

John 8:21-27. Christ Warns His Enemies Against Dying in Their Sins.

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Jesus warns his enemies that they will die in their sins if they do not believe in him, highlighting the importance of faith in becoming a child of God.

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Description

Favell Lee Mortimer preaches about Jesus' cryptic conversations with his disciples and enemies, revealing his impending crucifixion and the wicked fate awaiting his mockers. He contrasts those born of Satan's nature with those born again by the Holy Spirit, emphasizing the importance of being children of God. Mortimer highlights the necessity of believing in Jesus to become a child of God and warns against dying in sin without faith in Christ, urging listeners to seek and know the Lord before facing death.

Transcript

The Lord Jesus plainly told his disciples in their retired conversations, that he should be crucified; but he did not speak so plainly to his enemies--he only gave them hints concerning his approaching death. When he said, "I go my way," they understood him not. At last they formed a conjecture concerning his meaning, and said, "Will he kill himself?" They did not venture to put the question to the Lord himself, but consulted with each other on the subject. He knew their thoughts, and by his reply showed that he had alluded to his death. He would not indeed kill himself. Those who with wicked tongues now insulted him, with wicked hands would slay him. He would die upon the cross, but far worse would be the manner of their death--they would die--perhaps, in a bed, surrounded by weeping friends, but--in their sins.

When the Lord said to his enemies, "You are from beneath," he did not mean to say that they had ever lived with Satan in hell; but he meant that they partook of the nature of Satan, and were like him in pride, and hatred, and unbelief. All the inhabitants of this world are divided into two classes--of one it may be said, they are from beneath; of the other it may be declared, they are from above, having been born again by the Holy Spirit. An old writer observes, that though the children of different families are mingled in the day, when night comes on they return home to their fathers' houses. When the night of death comes, the children of Satan will go to their father's dark and horrible abode, and the children of God will go to their Father's light and glorious abode. And where shall we go? Remember the words of Jesus, "If you believe not that I am he, you shall die in your sins."

There is only one way of becoming the child of God--it is by believing in Jesus. The Jews scornfully inquired, "Who are you?" Let us humbly ask the same question. Let us say as Saul did when Jesus spoke to him from heaven, "Who are you, Lord?" He will reveal himself to all who desire to know him. He left his Father's house to seek us who were wandering about this world. He desires to bring us to his home. There is room for us, as well as for Him, in the palace of the great King. He said to his beloved apostles, "In my Father's house are many mansions." When night comes on it will be delightful to go to such a home. But what would it be to feel in dying that we were not going to God! A woman who had lived a careless life, expressed no fears on her dying bed, until the last day and night of her life arrived. Then she was heard to cry out repeatedly, "I am going, I am going--but not to God."

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