

Introduction

1. A stern chapter – tender ending
2. Christ hates sin – but not sinners
3. Here is overflowing love + pity

1. JESUS CHRIST IS FULL OF LOVE FOR SINNERS

- 1) He wept over the city: Luke 19:41. See John 11
- 2) His heart was stirred: "O Jerusalem!"
- 3) He rebuked their sins (chap. 23) but in love
- 4) Christ sees where sinners will end up:
 - (i) at the Judgement – with no excuse
 - (ii) on the wrong side – lost + hopeless
 - (iii) hearing the sentence of damnation
 - (iv) entering into eternal fire
- 5) History shows that powerful men can be merciless:
 - (i) Hitler
 - (ii) Stalin
 - (iii) Idi Amin
- 6) But Christ is full of love:
 - (i) He wants you all to repent
 - (ii) He urges you to listen to Him now

APPLICATION: Harden not your heart

2. JESUS CHRIST IS MOST WILLING TO SAVE SINNERS

- 1) He addresses men as great sinners:
 - (i) killing His prophets: exx
 - (ii) stoning His religious but wicked (priests)

- 2) "How often!" People hear sermons by the hundred – but do they repent?
- 3) Illustration of a hen and her chicks. Explained and illustrated.
- 4) This shows how He can help us:
 - (i) protection from punishment
 - (ii) life by His death
- 5) God made Christ the world's one and only Hope:
 - (i) the prophets
 - (ii) the angels
 - (iii) the disciples
 - (iv) the apostles
 - (v) the saints
 - (vi) all the saved

APPLICATION: Will you not cast yourself on His mercy?

3. JESUS CHRIST CAN READ OUR HEARTS PERFECTLY

- 1) "How often... but ye would not". He sees men's unwillingness / hardness / rebellion
- 2) What excuses do men make?
 - (i) "I am not very sinful". Ignorance
 - (ii) "I was baptized..." Not enough
 - (iii) "My family were Christians". But you?
 - (iv) "When I am older". Clay hardens
 - (v) "God must do the work". Yes, but...
- 3) Christ never refuses those who want Him:
 - (i) Nicodemus: very ignorant
 - (ii) Zacchaeus: perhaps only curious
 - (iii) The dying thief: only minutes to live
- 4) "I would...ye would not"!
 - (i) O look at your life in God's.....
 - (ii) Are you fit for heaven?

ILLUSTRATION: The white sheets

CONCLUSION

1. He will save you forever
2. Take you to heaven
3. To be with Him in glory forever.

PSALM

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95: 1 – 6

95: 7 – 11