

# Pastor's Commentary And Outline

## SLOWLY BUT SURELY:

*"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."* (John 9:4)

Often, during my winter's holiday, year after year, I have seen the carts coming down towards the breakwater at Mentone, bringing huge masses of stone, weighing many tons, which were thrown into the sea. For a long time, I saw no result whatever of this effort; tremendous blocks of stone were cast into the sea, and covered by the waters. Yet I felt persuaded that something was being done out of sight, though nothing was visible to the eye. After a while, the piles of stone began to show above the surface of the water, and then we saw that the great foundation-work had been done. Now that the structure is nearly finished, and they begin to square up, and put everything in order, we say, "how quickly the work goes on!" Yes, but it really went on just as quickly when we could not see anything of it. Those thousands of tons of stone were not lost, they all went to make the under-water foundation; and whatever is built upon it afterwards is not to have the credit of usefulness any more than that which lay down deep at the bottom of the sea.

Some of us may have to work on for years, and never see any result of our toil. Let us not faint for a moment, nor be disheartened; some other person may come by-and-by, and all men's mouths may be filled with wonderment at the great work that he does; and yet, after all he who reads history aright, even the great God who writes it, will know that this man who seems to be so successful owes much of his usefulness to the work of other persons who labored before him. C.H. SPURGEON

**Sermon outline: “ David’s recovery and spoil ”**

1. **Losing something important hurts:** Luke 15:1-32, sheep/ coin/ son.

2. **The challenge and the triumph of this recovery :** Vs 6 / 22

“ The coexistence of two kingdoms: God’s / man’s : 1 Sam 2-4.

3. **Corresponding battles:**

David against Amalekites / Saul against the Philistines:

David prevails! Chapt 30,31

4. “ **David had a bad day**” **Why?** Distracted by the Philistines!

1Sam 27:1-4 / 27;78,10-12 “

Type of Christ going to the Gentiles/ Sampson/ The Apostles.

Acts 13:36-48/ Rom 11:11,12/ “He eats with publicans and sinners”

5. **David is sent home!** 27:6,7- 11. **CONTEXT:**

1. **Encourage yourself!** Vs 6. Remember His promises, ponder your path.

Seek restoration of your soul. Ps 23/57:1,2/ 61:1-7

2. **Seek the Lords will:** Vs 7,8

3. **The Church age type.** Traps of the world, the bondage of sin, the snare of the devil!

“ We need deliverance, and recovery by Christ , frequently : 2 Cor 4:8-12 /

4. **But Christ shall recover all!** John 6: 39/ Luke 19:10/ 1 Sam 30:11-15/ 18,19

5. **The spoil is David’s.** Vs 20: Isa 53:11,12 / Col 2:13-17

6. **A gift of Grace, not works; to His people.** Vs 22( Wicked work mongers)

23-25 A decree of free grace, equal to all forever! Mt 20:1-16 / Rom 8:32

**RIGHTEOUS IN CHRIST ALONE** “*I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*” Galatians 2:21

This verse means simply that if righteousness were possible by any observance, custom, or work of man, then it would render the death of Christ needless, useless, and an utter waste. How foolish to think that such a thing was even possible. If we hope to enjoy God’s forgiveness and blessing, it is only through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. To know Christ is for God to whittle away anything to which we look or trust, in order that He alone be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption, I Corinthians 1:30.

**Do not look to your own will as the decisive factor in God saving you!** Our will is nothing but corrupt and dead in sin. If we will to know God and follow Christ, it is because God has first changed our will and made us willing to come to Christ. “Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power,” Psalm 110:3. “It is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure,” Philippians 2:13.

**Do not look to any religious ceremony or profession as the basis of your acceptance with God!** God did not ordain baptism as a means of salvation. It is rather a public testimony of faith in Christ, and His work accomplished already for the believer. It no more saves than a marriage certificate makes a marriage. Many couples make vows to have and to hold, till death does them part and have it legalized in court, but that does not make a marriage. Without love, there is no marriage. Without true spiritual and physical union, there is no marriage. The marriage certificate is only a piece of paper. So is baptism! It is only as good as the faith that stands behind it. If there is not that work of God in the heart, producing love and obedience for Christ, it is nothing.

**Do not look to the law for any help in justifying or sanctifying you!** Many are guilty of preaching Christ’s death as sufficient for past sins, but then turn around and take people back to the law for holy living. The law cannot save, justify or sanctify. It can only condemn your disobedience. When we see ourselves in violation of God’s law, we are not to run to the law as an example to follow. The law and its unbending commandments send us to Christ for forgiveness and renewal. Christ is the believer’s rule of life and righteous living. To look to the law for help is to resist the grace of God and to denounce Christ’s work in fulfilling it. To make void the work of Christ does not render it null and void. It is not that it frustrates God’s will and purpose. That could never be! Rather, it puts you in a position of denying Christ and His glorious work, and thereby worthy of condemnation. Pastor Ken Wimer