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WHY DID JESUS SAY TO PETER GET BEHIND ME SATAN
EVIDENCE THAT WE SAVOUR THE THINGS THAT BE OF MEN

Matthew 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Matthew 16:22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

Matthew 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Matthew 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Matthew 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Matthew 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Why did he say this to Peter?

He says in the text because he savored the things of man more than the things of God!

EVIDENCES THAT WE SAVOR THE THINGS OF MAN MORE THAN THE THINGS OF GOD:

Now, we don't want the Lord to say to us is "Get behind me Satan!"

Notice: This rebuke of Peter by our Lord was quite a thing. In fact, He told Peter in his rebuke that the source and motivation of his attempt to get Jesus to change his mind from going to the cross was in fact motivated by Satan.

Now think about this.

Luke 18:28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.

Luke 18:29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

Luke 18:30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Peter left his business. Peter left his family and wife. Forsook everything and for 3.5 years they have been traveling around with the Lord.

Yet he got his priorities a little messed up and Jesus had to rebuke him and tell him that he was being motivated by Satan.

Now if Peter got his priorities messed up, what makes us think we may not have things a little messed up?

Tonight I want to look at this word "Savourest". What exactly does it mean that to savor the things that be of men rather than the things that be of God?

What does the word "Savor" mean?

Here is what Strong says the word means from the greek word:

phroneo, fron-eh'-o; from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by impl. to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intens. to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience):-set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think.

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phren, frane; prob. from an obsol. phrao (to rein in or curb; comp. 5420); the midrif (as a partition of the body), i.e. (fig. and by impl. of sympathy) the feelings (or sensitive nature; by exten. also in the plur. the mind or cognitive faculties):-understanding.

Savor Means to have a affection for, to make it your care or concern.. to regard and let your opinion be influenced by the things of man.

**CONSIDER
IF THIS HAPPENED TO PETER WHAT ABOUT US ?
WHEN IS IT THAT JESUS WOULD HAVE TO REBUKE US?
WHEN IS IT THAT HE MIGHT SAY TO US:**

Get behind me Satan thou savourest the things that be of men more than the things that be of God.

Now I understand that Jesus rebuked Peter so harshly because in this particular case he was trying to get Jesus to change his mind about going to the cross.

YET STILL, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE TOO SAVOR THE THINGS THAT BE OF MEN MORESO THAN THE THINGS THAT BE OF GOD.

This is when:

- I. This is when man's opinions are more important than God's opinions.**
- II. This is when we think man's interests are more important than God's interests.**
- III. When we think man's affections are more important than God's affections.**
- IV. When we think man's ideas are God's ideas.**

WHEN WOULD THE LORD HAVE TO REBUKE US?

I. This is when man's opinions are more important than God's opinions:

Every man has an opinion.

In Peter's opinion, it would have been better for Jesus to live and be victorious over the Roman occupiers of his country.

Everybody has an opinion, but how many people really want to know what God's opinion is on a matter? How many times do we pray for something and it is obvious that we do not get what we pray for?

It is not that God did not hear us.

Is it that God can't do it?

Is it that God is just being mean to us and teasing us?

No. It may be that God doesn't see things as we see them and there is something more that He is seeing.

His opinion of what we need and what is right for us is not always what we see and think.

Evidence that we savor the things that be of men is when our opinion and men's opinions on a matter are more important than God's.

Most of God's opinions are clearly explained in the Bible.

He has a point of view and most people think their point of view on a matter is the most important thing.

II. This is when we think man's interests are more important than God's interests.

Everyone has interests and things they are concerned about.

What are the things that concern you?

One day a man came up to Jesus and said:

Luke 12:13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

Luke 12:14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

Jesus said this matter is none of my business and it is of no interest of me to get involved.

There are many things in this life that interest us and you would be surprised to find that many of these things are of no interest to God.

Some of the things we are interested in, could you imagine Jesus being interested in some of the things that matter to us?

Someone said to me, who won the super bowl? I said I don't know.
I don't know who won the world series.

Do you really think God cares? You say, yes I do.

The difference between God and me is that He knows who won and he knows everyone that played and everyone that attended. But the average American has a greater interest in sports than God. This is a part of the things that people savor, desire, and are interested in.

These are the things of men. Peter didn't want Jesus to lose and he was looking at our Lord's ministry like a super bowl game that needed to be won.

To Peter, dying on the cross was losing, not winning.

THE CROSS WAS A SYMBOL OF DEFEAT and Peter didn't want Jesus to be defeated. So he rebuked him because in Peter's Day the heroes of the day were not the athletes, they were the Zealots. The dissenters of Rome and religious leaders.

So many times we want to serve God but we want to do it man's way.
We want to get man's glory.

Today, the entertainers are the ones we look up to.
So today we try to serve God but we care more for the interests of men than the interests of God. We want to serve God and impress men.

NONSENSE.

I am very narrow in my interests.

I AM NOT PERFECT, AND I AM SURE THAT IN SOME AREAS I MAY ALSO BE LIKE PETER.

But I can honestly say my interests are very narrow.

- #1 I am interested in the Bible because God said desire the sincere milk of the word.
- #2 I am interested in people's spiritual souls and that people become part of God's church because you are Gods church and flock. God told me to care for His flock.
- #3 I am interested in my family because they are what God told me to take care of and love. Husbands love your wives. Love your children.
- #4 I am interested in my business because God said be diligent in your business.
- #5 If I have any other vice, I must confess I do have some interest in music, but it is not on the top of my list anymore, and maybe in this area I have interests that Jesus could not be bothered with. I don't know. He didn't stay up late writing cantatas. So maybe this is my vice or weakness. I can't even judge myself in this matter.

