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TEXT: Num 32:23

But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

INTRODUCTION:

I don't want to be political in my sermon; now or anytime, but I have had this on my mind ever since I listened to a man fight for his character and place on the Supreme Court of the United States.

I am not a judge in any respect of the word. I cannot assess guilt or innocence but I can listen and learn.

Judge Bret Kevenaugh is considered by many to be a top notch person, a perfect candidate for the office of a Chief Justice, but he has been tagged with a great sin: sexual assault.

From what I understand, he had a serious drinking problem during his teenage years; even before he was old enough to have a driver's license.

Though he claims to be able to control it, he still likes and drinks beer.

How was he to know his drinking would be his downfall?

Though he is extremely intelligent and has held some high ranking jobs, he may miss the most prestigious jobs of all.

More than thirty years have passed since the incident or the occasion for the crime for which he is being investigated. One would think time would heal or cover such deeds but, if the allegations prove to be true, then we will see; time does not erase sins nor heal the grief.

Regardless of how the investigation turns out, his life is marked forever.

I was stricken by his appeal. I heard him say he played football. He played basketball. He studied hard. He worked with the priests in church. He did lots of volunteer services. Yes, he must be a great man in many ways but he never gave up his beer.

His plea for acceptance was long, intense and emotional; even pitiful at times, but, so far, the allegation is dragging him down.

I got a lot of thought-provoking ideas out of his testimony; thoughts I want to compare to spiritual things.

I. Things Careless living Can Do

A. While one lives out his life, taking no thought of tomorrow, Satan takes notes and, in the most inopportune time, he releases his most embarrassing notes.

1. Things once thought to be hidden or lost in time, can be brought out for public scrutiny.

2. Things once thought to be inconsequential, can be become the most important issues of the day.

B. A thoughtless moment can spoil a lifetime of good deeds.
Denial and explanations won't change the thought the devil has on their mind.

1. The devil is the accuser.
2. He is the destroyer.
3. He drives good people toward suicide.

II. All The Good One May Have Done Will Not Matter.

A. One will toot his own horn but nobody listens or cares.
The man in the introduction bragged -

1. I played basketball. I played football.
2. I went to school and made good grades.
3. I went to church and worked charities for the downcast.
4. I have practice law and worked in high places.

B. The sight played out in the public square and may resemble a scene in God's judgment hall.

1. A plea for mercy may not be heard.
2. The recital of good deeds may pass without reward.
3. No admission of guilt came forth.
4. One stood before the tribunal with nothing more than his own merits.
5. Supporters shouted out with words of support but one sinner cannot justify another sinner.

III. Judgment Day Is Coming.

A. The Accuser will have his day;

B. An innocent plea will not be accepted.

C. A long list of 'good deed' will make no impression of the Judge.

D. A plea for mercy will be too late.

E. On the spot confessions will be too late

F. Friends and finances won't matter.

G. The Judge will not be in a 'forgiving' mood.

F. Eternity sentence is moments away.

IV. What Can One Do?

A. Accept the fact: you are a sinner in need of a Savior.

B. Believe your Christian witness.
   1. The Scriptures are true.
   2. Condemnation is possible.
   2. Salvation is available.

C. Confess your sins;
   1. …based upon your own recognizance,
   2. …not someone else's accusations.
   3. Clear your heart before God BEFORE it's too late.

D. Seek forgiveness with a humble heart.
   Forgiveness through Jesus Christ is the only way out.