

#3 Saving it for later.

Romans 2:5 "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;"

- If you (#1) Do the same things, and (#2) if you try to skirt the two choices that are before you, then you'll (#3) be saving it for later, TREASUREST UP unto thyself WRATH.
- The bible says against the DAY of wrath.
- There's an old song the churches used to sing. "There's a sad day coming, a sad day coming. There's a sad day coming by and by," then the chorus would sing, "Are you ready? Are you ready? Are you ready for that judgment day?"
- Acts 20:20 Paul said, "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Without repentance, we sink deeper and deeper into debt.
- Christmas Carol, Jacob Marley, Ebenezer Scrooge: "You are fettered. Tell me why?" "I wear the chain I forged in life, I made it link by link, and yard by yard; I girded it on of my own free will, and of my own free will I wore it..."
- The seen and the unseen.
- The sinner sees not the chain that he has forged. He sees not the heavy weight of sin that he carries with him day after day unto that day.
- It's not until God reveals the weight of sin upon you that you will seek help.
- Another story, Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan. "Now I saw in my Dream, that the highway up which Christian was to go, was fenced on either side with a Wall, and that Wall is called Salvation. Up this way therefore did burdened Christian run, but not without great difficulty, because of the load on his back. He ran thus till he came at a place somewhat ascending, and upon that place stood a Cross, and a little below in the bottom, a Sepulchre. So I saw in my Dream, that just as Christian came up with the Cross, his Burden loosed from off his shoulders, and fell from off his back, and began to tumble, and so continued to do, till it came to the mouth of the Sepulchre, where it fell in, and I saw it no more.
- Debt works the same as an investment. It compounds and gets greater and greater. If you invest \$100 and it yields %10 every year. The next year you'll have \$110.
- Debt is the same thing. If you go into debt in order to spend \$100 and the interest is %10 every year. If you don't pay that debt, the next year, you'll owe \$110. It gets bigger and bigger. Sin is the same way.
- It get heavier and heavier.
- The wages of sin is death. If you put your wages up in the bank. If you treasure them in the bank, they'll grow and grow. As long as you leave them in there, they'll compound. The wages of sin is the same way. Leave them alone, keep treasuring them up, and soon they'll be bigger than you can bear.

- There's one thing that keeps people from repentance: "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart..."
- A hardened and impenitent heart. You see, it's not the sin that keeps you from God. It's your heart. Sin is just the manifestation of what is in the heart.
- It's a hardened and impenitent heart that stands between the Love of God and a fallen sinner.
- From the day you were conceived in the womb of your mother, it's the riches of God's goodness and forbearance, and longsuffering that has been leading you to repentance.
- But it's your hard and impenitent heart that has said, "No I don't want to go."
- And every time you've sinned and transgressed the laws of God, you've laid another brick down around your heart.

- The only way to get into a hardened heart is to break it... -

- That is why we preach Christ ~~is~~^{him} crucified... -

- There's no tool so effective than the Love of God.

- God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us... -

- We are a fallen race, whether a heathen, a religious, a Jew,

- we need a savior...

- we need mercy & forgiveness...

- I'm no better than the vilest offender...

- Christ did not die in vain...

- I needed him when I was lost... and I need him more now than I ever did...

- We need repentance, we need a soft & penitent heart... -

What is repentance? It's not so much what it is,

but what heart is able to do it...

Psalm 51 - The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise...

1st John - For thus saith the high & lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones...

- Revival is for the humble