

February 9, 2020

The New Testament!
Matthew 13:51-53
"Jesus in His home town!!"

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Introduction

Today Jesus and his home town

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Jesus seemed excited to go back to his hometown
They then began to question how He could do such
"Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

They had some unbelief and that unbelief was not good

Spurgeon says, "our questions should never question the might of God"

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His pedigree was not what they expected

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The Jews were offended at how common our Savior's parents and relations were

1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Acts 4:13

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Look what unbelief did

It is so powerful it tied the hands of Jesus

Why would He exert Himself on people who would not profit from what He did

Matthew 11:21

Where He could have done the most He was forced to do the least

Christ had a natural affection to his own country!

His treatment this time was much the same as before, scornful and spiteful

They found fault that He had...

No academic education

They found fault that He was just a common man...

A common man with no pedigree

It is usually so

A prophet is often without honor in his home town

Unbelief is the great obstruction to Christ's favors
Romans 1:16, Ephesians 2:8

I want us to see the nature and danger of unbelief
And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

Here is the ruin of many souls

They perish forever because they will not believe

Nothing is holding back their salvation

Their sins, no matter how many and how awful can all be forgiven

The Father in His love is ready to receive them

The blood of Jesus is ready to cleanse them

The power of the Spirit is ready to renew them

John 5:40 (ESV) Yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

It is the root sin that caused Adam and Eve to fall

The children's catechism question,

Q.26, Why did Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit?

A. They did not believe what God had said!

It is a sin that is always ready to jump up

Five root sins; pride, selfishness, worldliness, lust and unbelief or lack of faith!

So what about you?

Why are you not forsaking all to follow Jesus?

You know you have broken His law and have rebelled against Him

You have heard over and over that we are all sinners who deserve nothing except death and eternal judgement and punishment

You know in your mind that it a historical fact that Christ died on the cross for sinners just like me and you

That He took your place and your penalty, a penalty you had no way of paying yourself

But you will not believe and put your faith, trust and confidence in that work on the cross

Why will you not right now, just as if it was your last chance, and it might be

Believe in and accept what He did on the cross

Repent of going your way and tell God you want to become a follower of Jesus

Repent of the sins that you have committed and willful sins that you continue to commit and seek Him for forgiveness

Promise Him today that you are going to follow Him as Savior, Master and Lord

You remember the parable of the treasure and the pearl, the farmer and the merchant acted quickly and decisively to get the price

Why want you come to Jesus?

John 3:19 (ESV) And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 13:17 (ESV) If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Assignment...Talk about this with your family!

Read. "Grimshaw's Covenant with God"

Can you say you have made this kind of agreement with God?

Are you a repentor, believer, dedicated follower of Jesus?

Grimshaw's Covenant with God, December 1752

(J.C. Ryle, William Grimshaw)

Eternal and unchangeable Jehovah! Great Creator of Heaven and earth, and adorable Lord of angels and men! I desire with the deepest humiliation and abasement of soul to fall down at this time in Your solemn presence, and earnestly pray that You will penetrate my heart with a suitable sense of Your unutterable and inconceivable glories.

To You I now come, invited by Your love, and trusting Jesus' righteousness alone, laying myself at Your feet with shame and confusion of face; and smiting on my bosom, saying with the publican, God be merciful to me a sinner!

Glory be to You, O my Triune God! I desire and resolve to be wholly and forever Yours! Blessed God, I most solemnly surrender myself unto You. Hear, O Heaven, and give ear, O earth! I avow this day, the Lord to be my God, my Father, my Savior, and my portion forever! I am one of His covenant children forever. Record, O eternal Lord, in Your book of remembrance, that henceforth I am Yours forever. From this day I solemnly renounce all former lords--the world, the flesh, and the devil--in Your name. This day I give up myself to You, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto You; which I know is my reasonable service.

To You I consecrate all my worldly possessions. In your service I desire and purpose to spend all my time, desiring You to teach me to spend every moment of it to Your glory and the setting forth of Your praise, in every station and relation of life I am now or may hereafter be in.

Nor do I only consecrate all that I have to your service, but I also most humbly resign and submit to Your holy and sovereign will all that I am. I leave, O Lord, to Your management and direction--all that I possess and all that I wish. I set my every enjoyment and interest before You to be disposed of as You please. Continue or remove what You have given me. Bestow or refuse what I imagine I need--as You see best. And though I dare not say that I will never repine--yet I hope I may say that I will labor not only to submit, but to cheerfully acquiesce to Your sovereign providence; not only to bear Your heaviest afflictions on me, but to consent to them and praise You for them; contentedly resolving, in all Your appointments, my will into Yours; esteeming myself as nothing--and You, O God, as the great Eternal All, whose word shall determine, and whose power shall order all things in the world.

Dispose my affairs, O God, in a manner which will be wholly subservient to Your glory and my own true happiness. And when I have done, borne, and endured Your will upon earth--call me home at whatever time and in whatever manner You please.

Grimshaw's last words were, "Here goes an unprofitable servant!"

El Pacto de Grimshaw con Dios, diciembre de 1752

(J.C.Ryle, William Grimshaw)

¡Jehová eterno e inmutable! ¡Gran Creador del Cielo y la tierra, y adorable Señor de los ángeles y los hombres! Deseo con la más profunda humillación del alma. Estar en este momento en Tu solemne presencia, y orar fervientemente para que entres en mi corazón con un sentido adecuado de Tu gloria indescifrable e inconcebible.

A ti ahora vengo, invitado por tu amor, y confiando solo en la justicia de Jesús, poniéndome a tus pies con vergüenza; y golpeando mi pecho, diciendo como el publicano: ¡Dios, ten misericordia de mí, soy un pecador!

¡Gloria a ti, oh Dios de la trinidad! ¡Deseo y resuelvo ser tuya para siempre! Bendito Dios, me entrego más solemnemente a ti. ¡Escucha, oh cielo, y escucha, tierra! ¡Declaro este día que el Señor será mi Dios, mi Padre, mi Salvador para siempre! Soy uno de sus hijos del pacto para siempre. Escribe, oh Señor eterno, en tu libro de la vida, que en adelante soy tuyo para siempre. Desde este día renuncio solemnemente a todos, el mundo, la carne y el demonio. Este día me entrego a ti, un sacrificio vivo, santo y aceptable para ti; lo cual sé es mi servicio razonable.

A ti consagro todas mis posesiones mundanas. En su servicio, deseo y propongo pasar todo mi tiempo, deseando que me enseñe a dedicar cada momento para su gloria y para exponer su alabanza, en cada estación y relación de vida en la que estoy ahora o pueda estar en el futuro.

También consagro todo lo que tengo a su servicio, sino que también renuncio humildemente y someto a su santa y soberana voluntad todo lo que soy. Os dejo, oh Señor, a Tu dirección: todo lo que poseo y todo lo que deseo. Pongo todo mi disfrute e interés ante ti para que lo deseches como quieras. Y aunque no me atrevo a decir que nunca voy a arrepentirme, espero poder decir que trabajaré no solo para someterme, sino para aceptar alegremente Tu soberana providencia; no solo para soportar mis más grandes aflicciones sobre mí, sino para consentirlas y alabarte por ellas; resolviendo con satisfacción, en todas tus citas, mi voluntad en la tuya; estimándome a mí mismo como nada, y a ti, oh Dios, como el gran Todo Eterno, cuya palabra determinará y cuyo poder ordenará todas las cosas en el mundo.

Las últimas palabras de Grimshaw fueron: "¡Aquí va un sirviente no rentable!"