Delivered From The Enemy

Tony Mauck · Psalm 31:9–16

INTRODUCTION

- This is an acknowledgement as it is with David of absolute trust and confidence in God despite his pain.
- Our great enemy is our adversary, the devil, who prowls about as a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- The message that is delivered from the Word of God is here to rescue us, and yet so often we resist.

1 A False Confidence in Religion

John 8:31–32; Acts 11:18; Acts 22:16

- Their sins are not forgiven because of a false confidence in religion.
- Is it possible to be pious and religious and claim to serve God and even love Jesus? And practice lawlessness? Yes.
- Jesus said, if you abide in my word, then you are disciples of mine, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.
- Religion is not sufficient to replace Jesus' requirements for salvation and true discipleship.
- Believing an erroneous message about what covers sin will leave you lost in sin.
- You remove baptism for the remission of sins. And you have not taught faith properly.

2 A False Confidence in Goodness

Mark 10:17–18; Genesis 3; Ephesians 2:8–10

- You missed the whole point about grace. The fact is we weren't good enough.
- There is one who is good, and that is God alone.
- If people are saved because they are good, there is no need for grace.
- It denies the enormous, the mammoth, the colossal implications of our sin.
- Baptism now saves us. Not the removal of filth of the flesh, but the answer or appeal to God for a clean conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- We are mercy dependent while we are good pursuing.

3 The Choice Offered by This World

Hebrews 11:24–26; 1 John 2:15–17

- This choice is better. This choice is more fun. This choice is more pleasurable than choosing to serve God.
- Let me tell you about this choice and why it's false confidence. It doesn't satisfy you and it won't last.

- Inclusion in God's purposes and plans is to be preferred over all of the offers of this world and all of its comforts and all of its pleasures.
- He chose the reproach of Christ over all the riches of Egypt.
- All of that is passing away. But he who does the will of God abides forever.

4 A False Confidence in Time

Matthew 6:33–34; Ecclesiastes 9

- What you've said is truth. But it's just not a decision that I want to make right now.
- Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
- Man does not know his time.
- Do not possess a false confidence in time because we have no guarantee of it.
- Let us not speak presumptuously about what we will do. Because it is the Lord's will, whether we do this or that.

THE CHALLENGE

I'm now going to attune my heart and life to the will of my God and Savior. And if that's your sentiment, we're here to help you to be delivered from the enemy this very day.

MY NOTES