



Sermon  
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**“Sab Hauv Tseemceeb Duas”**

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Thov txojhmoov txojkev hlub thiab txojkev haumxeeb pub rau nej sawvdaws los ntawm Vajtswv uas yog peb Leejtxiv uas yog peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

**1 Thexalaunikes 5:16-22** “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil – *Nej yuavtsum niajhnuv zoo siab, niajhnuv thov Vajtswv tsis tseg. Txawm yog nej raug kev txomnyem lossis tau zoo los, nej yuav tsum ua Vajtswv tsaug. Vajtswv xav kom nej txhua tus uas nrog Yexus Khetos koom ib txogsia lawm ua li ntawd. Nej yuav tsum niajhnuv zoo siab, niajhnuv thov Vajtswv tsis tseg. Nej tsis txhob txwv Vajtswv tus Ntsujplig. Nej tsis txhob thuam tej lus uas Vajtswv tus Ntsujplig tshoov neeg lub siab qhia. Nej yuav tsum ua tib zoo xyuas txhua zaj huv tibi, zajtwg zoo nej cia li khaws zaj ntawd koj. Nej tsis txhob ua ib yam kevphem twg hlo li.*” (ESV) Nov yog Vajtswv Txojlus.

Illustration “Empty” (Show Christmas gift under a tree)

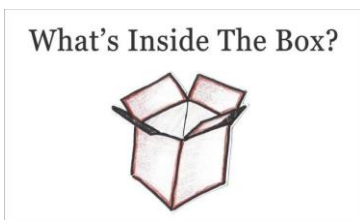


Cia peb txhua tus kaw peb lub qhovmuag thiab xav haistias txog Christmas morning lawm. Koj thiab koj lub tsevneeg los mus rau ntawm tsoob Christmas tree thiab pom ntaus lub box Christmas khoomplig nws qhwv tej lub box zoo zoo nkauj nyob hauv qab tsoob Christmas tree. Thaum nej muab cov Christmas khoomplig no koj los mus faib nyias qhov rau nyias tag. Txhua leej txhua tus zoo siab luag ntxhwb ntxhis. Sawvdaws cia li pib qhib lawv cov khoomplig. (Show empty Christmas box)



Tib pliag xwb txhua lub ntsejmuag mluas mluas thiab tsis txaus siab vim “The box is EMPTY! TSIS MUAJ DABTSIS NYOB RAU LUB THAWV NTIM LI.” Thaum no sawvdaws qhib nrawm nroos cov thawv kom tag. Txhua lub thawv los tsis muaj dabtsi ntim nyob rau hauv li thiab. Koj yuav nug haistias, “Is this some kind of a joke – nov puas yog kev tso dag xwb? “What good is a beautifully wrapped gift box if its empty - Yog vim li cas lub thawv no zoo nkauj tag npauv es nws tsis muaj dabtsis nyob rau hauv li? “Now open your eyes – Ziag no qhib koj lub qhovmuag lauj.”

I. Sab nraud tsis yog zoo xwb. (Show what’s Inside The Box)



Zoo li cov Christmas box uas qhwv zoo nkauj kawg li tiamsis qhov ua tseeb yuavtsum yog nyob rau sab hauv. Qhov ua sab hauv tseemceeb duas yuavtsum yog rau peb txhuatus uas ntseeg Vajtswv. Hauv peb lub neej peb sab nraud peb yuav ua kom lwm tus pom tias peb yog tus zoo, tiamsis qhov ua zoo ces yuavtsum yog tawm sab hauv peb lub neej yuavtsum tsis muaj leejtwg thuam tau vim peb muaj kev dawbhuv thiab ncaincees rau

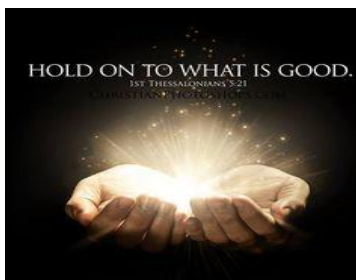
ntawm Vajtswv. Yam uas Vajtswv tsim Vajtswv yeej tsim kom zoo tiamsis nyob rau sab hauv tibneeg yog tus uas koj tsis zoo, tibneeg thiaj li muaj lub siab phem siab dag thiab siab tsis ncaincees.

