

Topic:

THE HEART OF MAN

Bible Text: Proverbs 23:7

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It's to my delight to introduce our speaker tonight, in person of Bro Samuel, please with a clapping ovation, let's welcome our beloved brother to the presence of the Most High, you are welcome Bro Samuel

Prayer

Heavenly father we come before Your throne this night as we about to hear and receive Your word tonight, Father I prayer so that You will impower Your servant who is about to minister before us tonight, I pray that Your Grace and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. Holy Ghost intervene in tonight's study as we all wait to receive and hear Your word in JESUS MIGHTY name I pray. Amen.

Study

I welcome everyone to tonight's study! I thank the organizers of this forum! I trust God many of us are going to be learning one or two things tonight because honestly I believe I will also be learning alot as we already know, the topic for today is titled "**The heart of man**" We shall be examining and establishing truths and facts about the heart of man from the perspective of the Light (Scriptures) From science we know the heart is the organ that pumps blood round the body. Generally, the heart is considered as the seat of human emotions, and the center of the physical, mental, and spiritual life of humans. But what does Scriptures have to say about the heart?

Lets examine some scriptural facts and established truths about the heart and its role

in a man's life.

1. **The Heart is the centre of man's entire character:** It defines the man and who He really is. A good man or bad man is defined by the hearts condition. When we say a man is good or bad we are simply saying the man has a good or bad heart depending on the case! For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. Proverbs 23:7 NKJV Another Scripture. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Luke 6:45 NKJV However that is only so much men can know because men can pretend hence God provides us with another hint. Which leads us to Fact number 2

2. **God Deals and relates with men on the basis of the condition of their hearts and motives:** "But the Lord said to Samuel, Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7 NKJV I guess we are familiar with this incidence, Samuel an anointed prophet of God was almost sabotaging the will of God based on what his heart felt

3. **True Change and repentance flows from the heart and any repentance not from the heart is only a waste of time:** So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. Joel 2:13 NKJV Scripture 2 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise. Psalms 51:17 NKJV

4. **The heart is the place where God does His work in an individual:** The heart is the field where seed (the Word of God) is sown. Who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them. Romans 2:15 NKJV Read also Luke 8:4-8; then verse 11-15 Finally

5. **The heart is the resting place of God that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.** That you, being rooted and grounded in love, Ephesians 3:17 NKJV After establishing these facts about the heart of man! Our focus would be on what the word tells us on how we are to handle and relate with the human heart. Our anchor scripture would be from Jeremiah. 17:9. "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? Jeremiah 17:9 NKJV Note the word deceitful. No wonder David inspired but God in wisdom can pray in psalms 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Psalms 139:23¶ ¶ 24 NKJV Clearly God is saying do not trust the heart. The world says trust your heart but God is saying do not trust your heart. This is why a Lady or brother can confidently say they are in love with the opposite sex because in their hearts they are 100% sure but after sometime and after a few challenges they begin to see the true picture and they begin to regret! But

God is warning us Not to trust even our own hearts! And He doesn't leave us helpless! He provides us with a way out which shall look at later.

Why not to trust the heart?

1. Feelings and emotions fluctuate. You can be sad today and happy tomorrow.

2. The heart can be saying something while God can be saying another thing.

3. The heart can love the wrong things

God in His infinite wisdom does not leave us in that about how to deal with this delicate and Fragile part of man! He provides us with various solutions and ways to deal and relate with the human heart! God knows the fragile and deceptive nature of the human heart so He gives us His Spirit to guide us!

1. **The Holy Spirit is one of the greatest gift given to believers to check and regulate the heart in decision making:** The Holy Spirit is our anchor man and driver. So it is very important to be filled with the Holy Spirit! Constant communion with the Holy Spirit in intimacy through prayer aligns your heart with that of the will of the Father's. A man ruled by feelings and flesh(heart) instead of the Holy Spirit is on his way to disaster. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Romans 8:6 NKJV The Holy Spirit was given to save us from the deceptive nature of the heart. That is why one of the best prayers a man can pray is to say " Lord Please save me from myself" So we must make conscious efforts and decisions to be ruled by the Spirit not the Flesh(heart) Scripture says "then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Galatians 5:16 NKJV Second remedy God provides is.

2. **Do not trust your heart:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; Proverbs 3:5 NKJV Third remedy

3. **Acknowledge that God's will supersedes your feelings and emotions:** Jesus always stresses this truth: Scripture I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. John 5:30 NKJV Fourth remedy The condition of the human heart is not a defined or given state, it can be polluted and corrupted with the wrong seed or nurtured and cultivated with the right seeds!

4. **Watch and protect your heart by the information you expose it to:** What are you feeding your heart with? What movies are you watching, how about books ? What tv programs are you watching? What discussions are you partaking in? Rather Get filled with the Word. The word is a transforming miracle! Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23 NKJV. Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Psalms 119:11 NKJV

Summary

Whatever occupies your heart will eventually produce the corresponding fruit. Filling it with the wrong information will eventually reproduce lust , bitterness, greed, self pity etc and filled with that right information with reproduce the fruits of the Spirit! So I end with these two questions,

1. Brethren, That decision you are about taking are you just depending solely on what your heart is telling you or Are you involving God to get his perfect judgement?

2. What are you currently feeding your heart with? What movies are you watching, how about books ? What tv programs are you watching? What discussions are you partaking in?

By the Grace of God we have come to the conclusion of tonight's study! I want to thank the organizers for this great forum! I tell you it is a blessing to many of us! It has pushed us to further research and learning and God is truly helping us! Thank you all for your time and patience! The Lord bless you all and keep you!

Dear Reader,

If the state of your heart is not right with God, this is the time you must be genuinely saved. If there is anyway you have gone away from Christ due to the cares of this world, or you have never for once accepted Christ into your life, this is the right time to do so, do not postpone, come to Jesus now. If you want to give your life to Christ please place your right hand on your chest and pray this prayer by believing it in your heart and confessing it with your mouth.

Say,

Lord Jesus Christ, I accept you as my personal Lord and Savior, I believe that you died and rose up on the third day so that I can be free from death and sin, have mercy on me and forgive me of all my sins, I confess your Lordship over my life, and renounce the works of the devil over me, accept me as your child and help me to always walk in accordance to your will and purpose. Thank you Jesus for saving me. Amen!

If you said the above prayer sincerely, I congratulate you and the angels in heaven are rejoicing over you currently, you have taken the best decision any man on earth would ever take, please contact us, we can't wait to have a word with you.

Congratulations, once again dear saint.

Closing Prayer

Dear Father of light, I pray that as we have learnt your words tonight, you shall bring us to knowledge and full understanding of it. Amen

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