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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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Your Values and You

Steve Hardin

via-The Auburn Beacon—09-26-2010

Many are not aware of it, but the choices we make every day say a great deal about our sense of value. It's a simple fact that we choose what we like, what we are interested in. There is a good example in the Bible which shows us the relationship between choices and values. This example is referred to in Hebrews 12:16 where we read, *"lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright."* This statement in Hebrews is made about Esau in connection with the story we find in Genesis 25.

I think this story demonstrates how much a man is often willing to give away for immediate satisfaction of his material or physical desires. The meal which Esau received from his brother, Jacob, was the most expensive meal that Esau would ever eat.

By virtue of being the firstborn son, Esau had the right of a greater share of inheritance in his father's house. He showed a total lack of appreciation for this right which was his by birth. Instead of appreciation, his choice shows that he really did not comprehend the value of this great blessing.

I believe that one today who is born again (John 3:3) and is in the kingdom of God, has a spiritual birthright. In Christ, all spiritual blessings are found (Ephesians 1:3). There is no greater heritage than that which awaits for the child of God.

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Notice what Peter wrote about the inheritance of the Christian in 1 Peter 1:3-4, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.*" Christians are members of God's family (Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 8:14-17).

Great blessings come to those who are part of this family. We are given the right to pray to God, our heavenly Father, and to receive His blessings (Matthew 7:11). There is no guarantee however, that we will receive the great heritage reserved for us. It is reserved for the faithful child of God (Matthew 7:21; Revelation 2:10). Just as Esau sold his birthright, we as God's own children can sell ours for a "mess of pottage."

We can yield to temptation to gratify the lusts of the flesh and thereby relinquish our right to the world's greatest heritage. When we neglect the kingdom of God and put material things above godliness, righteousness or holiness; we do not have a proper sense of values.

It is said that Esau was a profane person (Hebrews 12:16). The profane person is not only one who curse and takes God's name in vain or uses vulgar and obscene speech. A profane person is also one who does not value the spiritual blessing of God above the material things of this world.

What is the value of a dollar, or even a million of them, compared to the birthright of a child of God? All of the money in the world is only a mess of pottage when compared to the spiritual blessings in Christ. The beautiful mansion in this world is only a cheap trinket when compared to the heavenly mansions Jesus promised in John 14:1-4. Yet, there are those who for one little moment of pleasure in sin will turn from the Lord and sell their birthright.

Moses is held up as an example in Hebrews 11 of one who had a proper sense of values. Moses refused to trade the rich future blessings of God for the temporal pleasures of sin which could have been his in Egypt (Heb. 11:24-27).

Simple choices in our day to day lives show where in our list of priorities we place

the kingdom of Christ. When we choose to come back to services on Sunday evening and when we attend Bible study classes on Sunday and Wednesday, we are saying by our choices what we consider to be important in our lives. If we do not choose to come back when we could, we likewise are telling the world how much we do not value the spiritual things over physical things.

Likewise, our daily choices in regard to the kind of speech we will use, the kind of clothing that we will or will not wear and our daily conduct show just where our values lie. We prove by such things, no matter what we may say, whether God is first in my life or not. We show by our choices if going to heaven means more to me than popularity and pleasure in this world.

Do you realize that the world's greatest inheritance is yours to have, if you truly value it above all?

The Demons Also Believe

Andy Sochor

via Plain Bible Teaching—11-01-2010

The Scriptures plainly teach that we are saved by faith (John 8:24; Romans 5:1). But what kind of faith saves us? Is it simply a belief in Christ as the Savior? Is it an obedient faith? Sadly, the religious world is divided over the nature of faith, even though the Scriptures give us a clear answer regarding the type of faith that saves us.

The controversy over faith and works was also alive during the first century. In addressing this, James wrote, "*But someone may well say, 'You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works'*" (James 2:18). One who seeks to be justified by faith alone can only *claim* to have faith. One who is obedient to God can *demonstrate* his faith through his works.

But does this matter? After all, we are accountable to God. Is it necessary to be able to demonstrate our faith before man? Surely not, if faith alone is acceptable. But James continues, "*You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shud-*

der" (James 2:19).

This verse presents a problem for those who believe we are saved by faith alone. Could the demons be saved by faith alone? If not, why not?