Sab hauv tseemceeb duas. (Show water in trunk of a car)

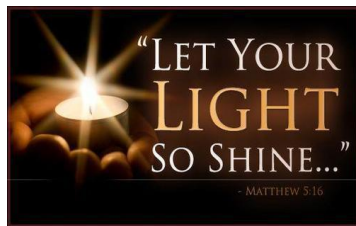


Nov yog peb lub neej uas peb hais tau tias peb yog ib tus ntseeg Vajtswv. Kuv nco thaum kuv txiv yuav tau ib lub tsheb, sab nraud tseem tshiab thiab tsav tau. Thaum peb yuav tau tsis ntev xwb lub “trunk of the car have water – *lub chaw rau khoom tomqab tsheb teev dej*” thiab ntau yam khoom hauv lub tseb tsis zoo tag vim los ntawm cov hlws dej ua rau ntub thiab tuaj pwm lawm. Lub tsheb zoo sab nraud tiamsis sab hauv tsis zoo lawm. Peb txhuatus yeej xav yuav lub tsheb kom zoo sab nraud, tsis txhob

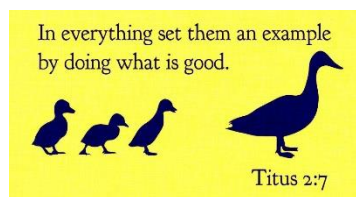
mluav, tsis txhob ntis xim, tiamsis qhov ua zoo tshaj yuavtsum yog sab hauv. Tej cav, cua sov, cua txias thiab tej rooj zaum yuavtsum zoo. Qhov tseeb tiag lub tsheb yuavtsum khiav zoo tsis txhob muaj teebmeem thiaj li tsis tuag. (Show 1 Thessalonians 5:21)



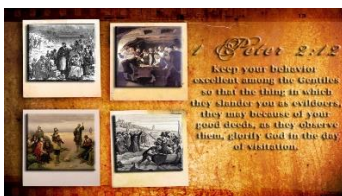
Tus Thwjtj Paulus qhia peb rau ntawm tsabntawv nws sau mus rau cov Thexalaunikes tias, “Hold fast what is good – *Zajtwg zo nej cia li khaws ntawd koj.*” (1 Thexalaunikes 5:21) Vajtswv samhwm kom sab hauv peb lub neej tseemceeb dua sab nraud. Zoo sishooj li cov Christmas khoomplig uas tsis muaj dabtsi nyob hauv losyog zoo li lub tsheb uas zoo sab nraud tiamsis sab hauv ntub dej tag. Koj yuavtsum txawj ua koj lub neej kom rau lwmtus pom tias koj yeej yog tus tibneeg ncaincees thiab dawbhuv tiag. (Show Matthew 5:16)



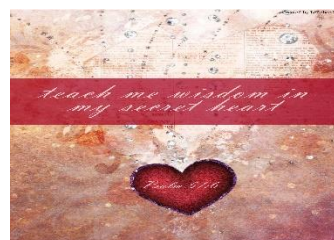
Yexus thiaj li haistias “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven – *Nej yuav tsum ua lub teeb ci rau tej neeg kom lawv pom tej haujlwm zoo uas nej ua, lawv thiaj yuav qhuas nej Leejtxiv tus uas nyob saumntuj ceebtsheej.*” (Mathais 5:16) (Show Titus 2:7)



Paulus hais rau tias, “Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity – *Koj yuavtsum ua ib puas tsav yam haujlwm zoo rau lawv xyaum thiab los ntawm tej uas koj qhia yuav pom kev ncaincees, meejmom.*” (Titaus 2:7) (Show 1 Peter 2:12)



