

**SERVING GOD IN SIMPLICITY IN CHRIST.**

**LECTURE BOOK NO 3.**

**CHAPTER NO 20. DO NOT LOOK BACK OR AROUND.**

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Now that you have come to the Lord and know what He expects of you, do not look back or around you. To look back means to turn around and desire to go back where you came from. That was the place of sin, degradation and darkness from which you came when Jesus called you away from them. To look back is to court disaster. Jesus said, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God or of Heaven".

To look around is to see everything that is going on in the world in which you are standing. Remember, "we are in the world but we are not of it" Jesus said. Now that Christ has called you, you need to set your sights forwards and upwards. Forwards where He leads and upwards to where your destination is waiting for you. We walk on this earth but we are heading for Heaven. Christ walked on this earth but his destination was Heaven. What happened in His life between these two things is relevant and known to God who is the rewarder of all those that do His will.

Think for yourself "is it right and correct for me to live out my life doing my own will and then expect God to put me into His Heaven". Because it is His Heaven and it is His prerogative to put in His Heaven whom He wants to and it is also His prerogative to desire that those whom He chooses to put there must do His will.

A husband that marries a wife and takes her into his home expects of her to follow his will and if she always follows her own will and does not take notice of what he wants and requires of her in his own home then he will not take a delight in her and eventually he will ask her to leave.

**A boss who takes in an employee into his firm expects the employee to do what his will dictates, that is how it works, not so. If the employee follows his own will and does his own thing then the boss will sooner or later tell him to leave.**

**Now God is no different when it comes to inviting us to come and live forever with Him in His Heaven. He expects of us to do His will and His bidding and if we are not willing to do that He is not willing to take a chance with us and put us into His Heaven.**

**The husband seeking a wife and the boss seeking an employee studies very carefully the characteristics and nature of the one they choose to come into their home or business before they decide to take the final step of marrying the woman or employing the person, not so.**

**Now we come to God and do our own will and our own thing and then we expect Him to put us into His Heaven. Is not this a little impertinent of us in fact it is arrogant of us. The husband first proves his future wife by means of an engagement. The boss takes on the prospective employee on a trial basis and God takes us on to follow and serve Christ on earth and if we prove ourselves then He will take us to His Heaven.**

**If we honor our husbands and bosses and we do our best to please them is it not only right to honor God and try to please Him, or is God our God The God of all Gods of such small significance to us that we are not worried of honoring Him and pleasing Him. I tell you if this is the case He will not invite us to His Heaven.**

**As a wife or prospective wife has faults, failures and weakness and as a prospective employee has faults, failures and weakness so a follower of Christ has also their faults, failures and weakness. These do not matter so much as it matters to honor the one who chooses us to do His bidding or His will.**

**Because we are humans and because God created us, God does not hold our faults, failings and weakness against us. What He does hold against us is if we do not honor Him as our Creator God, Savior God, Redeemer God, Deliverer God, Healer God, Provider God and Keeper God. He wants and desires to be our everything. That is why His commandment is "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and soul,**

mind and body and spirit". This is the first commandment" and His second commandment is "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself". God requires and desires that we will love Him, love our neighbor and love ourselves. Also we must love our wives as well and we must be faithful to them as well.

If we honor and love and cherish God and His commandments we will never desire to turn back or to turn around. We will not desire to look back or to look around. Our eyes will be single as the Word said and our whole body shall be full of light.

God is not honored if we look back and He is not honored if we look around. He is honored if we look upward and we look forward. We must look upward and forward not into the darkness of uncertainty but into Him who is our Vertical help and our horizontal help as well.

In the past of our lives, what is done is done, whether good or bad and we cannot ever change it because it is past. No amount of sorrow or tears will change the past. What can be changed is the harm that we have done in the past, providing we want to change it and providing it is given us to change it. We may want to change it but it may not be possible to change it. For example if I have murdered someone in the past. I cannot change that. What I can do is to change my way and attitude and approach to what I have done. On the other hand if I have divorced my wife and she wants me back I can change my attitude and approach and my way and I can go back to her if she will unless she is remarried. You see how it works.

