

I bequeath my pastor's soul to the devil

(Brooks, "A Word in Season to Suffering Saints")

"Covetousness, which is idolatry." Colossians 3:5

Covetousness is explicit idolatry.

Covetousness is the darling sin of our nation.

This leprosy has infected all sorts and ranks of men.

Covetousness being idolatry, and the root of all evil, is highly provoking to God.

I have read of a *greedy banker*, who was always best when he was most in talking of money and the world. Being near his death, he was much pressed to make his will. Finally he dictates:

First, **I bequeath my own soul to the devil**

—for being so greedy for the muck of this world!

Secondly, **I bequeath my wife's soul to the devil**

—for persuading me to this worldly course of life.

Thirdly, **I bequeath my pastor's soul to the devil**

—because he did not show me the danger I lived in, nor reprove me for it.

"People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction." 1 Timothy 6:9

"*Oh My dear people, Your, Only treasure, is Jesus Christ*"

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# Pastor's Commentary And Outline

## When the Holy Spirit preaches the gospel

*But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.* 1 John 2:27

We often know the **theory** of the gospel, before we know the **experience** of the gospel. We often receive the doctrines of grace into our **judgment**, before we receive the grace of the doctrines into our **soul**.

**We therefore need to be . . .** brought down, humbled, tried, stripped of every prop; **that the gospel may be to us . . .** more than a sound, more than a name, more than a theory, more than a doctrine, more than a system, more than a creed; **that it may be . . .** soul enjoyment, soul blessing, and soul salvation.

## When the Holy Spirit preaches the gospel

to the poor in spirit, the humbled, stripped, and tried--it is a gospel of glad tidings indeed to the sinner's broken heart.

(J. C. Philpot)

*"Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice"*

**Sermon outline:** “It should have been destroyed, but God had mercy”

**(1) 5 pronounced curses!** Gen 2:17: Deut 27:26 /28;15: Joshua / 5:15/6:5/6:20-

**(2) 3 significant things:** 1. God destroyed it. Alone/ 2. Only one person, saw the glory of God

3. Defiant, against God’s gospel, Jericho was cursed: Joshua 6:26 :

**(3) Who occasioned the rebuilding of Jericho?** *Ahab! 1Kg 16:29-34*

**Lesson #1 The City is pleasant:** Vs 19. / “good” in appearance! Gen 1:4,10,12,18,21.

Gen 6:2 /26:7/24:16/ : **Gen3:6. “ Deceived, with the sense!**

**#2 It’s true condition:** Vs 19c - bad/poisoned/at the source!Mt 15/ Jer 17:9

**#3 God’s Response: A seemingly foolish act!** : Vs20,21/1cor 1:18

**#4 A man, with a method- and it’s message:** Salt? Heals?

The meaning: **Christ our cruise of salt.**

**Sacrifice/ Lev 2:13 Covenant:** Num 18;19/2chron 13:5 **God’s Faithfulness:** 2Sam23:5 / Isa 55:3

4. **A curse itself:** Gen **19:24-27** - Judges 9:45 - Ezekiel **47:7-12.** / Gal 3:13 / Duet 21:23/ Isa **53: 5**

**Application?** We are the NEW cruise in him, by the work of evangelism!

Mt 5:13 / Mark 9:50 - Col 4:6 - May He be pleased to cast us into the lives of lost sinners, for their healing!

## **The religion which I want**

**I am quite sick of modern religion**--it is such a mixture, such a medley, such a compromise. I find much, indeed, of this religion in my own heart, for it suits the flesh well--but I would not have it so, and grieve it should be so. Gal 5:17 / Rom 7:15-22

**The religion which I want** is that of the Holy Spirit. John 6:63

**I know** nothing but what He teaches me. John 6:45

**I feel** nothing but what He works in me. Phil 2:12

**I believe** nothing but what He shows me. Eph 2:8,9

I only **mourn** when He smites my rocky heart. Ezek 20:43,44

I only **rejoice** when He reveals the Savior. 1Pet 1:8

This religion I am seeking after, though miles and miles from it--but no other will satisfy or content me. When the blessed Spirit is not at work in me, and with me, I fall back into all the . . . darkness, unbelief, earthliness, idleness, carelessness, infidelity, and helplessness of my Adam nature. Rom 7:24,25

True religion is a supernatural and mysterious thing ([Letters of J. C. Philpot](#)) 1837