Peace & Truth in Your Days (Isaiah 39:8)

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INTRODUCTION

- Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good. For he thought, for there will be peace and truth in my days.
- Hezekiah was of the mind that anything that came from Isaiah the prophet was good, reliable, and true.
- I want there to be peace and truth in your days. I'm talking tonight about spiritual peace. Peace with God. Peace with his people.

1 Bible Authority Matters

James 1:22–26

- Number one, I want you to know that Bible authority matters.
- I make this point is because I hear the concept of Bible authority being belittled all the time.
- Those who are hearers only delude themselves. But the doer of the word will be blessed in what he or she does.
- All authority, all communication of authority has generic and specific elements. The more general the authority, the more choices you have. The more specific the authority, the fewer choices that you have.
- Nobody's making up these rules about patterns, about commands and examples and inferences, and all authority has generic and specific elements.

2 Tradition Is Not King

- A future generation needs to understand that tradition is not king. Tradition doesn't trump everything.
- Some of the things that we do involve generic authority where there are some choices that we can make. And we make choices based upon what is most expedient or what is most helpful within the realm of that authority.
- So where's your authority for a church building? Well, it's wrapped up in the idea that we're commanded to assemble, and assembling requires a place of assembly.
- Just because we've done it a certain way forever, doesn't mean it's expedient. Or best for this generation in this time.
- We need to be willing to talk about perhaps better ways of doing things.

3 Holiness Is Not Optional

Hebrews 12:14

- Holiness is not optional. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord. Hebrews chapter 12 and verse 14.
- He's given us the ingredients, the recipe that we need to determine about any kind of behavior in our time and what will confront this future generation when new things happen.
- Examine everything carefully. Abstain from every form of evil. And in different generations, it comes in different packages.
- I have to figure out in our circumstances what is acceptable behavior and what isn't.

4 Faith Requires Diligence

- And then I want to say this faith requires diligence.
- We don't want to do the hard work of taking biblical principles and applying them to certain situations.
- Most people do not think their way out of faith. They behave their way out. The thinking comes later.
- Without faith, it is impossible to please him. For the one who comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder. Of those who diligently seek it.
- Let us be willing to move the piano. Faith requires diligence.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you embrace that salvation that leads to eternal glory?

MY NOTES