

Refuse not him that speaketh

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Introduction

1. Hebrews 12:24-29
2. We need to listen to Jesus. Hebrews 12:25
 - a. He is God's spokesman Hebrews 1:1-2
 - b. We are to heed the things we have heard Hebrews 2:1
 - c. He is the author of eternal salvation Hebrews 5:9; 12:2
3. Some are dull of hearing. Hebrews 5:11
 - a. They received a just recompense of reward Hebrews 2:1-2
 - b. He that despised Moses law died without mercy. Hebrews 10:26-31
 - c. Maybe we need to see how are hearing is?
4. Obedience is stressed in the New Testament
 - a. This is listening to what has been said and then doing!
 - b. Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8-9; James 1:22-25; Revelation 22:14
5. Are we refusing him that speaketh?

II Discussion

1. How do people refuse to hear Christ today
 - a. Some are prejudice and have closed their ears to the truth. Matthew 13:15
 - b. Some are indifferent to the Son of God. Revelation 3:20
 - c. Some may listen but are not going to obey. Acts 17:18-21
 - i. Hearing alone is not enough James 1:22
 - ii. Saying, "Lord is not enough. Romans 10:13; Luke 6:46
 - d. Some refuse the Word of Christ John 12:48, 42-43
 - i. They would rather believe in a plan devised by man for salvation Romans 10:1-3; Hebrews 2:3-4
 1. Faith only James 2:24
 2. Praying through Acts 22:16 said to a praying man.
 - ii. Men joining denominational churches
 1. Matthew 16:18 My church of Christ
 2. One head one body. Ephesians 1:22,23; 4:4
 - iii. Wearing religious titles Matthew 23:8-9
 - iv. Worship that is rejected Colossians 3:16-17; Ephesians 5:19
Lighting candles, burning incenses, washing feet as acts of worship.
2. Why do people refuse to hear Christ today
 - a. Some have been taught false doctrine Romans 10:1-3
 - b. Some trust in their own goodness
 - i. I am as good as most people Titus 3:5
 - ii. We will not be judge by what others are doing. 2 Corinthians 5:10; 10:12; John 12:48
 - c. Some are so "intelligent" that they "know" too much to obey the Lord. Isaiah 55:8-9; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 3:5
 - i. "I don't need to be baptized." 1 Peter 3:21

- ii. The church cannot save me Ephesians 5:32 the church cannot save but the church is the saved Acts 2:47
- d. Some will put off obedience assuming that they can obey later 2 Corinthians 6:2
- 3. What will you do obey or refuse to hear Christ today?
 - a. We can know the doctrine of Christ John 7:17
 - b. He will hearken to God's teaching John 6:44-45
 - c. Jesus said to come Matthew 11:28
 - d. Jesus said to Come after me Matthew 16:24-26

III Conclusion

1. If one refused to listen and heed Christ not, Christ will refuse him in the judgment John 12: 48
2. If one is ashamed of Christ now, Christ will be ashamed of him in the next Mark 8:38
 4. But those who live and serve the Lord shall be crowned with glory, honor and eternal life. Romans 2:6-11
 5. Will you listen to and obey the Lord this very morning, or will you refuse Him that speaketh?

Sources: focus on Faith sermon outlines by Tom Holland; Studies in Hebrews Denton lectures ed by Dub McClish. 1983; Ready Reference by Paul Sain, Hearing