

**6-5-22 Message**  
**Our Greatest Need from God's Perspective**

TEXT

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**Intro:**

Often when a preacher prepares a message to share with the Church he will think through the needs of the people and share a topic that may be a help to those that come to hear...

If I were to ask you what is the greatest need in your life what would you answer?

This morning I want to preach not what you think you need or or even what I think you need.. I want to preach what God says your greatest need is....

You see what we perceive as a need and what God perceives as a need often are two different things. God knows what you need, we only guess.

If I were to ask you to write down what is the greatest need in your life, we might read a list of things like:

1. *I need to make more money..*
2. *I need a new car..*
3. *I need a new job..*
4. *If you're single, you might think you need a wife or husband*
5. *etc. etc..*

We are all by nature selfish people..

The natural man has bought into the lie of Satan.... Which is the same lie of Gen. 3:5 which is to make us the gods of our own lives and thinking.

Genesis 3:5 ... eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

The people who buy into Satan's lies:

They want to decide for themselves good and evil etc..

They want to go their own way..

They want to do their own thing..

Even Christians are busy deciding for themselves and setting themselves up as the standard of what they need.. (i.e they are in essence gods knowing what they need in their lives...

THIS MORNING LET US LOOK AT YOUR GREATEST NEED FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF GOD

### **THE GREATEST NEED GOD SEES THAT YOU HAVE**

***I. GOD SEES MEN AS NEEDING TO SEE THAT THE WAY THEY ARE SEEKING TO SATISFY THEIR SPIRITUAL THIRST AND HUNGER IS NOT WORKING***

***1. God knows that your greatest need is to have this spiritual hunger and thirst satisfied through Him.. more about him...***

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There are people who are sincerely thirsty for more in their lives what they don't know is how to get it..

If you have this hunger and this thirst the only one that can satisfy that hunger and thirst is the Lord himself.

For those who have this spiritual hunger and thirst God is saying.. only he can satisfy this! Don't go to the world for answers..

This is a remnant and God is calling that remnant to Himself...

There are some people who just don't have this spiritual hunger..  
They are base and carnal..  
They live for the flesh.. and are totally dead to spiritual things.

Are you part of that group that hungers and thirsts?  
Do you hunger to know more about God?  
Do you thirst for some deeper knowledge of HIM ???

If you have this thirst.. God has the answer, God can satisfy this need.

If you are hungry to know God this is the truly the greatest need in your life.

THIS IS THE ROOT AND MOST BASIC NEED YOU HAVE...

Matthew 5:6 Blessed [are] they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Do you have this hunger and thirst... this is the greatest need you have..

If this is true in your life then you are one of God's remnant.. one of his children.

But God has a warning to you!

## **2. GOD SEES THIS REMNANT AS BEING MISGUIDED BY WORLDLINESS WHICH CANNOT SATISFY THEIR EMPTINESS INSIDE:**

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How much time and money is spent by God's people for things that do not matter.

God warns that his people are spending money for that which is not bread....

What if a person is hungry and their stomach is growling.. so they are looking for something to satisfy that hunger...

They are looking to quench that thirst..

My wife and I ate at a burger place once.... my wife said to the fellow, you forgot to put the hamburger between the roll... He took the burger and opened it and there it was.. This was even before the commercial "WHERE'S THE BEEF.."

This fellow's restaurant didn't fair well.. his portions were too small and people left that restaurant hungry and dissatisfied....

WHEN PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY AND EMPTY SPIRITUALLY AND THEY TRY TO FILL UP THEIR LIVES WITH THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD..... IT IS LIKE BUYING A BURGER THAT IS ALL BUN....

GOD SEES THIS AND HE IS DESIROUS OF WAKING PEOPLE UP SO THE LORD SAYS..

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NO.. people from their perspective may think that God is making their life miserable.. when all he is doing is trying to cause people to wake up and get smart....

So many people are so empty, they are running to and fro trying to find answers..

It is like a family I moved a piano for. The husband took off a year to build a new dream house. They had a beautiful house.. imported baseboard heat.. special tile from Italy... yet after the house was done. The husband just woke up one morning and decided to leave his wife. He wasn't satisfied.

So he ran off to spend more money on things that do not satisfy. Chasing more rainbows.

What is the answer?

The truth is that for some people, the greatest need they have is to know they have a need! Some people are just going along their merry way trying to fill up their lives with things in this world and someday will have a rude awakening that they wasted their lives and will have nothing in the end!

## **II. GOD IS TRYING TO DIRECT PEOPLE'S ATTENTION TO HIS SON THE TRUE SOURCE OF SATISFACTION :**

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### **1. JESUS IS THE LIVING WATER THAT ALONE CAN SATISFY YOU..**

Jesus said to the woman at the well...