But notice further that the demons did not just believe. They also feared God ("shudder"). We also see elsewhere that some of the demons even confessed Christ (Matthew 8:28-29; Mark 1:23-24). Could these demons who believed in God, feared Him, and confessed Christ be saved? Again, if not, why not?

In the end, these demons will not be saved. Jesus said they were doing the work of the Satan (Matthew 12:24-26). Therefore, their fate would ultimately be in the lake of fire (Matthew 25:41).

If the demons cannot be saved by faith alone, why do some believe that we can be? James is very clear: "You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone" (James 2:24). "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead" (James 2:26).

If we do not have an obedient faith, then we do not have anything more than a demonic faith. The Scriptures are clear: those who obey Christ are the ones who will be saved (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:9).

Two Preachers: Amos and Amaziah

Mark White

via-Charlottesville Beacon—10-24-2010

The Old Testament prophet Amos was a shepherd turned preacher. The crowd to whom he preached was the upper class of Israel, including the King himself. He was not their choice of a preacher, however. They did not choose him -- God chose Amos for them. His oratory was not refined eloquence. His preaching was not "polite" by their standards. If they could have "fired" him, they would have, but Amos was God's preacher, not theirs. Amos 7:10-13 provides commentary on his work in Israel. "Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel saying,

'Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said: "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, And Israel shall surely be led away captive from their own land." Then Amaziah said to Amos: "Go you seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat bread and there prophesy. But never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the King's sanctuary, and it is the royal residence." This text shows Amaziah to be a different kind of preacher than Amos. Amaziah would preach what his hearers wanted, rather than what they really needed. He disliked Amos' style and message. He scoffed at the warnings Amos issued about judgments coming upon Israel because of her sins. Doubtless, it pleased King Jeroboam to hear Amaziah rebuke Amos. Amaziah told Amos to leave Israel and go to Judah, where his kind of preaching might be more appreciated. "We are too refined and sophisticated for this kind of preaching," Amaziah might be heard to say. But Amos did not keep quiet. He did not allow Amaziah to ridicule him and his work. He said, "I was not prophet, nor was I the son of a prophet, but I was a herdsman and a tender of sycamore fruit. Then the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go prophesy to My people Israel.' Now therefore, hear the word of the Lord..."

Amos was not a preacher for hire! He was not a prophet because his father was, or because he had gone to a "brotherhood preacher school." Nor did he preach because he was looking for employment! He was preaching because God told him to prophesy. We are made to wonder, "Why was Amaziah preaching?"

Many churches today want preachers like Amaziah. He would never be so rude as to disturb the peace of a congregation by pointing out its errors. He would not bother people by calling them to repent! No one would leave his preaching with feelings of guilt. Everything would be so sweet and pleasant that God would become nauseous!

Conversely, Amos' preaching would not always be pleasant. It might even be troublesome at times if people insist on remaining in sin. His harsh rebukes might even cause some guilt feelings and unrest. But, remember -- Amos was God's preacher! Honestly now, which kind of preacher would you prefer - Amos or Amaziah?

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Wayne Campbell
Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Scripture	Mark 1:1-20
Reader	Ken Prager
Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Tim Henderson
Fruit of the Vine	Don Coen, Jr.
Serve	Chuck Isinghood
Serve	CJ Isinghood
Closing Prayer	Ed Roberts

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Wayne Campbell
Scripture	Mark 1:21-45
Reader	Nathan Marshall
1st Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Dan Marton
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

Wednesday

Class Prayer	Wayne Campbell
Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Invitation	Harold Marshall
Closing Prayer	Dave Harless

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Men's Business Meeting this afternoon

Travelling:

- Melanie Vilks is out of town this weekend.

Sick/ Poor Health:

- Zeda Goddard
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law diagnosed with brain cancer.
- Ronald Lancaster, as he continues dialysis and recover.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Harold Marshall, will be having surgery Nov. 15th at UPMC Passavant Hospital. He will be in the hospital for up to a week and then have 6-8 weeks recovery.
- Kitty Morgan, is at Carriage Inn in Steubenville.
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Kris Shane
- Terry Smith
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow

Brightwood Center:

- Shirley Campbell

Valley Haven:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

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