

“THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE HEART”

Hatred in the human heart has exploded into full-scale lawlessness

“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” Gen. 6:5

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Since the fall of man life always seems to be running in circles and certainly to be repetitious. Life began in the Middle East in the garden and as prophesied in Scripture will end there. We are headed back to the Middle East. Certainly we believers are headed to Jerusalem the future capital of the world. Practically all the news broadcast that is being reported today is coming right from where history began and where civilization’s birth originated. Could it be we are now in the closing days of human history as we know it? The Bible speaks of cataclysmic events that are to take place as the Church Period winds down. The stage is now being set! We must be in the closing days of man’s history as God is drawing all the nations of the earth back to the Middle East where He will reckon and deal with them as a whole. Through prophecy God reveals Himself and its biblical accuracy is impeccable in the light of world events. History always repeats itself as is happening today and men never learn from history. His sin and rebellion are darkening his mind so that he is slow to learn. There is one great lesson that man has never learned from history and that great lesson is the condition of the human heart, the real condition of the human heart. The hatred within the human heart has exploded into full-scale lawlessness as it did in the second period or generation of human existence. What the Bible student knows as the Dispensation of Conscience. Man in his tireless effort to improve himself and humankind has sought every possibility to make himself better, believing that there is some good in all of mankind. Even the human heart convincing itself that it will bring in a utopian kingdom without Jesus Christ. Man refuses to learn the true condition of his own heart. The HEART is the problem. Man will not believe God. Unbelief is destroying civilization.

What is meant when the Bible uses the word heart? In both the Old Testament and the New Testament the word “heart” is used to refer to the whole of the innermost part of the human, not merely the emotions. We Americans tend to see people as having two separate parts, wherein one part is the emotions, which we refer to as the heart, then a brain, which houses the mind. The Bible does not divide man so easily, it focuses on all three making up the whole of a being, and this is biblically called the “heart.” Biblically, when both the Old and New Testaments speak about the heart, it never means merely human feelings, emotions.

The Biblical word heart is the inner aspect of a man, made of three parts all together, with the primary part: being the; Mind or what we call, Brain. The Brain and the Mind are where the **Mental** Process, which is the major part, where action & reaction take place, which is to lead a person in their life. Next is **Emotions**, which only process as reactions, as icing to enrich our lives. And lastly, we have the **Will**, the seat of the will, where optional, volitional, and decision-making where decisions are made between the rational and the controversial.

The Scriptures use at least four terms to describe the immaterial part of man: the heart, soul, spirit, and mind. The descriptions and functions of these aspects of man seem to overlap.

The biblical term heart “*lawbab*” or “*lebab*” in Hebrew; “*kardia*” in Greek is the clearest summary of the innermost center of the human being. Perhaps the closest psychological term to the heart is the “**ego**,” the Latin word for “**I**,” borrowed to denote the “**self**.” Peter describes the inner man as “*the hidden man of the heart*” 1 Peter 3:4, or the “inner self” I Peter 3:4. It is the center of one’s being Proverbs 4:23, where he believes and exercises faith Luke 24:25; Romans 10:9-10. It is the location of the human deliberation, where wisdom is employed. Understanding is said to be the function of the mind Job 38:36, yet the connection to the heart is undeniable. The heart is where a person discerns the difference between right and wrong I Kings 3:9.

“But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.” 1 Pet. 3:4

Letting Jesus Christ “*the hidden man of the heart*” rule.

In summation, we must always remember, what God says about the human heart, that it: “... *is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*” Jer. 17:9 because man is a fallen creature, subject to sin; however, it is also with our heart that we exercise faith unto salvation. It is the fallen condition of the heart that man never seems to accept God’s estimation of. And right here a failure to do so will determine a person’s destiny.

Life does not end at the grave, we are eternal souls destined to live somewhere forever. Tragically the world is going to Hell, and as a born again Christian, I find it increasingly difficult to enjoy life or be happy, when I know that ninety-eight percent of the people in this world are going to Hell when they die. I find myself increasingly wanting to do more to reach people for Jesus Christ. Jesus clearly stated in Matthew 7:13-14.

*“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that find it.”*

Dreadfully, most people are not going to Heaven; but, to Hellfire. Why? Jesus proclaimed in John 14:6.

*“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, **but by me.**”*

The Word of God is unwavering that there is only one way to Heaven and that through Jesus Christ. My friend, if you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the only begotten Son of God who died, was buried and rose again for your sins, and you’ve made that your hope for Heaven by believing on His name, then you are a born-again child of God.

