

Matters of the heart

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Introduction

1. Matthew 22:36-40
2. When the writers of the New Testament used the word “heart” their meaning was: “man’s entire mental and moral activity. It was considered the chief organ of physical life.
3. It was used as the real and total entombment Matthew 12:40 (JFB commentary)
4. The heart is important to us physically.
 - a. There is a normal heart rhythm
 - b. There are some rhythms that are not normal but are not deadly yes these can change into a more serious rhythm
 - c. There are some rhythms that are deadly
5. Since heart is the center of spiritual life let us look at how our spiritual heart is functioning
6. Let us do this by contrasting first

II Discussion

1. Good heart
 - a. Pure Heart 1 Peter 1:22; Matthew 5:8
 - b. Willing heart Exodus 35:5
 - c. Single heart Acts 2:46
 - d. True heart Hebrews 10:22
 - e. Believing heart Romans 10:8-10
 - f. Obedient heart Romans 6:17
 - g. Opened heart Acts 16:14
2. There is a heart that is not quite beating correctly
 - a. Troubled heart John 14:1-3
 - b. Pricked heart Acts 2:27
 - c. Cut heart Acts 7:54
 - d. The intents of the Heart Hebrews 4:12
 - e. There is a hidden heart 1 Peter 3:4
 - f. There is an anguished heart 2 Corinthians 2:3
3. There is the heart that is in a deadly rhythm and needs correcting
 - a. Harden heart Exodus 10:27
 - b. Waxen gross heart Matthew 13:15, 19
 - c. Evil heart Hebrews 3:12
 - d. Defiled heart Matthew 12:34-35; 15:18
 - e. Blind heart Ephesians 4:18
 - f. Satan filled heart Acts 5:2
 - g. Deceived heart James 1:26

III Conclusion

1. When the heart is sick the doctor is summoned
2. He listens to our heart and even examines our heart
3. The great physician can examine our hearts and help us heal our heart
4. Will you come to the Great Physician

Sources: Idea came from Caleb Cochran sermon 2/7/2010 @ Luverne; Spiritual self-Examination sermon in outline by Tom Holland