

Psalms 4:6

by Chuck Smith

The sermon emphasizes that restlessness in man is caused by sin and can only be cured by seeking God's face through the finished work of the cross.

Scripture: Genesis 1:31, Psalm 4:6, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 11:28, John 19:30

Topics: "Finding Peace in God", "Restlessness"

Description

Chuck Smith explores the deep-rooted restlessness within humanity, tracing its origin back to the Garden of Eden where sin disrupted the perfect harmony between man and God. He emphasizes that true contentment can only be found in fellowship with God, as living for oneself leads to frustration and turmoil. The sermon highlights that the cure for this restlessness lies in seeking God's presence and resting in the finished work of the cross, which brings joy and peace. Ultimately, Smith asserts that the cry of our hearts for goodness can only be answered by turning to God, who alone can satisfy our deepest longings.

Transcript

"WHO WILL SHOW US ANY GOOD"

Intro: There seems to be a restlessness in man within the core & fiber of his being.

Note this question not asked by David.

I. THE ORIGIN OF THIS RESTLESSNESS.

A. Must go back to garden of Eden.

1. We see man in perfect contentment.

2. Living in harmony & fellowship with God.

B. God has spoken of His creation & declared "It is good" and God rested from His works."

C. Then entered sin - man rebelled against God's command and restlessness was the result.

D. God no longer rested and man could not rest.

1. Jesus said "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

2. Man is saying "Who will show us any Good?"

II. THE REASON FOR RESTLESSNESS. SIN.

A. Man was made for God "Thou hast created..."

1. Living for myself can only produce restlessness.

a. That sense of frustration and vanity.

b. That quest for something more.

c. I talk to the poor man.

d. I talk to the rich man.

e. I talk to the failure in life.

f. I talk to the successful man.

2. I can only rest when in fellowship & harmony with God.

a. Is such a fellowship & harmony possible?

1. Not as long as sin & rebellion present.

b. Thus I must rest where God rests.

1. In the finished work of the cross. "I have come to do

the will of the Father & to finish His work." "It is

finished."

3. Sin & Satan are a constant hassle. My desires for sin keep me in turmoil.

a. I must realize the power of the cross to remove my guilt.

b. I must realize the power of the cross to make me righteous.

c. I must cease from my own works.

III. THE CURE FOR RESTLESSNESS.

A. "Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us."

1. Walk in harmony with God.

2. Cease your rebellion & seek His face.

B. The results.

1. "Thou hast put gladness in my heart."

a. Joy is one of the first consciousness of the newborn child of God.

b. The Christian who has nothing of material possessions can know greater joy than the non-Christian who has an abundance.

c. There is a group in our society for whom I have the greatest sympathy "Jet Set."

2. "I will lay me down in peace, and sleep."

a. Oh what beautiful rest when I leave it all with God.

b. Total commitment, total rest.

c. One of the industries not needed in Kingdom age: pharmaceutical.

Tons and tons of sedatives and sleeping pills sold annually.

C. "Who will show us any good?"

David gives the only answer, "Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us" You are tired of everything in life because you were made for God, the clamant cry of that deepest portion of your being is for God, and it is impossible to satisfy it with anything less. Until you turn to God there is no rest.

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