

“Right In The ‘Kisser”

Hosea 13: 12 - 14

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God Has Justly Declared That The Rebellion Of False “Kissings” Will Lead Only To Death, (vs. 1 - 16)

- Grotuesqueness Of “Calf Kissings,” Entitlement Of “Divine Kissings” Insistence On “Royal Kissings”
- The Familiarity Of “Comfort Kissings” May Be Preferred But It Only Leads To Folly, (vs. 12 - 14)
 1. The complacency of comfort is oblivious to God’s impending judgment, (vs. 12); See Also, vs. 11
 - Judgment is “bound” up and sealed for future use; (Job 14:17) “my transgression would be **SEALED** up in a bag, and you would **COVER** over my iniquity.”
 - (Romans 2:5) “But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.”
 2. The complacency of comfort results in the folly of “staying where you are,” (vs. 13)
 - a. It is unnatural to remain in the same place “forever,” (vs. 13a); (Isaiah 13:8) “They will be **DISMAYED**; pangs and agony will **SEIZE** them; they will be in **ANGUISH** like a woman in **LABOR**. They will **LOOK** aghast at one another; their faces will be aflame.”
 - b. It is unnatural to deny the time for change has come, (vs. 13b); (Acts 24:25) “And as he **REASONED** about righteousness and self-control and the **COMING** judgment, Felix **WAS** alarmed and said, “Go away **FOR THE PRESENT**. When I **GET** an opportunity I will **summon** you.”
 - (Jude 3) “Beloved, **ALTHOUGH I WAS VERY EAGER** to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write **APPEALING** to you to contend for the faith that was once for all **DELIVERED** to the saints.”
 - c. It is unnatural to remain in a place when the season is over, (vs. 13c); (2 Corinthians 6:2-8) “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” **BEHOLD**, now is the favorable time; **BEHOLD**, now is the day of salvation.

We **PUT** no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we **COMMEND** ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;”
 3. The complacency of comfort will bring the complacency of God’s compassions, (vs. 14);
 - God’s compassions will not be stirred to “redeem” those who are complacent, (vs. 14a)
 - God’s compassions will not be stirred to stay the sting of death, (vs. 14b)
 - God’s compassions will not be stirred to save those who are comfortable, (vs. 14c); (1 Corinthians 15:53-58) “For this perishable body must **put** on the imperishable, and this mortal body must **put** on immortality. When the perishable **puts** on the imperishable, and the mortal **puts** on immortality, then shall **come** to pass the saying that is **WRITTEN**:
“Death is **swallowed** up in victory.”
“O death, where is your victory?
“O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who **GIVES** us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, **BE** steadfast, immovable, always **ABOUNDING** in the work of the Lord, **KNOWING** that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

- The Acceptance Of "Community Kissings" May Be Pursued But It Only Leads To Punishment, (vs. 15 - 16)