

HOLY SINNERS

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Topic:
HOLY SINNERS
Texts: Matthew 23:27-28

Prayer

Father in Jesus name, our heavenly Father we Thank You we bless your Holy Name we say be Thou exalted Lord. Father we pray that anywhere we've sin against you, you'll have mercy and forgive us in Jesus name, as we are about to start tonight's teaching Lord teach us today, help us to be the doer of your word. In Jesus' mighty name we have prayed. Amen

Introduction

You are welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, we'd be looking into the word of God from the perspective of the Spirit once again, and I pray that the Lord will inspire us.

Bible Texts: Matthew 23:27-28 NKJV

[27]“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.

[28]Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Study

One might wonder what kind of topic this is. How can a sinner be holy? And how can a holy person be a sinner? The truth is that today, just like in the days of the Lord Jesus Christ, there are those who fit into this description of holy sinners. The Lord, by His Spirit, taught us about a category of people who were holy sinners in His days, and these were the scribes and the Pharisees. He pronounced woe on them, calling them hypocrites.

Matthew 23:27 (KJV) “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.” One of the major problems the Lord had with the Pharisees and scribes in His days on earth was that they always presented themselves as whom they were not. The scribes were professional copyists and teachers of the law of Moses. They were experts in copying, preserving, and interpreting the Scriptures. During those times, printed books did not exist. Scribes carefully wrote copies of the Old Testament.

They were sometimes called lawyers or teachers of the law. These were learned men who understood what the law of Moses says, and many of them became more focused on the technical details of the law than its true spiritual meaning, which is why Jesus often rebuked some of them. While, on the other hand, the Pharisees were a religious and political group within Judaism.

During the Second Temple period, they were known for being strict in obeying the law of Moses. They also believed in the resurrection of the dead, believed in angels and spirits, and divine judgment after death. But just like the scribes, they had an outward righteousness without inner purity.

If we look into the lifestyles of the scribes and the Pharisees carefully, we would see a set of people who present themselves to be holy but are not before men. They appear righteous, but God sees the opposite. Like these men, we have those whom the world celebrates today as servants and children of God, but are not so. This is because men can only see what is visible to them and cannot see what others do in secret, while God sees beyond the physical realm, down to the secrets of all men. The secret things belong unto the Lord our God. **Deuteronomy 29:29 (KJV)** “The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those

things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” It is God who is in the best position to attest to the integrity of a man, because He is able to see through the tiniest line of pretense in the heart of a man. Hiding wickedness in the heart while putting on a show of righteousness can be accepted by men, but not before God.

Unfortunately, many are holy sinners without knowing. This is sometimes as a result of ignorance. The reason someone can be called a holy sinner is because such a person does not know what it means to be holy but claims to be holy. Most times, those who attend churches whose messages are purely holiness and righteousness may have children who grow up in the church and may not understand what salvation is. Some of these children tend to do as they were taught to do. They dress like Christians, and they behave and speak like children of God, but they are still sinners because they are not saved. This means they profess to know God but deny the power thereof

To them, dressing in a particular way, speaking and acting in a particular way is holiness, but this is not so with God. There are many characteristics of holy sinners that we can take from the statement the Lord Jesus Christ made. He said these men were like whitewashed tombs, outwardly beautiful but inwardly filled with dead men's bones and all sorts of impurities. Does Jesus have any issue with their outward righteousness? No, but their outward righteousness negates their inward purity, which then makes them hypocritical. Thus, Jesus had to rebuke them.

Characteristics of Holy Sinners

1. They are self-righteous: This is a righteousness not from the Holy Spirit. They get their righteousness from keeping the law like the Pharisees, not by relying on God to impute His own righteousness on them.

2. Some are morally upright but are not saved: There is a place for morality and a place for spirituality. Holy sinners claim holiness because they are morally good. They do not tell lies, steal, fight, or commit fornication. They do not smoke, but they are not born again. This is so mostly because of how they were brought up. They had a strict moral upbringing. As such, they claim holiness. Some of these people are Muslims. You will discover that many of them are so good and are far better off than those whom you know call themselves Christians. And at times, you would wonder if these Muslims have encountered Christ. Yes, they have characters that are well appreciated, but inasmuch as they do not have Jesus Christ, they are holy sinners.

