

# **Stains on the Heart**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Jeremiah 6:13.
- B. There will be no peace till there is peace with God.
- C. Sin is no longer considered sin today.

### II. Is there a stain on the altar of your conversion?

- A. The disciples never knew Judas was false.
- B. Many confessed Jesus but were not of Him. (Matthew 7)
- C. One is to make his election and calling sure.

### III. Is there a stain on the altar of your call?

### IV. Is there a stain on the altar of your devotional life?

- A. There is power in preaching from a right devotional life.
- B. You are not going to win souls without a systematic devotional life.
- C. There is no shortcut to power in the ministry because you do not get your power from yourself, but from God.

### V. Is there a stain on the altar of your message?

- A. The foolish plan of God is far wiser than any other plan. (1 Corinthians 1:18)
- B. In the gospel there is a built in power that can change.
- C. There is no method outside the cross - there is power in it.

### VI. Is there a stain on the altar of your social concern?

- A. There is no way to fulfill the command of our Lord without having a concern for the material and social needs of man.
- B. Jesus had a great social concern.

### VII. Is there a stain on the altar of your evangelism?

### VIII. Is there a stain on the altar of your relationship to your brothers?

- A. The disciples were in one accord at Pentecost.
- B. We are to love each other.
- C. We are to serve each other.
- D. We are to be gentle with each other.
- E. We are to set the believers an example for one another.
- F. We are to forgive one another. (Ephesians 4:32)
- G. We are not to judge one another. (Romans 14:13, 14:4)
- H. We are to be subject to one another.
- I. We are to edify one another. (Romans 14:19)
- J. We are to pray for one another.

IX. If God is speaking to you, recommit yourself to Him.

**Application questions**

1. Which stains do you find on the altar of your heart? Explain.

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2. What is the solution to these stains?

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3. Are you ready to recommit your life to God? Spend some time in prayer and share your experience with a trusted friend.

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