

Sermon Notes – September 23, 2018

The Cost of Disobedience (*Lamentations 1:1-11*)

...for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” (I Samuel 16:7b)

“Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments...the Lord your God will set you high above the nations of the earth.” (Deuteronomy 28:1)

“You are My friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:14)

Disobedience to God manifests itself in these three ways:

- I. A painful memory of the past. (*Lamentations 1:1, 6-7*)
 - A. The good old days of majesty.
 - B. The good old days of plenty.
 1. Example: The prodigal son. (*Luke 15:17*)

- II. A painful disregard from former friends. (*Lamentations 1:2, 8-9*)
 - A. No comfort for the pain of loneliness.
 - B. Total exposure of the sinful past.
 1. Example: *Numbers 32:23*

- III. A painful reminder of continual slavery. (*Lamentations 1:3-5, 10-11*)
 - A. Exiled to a foreign land. (3,5)
 - B. Nothing to celebrate. (4)
 - C. Loss of what is precious. (10-11)
 1. Example: Freedom from sin.
Freedom in Christ. (*Romans 6*)

Help for Hurting People: *Jeremiah 15:19-21*



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