



Sermon
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“Los Kuamuag”

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

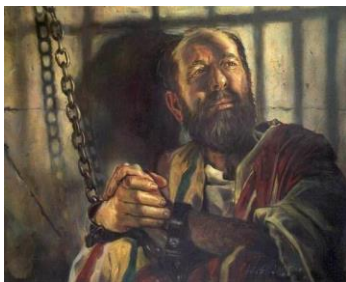
Filipis 3:18 “For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ - *Yav taglos kuv twb qhia li no rau nej lawm thiab tamsimno kuv rov qhia duos rau nej los lub kuamuag vim coob tus ua lub neej yog ua yeebncuab rau ntawm Yexus Khetos tus ntoo khaublig.*” Nov yog Vajtswv Txojlus (Cross reference – Filipis 1:17, 19)

Illustration “Tears” (Show picture of crying)



Thaum twg tibneeg los kuamuag, koj xav li cas? Puas yog nws tu siab losyog nyuajsiab? Puas yog nws chimsiab, losyog tsis txaus siab rau lwmtus? Puas tau muaj tibneeg ua rau koj los kuamuag? Thaum koj los kuamuag ntawd, yog koj zoosiab losyog chimsiab? Thaum twg peb los kuamuag, nws qhia tau ntau yam ntawm ibtus tibneeg. Nws los kuamuag vim nws txojkev zoosiab heev li – nov yog “tears of joy – *kuamuag zoosiab.*” Tej tus los kuamuag yog los rau thaum nws yuav ncaim tus uas nws hlub thiab movtshua vim nws yuav tsis rov sibpom dua li lawm – “tears of sorrow – *kuamuag tusiab.*” Yog leejtwg lam los ib lub kuamuag, tus tibneeg ntawd “crying – quaj” lawm losyog nws muaj mob raug khaubtuag thiaj li ua rau nws los kuamuag.

I. Cov Kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua, hnuvno ntawm peb qhov “Epistle – *Tsabntawv*” Paulus tseem nyob rau tsev loj kuj. (Show The Apostle Paul in Prison)



Nws sau mus rau haiv tibneeg Filipis, yog Paulus hais txog cov tibneeg uas ua phem, tsis paub Vajtswv, thiab yog cov yeebncuab ntawm Yexus Khetos los ntawm txojkev ua lawv lub neej phem. Paulus thiaj li sau haistias, “For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ - *Yav taglos kuv twb qhia li no rau nej lawm thiab tamsimno kuv rov qhia duos rau nej los lub kuamuag vim coob tus ua lub neej yog ua yeebncuab rau ntawm Yexus Khetos tus ntoo khaublig.*” (Filipis 3:18) Paulus tsis yog ntxub cov tibneeg ntawd losyog luag lawv

txojkev tsis ncaincees. Tiamsis Paulus txhawj txog lawv lub neej nws thiaj li los lub kuamuag. (Show Philippians 3:19)



Paulus sau ntxiv haistias, “Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things – *lawv lub neej yuav coj lawv mus ua kev puastsuaj, lawv tus vajtswv yog lawv lub plab, thiab lawv tej koobmeej yuav ua rau lawv txajmuag. Lawv txojkev xav yog rau khoom ntiajteb xwb.*” (Filipis 3:19) Nej tsis txhob totaub

yuamkev txog Paulus cov lus. Yog haistias, Paulus nyob rau tiam no es leejtwg ua kev ua txhaum nomtswv tej kevcai, tus ntawd yuavtsum raug txiavtxim raws li txoj kevcai. (Show Law)



Paulus thiaj li sau haistias, “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities. He who rebels against the authorities is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgement on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. If you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath, to bring punishment on the wrongdoer – Sawvdaws yuavtsum mloog nomtswv lus, rau qhov tej nomtswv ntawd yog

Vajtswv pom zoo thiaj muaj, thiab tej nomtswv ntawd puavleej yog Vajtswv tsa. Yog leejtwg tawmtsam nomtswv uas yog nws tawmtsam Vajtswv tus uas tsa tej nomtswv ntag, thiab Vajtswv yuav rau txim rau tus uas tawmtsam nomtswv ntawd. Tus tibneeg uas ua zoo yeej tsis ntshai nomtswv, tiamsis tus uas ua txhaum thiaj ntshai nomtswv. Nej yuavtsum ua zoo nej thiaj tsis ntshai nomtswv, nomtswv thiaj yuav qhuas nej, rau qhov nomtswv yog Vajtswv tus tubtxib uas ua haujlwm pab nej. Tiamsis yog nej ua txhaum, nej yeej yuav ntshai nws, rau qhov nws muaj hwjchim rau txim rau nej! Nws yog Vajtswv tus tubtxbm uas rau txim rau cov tibneeg ua txhaum.” (Loos 13:1-4) (Show crime and punishment)



