



The HARSH *but* GOOD NEWS

Loving Enough to Tell the Truth about Hell

Luke 3:17-20

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1. Routinely _____ (v.17)

17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done,

20 added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. (ESV)

2. See _____ (v.18)

3. Gladly _____ (vv.19-20)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Thessalonians 1:5-10**. What's wrong with just avoiding all this "negative stuff" regarding God's judgment? What problems can result from failing to talk about the eternal consequences of not obediently responding to the gospel?
2. Read **Luke 12:4-5 & 49-53**. What distorted views of Christ form in our thinking when we sidestep words like this from him?
3. Read **Psalms 97:1-12**. Why are the foundational attributes of "justice" and "righteousness" (v.2) so important to understanding the God of the Bible? How does the centrality of these attributes help to clear up so many of the "perplexing" parts of the Bible?
4. Read **Romans 3:23-26**. How does a robust understanding of God's justice help you appreciate the transaction of the cross described in this passage?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

February 24th

Num. 11-13 & Mk. 5:21-43

February 25th

Num. 14-15 & Mk. 6:1-32

February 26th

Num. 16-17 & Mk. 6:33-56

February 27th

Num. 18-20 & Mk. 7:1-13

February 28th

Num. 21-23 & Mk. 7:14-8:10

March 1st

Num. 24-27 & Mk. 8:11-38

March 2nd

Num. 28-29 & Mk. 9:1-29

March 3rd

Num. 30-31 & Mk. 9:30-50

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 07-78 – **Sorting Out the End Times: The New Jerusalem & the Lake of Fire**

Msg. # 08-23 – **Sin & God's Necessary Aversion to It**

Msg. # 12-14 – **Forecast for a Rebellious World**

Msg. # 11-11 – **Working to Rest in God's Justice**

Msg. # 07-16 – **Believing All of God's Promises About the Future**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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