Petus sau haistias, “Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation – *Nej yuavtsum koj nej lub neej kom zoo rau lwm haiv tibneeg, txawm thaum lawv hais lus thuam ua phem rau nej los, lawv yeej yuav pom tes haujlwm zoo uas nej ua qhuas Vajtswv rau hnuv uas nws los ntsib nej.*” (1 Petus 2:12) (Show Psalm 51:6)



Ua lub neej sab hauv tseemceeb dua yog peb yuavtsum muaj txoj kev dawbhuv txhua lub sijhawm. Peb yeej ua tau sab hauv tseemceeb dua vim Tswv Yexus Khetos uas yog peb tus Tswv twb los ua tiav hlo rau saum tus

ntoo khaublig lawm. Peb ua tau vim nws cov ntshav twb ntxuav peb sab hauv nrog rau sab nraud huv tibsi lawm. Vajntxwv Daviv haistias “Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart – *Saib seb, koj qhia qhov tseeb rau kuv sab hauv, thiab qhia lub tswvyim nyob hauv lub siab.*” (Nkauj Qhuas Vajtswv 51:6) (ESV) Qhov no qhia tau tias sab hauv tseemceeb duas.

- II. Tiamsis peb tibneeg ntiajteb pom peb sab nraud zoo xwb ces tibneeg yuav qhuas peb lawm. Sab nraud, lub ncauj haistias “Kuv hlub thiab movtshua txog nej, tiamsis sab hauv tseem muaj kev chim, kev ntxub, kev dag nrog rau kev npautaws.” Tiamsis sab hauv tsis muaj tej no. **(Show Scribes and Pharisee)**



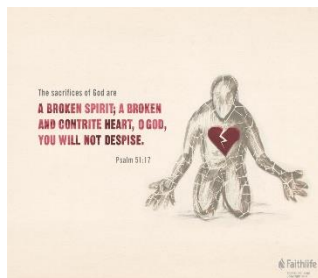
Nov zoo li cov povthawj hlob thiab cov Falixais khav tias lawv yog tibneeg ncajnrees sawv tom tej ntug kev hnav tsoo tsho zoo zoo thov Vajtswv rau tibneeg ces lawv haistias lawv yog tibneeg zoo lawm. Tiamsis Yexus hais tias “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness – *Kev nyuaj siab rau nej, cov xibhwb qhia kevcai thiab cov Falixais, cov tibneeg ntsejmuag ncaj siab nkaug! Nej zoo ib yam li lub ntxa uas plev hmoovzeb ua zoo rau sab nraud, tiamsis sab hauv puv nkaus pobtxha neegtuag thiab tsis huv li.*” (Mathais 23:27) **(Show Philippians 3:7)**



Tus Thwjtim Paulus yog ib tug povthawj Falixais totaub tias Yexus hais li cas. Nws qhia nws tus kheej haistias nws yog ibtus “Hebrews among Hebrews – *Henplais ntawm Henplais*” yog tus uas yuavtsum ua kom zoo tshaj plaws rau sab nraud. Nej sim saib thaum nws qhia li cas txog yog koj tsua xav kom koj zoo sab nraud xwb. Paulus sau haistias, “But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ – *Tiamsis tej ua kuv ua tau, kuv suav haistias, tej ntawd tsis muaj nujnqis lawm, rau qhov kuv xav ua kom haum Yexus Khetos siab.*” (Filipis 3:7) Paulus qhais haistias yog koj tsis muaj Vajtswv rau koj lub neej, koj yeej tsis muaj nuj nqis dabtsis li. **(Show Matthew 15:19-20)**



Thaum koj tsua lam ua kom zoo sab nraud xwb nws yeej tsis zoo. Yexus haistias, “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person... – *Tej uas tawm hauv tibneeg lub siab tuaj, tej ntawd ua rau tibneeg xav lus phem, tua neeg, deev luag poj luag txiv, ua plees ua yi, ua tubsab tubnyiag, hais lus dag, thiab rhuav luag plhu. Tej no yog tej uas ua rau tibneeg tsis huv....*” (Mathais 15:19-20) **(Show Psalm 51:17)**



