

Sermon Notes

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

“Closing Thoughts – Part C”

I. The End is Secure.

A. The Beginning of the story.

1. The rest of the story to follow shortly.

B. The Gospel.

1. Calling attention to the banners.

C. Today’s emphasis – “I never measure up.”

1. It seems like we never do enough to make God smile.

II. Major Text.

A. John 15:11

1. Now, the rest of the story.

B. Abrahamic covenant.

1. Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 17:9ff
2. However, sandwiched between these texts is a strange event.
 - a. Genesis 15.

C. Ancient Near East covenants.

1. How covenants (contracts) were made.
2. Note Genesis 15:18
 - a. Careful attention to the Hebrew “Made a covenant”
The Hebrew says “_____ a covenant.”
3. Special observations from Genesis 15.
 - a. The birds – Genesis 15:11 – Matthew 13:3-4
 - b. Setting of the sun
 1. Darkness – Deuteronomy 32:35
Terror – Psalm 18:4
 2. The Negro spiritual “Were You There?”

4. The “seed” descendant.

- a. Genesis 3:15; Psalm 22:30

5. Manifestation of God

a. Smoking fire pot (oven)

b. Torch

1. Ex. 3:2; 19:18; Isa 4:6; Isa. 6:4

c. A Theophany

Light – I John 1:5

Furnace – Malachi 3:3

6. God passed through the grizzly s_____ of t_____

a_____ by h_____.

- a. The covenant is _____lateral.

7. All of this happened while Abraham was a_____!

- a. Amazing what happens when men are asleep.
 1. I John 1:14; Matt 26:36-45.

III. Faith-Building conclusion.

A. Just as He gave the terms, He also took responsibility to carry out the terms.

1. Prophesied by Moses – Deuteronomy 30:6
2. Restated by Ezekiel – Ezekiel 36:26-27
3. Taught by Peter – I Peter 1:3-4
4. Clarified by Paul – Titus 3:5
5. Exhorted by John – John 1:12-13

B. Here is comfort for heavy laden saints.

Jesus will take us H_____

1. Jeremiah prophesied it – Jeremiah 32:40
2. Isaiah proclaimed it – Isaiah 54:10
3. Jesus said He would bring it to pass – John 10:27-30
4. The Hebrews writer revealed the guarantee – Heb. 9:12, 15

C. The Sanctification Clock.

1. I may know what time it is, but I do not know how it works.
2. The process of sanctification.