Church Sub Theme for 2019-20: "What's The Church Supposed To Be Like?!" (Problems in the Church)

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church Sunday, November 8, 2020

Sermon Outline cont'd

- D. The Lord Told Them That John Was The Predicted To Come Forerunner, v-27; Mal. 3:1
- E. The Lord Also Told Them That John Was The Greatest Person Whoever Lived Under The Old Testament Administration, v-28a; Lk. 1:15
- F. The Lord Also Revealed That The Least In The Kingdom Of God Was Greater Than John, v-28b; Lk. 1:15; Lk. 1:17

III. THE LORD EXPLAINED THE TWO DIVISIONS IN THE NATION OVER JOHN'S MINISTRY, 29, 30

- A. The Common People And The Tax Collectors Believed John Was From God, v-29
 - 1. Thus they obeyed John's message to repent, v-29a; Mt. 3:1-4
 - 2. They were baptized by John,v-29b; Mt. 3:5,6; Mt. 3:13-15
- B. The Religious Leaders Rejected John, v-30
 - 1. They didn't believe John was from God,v-30a Mt. 23:13. 27
 - 2. They rejected God's purpose for them, v-30b
 - a. They did not repent.
 - b. They were not baptized by John, v-30b; Mt. 3:7, 8; Mt. 21:23-27

- IV. THE LORD DESCRIBES THE ATTITUDE OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS TOWARD HIM AND JOHN, Lk. v-31-35
 - A. He Uses A Parable To Describe Them, v-31
 - B. He Describes Them As Children Playing Flutes In A Market Place, v-32-34
 - 1. They call to one another accusing each other of not responding to their musical situation, v-32
 - 2. They reacted to John's strict ministry and living and concluded he had a demon, v-33
 - 3. They reacted to The Lord's more liberal ministry and life and accused Him of being a glutton and a drunkard and a friend of sinners, v-34; Jn. 3:18
 - 4. They rejected both John and Jesus and missed God's Salvation and Eternal Life!
 - C. The Lord Applied The Parable, v-35
 - --The children of true wisdom are those who accepted John and Jesus' Ministry, and thus received God's Great Salvation and Eternal Life.