

Freedom of Choice

Script - Lk. 10:40-42

- A. A gospel story to illustrate truth (Lk. 10:40-42).
 - 1. Martha said, “Do you not care about this unjust situation I face?” Lk. 10:40
 - a. Martha was “distracted”.
 - b. Sometimes we lose our focus about what is important.(Illustration of Robert Kearns).
 - c. Mt. 16:26-27
 - 2. Martha asked Jesus to help her change Mary’s priorities Lk. 10:40
 - 3. Jesus’ answer to Martha clarifies where spiritual values should come in our priorities Lk. 10:41-42.
 - 4. This story illustrates how important freedom of choice is to God.
- B. How freedom of choice is a past, present, and future issue.
 - 1. The fall of Lucifer (Rev. 12:7-9; Isa. 14:12-14). (past)
 - a. God had three choices; 1. He could have destroyed Lucifer in heaven, when he first rebelled. 2. He could have made him a robot, so he couldn’t sin. 3. He could honor Lucifer’s freedom of choice and let him live, so he could develop the attributes of sin for all to see.
 - b. Jesus said he saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven (Lk. 10:18).
 - c. God answer was the plan of salvation (Jn. 3:16).
 - d. Satan fought but was cast out of heaven to this earth (Rev. 12:7-9).
 - e. Adam and Eve were given freedom of choice but fell into sin also (Gen. 3).
 - 2. Freedom is presently an issue in our world where we find some people and groups trying to force people to change the way they think and accept someone else’s ideas.
 - 3. In the future
 - a. A false image will be set up and people will be forced to pay homage (Dan. 2, 3, Rev. 13:14-15, 14:9-10, 15:2; 16:2; 19:19-20; 20:4; Jn. 16:2).
- C. Our responsibility to make it plain
 - 1. The 3 angels messages are to be given to the world to warn them of the coming crisis (Rev. 14:6-12)
 - 2. Hab. 2:2-3; Eze. 3:17-18.
- D. Conclusions
 - 1. Freedom of choice has been, currently is, and will be an issue until Jesus returns.
 - 2. It is easy to get distracted on unfair issues in this sinful world.
 - 3. Jesus said his kingdom is not of this world (Isa. 53:7-8; Mt. 16:26-27).