I really don't have time for much of anything else.

But sometimes we are interested in what men think about us.

Sometimes we have mixed interests.

Jesus told Peter, your interests are man's interests and not God's.

III. When we exalt man's affections as more important than God's Affections:

We are in essence savoring the things of man more than the things of God.

We all care for things, but do we have a heart for the same things God has a heart for?

Do we love as God loves?

We all love people that have same interests and personalities that we enjoy.

We want to spend time with people that we can relate to, etc.

God came to earth and dwelt with people who did not understand Him.

Did not love Him.

Did not believe in Him.

Were not grateful for what He did for them.

Luke 17:12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

Luke 17:13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

Luke 17:14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

Luke 17:15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

Luke 17:16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

Luke 17:17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

Luke 17:18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

Here we have Jesus healing men who only cared about being healed.

Jesus ministered and gave his life for us when we were yet his enemies.

Think about missionaries who go to an undesirable land.

Sacrifice to win an undesirable people.

Live in an undesirable place.

Sacrifice in order that they might introduce people who have not interest in their Saviour to their Lord and Saviour.

Why has God blessed the USA? He has blessed us not so we can enjoy the blessings.

Not so that we can have it better than other people of the world.

He has blessed us so we can reach other people with the Gospel.

He has blessed us so we can support missions.

WHAT GOD HAS AN AFFECTION FOR IS SO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE HAVE AN AFFECTION FOR.

Jesus was moved with compassion over the multitudes.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Matthew 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

Matthew 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Why did Jesus say the Laborers are few? There are few people that have the same love and compassion that God has.

We care for the things that be of men.

Men in the flesh care for those who please him and appeal to himself.

Men in the flesh will only sacrifice for those who are his friends.

Jesus came down and sacrificed for us before we ever loved him.

WHY THE CROSS? HE WENT TO THE CROSS TO PAY A DEBT WE COULD NOT PAY.

HE WENT TO THE CROSS TO FREE US FROM SATAN'S HOLD.

HE WENT TO THE CROSS TO DRAW TO HIMSELF A PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT HIS PEOPLE.

HE WENT TO THE CROSS TO SATISFY THE RIGHTEOUS DEMANDS OF OUR SIN DEBT.

PETER SAID FAR BE IT FROM THEE TO GO TO THE CROSS.

WHAT PETER WAS SAYING: You're my friend and my buddy and it is more important that I enjoy your company than for you to go to the cross and die for others.

Jesus said to Peter: You care only for the things that are of men and not the things that be of God.

What man would lay down his life for his enemies? That is not the way men think.

Romans 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

IV. When we think man's ideas are more important than God's ideas we are savoring the things of man more than the things of God.

We have our thoughts and ideas, but our thoughts and ideas are not the authority.

Got a call from a client. He is a professor of Psychophysics in human behavior. HE IS A VERY EDUCATED MAN.

As I was reading his ideas on the internet, his ideas are cloaked in a lot of fancy words and he is very knowledgeable in his field. He may even understand some things about the mind that I do not. But one thing is for sure.

Where his ideas conflict with the God's he is wrong.

I noticed that much of his studies are based on the presumption of Evolution. So in studying man's behavior and children's behavior he studies the actions of animals.

Typical humanistic approach.

When we savor the things of man we put man's thinking above God's.
We reinterpret the Bible in light of human reasoning and psychology.
We try to harmonize evolution and the Bible.
We make the Bible an allegory.

In Peter's day, the mindset of the Jews was that they needed to rid themselves of this evil occupier, Rome.

God knew that the greater enemy and occupier was Satan and sin.

Rome was a symptom, sin was the cause.
Jesus came to defeat sin.

II Corinthians 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Romans 6:10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Romans 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Romans 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Conclusion:

How about you? Do you savor the things that be of men or the things that be of God?

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Peter, you care more about mans opinions, interests, affections, and ideas, than God's.

God's ways are not our ways.

God's thoughts are not our thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

EVENING SERVICE
WHY DID JESUS CALL PETER SATAN?

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What is satan trying to do?

He is actually fighting against God
He wants us to get out of the will of God..

When we try to influence people contrary to God's will we are doing the work of Satan.

Think about it. There is the spirit of the world and Satan.
There is the spirit of Christ and God.

All those who try to get you out of the will of God are doing the work of Satan.

I. ANYONE WHO TRIES TO INFLUENCE SOMEONE TO DO THINGS CONTRARY TO GOD'S WILL ARE DOING THE WORK OF SATAN.

As a preacher it is my job to try and influence you to do the will of God.

The world tries to influence you to do the work of Satan.

Be careful who you are influenced by!

Think of it.

Was it the serpent that was speaking in the garden?
Or was it Satan that was speaking?

The Bible calls Satan that old serpent.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Read carefully Gen 3 and you will see the devil never told Eve to eat the fruit he just made a suggestion that God was withholding the fruit from them because he knew they would receive all these benefits from eating the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

II. SATAN HAS A Foothold ON MANKIND THROUGH SIN AND THE THINGS OF MEN ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE FLESHLY AND CARNAL

SO JESUS SAID TO PETER GET BEHIND ME SATAN.

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Note what Paul says about the things of men:

I Corinthians 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

III. THE THINGS THAT ARE OF MEN ARE THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD.

SATAN IS CALLED THE GOD OF THIS WORLD, SO He said get behind me Satan.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

I John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

I John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

I John 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

The things of men are things filled with pride arrogancy, etc.