传福音(柒)

Preaching the Gospel (VII)

玖 传福音的赏赐

IX. The Reward of Preaching the Gospel

一 有赏赐

A. Receiving a Reward

- (一) '我若甘心作这事,就有赏赐。'林前九章十七节。
- 1. "If I do this of my own will, I have a reward" (1 Cor. 9:17).

传福音是有赏赐的。我们若照主的意思作,必得主的赏赐。这需要我们忠心,按规矩而行。

There is a reward for preaching the gospel. If we act according to the Lord's will, we will receive His reward. We need to be faithful in this matter.

二 欢乐收割

B. Reaping in Joy

- (一) '流泪撒种的,必欢呼收割。那带种流泪出去的,必要欢欢乐乐的带禾捆回来。'诗篇一百一十六篇五至六节。
- 1. "Those who sow in tears / Will reap with a ringing shout. / He who goes forth and weeps, / Bearing seed for scattering, / Will no doubt come in with a ringing shout, / Bearing his sheaves with him" (Psa. 126:5-6).

流泪传福音撒种的,必欢乐收割。一面在今天看见人因着我们传福音得救归主而欢乐,一面在将来看见许多人是我们传福音所有的收获而欢乐。这种欢乐,也是传福音的赏赐。

Those who sow the gospel in tears will reap with a ringing shout. Today we rejoice when we see people being saved and coming to the Lord as a result of preaching the gospel. In the future we will rejoice when we see the harvest that our gospel preaching has produced. Joy is a reward for preaching the gospel.

三 得工价—积蓄永生的五谷

C. Receiving Wages—Gathering Fruit unto Eternal Life

- (一) '收割的人得工价,积蓄五谷到永生;叫撒种的和收割的一同快乐。'约翰四章三十六节。
- 1. "He who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit unto eternal life, in order that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together" (John 4:36).

主在这里应许,传福音的人能: 1 得到工价, 2 积蓄永生的五榖, 就是把所救来的灵魂积蓄到天上, 存到永远, 3 快乐。这些福分, 都是传福音的赏赐。我怕好些弟兄姊妹光为世事忙碌, 不顾传福音; 得到物质的工价, 而得不到属灵的工价; 有许多财产积存在地上, 作一时的昙花, 却没有多少灵魂积蓄在天上, 作永生的五谷; 今日有属地带着愁苦的快乐, 将来却得不到属天荣耀的快乐。这是我们不可不当心的!

The Lord promised that those who preach the gospel would receive wages, gather fruit unto eternal life, which is to gather saved souls into the heavens and keep them for eternity, and rejoice. These blessings are a reward for preaching the gospel. Many brothers and sisters are busy with the things of this world and do not pay attention to the gospel. They receive material wages, but they do not receive spiritual wages. They gather up much money on earth like a temporary night-blooming flower, but they do not gather up many souls in the heavens as fruit unto eternal life. They have an earthly joy today that brings only sorrow, but they will not receive the heavenly joy of glory. This matter is too important to ignore.

四 喜乐冠冕

D. Having Joy and a Crown

(一) '你们就是我的喜乐,我的冠冕。'腓立比四章一节,帖前二章十九至二十节。

1. "My brothers...my joy and crown" (Phil. 4:1; see also 1 Thes. 2:19-20).

我们所救的人,是我们里面的喜乐,也是我们外面的冠冕—荣耀。这也是传福音的赏赐。

Those whom we save are our inward joy and our outward crown, our glory. This is a reward for preaching the gospel.

五 不徒然

E. Not Laboring in Vain

- (一) '常常竭力多作主工,…劳苦在主里面不是徒然的。'林前十五章五十八节。
- 1. "Always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

当然我们对福音的劳苦不会徒然,作多少就必有多少的果效。这果效也是传福音的赏赐。

Our labor for the gospel is not in vain. Our fruit will be according to the extent of our labor. This fruit is a reward for preaching the gospel.

拾 传福音对信徒的功用

- X. The Impact of Preaching the Gospel on the Believers
- 一 走路的鞋
- A. Providing Shoes for Our Walk
- (一) '用平安的福音,当作预备走路的鞋穿在脚上。'以弗所六章十五节,路加十五章二十二节,罗马十章十五节。
- 1. "Having shod your feet with the firm foundation of the gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:15; see also Luke 15:22; Rom. 10:15).

圣灵在这里,把福音当作走路的鞋。我们传福音,就是把这鞋穿在脚上。鞋的用处,最少有四种:1帮助人走路;2保护脚不受伤害;3使脚与地分开,不沾染地上的秽尘;4加增人美丽。所以一个弟兄或姊妹,若好好常常传福音,从属灵方面说,他脚上是穿着鞋的,能帮助他走主的道路,能保守他属灵的脚步不受地上的伤害,能使他与世界分开,不沾染世界的污秽,也能加增他属灵的美丽。比方,一个弟兄若常常对同事传福音,到了礼拜天同事们要去看戏或赌博,就不会来约他去,反而他们要说,他是个'耶稣迷',不要找他作这些事。这样,就使他与世界分开,不沾染世界的污秽,在属灵的脚步上也就能不受世界的伤害,而能好好走主的道路,有属灵的美丽。因为传福音对于信徒有这样厉害的关系,所以这事就成为属灵军装中的一件,是使我们能胜过黑暗权势的,是我们不可轻忽或缺少的。

The Holy Spirit associates the gospel with shoes for our walk. Preaching the gospel is like shodding our feet with shoes. Shoes help us to walk, protect our feet from injury, separate our feet from the earth so that they do not get dirty from the dust of the ground, and enhance our beauty. If a brother or sister preaches the gospel often and well, their feet are shod from a spiritual point of view. This helps them walk in the Lord's way, protects them from being injured by the world, separates them from the world so that they are not dirtied by the filthiness of the world, and enhances their spiritual beauty. If a brother preaches the gospel to his associates at work, they will not ask him to go to a show or to gamble on the Lord's Day. Instead, they will say that he is a lover of Jesus and will not ask him to participate in sinful things. Thus, he will be separated from the world and not dirtied by the filth of the world. His spiritual walk will not be injured by the world; instead, he will walk in the Lord's way with a spiritual beauty. Preaching the gospel is an item of spiritual armor because it has such a strong effect on believers. It enables us to overcome the power of darkness. We must not despise the gospel or have a lack in this area.

拾壹 传福音的影响

XI. The Impact of Preaching the Gospel on the World

- 一 结束时代
- A. Ending the Age

- (一) '这天国的福音,要传遍天下, …然后末期才来到。'马太二十四章十四节。
- 1. "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth...Then the end will come" (Matt. 24:14).

主在这里说,等到福音传遍天下,末期才来到。所以传福音能结束今天的这个时代。

The end of this age will come when the gospel is preached in the whole inhabited earth. Thus, the impact of preaching the gospel will result in the ending of this age.

二 促进主来

- B. Hastening the Lord's Coming
- (一) '等到外邦人的数目添满了; ···救主从锡安出来。'罗马十一章二十五至二十六节。
- 1. "Until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in... 'The Deliverer will come out of Zion' " (Rom. 11:25-26).

这里的意思是说,等到外邦人得救的数目添满了,主就要回来。所以传福音也能促进主来。

When the fullness of the Gentiles comes in, the Lord will return. Preaching the gospel hastens the Lord's coming.

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