally sin was not nature
 - Nature now is corrupted by sin
- Sin allies with anything that will support, encourage, and maintain its subjective pleasures
 - Darkness/Wisdom
 - Witty inventions

- 2.3.3 - Therefore, man is still identified as the image of God

- 1 Cor. 11:7 - "For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man."

- 2.3.4 - Yet, that image has been corrupted to the core (Gen. 5:1-3; Rom. 5)

- The image of God is in bondage to sin
- Such bondage does not disannul the servanthood of the man
- Man is accountable to the One that gave him His image, but is in bondage to sin which defiles the image and all that it can produce

2.3.5 - The Bondage of Sin

- Jn. 8:34 - "...whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."
- Rom. 6:6 - "...body of sin..."
- Rom. 6:11 - Alive to sin and dead to God
- Rom. 6:19 - Servants to uncleanness
- Rom. 3:10 - "none righteous, no, not one:"
- Rom. 3:12 - "there is none that doeth good, no, not one."
- Rom. 6:23 - "wages of sin is death"
- Eph. 2:1-3 - "dead in trespasses and sins...conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind..."
- Eph. 4:17-19
- Eph. 5:8 - "For ye were sometimes darkness,"

2.3.6 - Therefore, man has all the faculties to commune and fellowship with God, to be held responsible and serve the Creator, but sin has corrupted to use such faculties for sin and self.

3. Alive unto God

3.1 - Regeneration (Tit. 3:5)

- 3.1.1 - Rom. 6:6 - "...body of sin..." - DESTROYED
- 3.1.2 - Rom. 6:11 - Alive to sin and dead to God - DEAD TO SIN - ALIVE TO GOD
- 3.1.3 - Rom. 6:19 - Servants to uncleanness - SERVANTS OF R+ TO R+ UNTO HOLINESS
- 3.1.4 - Rom. 3:10 - "none righteous, no, not one:" - RIGHTEOUS IN CHRIST
- 3.1.5 - Rom. 3:12 - "there is none that doeth good, no, not one." - CREATED UNTO GOOD WORKS
- 3.1.6 - Rom. 6:23 - "wages of sin is death" - FORGIVENESS OF SINS
- 3.1.7 - Eph. 5:8 - "For ye were sometimes darkness," - NOW ARE YE LIGHT IN THE LORD

3.2 - Renewing (Tit. 3:5)

3.2.1 - Our atonement, reconciliation by virtue of God's regeneration of us has changed our identity from Adam to Christ.

- Thus access is granted and fellowship restored and called for

3.2.2 - Such relationship with the Creator through our Savior is now ours

- Access - Rom. 5:1-2; Eph. 2:18, 3:12
- Fellowship - 1 Cor. 1:

3.2.3 - This renewing takes place in our mind by the knowledge of Him

- Eph. 4:23 - renewed in the spirit of your mind
- Col. 3:10 - put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created Him:
- Rom. 12:1-2 - concerns the will of God
- Rom. 8:28 - in all things

3.2.4 - Christ partakes in our nature that we may partake in the divine

- Heb. 2:14, 16
- 2 Pet. 1:4

IV. Conclusion:

- The knowledge of God and Christ is in part understood in the following divine institutions both in what they are and how we are to function within them.
 - They are instituted and ordained by God
 - They are given with instructions and doctrine that correspond to the divine nature and Godhead.
- Marriage - before and after sin
- Family - after sin
- Government - after sin
- Church - after sin