

June 27, 2021

Our devotion today is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for June 27, 2021.

Psalm 78:30-37 **Happy Birthday America**

In the part of the chapter that we did not read, the judgment of God has been upon the people, but it did not reform them, nor attain the end, any more than His mercies: Verse 32: **For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.** They murmured and quarreled with God and Moses as much as ever.

However, His works of justice were as wondrous and as great proofs of his power as His works of mercy, yet they were not powerful enough to make the people fear God, nor convinced how much it was in their interest to make Him their friend.

Yet the people persisted in their sins. In Verse 33 it says: **For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.** Nothing sudden, nothing great, but just a slow steady punishment for their wrong doings.

(Consider the people when they would not go into the promised land. For forty years, they went around, around, around, and around in circles, wore themselves out, and died because they did not obey God.)

Those that sin still must expect to be in trouble. Therefore, we spend our days in so much vanity and trouble, The reason we live with so much sickness, and so little purpose, is that we do not live by faith.

God rebuked them, and under these rebukes, they professed repentance, but they were not truthful and sincere in this profession.

- 1. Their profession seemed to be true enough. (V. 34-35) ³⁴When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God. ³⁵And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer.**

It is a sad day when God must send afflictions to make us realize that he is God.

It did not take these people long to forget what God had done for them coming out of Egypt.

Yes, they confessed their sins but then were not sincere.

2. THEY WERE NOT SINCERE IN THIS PROFESSION. (36, 37)³⁶Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues. ³⁷For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

These verses are two of the saddest that we find in this chapter. It compares with some of the others that we find in the NT where people would outright lie to the Lord, meaning to do truth.

These people did not mean to remain true to God only to get him to withdraw the punishment that was upon them. Notice what they did.

1. THEY FLATTERED HIM WITH THEIR MOUTH.

- A. Yes Lord, we remember what you have done.
- B. Yes Lord, we are your people.

2. THEY LIED UNTO HIM WITH THEIR TONGUES:

- A. We will be your people if you will only forgive us this time.
- B. We are willing to live for you and serve you.

3. FOR THEIR HEART WAS NOT RIGHT WITH HIM.

Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

4. THEY WERE NOT STEADFAST IN HIS COVENANT.

Going from one side to another. Serving God and man.

3. WHAT ABOUT US TODAY? Next Sunday we will celebrate our 245th birthday as a nation, how true are we to God at this time.

1, Do we not flatter Him with our mouth?

Yes, Lord if you will only help me, yes Lord this and that, etc.

2. Do we not lie unto Him with our tongues? I am going to change my life with no long-lasting results.

3. Are our hearts right with Him? No, if they were things would be different.

4. Are we true to His covenant or our own?

If God would pour out His punishment on those in Psalms, what makes us think that He will not do it to us?

He took the temple, the people fell by the sword, sickness came, enemies, storms, punishment of all kinds, yet the people would not return.

What about us:

We have seen the fall of great nations.

We are seeing the decline of the USA.

We have seen storms,

We have seen sickness

We have been warned.

What will it take to wake us up?

It is sad to realize and think about our nation and world are moving away from God. Just how serious are the Christian believers that are seeking to be faithful to the promises that they have made in their Christian Walk.

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