Paulus totaub haistias, tus tibneeg phem twg uas ua txhaum nws yuavtsum tau nyob lub txim thiab tejzaum yuav tau mus raug lub txim tuag rau txojkev txhaum ntawd. Paulus pom haistias, tus tua tibneeg, tus tubsab, tus nyiag lwmtus yog nomtswv yuavtsum tau rau txim rau tus ntawd, pejxeem thiaj li muaj kev kajsiab ua neej. Peb nyob rau lub ntiajteb uas muaj ntau yam kev txhaum, yog li ntawd, peb yuavtsum muaj kevcai los tswjhw m tibneeg, xws li tej tubrog, tej tub ceevxwm, tej tuamxam, tej tsev lojcuj los muab lub txim rau tus ua txhaum thiab muab kev ncajnnees rau tus tsis tau ua txhaum.

Dr. Martin Luther thiaj li qhia haistias, peb cov ntseeg Vajtswv nyob rau ob lub tebchaws. Lub ib yog Vajtswv lub tebchaws uas yog Txojmoozoo uas peb tau txais kev zamtxim los ntawm yam uas peb ua txhaum. (Show two Kingdoms)



Lub ob yog lub tebchaws hauv ntiajteb no uas yog lub tebchaws tswjhw m los ntawm tej kevcai thiab kev rau txim rau tus ua txhaum rau tej kevcai ntawd. Luther thiaj li sau haistias, “There are two kingdom of God, the other the kingdom of the world. God’s kingdom is a kingdom of grace and mercy, not of wrath and punishment. In it there is only forgiveness, consideration for one another, love, service, the doing of good, peace, and joy. But the kingdom of the world

is a kingdom of wrath and severity. In it there is only punishment, repression, judgement, and condemnation to restrain the wicked and protect the good. – Nws muaj ob lub tebchaw ntawm Vajtswv, lub txawv ntawd yog ntiajteb lub tebchaws. Vajtswv lub tebchaws yog lub muaj koobhmoov thiab kev hlub tiamsis tsis muaj kev npautaws nrog kev rau txim. Nyob rau lub tebchaws no, nws tsua muaj kev zamtxim, ileeg txawj hwm ib leeg, ibleeg txawj hlub ibleeg, ib- leeg pab ibleeg, thiab ua qhov zoo, muaj kev haumxeeb thiab kev kajsiab lug. Tiamsis ntiajteb lub tebchaws yog lub uas muaj kev npautaws thiab muaj kev rau txim hnyavheev. Nyob rau lub tebchaws no, nws tsua muaj rau txim, kev tsimtxom, kev txiavtxim rau tus ua phem uas yog muab kev ncajnnees rau tus ua zoo.” Peb yog cov ntseeg, peb yuavtsum muaj kev zamtxim, qhia Toxjmoozoo, hlub

thiab thov Vajtswv rau cov ua phem rau peb. Yog li ntawd, peb yuavtsum nco ntsoov thov Vajtswv rau cov tub ceevxwm, cov txiavtxim, thiab cov nomtswv saib peb vim lawv yog cov Vajtswv cov tubtxib pab ua kom muaj kev ncaincees rau tibneeg.

II. Yog leejtwg ua phem rau koj, koj tsis txhob thov kom Vajtswv rau txim rau nws. Qhov tseeb tiag, koj yuavtsum txhawj txog nws. **(Show Apostle Paul writing from prison)**



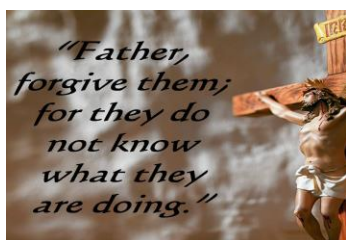
Yog peb saib Paulus lub neej, thaum Paulus sau tsabntawv mus rau haiv tibneeg Filipis, Paulus tseem tabtom raug kaw hauv tsev lojcuj nyob rau Loos. Paulus raug kaw ntau zaug vim Paulus qhia txog txojkev cawmdim ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Thaum Paulus raug kaw li no, nws tsis yog chim thiab npautaws rau cov saib tsis taus nws thiab ua phem rau nws tiamsis nws tseem los kuamuag txhawj txog cov ua tsis zoo rau nws. Yog koj tsis tau ua txhaum tiamsis ho raug kaw hauv tsev lojcuj, koj yuav thov kom cov tibneeg ntawd raug puantsuaj losyog koj yuav thov kom lawv rov lees lawv tej kev

txhaum? Yog peb nyob rau ntiajteb txoj kevcai, peb muaj cai hais kom nomtswv tswjhwv tej kevcai los muab lub txim kom ntev rau tus ua txhaum. Tiamsis peb nyob rau Vajtswv lub tebchaws yuavtsum txhawj los kuamuag rau cov ua phem rau peb vim lawv yuav poob mus rau ntujtawg? Peb yuavtsum tig los ua zoo thiab pab kom lawv tau txojkev cawmdim. **(Show love your enemies)**



