

“What Have You Done?!”

Hebrews 10:26-31

Intro. – I want to begin with a series of pictures. All of these illicit some kind of response. I want to experiment and see what kind of response you give. First, let me give you the heading I found these pictures. Then let me suggest another heading and see if you don’t agree...

Having reference to God and His response to “willful sinning” our text simply says, “*we know Him.*” We know the terrors of the Lord both by revelation and by reason. Vindictive justice, i.e. vengeance, is a glorious and at the same time a terrifying attribute of God. It belongs to Him, and we know He will use it upon those who abuse His grace. He will avenge Himself and His people upon those who willfully sin! When will He do this? There comes a day of judgment where all must stand before the Lord and give an account. On this day, it is clear the Lord will be asking each individual “What have you done?” Sound familiar? As we have already illustrated, we often ask this same question out of shock and amazement, but, when the Lord asks this on the day of Judgment, He will already know what we have done. Thus, it behooves us to be prepared for that day!

Purpose: to better understand what all will be involved when the Lord asks, “What have you done?”

In other words, we want to see how we can be His prepared people and how we can avoid being recipients of His vengeance. To do this we will be looking at three parts to the question: “What have you done?” These three parts put in capsule form the areas we must concentrate on to be His prepared people:

I WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY SON?

- God, the Father, sent His Son, Jesus into the world with a mission unsurpassed in importance. The mission provided redemption (salvation) for mankind.
- through His life... death... and resurrection..., Jesus Christ established the gift of grace...
- you, we all are given the choice – accept or reject this gift:

A. Have You Rejected Him?

1. Our text describes rejecting Him in the following way:
 - a. “*trampling Jesus under foot*”
 - b. “*regarding the blood of the covenant as unclean*”
 - c. “*insulting the Holy Spirit*”
 - all of which come under the heading of “willful sinning”
2. Biblical examples
 - a. Judas Iscariot
 - b. Rich young ruler
 - c. John 1:10-11 “*He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.*”
3. Examples today
 - a. John Lennon – publicly referred to Christ in a mocking manner... On March 4, 1966, this quote of John's was printed in an interview by reporter (and friend of John's) Maureen Cleave in the London Evening Standard: “Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue with that; I'm right and I will be proved right. We're more popular than Jesus now; I don't know which will go first - rock 'n' roll or Christianity. Jesus was all right but his disciples were thick and ordinary. It's them twisting it that ruins it for me.”
 - b. Kathy Griffin – won an Emmy September, 2007 said, in her acceptance speech, “...*A lot of people come up here and thank Jesus for this award. I want you to know that no one had less to do with this award than Jesus...*” She went on to hold up her Emmy, make an off-color remark about Christ and proclaim “...*this award is my god now!*”
 - c. many openly question His Lordship... many use His name but instead of using it for the object of worship, praise and thanksgiving, it becomes the object of cursing...

B. Have You Accepted Him?

1. Acknowledge Him as your Savior
 - a. He alone can and does save...
 - b. His blood alone can cover your sins (i.e. the punishment for those sins)
 - c. His blood is applied when you accept His gift of grace... John 14:15 *“If you love Me, you will keep my commandments.”*
2. Acknowledge Him as your Lord
 - a. He is put above everyone and everything – must be given preeminence.
 - b. He must be represented in your life style, habits, attitudes, company you keep etc.

“What Will You Do With Jesus?:”

Jesus is standing in Pilate’s hall
Friendless, forsaken, betrayed by all:
Hearken! What mean-eth the sudden call!
What will you do with Jesus?
What will you do with Jesus?
Neutral you cannot be;
Some day your heart will be asking,
What will He do with me?

Thus, the Lord knowing already will be asking on Judgment Day, “What have you done with my Son?”

II WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY BOOK

- God has give us His book, the Bible – to read, believe and apply –

A. Are You Reading It?

1. Inspired (God breathed) – the inerrant word of God equips you and me unto every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. It is faith’s source (Romans 10:17)...
3. It is our mirror revealing sin in our lives (1 Corinthians 13:12)...
4. All of which is of no use unless we read and study it:
 - a. how we need to read the Bible more consistently...
 - b. how we need to saturate our lives with the study of God’s word...
 - c. how we need to give greater heed to the reading, teaching and preaching of the Word!

B. Are You Believing and Applying It?

1. Many read the Bible in an effort to trample on God... to them there is no “truth”
2. Many read the Bible to simply satiate their conscience...
3. Then, there are those who read and accept whole heartedly knowing the Bible is God’s book

Thus, the Lord already knowing will ask, “What have you done with My book?!” What’ll be your answer?

III WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY WORLD?

- giving us a fitting environment and each other, the Lord expects us to care for HIS world:

A. Physically Speaking

1. Don’t believe this means we are to be fanatical environmentalist... or worship the earth... but am persuaded we are to be good stewards of the earth as much as good stewards of His word and Son
2. When given something to use, best to use it in a Christian manner – WWJD...

B. Spiritually Speaking

1. The task of the Church MUST NOT be minimized – this is the most important task of the world!
2. The task of the Church MUST NOT be singularized -- i.e. the commission is for all who bear the name of Christ (Christian) to brighten the corner where they are...

- I fear many people will find out too late that in this area alone they have failed miserably...
- 3. The task of the Church MUST NOT be neglected:
 - a. without Christ the world is hopelessly lost...
 - b. without our taking Christ to the world, it will continue to be hopelessly lost – Romans 10:14-15 *“How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!’”*

“What have you done with My world” the Lord will ask. What will your answer be?

Conclusion: Our text concludes with these words: *“It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”* Why is this true? It is true because you and I have been entrusted with many indescribable gifts by the Lord. He has entrusted us with His Son, His Word, and His World.

That brings us to these final questions. Just what are you doing with Jesus the Christ? Have you accepted Him as your Lord and Savior and has it been on His terms and no one else’s? What are you doing with His Word? Are you studying the Bible to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed because you accurately handle God’s Word? What are you doing with His world? Are you giving it its only hope, or are you adding to its hopelessness? Brethren and friend, we need to come to grips with these questions for someday the Lord will be asking: “What Have You Done?!”