

INTRODUCTION

LAST WORDS OF MAN

1. How varied are the last words of men! All last words are weighty in comparison to others. What they reveal:
  1. Last words close the record and reveal the end of one's life.
  2. Last words reveal the matured expression of one's long experience.
  3. Examples:
    1. Moses' last words as recorded in Deuteronomy 31:1-8.
    2. Joshua's last words as recorded in Joshua 24:22-28.
    3. Jesus' last words as recorded in Acts 1:3-8.
    4. Paul's last words as recorded in 2 Timothy 4:1-22.
      1. His charge to Timothy; 2 Tim. 4:1-5.
      2. His death and future reward mentioned; 2 Tim. 4:6-8.
      3. His request that Timothy come quickly, before winter; 2 Tim. 4:9, 21.
      4. Demas had turned back to the world; 2 Tim. 4:10.
      5. At his first answer no man stood with him, but all men forsook him; 2 Tim. 4:16.
      6. His real character revealed in his last words, "I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge." 2 Tim. 4:16
2. The last words of children, parents who sleep in Jesus are most precious. They are treasured forever. Reasons for attaching special weight to them:
  1. The mind is usually calm.
    1. The passions of life are gone. Men are in dead earnest, sincere, uttering only a review of the past and what they future may hold for them.
    2. The perishable things of life, silver, gold, possessions are now looked upon as worthless, and words flow forth steeped in love and tender concern for others.
    3. Dying saints preach powerful sermons. Their words are rich in all that is good and helpful.

DAVID PROFITS BY THE EXPERIENCES OF LIFE

1. David never charged God foolishly, or with folly. Job 1:22. Examples:
  1. His sin with Bath-sheba and his repentance. 2 Sam. 11:1-27; 12:1-13.
    1. He admitted his sin. "I have sinned against the Lord."
    2. His sin was forgiven. "And Nathan said to David, the Lord also hath put away thy sin." 2 Sam. 12:13
  2. David doing a right thing in the wrong way. 2 Sam. 6:1-23; 1 Chronicles 13 and 15
    1. David looking on at the death of Uzzah when he touched the ark of God. David was angry because of this. The result:
      1. He was afraid of God that day, saying;
      2. "How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?" 1 Chron. 13:12
  3. David's desire to build the temple. God forbids him to do so. 2 Sam. 7:1-4; 1 Chronicles 17:1-15
    1. David got up above his own personal feelings in the matter and did what he could when he could not do what he would. He went out and sat before the Lord and worshipped. 1 Chron. 17:16.



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4. David's sin in numbering Israel. 2 Sam. 24:1-17; 1 Chronicles 21:1-17  
 1. David to be punished for this, "Thus saith the Lord, I offer thee three things: choose the one of them that I may do it unto thee." 1 Chron. 21:10
1. Three years' famine;
  2. Three months to be destroyed before thy foes;
  3. Or else three days the sword of the Lord, even the pestilence, in the land. 1 Chronicles 21:12
2. David's choice, "Let me fall now into the hand of the Lord, for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man." 1 Chronicles 21:13

DAVID EXHORTS THE PEOPLE IN HIS LAST WORDS 2 Sam. 23:1-7; 1 Chron. 29:1-9

1. David an example to the people. 1 Chronicles 29:1-9
    1. He pled the youthfulness of Solomon his son. 1 Chronicles 29:1
    2. He pled the sacredness of the work, "the palace is not for man, but for the Lord." Verse 1
    3. He pled the energy he himself had shown in the matter, "I have prepared with all my might." Verse 2
    4. He spoke of the affection he felt, and the personal sacrifice he had made. Verses 3, 4
  2. David's appeal to the congregation. Verse 5
    1. "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" Verse 5
  3. The reaction of the people. Verses 6-9
    1. The people all rejoiced because "with a perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord." Verse 9
  4. Offering, whether personal service or special gifts must bear at least four marks. They are:
    1. Truthfulness.
      1. Our measure must not be the impression which we can produce. We must strive to do our best.
    2. Proportion.
      1. No concentration at one special point to the neglect of other duties.
    3. Sacrifice.
      1. Shall I offer unto the Lord my God of that which costs me nothing." 2 Samuel 24:24; 1 Chronicles 21:24
    4. Love.
      1. Sacrifice is transformed by love; and love is the very soul of any service. How much and not how little is the question.
  5. David's prayer of thanksgiving for the people. 1 Chronicles 29:10-19
  6. David sacrificed to the Lord. 2 Sam. 24:18-25; 1 Chronicles 21:18-30
    1. Araunah, or Ornan as in 1 Chronicles 21:18, would give David the threshing floor. David would not accept for nothing because he knew:
      1. That which costs nothing is worth nothing. Malachi 1:8, Isa. 1:11
      2. Like the father who made his will about a lost cow: "If the cow that has strayed, and has been missing now for a long time is every found it should be for my children. If the cow is not found it shall be for God."
    3. Offerings where no sacrifice is made simply constitutes cheap religion and David knew that such religion is no more than hollow mockery before God.
- SOUL'S SINS: Sent him to the witch of Endor. DAVID'S SINS: Sent him to the mercy seat of God begging forgiveness.



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