

GOD'S CALL TO REPENTANCE

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 17:30

INTRODUCTION

THE NATURE OF REPENTANCE IS CHANGE. REPENTANCE BRINGS A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE, OF ACTION, AND OF RELATIONSHIPS. GOD IS LOOKING FOR US TO REPENT IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT CHANGE US TO BE LIKE HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST. HE IS LOOKING FOR REPENTANCE IN:

I. OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

REVELATION 3:20 NIV HERE I AM! I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK. IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE AND OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN AND EAT WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME.

- A. WE WERE CREATED FOR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
- B. FAILURE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM IS COUNTER TO OUR PURPOSE
- C. FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM IS OUR MEANS OF SURVIVAL
- D. FAILURE TO BE IN FELLOWSHIP IS A FORM OF SIN
- E. WE ARE TO REPENT
 1. COME BACK INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
 2. TURN AWAY FROM THINGS THAT KEEP US FROM GOD

II. OUR PRIORITIES TOWARD HIM AND HIS WORK

MATTHEW 6:33 NIV BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN YOU AS WELL.

- A. WHERE WE PLACE OUR PRIORITIES INDICATES OUR RELATIONSHIP
- B. OUR PRIORITIES INDICATE OUR TRUST IN GOD
- C. PRIORITIES MUST BE ESTABLISHED WITH A VIEW OF ETERNITY

III. OUR COMMITMENT TO HIM AND HIS WORK

HEBREWS 11:24-25 NIV BY FAITH MOSES, WHEN HE HAD GROWN UP, REFUSED TO BE KNOWN AS THE SON OF PHAROAH'S DAUGHTER. HE CHOSE TO BE MISTREATED ALONG WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD RATHER THAN TO ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF SIN FOR A SHORT TIME.

- A. COMMITMENT INVOLVES ACTING ON OUR PRIORITIES
- B. COMMITMENT INVOLVES DEDICATION TO OUR PURPOSE
- C. COMMITMENT INVOLVES REFUSING TO BE DIVERTED