Tsua yog Tswv Yexus Khetos thiaj li yog tus ntxuav tau sab hauv peb lub neej. Nws thiaj li yog tus ua tau peb dawbhuv thiab tsis muaj kev txhaum. Qhov no yog pib los ntawm peb tso peb txoj kev txhaum tseg. Vajntxwv Daviv sau haistias, (I translate) “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise – *Yam uas muaj fij rau Vajtswv yog puas ntawm sab ntsujplig; puas ntawm lub siab, O Vatswv, koj yuav tsis ntxub li.*” (Nkauj Qhuas Vajtswv 51:17) Hauv peb lub siab ntawm peb lub neej peb yuavtsum muaj kev dawbhuv. Yog peb tsis lees tej kev txhaum uas peb muaj peb yeej yuav tsis tau txojkev cawmdim.

III. Yog peb lees peb tej kev txhaum, (Show God is Love)



Vajtswv yog tus siab dawb thiab ncaincees nws yeej coglus tias nws yuav zam peb tej kev txhaum thiab muab peb tig rov los ua tus tibneeg dawbhuv thiab ncaincees. Vajtswv hlub peb kawg nkaus, Nws los rau lub ntiajteb no yog los ua kom peb paub npaj peb lub siab uas yog nyob sab hauv tseemceeb dua rau ntawm Vajtswv, peb thiaj li yuav muaj feem ua tau tawm rau sab nraud kom lwmtus pom tes dejnum uas peb ua tau zoo vim yog los ntawm Vajtswv los. (Show cancer and no cancer)



Muaj ibtus txivneej nws muaj mob cancer. Sab nraud mas nws zoo saib, nws zoo li tus tibneeg ua tsis muaj mob dabtsis li. Yog koj saib nws sab nraud “He looks normal – *Nws zoo nws li qub.*” Tiamsis nyob rau ntawd tus txivneej no sab hauv, nws lub cev muaj tus mob cancer. Thaum uas tus kws khomob muab qhov cancer ntawd phais, tshem tawm tag thiab kho tau nws zoo lawm, thaum no tus txivneej thiaj li tsis muaj mob sab hauv, nws yuav rov muaj kev kajsiaib thiab huv sab hauv nws lub cev.

Qhov no zoo nkaus li Tswv Yexus Khetos twb ua rau peb txhuatus lawm. Txawm haistias peb txhuatus zoo sab nraud los peb txhuatus tseem tshuav tus mob cancer hu tias “SIN – *Kev Txhaum*”. Tsua yog Tswv Yexus Khetos thiaj li los tau rau hauv peb lub neej thiab nws thiaj li yog tus ua muab rhuav tshem kev txhaum tawm thiab uas kom peb rov dawbhuv. (Show John 14:23)



Yexus coglus tseg haistias, “... If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him – *Tus ua hlub kuv, tus ntawd yeej yuav mloog kuv lus, thiab kuv Leejtxiv yuav hlub nws, thiab peb yuav mus rau ntawm nws thiab ua peb lub tsev nyob nrog nws.*” (Yauhas 14:23) Vajtswv yuav muab peb ntxuav kom peb dawbhuv txhuatus. Nws tsis pub peb sab ntsujplig kom puamtsuaj thiab tsis pub peb muaj kev txhaum. Tus uas hu koj los uas tus tibneeg ncaincees nws yeej yuav tsis tso koj tseg.

(Show Present under a Christmas tree)



Ziag no rov qis nej lub qhovmuag thiab xav txog tsoob Christmas tree nrog tagnrho cov khoomplig uas muaj nyob hauv qab tsoob ntoo. Thaum koj qhib koj li Christmas khoomplig, kuv cia siab tias koj yuav tau yam khoom uas zoo kawg nkaus thiab yuav ua rau koj nyiam thiab haum koj siab. Thov kom koj nco ntsoov tias sab nraud zoo vim nws twb xub muaj nyob sab hauv tseemceeb dua mam li tshwm tuaj rau sab nraud. Asmees. Thov kom Vajtswv Txojlus pub rau peb sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiaib lug rau ntwm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Peb txhuatus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuum peb sawvdaws hais: Asmees.