John 4:10 .... " If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water..."

Jesus alone can give living water.

We need to ask him to come into our lives.

We need to seek him and receive him in our lives.

What is it to be a child of God? This living water is when God's spirit comes into your life and fills you with his spirit.

Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if [he ask] a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Luke 11:12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

The only thing that can satisfy this longing is the Holy Spirit of God that Jesus will send into your heart when you invite him into your life. He will come into your life.

The Spirit of Christ..

THIS IS THE LIVING WATER..

He is called the comforter..  
He is the one who enlightens our hearts and minds..  
The Holy Spirit of God..

When he comes into our lives he will lead and guide us into all truth..

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

This is that inner peace.. will you spend money to find this..  
Will you buy things in the world.. to find it..

After you spend money to buy these things in the end you will be disappointed.  
Emptiness is all there is. This inner peace is what the disciples got at Pentecost.

Isaiah 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

No money can buy this.. it is freely given to all that come to him.  
The wealthiest men of this world cannot buy it.. but you can have it if you humble yourself before God and ask.

Isaiah 55:4 Behold, I have given him [for] a witness to the people...

## ***2. YOUR LIFE AND THOUGHTS NEED TO BE WRAPPED UP IN JESUS CHRIST***

Jesus calls himself living water..

Do you know that over 60% of your body consists of water..  
Do over 60% of your thoughts and meditations flow to and through HIM!!!

### **Did you ever wonder why people only use Jesus' name in vain and not Allah, or Buddha or Maharishi Mahesh Yogi**

I believe it is because of the devil who is tired of hearing God's people cry out to Jesus in prayer and need to try and make his people consider his name a curse word..

Just like your body is 60% water.. your thoughts and mind should be 60% consumed with speaking and praying to Christ. He ought to consume your thought life through prayer and meditation.

The devil tried to get his people only thinking of Jesus as a curse word.

It reminds me of the time I was teaching a DVBS class in Langhorn Baptist Church. A young girl asked me not use a bad word in class. I asked what bad word. She replied Jesus Christ.. She thought the name Jesus Christ was only a curse word.

I realized this many years ago when I had a national missionary from India staying with us. When we prayed together I noticed how many times he used the name of Jesus in his prayer. It amazed me and suddenly I realized why the devil hates when his people use the blessed name of Jesus the right way!

### **III. GOD SEES THE VANITY OF MEN'S WAYS AND THOUGHTS APART FROM HIS WORD AND CALLS MEN TO SUBMIT TO HIS WAYS AND THOUGHTS:**

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#### **1. IF WE WANT TO BE BLESSED OF GOD WE NEED TO WORK AT CONFORMING OUR THINKING TO THE THINKING OF GOD:**

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Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

Almost all our problems in this life really stem from wrong thinking....

If only we can see things as God sees them...

I wish that we could have a spiritual quiz right now and God could give us that exam and test our thinking and see really if we see things as he sees them...

#### **2. THE WORD OF GOD IS TO OUR LIVES WHAT RAIN IS TO CROPS:**

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Is there an emptiness in your life?

Is there a need that you have?

Are you dissatisfied with the way things are?

Do you feel that God would have more for you?

Are you not really sure that you are in the center of God's will?

Are you spiritually empty?

If so God likens you to dried up and withered field scorched by the cares and problems of this life..

Your life looks barren and unfruitful and you have a need.. Do you feel like a barren dry hay field that is fragile and susceptible to one MATCH...

**Hay Field on fire...** Do you feel like that hay field that the least little thing could cause you to go over the edge...

NERVOUS BREAK DOWN... SAUL

What is the solution when a person feels like this?

So many people are looking in the wrong places for answers..

Some people decide they need to move..

Some people decide they need another job....

Some people decide that they need a new spouse..

So you decide that maybe you need another husband or wife..

So you decide you need to take up a new hobby ...

So you decide that if only you had a new this or that..

So you think that maybe it is the neighborhood in which you live..

So you feel Frazzled and burnt out...

All these things are what the Lord talks about in...

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The Lord says:



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The problem is that your thoughts are not conformed to the thoughts of the Lord.....

John 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:30 For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is light.

If this verse is true then when we are being burdened down and the world is frazzling us it is because we are taking on burdens that the Lord never intended for us to bear..

We are trying to fill our life with bread that doesn't satisfy...

This is evidence that our thoughts are not conformed to his thoughts..

WHEN ARE WE GOING TO LEARN TO CONFORM OUR THINKING.. TO HIS THINKING...

NOT THROUGH KRZ 98.5 Wrong kind of music will bring more confusion into your life.. Rock music.. mice.. Music Bach Handel actually promoted better thinking...

NOT THROUGH HOLLYWOOD

If our thinking is going to be transformed we need to spend some serious time in the word of God .. meditating on these things..

