

# GOD'S GREATEST SPOKESMAN

Jhn 12:44-50

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. There were many great spokesmen for God in the past
  - 1. Moses spoke to Pharaoh Ex 3:10-14
  - 2. Elijah challenged prophets of Baal 1Ki 18:22
  - 3. Nathan rebuked David 2Sam 12:1-7
- B. All these were great and had a purpose in life
- C. Today God speaks through His Son Heb 1:1-2
  - 1. No man ever spoke like Him John 7:46
  - 2. We must hear Him Matt 17:5 (transfiguration)
- D. What did God's greatest spokesman speak of?

## DISCUSSION:

### I. SPOKE OF THE HOLINESS OF GOD Jhn 17:11

- A. Declared Him to be perfect Matt 5:48
- B. Holy and Reverend is His name Psa 111:9
- C. If Christ the Son, the spokesman for God, did not attribute these titles to man then neither should we

### II. SPOKE OF THE SINFULNESS OF MAN AND THE NECESSITY OF REGENERATION

- A. Christ recognized man was in a sinful state Jhn 8:24
  - 1. All have sinned Rom 3:23
  - 2. Purpose of Christ's coming, to save sinners Matt 1:21
- B. Sin separates man from God Isa 59:2
- C. Then Christ taught regeneration Jhn 3:3
  - 1. Man must be born again or anew
  - 2. Generate - to bring into existence, procreate, or beget
  - 3. Re-generate then is to beget again
- D. Christ told how regeneration took place Jhn 3:5
  - 1. Born of water and the Spirit (see also Tit 3:5)
  - 2. Be transformed by the renewing of minds Rom 12:2

### III. SPOKE OF BREVITY OF LIFE AND INFINITUDE OF ETERNITY

- A. The rich fool Lk 12:20
  - 1. Life compared to a vapor Jas 4:14
  - 2. We must spend our time in serving God
- B. Notice the short life of Christ, yet what He accomplished
- C. After this short life - endless life Lk 20:35,36
  - 1. Spiritual life everlasting Jhn 3:16
  - 2. Punishment also everlasting Matt 25:46
- D. Destiny in eternity fixed Lk 16:26

## IV. SPOKE OF THE REALITY OF HEAVEN AND HELL

- A. Hell is a real place Lk 16:23
  - 1. The rich man went to hell (not eternal hell fire "Gehena" but rather Tartarus the part of Hades that holds the wicked
  - 2. Yet he was in torment and could not get out
- B. We should fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell Matt 10:28
  - 1. A furnace of fire Matt 13:42
  - 2. Broad way leads to destruction Matt 7:13
- C. Heaven is a real and glorious place
  - 1. No decay Matt 6:20
  - 2. No death, sorrow, crying or pain Rev 21:4
  - 3. Prepared place with mansions Jhn 14:3
  - 4. Described as the most beautiful place man could ever imagine
  - 5. Strait gate & narrow way leads to heaven Matt 7:14

## CONCLUSION:

- A. Yes Christ the son of God was and is God's greatest spokesman and He commands us to go teach Matt 28:19,20; 2Tim 2:2,24
- B. He spoke of things we may not like: sin of man, brevity of life and of hell
- C. He also spoke of things we do like: regeneration holiness (goodness) of God, and the glory of heaven
- D. If we desire to be with God and His son, we must heed the things spoken by His greatest spokesman Acts 3:20-23 and then tell it to others as He did
- E. Words spoken by Christ will judge us in the last day Jhn 12:48