Thaum Paulus los kuamuag rau cov yeebncuab uas tau ua phem rau Paulus, yog nws xyaum tus yamntxwv li Yexus Khetos. Yexus thiaj li haistias, “But I tell you: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you – *Kuv qhia rau nej haistias: Hlub nej cov yeebncuab, ua zoo rau cov tibneeg ntxub nej, foom koobhmoov rau cov uas cem nej, thov Vajtswv pab rau covuas tsimtxom nej.*” (Lukas 6:27-28) Yexus tsis yog hais ntawm ncauj xwb, Yexus yeej ua lub neej raws li nws hais. Yexus los kuamuag rau Yeluxalees, vim lawv yuav tsis leespaub nws

thiab yuav mub nws ntsia rau saum tus ntoo khaublig. Yexus twb paub li no los nws zoosiab hlo los ua txhuayam kom tiav rau koj rau kuv thiab lub ntiajteb kom sawvdaws tau txojkev cawmdim. **(Show Jesus word at the cross – forgive them)**



Thaum Yexus raug liam thiab raug ntes, lawv coj Yexus los txiavtxim, lawv nplawm nws, nti quabncaug rau nws, haislus saib tsis taug nws, thiab muab nws tsimtxom npaum li cas los Yexus tsis hais ib lolus phem rau cov tibneeg ua phem rau nws li. Thaum Yexus twb daisncu saum tus ntoo khaublig, Yexus tseem haistias, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing – *Txiv es, thov koj zamtxim rau lawv, vim lawv tsis paub xyov lawv ua dabtsi.*” (Lukas 3:34). **(Show Prover 24:17)**



Yexus twb tsis khaw kev chim kev ntsimsiab rau cov ua phem rau Yexus, tiamsis Yexus tseem thov kom Vajtswv zamtxim rau lawv. Yog peb ua tibzoo saib, peb yuav totaub haistias, “Hate the sin, but love the sinner – *Ntxub txojkev txhaum, tiamsis hlub tus ua txhaum.*” Xalaumoos thiaj li sau haistias, “Do not gloat when your enemy falls. Do not let your heart rejoice when he stumbles – *Tsis txhob thuam koj tus yeebncuab thaum lawv qaug. Tsis txhob cia koj lub siab zoo siab thaum lawv ntog.*” (Pajlug 24:17)

III. Yog li ntawd, peb txhuatus yuavtsum ua zoo rau peb tus yeebcuab. Peb yuavtsum zamtxim rau lawv vim Vajtswv twb xub zamtxim rau peb lawm. (Show forgiven)



Vajtswv yeej muaj cai haistias, “Saib nej cov kev txhaum uas nej tau ua los lawm! Nej yuav raug txim huv tibi.” Vajtswv yeej muaj cai hais li no, tiamsis, Vajtswv tsis hais li ntawd. Nyob rau Vajluskub Qub Exekees 18:32 sau haistias, “I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that they turn from their ways and live. – *Kuv yuav tsis cia li zoo siab rau tus uas ua phem, tiamsis xav kom lawv yuavtsum tig lawv txojkev ua neej.*” Thaum Vajtswv muab kaum nqe Kevcai rau Mauxes sau ntawm Khiavdim 34:6 sau haistias, (I am) “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to

anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin – (Ku)v yog tus Tswv, tus Tswv, yog tus Vajtswv muaj siab puv nkaus hlub, kuv tsis chim sai, thiab yog tus muaj kev hlub thiab kev ncajnnees, kuv muaj txojkev hlub nyob ibtxhiab tiam, thiab zamtxim rau tus ua phem, tus nyiam ntseev tebchaw thiab tus ua txhaum.” (Show 2 Peter 3:9)



