

A CALL FOR TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

Psalm 119:113-120

INTRODUCTION

- A. Harvey Dent [aka Two Face].
 - 1. First appeared in 1942 – a fictional supervillain, adversary to Batman.
 - 2. Once an upstanding Gotham City District Attorney.
 - 4. Following an attack with acidic chemicals, Harvey Dent was left scarred for life.
 - a. He was driven insane and adopted the “Two Face” persona.
 - b. He uses his former lucky charm, a two-headed coin, to make all his important decisions.
- B. Contrasts through Scripture:
 - 1. Beginning with Cain and Abel – choices to follow God or ignore.
 - 2. Many times, the end result – eternal life or eternal damnation.
- C. Psalm 119:113-120 contrasts the ways of the unrighteous and those of God.

I. THE WAYS OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS.

- A. Double-Minded, vs. 113.
 - 1. Vain thoughts [lit., transgressors].
 - 2. It defines those who are:
 - a. Frivolous minded and divided, two-faced.
 - b. No sure faith in regard to Divine things, 1 Corinthians 3:1-3.
 - c. They are tossed here and there, Ephesians 4:14.
 - d. Unstable in all his ways, James 1:8.
 - 3. There is no firmness or stability in their faith.
 - 4. They are wavering and doubtful, Matthew 13:20-22.
- B. Evildoers, vs. 115.
 - 1. Workers of iniquity, unrighteous, wicked.
 - 2. Romans 1:21, 28-32.
 - 3. Romans 2:8 – not obeying the truth.
- C. Drifters, vs. 118.
 - 1. Wander from God’s statutes.
 - 2. They cannot be trusted.
 - a. One time the words may be truth.
 - b. The next time, a complete lie.
 - 3. The Message, “*Casual* idolatry is lethal.”
 - 4. Lukewarm, neither hot or cold, Revelation 3:15-16.
 - 5. Titus 1:15-16
 - 6. Jeremiah 6:14 – prophets and priests, “peace”.

II. THE WAYS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

- A. Love God’s Law, vs. 113.
 - 1. Settled in convictions of truth.
 - 2. Firm and steadfast, Ephesians 6:11, 13.
 - 3. 2 Timothy 2:19 – abstain from wickedness.
- B. Observe His Commandments, vs. 115.

1. When committed to God's ways, friends will turn from you.
 - a. I.e., Acts 5:13, Ananias and Sapphira lie to God.
 - b. None dared to associate with them [the church].
2. Proverbs 4:15
3. Ephesians 5:6-7, 11
- C. Love God's Testimonies, vs. 119.
 1. God's testimonies condemn sin, Psalm 19:8.
 2. Either committed or not, John 3:20.

III. GOD'S WORD.

- A. God's Word Renews Me, vs. 114.
 1. My hiding place, Psalm 32:7.
 2. My shield, Psalm 5:12; Proverbs 30:5.
- B. Total Allegiance, vs. 117.
 1. God's definitions of life – God's Word my guide (vs. 105)!
 2. Not on opinions or feelings.
 - a. Psalm 33:4
 - b. Philippians 4:8
 3. God's Word works today!

CLOSING

- A. The fear of God and His judgment, vs. 120.
- B. It begins with total allegiance to His Word.
 1. Full commitment, whole-hearted, all in!
 2. 1 John 2:3, 5