

10 RODS OF TRUTH



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A RAGING WORLD



RECLAIMING SANITY

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RECLAIMING LIFE

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PREFACE

After God sent a flood over all the earth to cleanse the world of unrighteousness He painted the sky with a promise. In Genesis 9:11, God says, “I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God continues in verse sixteen, “When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.” God reclaimed us with water and destruction then with blood and deliverance at the cross. Much of the modern church sits on their hands distracted by all the world has to offer as the world mocks God’s promise by parading their pride in their sin. The church must wake up to the wokeness cult, men must stand up to feminist fallacies, parents must step up and take ownership over their children’s education and faith. Make no mistake, education and faith are deeply intermingled. Christians are to be in the world but not of the world. This is a balance that we almost never get right. In this series we will strike in the ground rods of truth that God has laid claim to and the church has since given ground to the world. We come to reclaim what is God’s; sanity, the gospel, the spiritual, the next generation, marriage and families, masculinity and femininity, the rainbow, politics, and life. This is a battle, are you ready for it?

CHAPTER 1: RECLAIMING SANITY

Commentary

Matthew 28:18-20 says, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Jesus is presently seated at the right hand of the Father and holding the offices of Prophet, Priest, and King in the New Covenant. He conquered sin and death by his resurrection. Psalm 110:1 is the most cited Old Testament passage in the New Testament: The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” The all-encompassing fact of Jesus’ lordship ought to get into the bones of His people and get under the skin of His enemies. His commandments are a salve for the souls of his friends and infuriating to His foes. He has a claim on every square inch of this place, every grain of sand on the seashore, every star in the sky, every sheep in the field, as well as every drop of water in the sea, and every bird of the air. The one true and living God is sovereign over the design and order of His creation, over His institutions and covenants, over right and wrong, over life and death, and over His Word and Gospel. We are to herald His Gospel and not the truncated one about Jesus dying for the sins of his people so they can go to heaven. The Gospel is at least that but certainly much more. Part of the business of heralding the Gospel is the reminder to everyone that Jesus is not staking a new claim; we are RE-claiming what was, is, and will always be rightfully His. Make no mistake, delaying the reclamation is a mercy to his enemies and an opportunity for his disciples to gain glory in service to our king, but it is only a delay.

We will be successful in this series if we dive deep into the waters of repentance, taking a page out of Malachi:

“How have we despised your name?” (Malachi 1:6)

“How have we polluted you?” (Malachi 1:7)

“Why does he not regard our worship?” (Malachi 2:15)

“How have we wearied him?” (Malachi 2:17)

“How have we robbed you?” (Malachi 3:8)

“How have we spoken against you?” (Malachi 3:13)

Reclamation Charge: Recognize that your repentance is not complete on this side of eternity. Identify one area of your life where God and His Gospel do not have absolute authority and repent. Recognize the sin, kill it, and target the next one.

Jesus says that even our thoughts require repentance, and we ought not accept our sin under the guise of personality quirks or qualifiers to your identity as a Christian. Together let's repent and together we will reclaim what is God's.

SERMON CONTENT: RECLAIMING SANITY

Selected Scriptures

Matthew 28:16-20, Jude 1:3-4, Jude 1:17-23

3 Key Points:

- † RE-Claim: We are not making any new claims but reclaiming old ground.
- † We need Courage.
- † The right side of history or the right side of eternity?

Quote:

“A true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.” – Attributed to G.K. Chesterton

Notes

Small Group Questions

- 1) In Matthew 28:20 Jesus promises that he is with us always. How can you better infuse this promise into your life?
- 2) Jude 1:3-4 speaks about certain people “creeping into the church unnoticed.” What do you think makes Christians then and now so imperceptive to those who wish to “pervert the grace of God”?
- 3) “Save others by snatching them out of the fire.” Jude 1:17-23 speaks to this aggressive approach to saving people. When someone is about to fall into a fire you don’t slowly get up or speak softly. You run, jump, yell, and maybe even sacrifice yourself to save them. How can you act with urgency with those who don’t know God in your sphere of influence?