We can only do our best to rectify our faults, failings and weakness and the deeds connected to these things and the wrongs committed by these things as well. The good we have done in the past is to our credit and needs not to be changed or even corrected it is only the evil that needs to be changed and corrected. This is what God expects of us and desires and requires of us as well. The Word says, "The evil needs to be repented of not the good". Incidentally at repentance, we repent towards The Lord and towards His will and His way or at least that is what we should repent towards.

At repentance we repent about ourselves and our sins and our evil, and iniquity or at least that is what we should repent about. Repentance is an abrupt about face and

**about turn. It is 180° about face and about turn not 60° or 90°. It is 180° about face and about turn. This is what God wants. Remember this, we are still continuing our existence on earth into the future when this happens but there is a complete change of heart or at least there should be a complete change of heart.**

**More often that not it is only a partial change of heart and this is a problem to God and to us. God however "knows our frame that it is but dust" and He tolerates our ignorance and our partial change of heart because of Christ who died for us. He waits for our complete change of heart and when it comes He is pleased about it because of Christ that paid the full price for us.**

**The full price is paid by Christ and what God requires from us is a full acceptance of the price He paid and a full acceptance of Him who paid the price as well. Many people accept the price he paid for them but they do not accept Him as well or they accept Christ but do not accept the price He paid for them. In either of these cases their acceptance is only partial. Only full acceptance pleases God and Christ as well and the Holy Spirit also.**

**If one works on completing a puzzle but we only complete half the puzzle then the puzzle remains uncompleted until we complete it. So it is with the Gospel of Christ. To get busy with half the gospel is not good enough we must get busy with the whole, complete, full, entire, and exact Gospel of Christ. This is what pleases God if we are busy with the whole plan and will and purpose of The Gospel of Christ and with Christ himself in His entirety.**

**In order for us to do this we must come to Christ and we must never look back or around, but forward and upward. Many people come to Christ and then they look downwards and all they can see is their own, weakness, faults and failings and they cannot see their own strengths, perfect ness and success in Christ. These are the moaners and complainers and they are always miserable even though they are following Christ.**

**In the first place they are following Him but they are following reluctantly and unless a true repentance takes place they will eventually leave off following Christ and they will**

**backslide. This is a dangerous situation and it requires correction before it is too late to repent.**

**It is never too late to repent in God's eyes unless we pass the threshold of repentance and we drop out into the place of no return. This is a very bad place to be in and many have fallen prey to their own procrastination and folly, and reluctance to repent.**

**There are only two safe places to look for the child of God and that is forwards and upwards. All the others are dangerous and bring our souls in jeopardy. Looking backward and upwards, looking backwards and downwards, looking forward and downwards and looking backwards and around and looking forward and around all have their inherent dangers for the child of God.**

**We need to focus our gaze on Christ upwards and our goals, aspirations and aims forwards. This is what the gospel of Christ is all about. The good news of the Kingdom of God and of Christ, and about the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of God points to the Kingdom of Christ and The Kingdom of Heaven.**

**Many people are in the Kingdom of God but they are missing the Kingdom of Christ and the kingdom of Heaven because they are not looking for it or seeking it. The elect of God in Christ Jesus are busy with the Kingdom of God and of Christ. Go and read it in the word and you will see this is true.**

**Jesus said "not all that say unto me Lord, Lord will enter the Kingdom of Heaven but they that do the will of My Father who is in Heaven". We call Him Lord because He is Lord, we know Him as Lord because He is Lord, but we neglect to do the will of the Father as well and that is where we fall short. If this is the case we will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**Come to Christ, stay with Christ, follow Christ and do what He tells you to do and you will be with Him in the Kingdom of God and of Christ and of Heaven providing that you look forward and upwards as well and you do not turn back. In revelation it says "do not let any one take your crown from you", hold it fast and it will be eternally yours. Praise God, Honor God, Glorify God in Christ and Bless Him always.**

