



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 8:21-30 (NAS)

"The Unthwarted Message of the Gospel"

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- 21 He said therefore again to them, "I go away, and you shall seek Me, and shall die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come."
22 Therefore the Jews were saying, "Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'"
23 And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.
24 "I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins."
25 And so they were saying to Him, "Who are You?" Jesus said to them, "What have I been saying to you from the beginning?
26 "I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world."
27 They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father.
28 Jesus therefore said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.
29 "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."
30 As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.

I. PREACHING

- A. Jesus' Preaching Was Not Popular With The Pharisees
- B. Preaching Is Not Popular Today
- C. Jesus' Preaching Would Come To An End
- D. The Preaching Of The Gospel Will One Day Be Concluded

II. DARKNESS

- A. When The Light Is Gone There Is Darkness
- B. Darkness Of the Pharisees Evidenced

- 1. Ignorance—will He kill Himself
- 2. Ignorant that He speaks of His return to heaven

C. Darkness Is A Consequence Of Unbelief

D. Jesus Is The Light That Dispels Darkness

E. The One Who Remains In Darkness Will Die In Sin

- 1. The sin that is ours by our nature vs. 21
- 2. The sins which we are guilty of committing vs. 24

F. The End Result *Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 8:12*

III. PREACHING CHRIST

- A. Many Say We Must Get Permission To Speak Of Christ
- B. This Was Not Jesus' Approach To The Gospel *John 3:14*
- C. Nor Was It Paul's Approach *1 Corinthians 1:23-24*
- D. We Need To Speak In Love, With Grace To Those In Darkness

IV. WHAT WILL WE SAY?

- A. Jesus Proclaimed The Message The Father Gave Him
- B. We Must Know God's Word To Properly Proclaim Christ