

747 "Digging Deep And Flying High"

(A message on 'the Deeper Christian Life.)

I. What is meant by digging deep with God?

- A. Many professing Christians are living superficial lives, based on shallow experiences.
- B. Few know the meanings of the deeper xtn. life.
- C. Deeper consecration, sanctification, abiding in Xt, powerful prayer life, passion for the lost, winsome testimony, truly spiritual disposition.

II. The need of digging deep with God.

- A. Shown by need of individual believers to be more truly spiritual. I Peter 2:17 "wells without water."
- B. Shown by need of revival in the church.
- C. Only this will meet the critical need of our nation and of the world.

III. Biblical Examples of digging deep with God.

A. Isaac the well-digger. Gen. 26:17-25

1. Esau means "contention" - v. 20
2. Sitnah means "hatred" - v. 21
3. Rehoboth means "enlargement" - v. 22
4. Beer-sheba - "the well of the oath or covenant" - v. 23
 - a. protection - "fear not" - v. 24
 - b. presence of God - "for I am with thee"
 - c. blessing of God - "and will bless thee"
 - d. faithfulness of God - "for my servant's sake"

B. II Kings 3:16

1. the valley - dry lives
2. ditches - humility; sacrifice
3. no wind; no rain - no visible source.
4. yet the valley shall be filled with water - by the miraculous power of God.

IV. How to dig deep with God.

A. Humble yourself - II Chron. 7:14

James 4:6 - "God giveth grace to the humble."

B. Sacrifice yourself - Rom. 12:1; Gal. 2:20

C. Launch out on faith

1. Luke 5:4 "launch out into the deep."
2. Ezek. 47:1-6 - river of the sanctuary to the ankles, knees, loins, to swim in - "Son of Man, hast thou seen this?"

IV. The Results of Going Deeper with God.

A. Typified by the 4 rivers that flowed out of Eden.

1. Pison = "freeness"
2. Gihon = "fullness"
3. Tigris = "power"
4. Euphrates = "fruitfulness"

John 7:37-39

B. Rivers of blessing shall flow from you to others.

C. He who goes down deep before God will be raised to spiritual heights of victory.

1. Isaiah 40:31 - "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint."
2. James 4:10 - "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up."