Sadly, most people have religion without truth, Churchianity without Christianity. Religion is the worst thing that ever happened to this world. With all the thousands of false religions, satanic deceptions, and false prophets in the world it is not surprising that so many lost sinners are Hell-bound for an eternity of suffering. Roman Catholicism and Islam are the two dominate religions that are damning billions of souls to an endless eternity with Jesus Christ.

People respond differently when presented with the gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, buried and rose. To the one, we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life.

2 Corinthians 2:15-17, "For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ."

I thank God that I'm on the winning side. Jesus Christ died, was buried and rose again three days later. If you receive what Jesus did for you as payment for your sins, then you are saved my friend...

*1 Corinthians 15:1-4, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you, first of all, that which I also received, how that **Christ died** for our sins according to the scriptures; And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again the third day** according to the scriptures."*

It is my responsibility as a Baptist pastor to motivate believers to become aggressive witnesses for Jesus Christ, to teach people how to become soul conscious, and to provide as many resources as possible to help equip these people so that they may be used by Christ to reach lost people. It is also my purpose to EXPOSE the many enemies of soul winning, which blind the masses and keep people from getting saved. Jesus clearly stated, "Ye must be born again" John 3:7. Apart from being born again, no person can enter Heaven! This may be eliminating 98% of the population that has ever lived on earth.

As an example: Don't believe the lie, not for one second, that Muslims and Christians worship the same God. No, we don't! The Koran clearly states in, ([The Women 4.171](#)), that God has NO Son. In sharp contrast, John 3:16 in the Word of God declares that God DOES have a Son, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The Koran even goes as far as to claim that Jesus never died, nor was He crucified ([The Women, 4.157](#)).

Clearly, Islam and Christianity are diametrically opposed. Yet, the Devil comes to people through many false prophets today, even former President George W. Bush, who falsely claimed that Christians and Muslims worship the same God. Allah is a pagan god, who has no son. Jesus Christ is Almighty God John 10:33; Revelation 1:8, the second Person of the Godhead John 1:1-3, 10; Matthew 28:19-20, the Christ Luke 2:11, and He is the Son of God John 3:16! 1 John 4:14 declare, "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the

world." What are you Muslims talking about? Clearly, the Koran and Islam are enemies of God, and of soul winning.

Furthermore, most of the world's churches are dead today, resembling a spiritual morgue more than the house of God. While millions of babies continue to be murdered through abortion, the world's churches are eerily silent. While professed Christians continue to play with religion, the world is plunging into the abyss of Hell. Still God's church cries out in horror and in warning for lost humanity. Listen to one who cared in the past:

"Let's quit fiddling with religion and do something to bring the world to Christ." Billy Sunday

It was also Billy Sunday who spoke these sad words describing the apostate condition of churches today...

"It would be a godsend if the Church would suffer persecution today; she hasn't suffered it for hundreds of years. She is growing rich and lagging behind, going back." Billy Sunday

All around the world today professed "Christians" are not bearing fruit. Jesus said in John 15,

*"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth **much fruit**: for without me ye can do nothing."* John 15:5

The Word of God plainly teaches that those believers who abide in Jesus Christ will bear much fruit. How many people have you witnessed to this year? Last year? Since you've been saved? This message as well as our website, <http://biberays.com> has been published to stir a fire for soul winning in the hearts of believers, and to provide as many resources as possible to help you in that cause. You don't need to buy anything, nor do I sell anything.

God deliver us from money-hungry believers. Salvation is a **FREE GIFT** of God Romans 5:15 paid for by Jesus' precious blood 1 Peter 1:18-19. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth John 16:13. In John 5:39 Jesus commanded for each of us to **SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES!** The Bible can make us complete in Christ 2 Timothy 3:16-17. We don't need more books, videos presentations, or seminars—we need Christians who walk with the Lord in prayer, study the Scriptures, and have a zeal for SOULWINNING. Rise up oh Christian... *"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but **the labourers are few**"* Matthew 9:37.

Life does not end at the grave, it just begins in eternity. The greatest lie perpetrated on mankind by the devil is that life is over when one dies. Only a fool would believe it so. We are more valuable to our Creator than the human mind can comprehend. Only if a man would believe that? The creator is creations friend if we'll only come to Him through His beloved Son Jesus Christ. We were created to be just like His Son. May it be so?

"The hidden man of the heart..." is the difference between Heaven and Hell shouldn't we rather choose Jesus?

DON'T LET HATRED RULE IN YOUR HEART LET JESUS RULE!