Nyob Vajluskub Tshiab 2 Petus 3:9 "...God is patient toward you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance – *Vajtswv ua siab ntev rau koj, tsis xav kom ibtus twg ploj mus, tiamsis xav kom txhua tus tig rov los lees lawv tej kev txhaum.*” Peb yog cov ntseeg Vajtswv, peb yuavtsum totaub haistias, txawm lwmtus ua phem rau peb los kuamuag los peb tsis txhob ua phem paj phem. Vajtswv Txojlus sawmhw m tseg ntawm Mathais 28 sau haistias, “... I am with you to the end of the age - ... *Kuv nrognraim nej nyob mus txog lub ntiajteb kawg.*” Tsis muaj leejtwg yuav cai

tau koj ntawm Vajtswv mus li. (Loos 8:38-39) Txawm tus ua phem rau koj los koj nco ntsoov zamtxim rau nws thiab thov Vajtswv rau nws. Qhov no, koj thiaj li yog xyaum tus yamntxwv ntawm Yexus Khetos.

Cia peb muaj kev hlub thiab kev zamtxim rau lwmtus. Txawm lwmtus ua phem rau peb loskuamuag los peb nco ntsoov haistias, nyobtsam tus ntawd yuav tsis dim ntawm txojkev txhaum. Peb tsis yog zoo siab rau tej ntawd, tiamsis yuavtsum mobsiab txhawj txog txojkev cawmdim rau lawv. (Show love one another)



Txawm lwmtus yuav ua rau peb los lub kuamuag los cia peb xyaum ua li Yexus haistias, “*Txiv thov koj zamtxim rau lawv.*” Yauhas sau haistias, “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. This is love, not that we love God but that he loved us, and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us, we also ought to love one another. Whoever loves God love his brother – *Cov phoojywg, cia peb ibleeg hlub ibleeg, vim txojkev hlub los ntawm Vajtswv los. Txojkev hlub no tsis yog peb hlub Vajtswv, tiamsis yog Vajtswv hlub peb, thiab txib nws tus Tub los ua*

tus theej peb txojkev txhaum. Cov phoojywg, vim Vajtswv hlub peb, cia peb yuavtsum ibleeg hlub ibleeg. Tus uas txawj hlub Vajtswv txawj hlub nws tus kwvtij.” (1 Yauhas 4:7, 10, 21) Yog koj los kuamuag, cia li los rau txojkev kajsiab, vim Tswv Yexus Khetos twb kovyeej ibpuas tsavyam lawm. Vim koj ntseeg, koj thiaj li tau txojkev kajsiab mus ibtxhis thiab ibtxhis. Asmees.

Thov kom Vajtswv txojlus pub rau koj totaub thiab tau txojkev haumxeeb rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Peb txhuatus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuam peb sawvdaws hais: Asmees.

Children Message

A Lesson from Lettuce! (Good and Bad)



Theme: A Lesson from Lettuce!

Object: Good Lettuce and Rotten Lettuce

Scripture Philippians 3:18 “For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.” (NIV)

Good morning, boys and girls. Today we are going to talk about being able to make choices, good choices. It is easy to be fooled about things and it is easy to be fooled about people unless we know what we are looking for when we are choosing.

Have you ever gone to the store with one of your parents shopping for lettuce? (*Let them answer*) I have watched how carefully customers in the store choose a head of lettuce to buy. I have watched them pick up each head of lettuce until they find just the right one — the best one. They seem to know by feeling whether or not the lettuce is good. Some of the heads of lettuce feel firm and solid like this one that I have with me. Others feel mushy or like there is not much inside of what you can see through the wrapper. I am going to let you feel this lettuce so you will know what I mean. (*Pass the lettuce around*) It takes some experience and some time to shop like this, but that is the way to do it if you want good food.

We must do this with people also, even people who call themselves Christians. I don't mean that you should pick them up and pinch them, but I mean that you must know what Christians are and what they believe in if you are going to follow their example. (*Pass the rotten lettuce around*). See this rotten lettuce, some people are bad and you don't want to be part of them. Some people look like Christians on the outside, but when you listen to them talk or find out how they live, then you are surprised to find that they are different on the inside. Just calling yourself a Christian doesn't mean that you are a Christian. I know some people who say they don't want to be a Christian because they know people who call themselves Christians who talk bad or live bad.

Well, just because someone calls himself a Christian doesn't mean that he or she is Christian. Not every head of lettuce is good to eat, and not every person with the title of Christian can be followed. When you make your choice of which Christian you want to follow, I hope that you do more than look at the clothes they wear or the car they drive. I hope you will listen to them talk and see how they care for the poor, the sick, and the lonely. If they are kind and generous and helpful to people and love others, and call themselves Christians, then you can follow their example and be sure that they are disciples of Jesus.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for letting be with the right people to help and lead me to be your disciple. In Jesus name. Amen.

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