

John # 100 “Rabbi, When Did You Get Here?” *John 6:22-29; Mark 6:45-52; Hebrews 3:12-13;*

**Man’s heart does not remain neutral whether it’s an unbeliever or a believer.**

Rejecting God’s truth will harden anyone’s heart compromising their application of the only thing that will provide hope and experiential peace.

*And so, just like He fed these people, God will feed us, protect us, rescue us when necessary and guide us all the way through our lives.*

**A frenzied search for happiness always unbalances our soul as it inevitably leads to our emotion taking over in life rather than us being led by biblical truth.**

The heart becomes hardened because the emotion doesn’t respond to it.

*The heart of the soul plays the part of the husband and the emotion, the wife; so if the heart initiates and the emotion chooses not to respond to the heart but to take over and lead the soul, the heart naturally hardens.*

**Hardness of the heart shorts out the precious systems of the soul to the point where a believer in Jesus Christ begins to sow what he reaps; first in self-induced misery and then in God-induced graciously applied divine loving discipline.**

The heart of the soul is the wonderfully designed facet of man which contains: his frame of reference, the area for retention of processed biblical truth; his memory center which circulates Bible knowledge to his stream of consciousness through recall; his vocabulary storage, his new theological language learned after his salvation; his categorical storage where he classifies biblical truth; his conscience where he stores his standards; his motivation or momentum area, for his spiritual growth, as he solves his problems with God’s grace solutions; his wisdom area, his rocket- launching pad for application of his wisdom from God to his experience; his subconscious where he stores his thoughts which do not exist in his conscious mind.

**And so, God has designed the heart of the soul as the basic area for man’s happiness but if we squander our opportunity to derive our happiness from God alone, we harden the very area in which we are supposed to be deriving our happiness.**

Happiness is related to the essence of God, Who always possessed perfect happiness in eternity past;

a happiness that is a part of His being.

*God is perfect and He possesses perfect eternal happiness and He is also happy with His perfect plan of grace which is the expression of His happiness.*

**True lasting happiness is unique to the plan of God that we enter by faith alone in Christ alone but being saved means that this depth of experiential happiness is only a potential, not a reality.**

Salvation doesn't guarantee instant sustaining happiness; the joy of the Lord we have at salvation is an initial realization of knowing that we are saved but there's no full complement of automatic happiness because we are saved.

*The moment of salvation may or may not be accompanied by emotional exhilaration and if it was, remember, the emotion is not part of our salvation.*

Our potential for sharing God's happiness only becomes a reality when we grow up spiritually.

**Proper orientation in life leads to purpose in life.**

No one truly solves the problems of this life until they are spiritually oriented.

*The spiritually oriented person focuses on the things which cannot ever be taken away.*

Those who hold fast to the things of God are the most content, whether they have money or not, whether they are married or not or have a prosperous career or not and why is that?

They have inner, immovable, unshakable happiness!

**Proper order for success in life begins with spiritual orientation to eternity and continues with solving**

**the problems of time.**

The Lord Jesus Christ has an answer for everything simple, complex or even that which is meant to attack Him and there never was a time when He didn't.

*The Lord Jesus Christ will not be used by anyone.*

God does not need the human help of human power or human organizations.

The purpose of all the miracles of the Lord Jesus Christ was to focus attention upon Himself

as the only Savior of the world.