

Introduction

The contents of chapters 7-9 came to me as I sought the Lord a few years ago. My wife, Shelley, and I had been asked to speak at a church on the "Sanctity of Life Sunday." Chapters 1-6, and 10, were placed upon my heart just recently. Together, they form an urgent warning to the church in America, as well as the rest of the world, concerning abortion.

It's a message directed, for the most part, to God's people. The Lord holds His people responsible for the plague of abortion that is killing the defenseless in the womb, not the world. This was made crystal clear to me. He expects the world to be ungodly, that's what they are. The issue He has with the church in America particularly is the ungodliness that has leavened the entire lump. His judgment draws near to our land while His people continue in stubborn rebellion against His Lordship over them. We must repent while there is still time.

Unfortunately, before we were married and living for Jesus Christ, Shelley became pregnant and we chose to have an abortion. Her reason was out of fear, while mine was nothing less than pure selfishness. After we both turned to the Lord, there was great guilt over what we had done. Through acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior we experienced the forgiveness and removal of the burden of our sin. We will forever praise His name for that!

Having that background has made us very sensitive to the entire abortion issue. Through my wife's dealing with a pro-life organization within our town, a contact was made with someone who thought others needed to hear our story of God's forgiveness.

Whenever I am given an opportunity to speak, I always go to the Lord and ask Him what He desires to say. People need the living word of the Lord, not the word or opinion of man. As I previously stated, the revelation given to me at that time is explained in chapters 7-9. I only gave a small portion of it on that particular Sunday morning.

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and

able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” The difference between the religious words of a man and the word of the Lord is the way it cuts through all the deception within our heart and exposes the real condition of our inner man. That’s why the people were so moved by Jesus’ words. He didn’t speak with flowery words that were void of the Spirit, but rather with the authority of the Father. As we seek Him, He will give us His living word for a dieing world.

May God remove the veil off the eyes of our hearts through repentance to see the truth before it’s too late. Only the truth will set us free. This will hurt in certain areas because we will have to humble ourselves and admit that we were deceived. If we really want the truth, He will give it to us.

On the other hand, those who refuse to love the truth so as to be saved, delighting in wickedness instead, will perish in the “powerful delusion” sent by God (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12). We must ask the Holy Spirit to search our hearts to see where we truly stand. Spiritual pride and self-righteousness have no part in the kingdom of God. The Bride must be made ready. Presently, our wedding garments are soiled. They must be washed in His blood if we are to enter His wedding feast. May we not shrink back in shame at His appearing, but be filled with joy as we hear “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

In need of Him,
Tim Bauer