Isaiah 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to [them that have] no might he increaseth strength.

Isaiah 40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint.

God sees men frazzled and fried and all dried up and their lives so withered that even a little match could ignite them

Application:

When you are not satisfied not content.. discouraged.. and empty inside these are sure signs that you are following your thinking and not the word of God..

Invitation: Why not see things from his perspective?

What is the greatest need that you think you have?

List them.....

Now listen to what God says you need:

The greatest need you have is to have your thinking transformed

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Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap [their] hands.

Isaiah 55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign [that] shall not be cut off.

Application: When you feel all withered and fried up it's time to get watered by the word of God..

He knows your greatest need.. listen to Him..

Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

GOD KNOWS THAT EACH OF US NEED TO SEE THINGS EVERY DAY FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE..

THIS IS THE GREATEST NEED GOD SEES YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE....

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EVENING MESSAGE  
**ILLUSTRATIONS OF HOW MEN THINK WRONG**

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Review message and points

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Can you give me illustrations of how our thinking differs from God's and ultimately will lead to our hurt..

- I. WHAT ARE SOME ILLUSTRATIONS IN SCRIPTURE OF PEOPLE WHO'S THOUGHTS WERE CONTRARY TO GODS AND SUFFERED BECAUSE OF IT**

YOU WILL NOTICE NOWHERE IN THE STORY OF THE FALL DID THE DEVIL TELL EVE TO EAT THE FRUIT. THE SUBLTY OF HIS TEMPTATION WAS THAT HE MADE HER THINK IT WAS HER OWN IDEA.. THIS WAS THE SIN OF BALAM WITH BALAK.. HE MADE HIM THINK IT WAS HIS IDEA TO SEEK TO MAKE AN UNGODLY ALLIANCE WITH ISRAEL THROUGH SENDING OUT WOMEN..

- 1. THE ILLUSTRATION OF EVE: How did the Devil get her to eat the forbidden fruit and destroy her husband and the whole human race**

**A. He worked subtly on her thinking.. So it is that our thinking is contaminated subtly**

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

**B. He conversed with her and aroused her curiosity:**

HATH GOD SAID? This was a leading question..

**C. She was open to the lie of Satan because she did not listen to her authority nor did she understand the word of God as she should**

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Notice: She thought the tree was good for food.... It wasn't, it was bad  
She thought that the forbidden fruit was pleasant to the eye  
She thought that the wisdom that could be gained about evil was good

She thought that this forbidden fruit was good enough to share with her husband...

How many people have thought the same about smoking, drinking, drugs, immorality, and host of other forbidden fruits..

Here is an example of how a person's thinking will differ from God's thinking and ultimately lead to disaster

**2. Consider Cain:**

Genesis 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Genesis 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

Genesis 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

Genesis 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

Genesis 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee [shall be] his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Genesis 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Genesis 4:9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where [is] Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: [Am] I my brother's keeper?

Genesis 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Genesis 4:11 And now [art] thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

Genesis 4:12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Genesis 4:13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment [is] greater than I can bear.

Genesis 4:14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, [that] every one that findeth me shall slay me.

Genesis 4:15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

What was Cain's thinking..

- A. *He thought it was wrong that his younger brother be preferred above him... But God said if you do well you will be honoured and preferred also..***
- B. *He thought he was justified in killing his brother***
- C. *He thought his punishment was more than he deserved..***

### **3. OTHER EXAMPLES**

KING SAUL

BALLAM

LIBERAL UNGODLY CROWD

PEOPLE LACKING BIBLICAL STANDARDS (Morality, ethics)

PEOPLE WHO FORSAKE ATTENDING CHURCH

## **II. HOW DO WE PROTECT OURSELVES FROM WRONG THINKING**

II Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

II Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

II Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

We must compare our thoughts and ideas with Scripture and bring them into Captivity... to obedience of the Word of God.. To do this we need to know the Word of God..

### **III. Conclusion:**

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If we with a sincere heart truly want to know the truth and would be willing to obey it from the heart God will pour us out a blessing and reveal his thoughts to us.

When we try it our way we wind up being like that dried up tree..

When we do it God's way we will be like the tree that God often talks about in his word..

Jeremiah 17:7 Blessed [is] the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

Jeremiah 17:8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and [that] spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Jeremiah 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, [I] try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, [and] according to the fruit of his doings.

#### **1. Every wise Christian will ask God to search their heart and reveal to them their secret faults..**

Psalms 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psalms 139:24 And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**2. *God will answer the sincere prayer of that person who is seeking to do right and will show them his will***

Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Luke 11:10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

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**3. *Can you give Illustrations of how the word of God has changed your thinking?***

Myself before I was saved my ideas about every area of life was different..

Music...

Church

Marriage

Family

Testimonies....