

KEEPING GOD IN THE MIX IN 26

TEXT: Psalms 9:1-7

The Webster's New Dictionary give the following definition of the word, WILL: A desire, or willingness; a determination; controlling one's action; an act.

We all have a will, and God's desire is that we exercise it toward Him, making us Christ-like.

ILL. David Brainerd was an American colonial missionary to the Indians who died at the age of twenty-nine. His diary reveals a young man intensely committed to God. Brainerd once said to Jonathan Edwards: "I do not go to heaven to be advanced but to give honor to God. It is no matter where I shall be stationed in heaven, whether I have a high seat or a low seat there...My heaven is to please God and glorify Him, and give all to Him, and to be wholly devoted to His glory."

I-THERE HAS TO BE CONFIDENCE

ISAIAH 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for Jehovah, even Jehovah, is my strength and song; and he is become my salvation.

WHY TRUST HIM

A. HE IS MY SALVATION.....

B. HE IS MY STRENGTH.....

In his hands I am safe. God is the foundation of our confidence; and trusting in him, his people shall never be moved.

ILLUSTRATION: William Penn, the founder of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was well liked by the Indians. Once they told him he could have as much of their land as he could encompass on foot in a single day. So, early the next morning he started out and walked until late that night. When he finally went to claim his land, the Indians were greatly surprised, for they really didn't think he would take them seriously. But they kept their promise and gave him a large area which today is part of the city of Philadelphia. William Penn simply believed what they said. Should we do less with God! We can take God at His word and we can trust Him to do everything he has promised to do-David DeWitt

C. HE IS MY SONG....OPPOSITE OF FEAR IS TO PRAISE AND MAKE MELODY IN RETURN RESULTS ARE PRAISE

Our text says, **I will trust and not be afraid.**

It was F.D.R. who said, in an address to the nation following the attack on Pearl Harbor, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." At first that may sound like double- talk, but it is really a good state- ment.

I-THERE HAS TO BE CONFIDENCE

II-THERE HAS TO BE CLOSENESS:

PSALMS 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

[As for me] In strong contrast with the aims, the desires, and the condition of worldly individuals. "They" seek their portion in this life, and are satisfied; "I" cherish no such desires, and have no such prosperity. I look to another world as my home, and shall be satisfied only in the everlasting favor and friendship of God.

A. I FEEL CLOSE WHEN IM IN THE SANCTUARY OF THE LORD

PS 5:7 7 ¶ But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

The Psalmist also said, "I will draw near to God and fear him"

B. I FEEL CLOSE WHEN IM IN SERVICE FOR THE LORD... JOSH 24:5 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

STAY CLOSE SO YOU CAN REALIZE THE VALUE OF WHAT YOU HAVE
ILLUSTRATION:

I-THERE HAS TO BE CONFIDENCE

II-THERE HAS TO BE CLOSENESS:

III-THERE HAS TO BE COMMITMENT:

PSALMS 18:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,>> I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

HOW CAN I HAVE THIS KIND OF COMMITMENT

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

- A. WITH YOUR INTELLECT.... with all thine heart, . have the courage to lay it all on the line**
- B. WITH YOUR INNERMOST.... and with all thy soul,**
- C. WITH YOUR INTENSITY.... and with all thy might**

Your every effort should be in loving God!

ILLUSTRATION: It is recorded that during the coronation of Edward VI, after various ceremonial swords had been brought to him, the king said to his nobles: "There is one sword yet lacking, the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Without that sword we are nothing and we can do nothing!" To what the king said we can say "amen". This sword is vital to our COMMITMENT as Christians. We can do nothing without it and without it we are nothing. This evening I want to challenge each of us to know, to trust, and to use the sword of the Spirit, God's Word.

John 14:23 says, "Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

PASLMS 116:9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

It is our great duty to walk before the Lord. I am the almighty God; walk before me, **Gen 17:1** **And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.** We must walk worthy of the Lord unto all well-pleasing.

STAY COMMITTED AND KEEP GOD IN THE MIX IN 26