PREACH THE WORD

2 TIM. 4:2
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The Evils Christ Saw in The Lives of People.

In Matt. Ch. 2 it is recorded that Herod was so selfish that he sent and killed all the children from 2 years olld and down in order that he might destroy the Savior or King of the Jews, in order to protect his interest, he did not want anothtr to be ruler of the people he wanted that praise for himself, and this is bad for people of today, they want the praise and glory to go only one way, they are selfish, and this is the opposite of what Christ Taught, Matt. 20:27-28. He taught that whosoever would be chief, among you let Him be your servant. Being a servant is to serve others, and not

to think of himself more highly than he ought. The Good Samaritan is a good example of how people should be, LK. 10: 30-37. He was so interested in the affairs of the one that fell among thieves that he bore all the expense to have him cared for. This is being unselfish. Paul was another example in Phil. 3:4-8, of how we ought to live. If you are a christian you must be unselfish, Christ demands it, Matt. 22:39, Phil. 2:4. It is wrong to be selfish, and he that doeth wrong shall receive of the wrong that he doeth. For with God there is no respector of persons. The Savior saw carelessness in the lives of others, and with a mild tone rebuked His mother and father for being careless, Lk. 2:41-42&49. They supposing that he was among the company went a days journey without Him. And we also if we are not watching will travel along ways on the road to life, so we think, without knowing what has happened to our brother. We are careless, and neglect to see if our brother is doing good or bad, or what has kept him from eing with us, and we are so self centered that we don't have time to look after his needs, we are our brothers keeper, see, Gen. 4:8-9&10. Jesus saw that people did not appreciate the things that were done, Matt. 13:53-58, and He said a prophet is not without honor save in his own country. We are around those that are close to us so much that we forget to appreciate they do, and this is wrong. A man can preach a lifetime in one place and people do not appreciate it enough to try and live up to what is being preached, 1 Cor. 15:1-4, Rom. 10:1-3, Gal. 6:7-8. They become

insincere, they profess to follow Christ, but are only there for a pretence, to make believe they are Christ-like, John 6:26, Matt. Ch. 6, our Lord saw partyism in the ilves of others, and condemned the Pharises for it, Matt. 23, but the churches have gone in the way of the Pharisees, they gather their own relation around them and say, my children won't do this or that, and look what they did and so on, and go so far that they will not associate with anyone but just a few so-called friends. Our religion must come from the heart without being partial to anyone, Matt. 22:37-39. And our motives sincere both in giving, Praying, Fasting, Matt. Cr. 6. and 22:37, John 4:23-24. Religious service from the lips only is in VAIN, Matt. 15:7-8-9. A man or person that is self righteous is condemned, as Jesus so said in Lk. 18:9-14, far from being self righteous our beloved John said if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, 1 John 1-8. At best we can only say I count not myself to have apprehended but this one thing, I do forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth to those things that are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ, Phil. 3: 13-14. He saw betrayal in the life of Judas, Matt. 26:14-16-47-50. The kiss that betrayed Jesus could have been the whitest, but instead, it has went down in records as the blackest of all betraials because the motive was wrong. Many today betray Jesus for money, popularity and the pleasure of sin, 1 John 2:15-16. Lying is another way of betrayal, they misrepresent Jesus in many ways today by teaching false doctrines, 2 Pet. 2: 1-3, and by

saying that then they try to follow Paul and completely ignore His teachings in 1 Cor. 11:18 also 14:34. People are ungrateful and Jesus saw this also in the nine lepers that were healed when only one returned to give God the Praise, Lk., 17:11-19. Being ungrateful is on of the bad things that has caused so many people to turn from helping one another and has bsought disgrace on the cause of Christ. So we can see that not everyone that says Lord, Lord, will be saved, but only those that do the will of God.

CHURCH NEWS

A letter from Bro. Studer and his folks at Lorenzo, Texas and all there is not as good as could be. Some have drifted away others are sick, but the church is still going on and they plan to have Bro. Paul Ferguson there in a meeting on Sat. night before the first Lord's day in June. First in a singing and then in a meeting, all is invited to attend.

The church at Yuma, Ariz. sent in some support to the paper and states that they are having a meeting there the 30th of April which is past now, but the church at Somerton, Ariz. is holding a meeting beginning the 21st of May and all is invited to be there. The church there at Yuma sends in some support to the paper, we hope much good can be done there at both places.

THE EDITOR

A letter from Bro. Bowen of the Stillwell church sent in the news from there and invite all to stop with them, and all is well.