

THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE

Why Won't You Repent?

- I. **You don't love righteousness-Ps45:7-You love righteousness and hate wickedness**
- A. Loving righteousness-You want to get it right so much so that no matter what you are doing, if it's wrong you want to change and get it right and you don't care about being right, you want to get it right
 - B. Love the word, it is right-My allegiance is to The Word and no matter what changes I have to make I will conform to the Word-**Ps33:4**-The word of The Lord is right
- II. **You don't love the light-Jn3:19-This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that does truth comes to the light that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.**
- A. Loving the light-You want the light to exposes your faults so you can repent and get it right; If you want to get it right you love the light
- III. **You don't love the truth and are dishonest (You're not loyal to the truth)**
- A. There must be an acknowledgment of the truth to repent-The truth that you're wrong, that you missed it-**2Tm2:25**-If God...will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth
 - 1. Can you love the truth when it's unflattering?-Can you bear it?
 - B. Perished because they didn't love the truth and repent-2Th2:10-ER-Man of Evil will use every kind of evil to fool those who are lost (KJ-Perish). They are lost because they refused to love the truth and be saved.
- IV. **You are too proud**
- A. You have humble yourself to repent-2Ch34:27-Thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heard his words against this place and against the inhabitants thereof and humbled thyself before me and did rend thy clothes, and weep before me-**1Ki25:27**-When Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went softly.²⁹Seest thou how Ahab humbles himself before me
 - 1. Humility is connected to reality/honesty-Not rising far from the ground; Latin humus-Ground (Living in the clouds vs. down to earth)
 - B. Pride won't repent-Ho7:10-The pride of Israel testifies to his face: and they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek him for all this-**Jr13:9**-After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.¹⁰This evil people, which refuse to hear my words-**Is9:9**-All the people...that say in the pride and stoutness of heart...¹³The people turneth not unto him that smiteth them
 - 1. Pride deals in lies/sees itself falsely-Won't repent because pride doesn't think it didn't do anything wrong even if it did-**Ob1:3**-The pride of thine heart hath DECEIVED thee (believe what is false)

2. Saul wouldn't deal in reality-He knew what he was to do, he didn't do it, it was his fault and he couldn't bare that reality; Pride said, "I obeyed. It was the people. It was for a sacrifice."-**1Sm15**

C. Repentance is connected to humility-It takes humility to deal in the reality that I was wrong, I missed it; Pride can't see any way it could be wrong and it won't even take honest look at itself to see if it's wrong because it's certain it's doing everything right

V. **If a person is unwilling to repent no level of judgment will produce it-**
Rv9:20-21-The rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: ²¹Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts-**Rv16:9**-Men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. ¹¹And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

A. Their biggest problem is that they won't repent-There world is coming down around them and their biggest problem is not the plagues or destruction but their refusal to repent