3. Unsaved church workers: These are a set of people in the church working tirelessly but are not born again. Some of them have mistaken talents for the presence of the Holy Ghost in their lives. Some can sing to the point that those in the church may mistake their ministration for the flow of the Holy Spirit, whereas it is just a well-articulated use of their talents. Some can play instruments, but it is not necessarily an ability from the Holy Ghost; it is but mere talent. I acted in drama in the church for years without getting saved, and people would have felt it was from the Holy Ghost. Men like that are seen as holy but are not, but are sinners.

4. False ministers: These are those self-called or people-called. Some are called by their friends and not called by God. All these sets of people are regarded as holy men because they are in the church, but God sees them as sinners. They are holy sinners. When the word minister is used, it refers to all ministers of the gospel who are false, whether apostles, teachers, evangelists, prophets, music ministers, drama ministers, etc. Inasmuch as they are false, they are seen and applauded by many like the

Pharisees, but they are corrupt and impure within. Some would, in a bid to have carnal knowledge of women, claim that committing adultery with them is not a sin because they are holy. Recently, I saw a picture of a "woman pastor" in the church who claims that sucking her breast brings healing and brings them out right inside the church for men to suck, and they started sucking them.

What of a pastor that says his manhood is anointed to give barren women children, and he sleeps with women for them to conceive? A pastor claims that the Holy Spirit says he should sleep with all the women in his church and impregnate them, and he has already impregnated more than 30 of them. All these sets of people are holy sinners. They think they know God, but it is clear that they do not know Him. Paul talks about them, saying: 2 Timothy 3:6 (KJV) "For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts."

5. Those who live in pretense: These sets of people know that they are not saved but pretend to be. They dress like Christians and compare themselves with others, claiming that at least they are better. They are known as God's children in places where people know them, but once they get away from the place they are known, they change to their real colours. They are sometimes called "smart sinners." These ones can lure brothers and sisters by their clever show of spirituality. In fact, some of them speak in tongues, and by this deceitful character and nature, they entrap souls. They live in immorality full time, but they are very smart, such that it will be difficult to catch them unless God exposes them.

6. Those who always feel guilty of their sins but never repent because they love their sins: No true child of God enjoys

sinning, but there are those who feel guilty whenever they sin, like Judas, but never change. They go to the altar every week for altar calls but never change because they love their sins. They are prisoners who love their chains. These might sometimes present themselves as people serious with God but are not, because they are holy sinners. **Matthew 23:28 (KJV)** “**Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.**” One thing that was a problem in the lives of these holy sinners is that they appear to be righteous before men, but within they are full of sin.

Are you not a holy sinner too? Remember, Jesus pronounced woe on this set of scribes and Pharisees. Do you want to wait till when He would also pronounce an eternal woe on you? It is possible to have weaknesses and still be struggling with some sins, but if you choose to stay in that sin and be comfortable in it, pretending to people around you, then you should know that you are a holy sinner whose end is destruction if you do not quickly repent. Going to commit immorality and heading to church is a proof of disregard for God.

Sinning all through the week and coming to raise holy hands to God is out of order. You can be doing it now and be enjoying it, but when judgment comes, you may not escape, for judgment will begin in the house of God. **1 Peter 4:17 (KJV)** “**For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?**” if you have not gotten saved, it's time to find Jesus Christ genuinely. Do you say you are not a holy sinner? Yet you have built a caucus in the house of God. You now have cliques in the church of God. You are simply a holy sinner, and holy sinners are not qualified for heaven, because no sinner will cross heaven's gates. This is why you must repent quickly.

Remember that you can deceive men but not God. This is why you must seek genuine salvation now and repent totally from sin. Do not be like Judas, who romanced sin until he got ruined. Jesus says all you do in secret, even if man does not see it, God sees it. **Luke 8:17 (KJV)** “For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.”

Let's make things right before the Lord before it will be too late.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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