

An Outline of John's Gospel






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Two Ways to Live
Gospel of John, Part XXXXI
 John 12:12-36, Part Two
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I. Introduction

II. Two Ways to Live

TWO WAYS TO LIVE: THE CHOICE WE ALL FACE

<p>- God is the loving ruler of the world. - He made the world. - He made us rulers of the world under Him.</p>  <p>"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created." (Rev 4:11)</p> <p>1.</p>	<p>We all reject the ruler-God-by trying to run life our own way without Him, but we fail to rule ourselves or society or the world.</p>  <p>"There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless." (Rom 3:10-12)</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>- God won't let us rebel forever. - God's punishment for rebellion is death and judgment.</p>  <p>"It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment." (Heb 9:27)</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>- Because of His love, God sent his Son into the world: the man Jesus Christ. - Jesus always lived under Gods rule. - Yet by dying in our place he took our punishment and brought forgiveness.</p>  <p>"For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;" (1Pe 3:18)</p> <p>4.</p>	<p>- God raised Jesus to life again as the ruler of the world. - Jesus has conquered death, now gives new life and will return to judge.</p>  <p>"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," (1Pe 1:3)</p> <p>5.</p>	<p>The Two Ways To live; Our Way or Gods new way</p> <p>OUR WAY: -REJECT OUR RULER(GOD) -TRY TO RUN LIFE OUR OWN WAY RESULT - CONDEMNED BY GOD, FACING DEATH AND JUDGMENT</p> <p>GODS NEW WAY: -SUBMIT TO JESUS AS OUR RULER -RELY ON JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION RESULT - FORGIVEN BY GOD & GIVEN ETERNAL LIFE</p> <p>"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (Joh 3:36)</p> <p>6.</p>

III. The King's Man

In our text today, Jesus highlights His _____ and our _____. These two things always go together because the character of the King shapes the character of His people. What does it mean to be the King's man? It means to follow the King, to imitate Him. If we are united to Christ, if we are connected to Him, then we will go where he goes.

What does it mean to be the King's man? *He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.*

A. He who loves his life

First, Jesus declares that *he who loves his life will lose it*. Who is this person? The one who *loves his life* is the one who places a greater priority on his own opinions than he does on the _____ of the Father. The one who *loves his life* is the one who rejects the light, Jesus. The one who *loves his life* is the one who fails to believe in the light and who walks in darkness – who remains separated from God.

So what will be the consequence of this way of life? *He who loves his life will _____ it*. The one who says to God in this life, “*I will live separately from you; I will be on my own; I will make my desires a greater priority than your laws*” is the one to whom God says in eternity, “*You will live separately from me forever.*” But to live separately from God is to exist in death – and to be dead is not to cease to exist, it is to be truly alone.

B. He who hates his life in this world

The other way to live is, in Jesus’ words, *to hate one’s life in this world*. So what is it to hate one’s life in this world? It is to make God’s glory a greater priority than my own desires. *To hate one’s life in this world* is to *believe in the light* and so it is to *walk in the light*, to walk as He walked. What does Jesus long for most? He most longs for the _____ of God (27-28).

To long for the glory of God is to treasure Him and His law above all things.

- _____ – *Therefore, I love Your commandments more than gold, yes, than fine gold!* (Ps 119:127)
- _____ – *Many are my persecutors and my enemies, yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.* (157)
- _____ – *Princes persecute me without a cause, but my heart stands in awe of your word.* (161)
- _____ – *The proud have me in great derision, yet I do not turn aside from your law.* (51)

The wise man does not _____ *God* to obtain other things. This is what the worldly man does. When God gets in the way of the things of this world, the worldly man casts God off. Why? Because God is a means to an end. But the wise man uses all these things as a means to draw closer to God. Hence, when any one of them gets in the way of God, the wise man casts them aside. He *hates his life in this world*.

So what will be the consequence of this way of life? “*He who hates his life in this world,*” Jesus says, “*will keep it for eternal life.*” So what is it to have *eternal life*? It is to be with _____ for eternity and to be honored by the _____.

IV. Conclusion