Arriving at the Wrong Place

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INTRODUCTION

- Wouldn't it be tragic if you were dying to get to a certain place and you found yourself 2,000 miles somewhere else?
- Either your convictions are wrong or your behavior is wrong, and you can wind up in the wrong place or the wrong destination.
- Where are you headed as an individual? Where are we headed as a group of people?

1 Call Upon Him in Truth

Psalm 145:18

- The Lord is near to all who call upon the Lord with this clarification to all who call upon him in truth.
- The biggest determinant in righteous behavior, right behavior in our lives, is the knowledge of God.
- The Pharisees were right about a lot of stuff. but they were in the wrong place spiritually.
- It is easy to give right answers. It is a much harder thing to modify thinking and behavior to conform to truth.

2 Can This Book Be Trusted?

Ezekiel 14:14; James 5:11; Proverbs 22:6

- There are so many people in our times who are questioning the reliability of God's word. Is it really from God?
- The reason why this topic is so prevalent is because the Bible call to morality and holiness is severe.
- God used Esther's position to secure the welfare of his people. That's the point of the Esther story.
- Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in the city of Jerusalem, it could not be spared.
- These maxims are meant to be good, sound, helpful advice. They are not presented as surefire promises of infallible success.

3 Give Preference to the Major Prophet

Matthew 27:9; Mark 1:2–3

- Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, and they took the 30 pieces of silver.
- As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way. That's Malachi.

- Apparently, it was common in such quotations to give preference to the major prophet.

4 Theology and Already Derived Notions

John 10:28; Romans 8:35

- Theology and already derived notions drive conviction and understanding.
- And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.
- If you are faithful to the good shepherd, there is no force in this world powerful enough to separate that union.

5 Those Who Have Fallen Away

Hebrews 6:4–6; Hebrews 10:26; Hebrews 10:29

- It is impossible to renew them again to repentance. That means they had repented once.
- If we go on sinning willfully after receiving a knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins.
- They are instead designed to produce sobriety, diligence, and perseverance in a holy walk before God.
- And then have fallen away. Okay, you can't fall away from something you were never in.

6 Repent and Pray, Change Your Course

1 Corinthians 9:27; 1 Corinthians 15:1–2; Acts 8:22

- Paul said in 1 Corinthians chapter 9, run in such a way that you may win.
- He said, repent and pray that, if possible, the thought of your heart might be forgiven to you.
- If you don't repent and pray, this doesn't get fixed. You've got to change your course. You've got to change your trajectory.
- As long as you're trying to mix the law with the gospel, you have changed the gospel. And he says, you are fallen from grace.

THE CHALLENGE

Walk in faith. Don't ever stop. Don't ever stop serving God. Don't ever stop serving others. Don't ever stop praying and meditating about where we are, about where we need to be. Don't ever stop making thinking and behavior adjustments.

MY NOTES