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Dangers The Church Faces

MT 6:1-8

CLOUDS OVER THE CHURCH



PANDORA'S BOX

I.) Ignorance

A) HOSEA 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

B.) Jn 6:45 It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

C.) Col 1:9a For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding:

II.) Neglect

IF THOSE WHO DISOBEYED THE OLDER ~~GENERATION~~ REVELATION COULD NOT AVOID GOD'S WRATH WHICH WAS MEDIATED BY ANGELS, HOW COULD ANYONE WHO IGNORES THE "GREAT SALVATION" ANNOUNCED BY THE SON OF GOD EXPECT TO ESCAPE JUDGEMENT?

A.) Heb 2:1-4 pg ~~1219~~ 1272

B.) Heb 4:1-3 pg ~~1275~~ 1274 FEAR OF GOD IF WE COME UP SHORT.

GOD'S WORD HAS COME TO THIS GENERATION, AS IT DID TO THOSE OF MOSES' TIME, WITH A SIMILAR PROMISE OF REST. BUT THE PROMISE DOES US NO GOOD UNLESS WE HEAR AND RESPOND WITH FAITH.

III.) Error

A.) Gal 6:6-9 pg ~~276~~ 1238

1.) Sports - baseball.

a.) In due season we shall reap, if we faint (Error) not.

IV.) Worldliness

THE BELIEVER MUST NOT LOVE THE WORLD'S WAYS OR SHARE ITS PASSIONS.

TURN TO → A.) I Jn 2:15-17 pg ~~1296~~ 1297

(2) * B.) Jak 2:11-14 pg ~~211~~ 1235

V.) Boastfulness

(3) * READING A.) Matt 6:1-4 pg 1018

(4) * B.) Lk 14:~~13~~ 12-14 pg 1102 ~~and thou shalt be blessed~~; for they cannot recompense thee - for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

VI.) Compromise

YOU SCRATCH MY BACK I'LL SCRATCH YOURS

A.) Eph 5:11 and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

B.) Phil 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or ~~else~~ be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

VII.) Materialism

(5) * A.) Lk 8:14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are ~~choked~~ choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

TURN TO → B.) I Tim 6:6-10 pg ~~1263~~ Paul warns everyone against a desire to get rich. How much better it is to be content, because every kind of evil tends to spring up where money-love ~~exists~~ exists

VIII.) Lukewarmness 1307-8

TURN TO → A.) Rev 3:14-16 pg ~~221~~

IX.) Indifference

CHRIST THE SHEPHERD - NOT WITH HIM FLOCK SCATTERED

A.) Mt 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

X.) Apostacy (a standing off, desertion) 1215

(6) * A.) I Cor 10:12 ~~Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.~~

B.) I Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

XI.) Discord

A.) Mk 3:24-25 and if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. and if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

B.) I Cor 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Clouds come together - STORM / RAY of light - STORM BREAKS UP

JAMES 3:16-18 pg 1286

FARMERS WHO WANT A GOOD HARVEST, WON'T PLANT IN BAD GROUND. JAMES REMINDS US THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS CANNOT BE PRODUCED IN HUMAN SOIL CHARACTERIZED BY A BITTER, SELFISH SPIRIT. THE PERSONALITY OF A PERSON WHOSE GOAL IS PEACE AND HARMONY IS MUCH BETTER SOIL.

(1) GAL 6:6-9 Paul's point is that there are natural laws in the spiritual as well as the material realms. Sow seeds in the ground and in time they produce a crop. In the same way the moral acts a person sows produce a crop as well.

There's a story of a farmer who made fun of his church going neighbors, worked every Sunday, and had a bumper crop. He sent a letter to the local paper deriding their faith. His profit proved God didn't care - or couldn't act. Paul said God is not mocked: Our acts are seeds, growing slowly, but sure to produce a crop in keeping with our planting. The paper's editor understood the principle, and after the farmer's letter printed this observation. "God hasn't harvested His crops yet."

(2) GAL 2:11-14 In the 1st century, Gentiles were considered a contaminated race. No truly pious Jew would eat with a Gentile. But the Gospel message changed all this, linking Jew and Gentile in a single fellowship. Each, through faith in Christ, had salvation and common access to God as their own Father. When Peter refused to eat with Gentiles for fear of Christians who continued the strict practice of Judaism, his act denied something essential to the Gospel message.

(3) MT 6:1-8 Our relationship with God is a personal, not a public kind of thing. Thus our acts of righteousness, our gifts of loving concern, and our prayers of devotion are to be done "in secret" to please God rather than to win a reputation for piety with our fellowmen.

Lk 14:12-14 Places of honor at banquets were those closest to the host. The spiritual picture here is clear; don't push for glory - let God honor you.

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Jesus applies that principle in a fascinating way. If His host really cares about honor from God, he should invite the poor and powerless, who can never repay him in this life.

God is concerned for the poor. He will exalt the person who cares for the helpless, rather than the ~~poor~~ powerful who can repay now.

Lk 8:14 People become so involved in the events of their daily life that they are distracted and gradually forget God's salvation message.

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I Cor 10:11-13 Human nature is always ~~so~~ vulnerable to temptations. But God is faithful in that with the temptation, He gives you a "way out". He will help us deal with the temptation so we don't fall to it.

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But we are to remember that we are not to place ourselves in situations where these temptations are.