

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
Pastor Kleeberger

SERMON OUTLINE 1/17/10

BIBLE PASSAGE: *Psalm 23:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26*

TITLE: "FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST!"

PROPOSITION: The way to free the heart from the dominion of sin is by delighting in God. Embrace the tension of the Christian life/Rest in God and reject sin!

I. THE CONFRONTATION OF CHOICE, *Lam. 3:19-26*.

A. The Pleasures of God.

1. Spiritual freedom for believers is a _____ deal, cf. *Romans 8*.
2. Realize this divine truth and miracle!
3. Say no to sin because you love God more, cf. *James 4:7, 8*.

B. The Problems of Sin.

1. In the _____ of discouragement, remember God's love-*Lam. 3:19*.
2. There's a choice to make...
3. Jeremiah chose God-*Lam. 3:24*.

II. THE CONTRAST OF SIN AND HOLINESS.

A. The allure of Sin, *Ephesians 4:22, 23; Hebrews 3:12, 13*.

1. Sin brings immediate pleasure...
2. Temptation _____ to depravity.

B. The Adventure of Holiness, *Psalm 23:1*.

1. Do you desire to love and serve God?
2. Cf. *Psalms 23:1-3 & I Peter 1:13-16*.

III. THE CREATION OF GOD.

A. We Are Designed To Seek Fulfillment.

1. God created us to need Him and others.
2. We don't always choose the right _____ to fulfillment.

B. We Are Destined To Find Pleasure In His Presence.

1. Pleasure in itself is not sinful.
2. Warnings and prohibitions in the Bible are like channel markers.

IV. THE CALL OF SIN.

A. The Lie.

1. Sin brings more pleasure than holiness.
2. Is sin _____ than holiness?

B. The Truth.

1. True satisfaction is only found in God.
2. The knowledge of God is _____ in the Word of God.

V. THE CALL OF HOLINESS.

A. It Is God Who Is Calling.

B. Holiness Is Not Drudgery, *Hebrews 11:24-26.*

C. Holiness Brings Delight, *Psalms 23; Psalm 16:11, & 1 Peter 2:9-12.*

CONCLUSION:

1. Do you know Christ?
2. Will you live for God?