

"SO YOU WANT TO BE A PREACHER ...?"

"Then Paul stood up ... and said "... ye that **fear God**, give audience. ... and whosoever among you **feareth God**, to you is the word of this **salvation** sent." ... Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets ..." Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you. (<u>Acts 13:16</u>, <u>26</u>, <u>40</u>, <u>41</u>)

Fear God?

We note that Paul is preaching to an audience that fears God.

It is to these people that God will preach salvation. Otherwise what is the meaning of getting saved?

Saved from what?

Saved from the wrath of God!

The terror of the Lord

As the scripture says "Knowing therefore **the terror of the Lord**, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences." (<u>2 Corinthians 5:11</u>)

One thing for people to get saved is to know the terror of the Lord. And what is the terror of the Lord?... it is God's wrath of hell and its everlasting burnings for those that choose to go there by rejecting the salvation offered by Jesus Christ.

Put it this way, God is absolute love and absolute wrath, with the former being, that God would come himself, in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16), and die for the sins of the world.

Does Satan rule and reign in hell?

The confusion in most people's mind is that Satan is the ruler in hell. Nothing could be further from the truth. Satan has not been to hell yet (<u>2 Corinthians 4:4</u>) ... it is God's everlasting punishment for those who will reject Jesus Christ as their saviour.

So you want to be a preacher?

Be like Paul (<u>1Corinthians 11:1</u>) ... you can do no better.

1. Preach the fear of the Lord (Psalm 33:8; Psalm 33:18, Psalm 40:3;) ... then

2. Preach the **salvation** of Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:24)

Preaching on the street

When I preach on the street, I am accused of preaching fear ... to which I reply ... "Correct! I am! It's the fear of the Lord! There's plenty of fear around today ... but it's the wrong fear."

How do you preach fear?

Preach the impossible perfection that the law commands (<u>James 2:10</u>; <u>James 4:17</u>; <u>Galatians 3:24</u>). As it has been said "The law is the knife and <u>the gospel stitches up the</u> <u>wound</u>."



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