



Sermon
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“Tus Ntseeg Uas Taiscaus – Cowardly Christians”

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Thov txoj koobhmoov 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.

Yauhas 12:42-43, “Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God – *Txawm yog li ntawd los cov Yudaïs tej nomtswv kuj muaj ntau leej ntseeg Yexus; tiamsis vim lawv ntshai cov Falixais, lawv thiaj tsis qhia rau sawvdaws paub, kom lawv tsis raug ntiab txawm hauv lub tsev sablaj mus. Lawv nyiam kom neeg qhuas lawv heev dua li nyiam kom Vajtswv qhuas lawv.*” Nov yog Vajtswv Txojlus (Cross-reference – Pajlug 27:18; 31:15, Mathais 24:45, Lukas 7:13, 19; 12:42-44; 16:1)

Illustration: “Coward” (Show cowboy stand off)



Nyob rau tiam Old West uas sawvdaws hu haistias “Cowboy tiam.” Yog leejtwg muab koj hu haistias “Yer Yellow! – *Niag Daj!*” no ces txhais tau haistias koj yog ibtug tibneeg “coward – *taiscaus.*” Yog koj hnov leejtwg hu koj li no ces koj yuavtsum tivthaiv koj tus kheej, xws li koj thiab tus tibneeg ntawd yuavtsum tau sibtua kom ibtug tuag. Yog koj tsis tivthaiv koj lub npe los ntawm lolus raug liam thiab cem tsis zoo ntawd ces koj tsua raug saib tsis taus thiab thum mus tas koj tiamneej. (Show rabbit turn and run)



Ib lolus uas sawvdaws ibtxwm hnov hu haistias, “Turn your tail and run – *Tig koj tus kotws thiab khiav*” Nov yog lolus rho tawm ntawm tus “rabbit – *luav*” los. Thaum tus luav pom tibneeg losyog lwmyam ces nws muab nws tus kotws tsa thiab tig khiav ceev ceev lawm. Tiam tamsimno, tibneeg yuav tsis qws haistias, “Yer Yellow! – *Niag Daj!*” losyog “Turn your tail and run – *Tig koj tus kotws thiab khiav*” tiamsis tiam no feem ntau sawvdaws cia li haistias, “Are you scare – *Koj puas ntshai?*”

I. Ntau zaug peb pom tias tibneeg muaj tej “sticker – *ntawv los tsheb*” (Show No Fear back of truck)



los rau ntawm lub tsheb sau haistias, “No Fear – *Tsis Ntshai*” vim lawv xav kom tibneeg paub haistias, lawv tsis ntshai ibyam dabtsi li. Koj tus kheej nes, koj puas muaj kev ntshai? Lwmtus puas tau hais rau koj haistias, “You are a coward – *Koj yog tus tibneeg taiscaus?*” Koj puas tau hais li no rau koj tus txiv, koj tus pojniam, koj cov menuyam, losyog koj tus phoojywg vim lawv muaj txojkev ntshai losyog txojkev uas ua tsis tau. Lolus “Coward – *Taiscaus*” yog ib lolus me uas tibneeg siv los mus thum lwmtus. (Show the Cowardly Christian)



Tiamsis yog tus ntseeg raug hu haistias, “Cowardly Christian – *Tus Ntseeg Uas Taiscaus*” yog ib lolus uas yuav ua rau tus ntseeg txajmuag vim haistias koj yeej tsis xav tau lub npe haistias “Coward – *Taiscaus*” li puas yog? Nyob rau peb Toxjmoozoo hnuabno, cov thawjcoj xav lees lawv tej kev ntseeg Yexus tiamsis vim lawv ntshai cov Falixais ces lawv xum tsis lees haistias lawv yog tus ntseeg.

Lawv xum ua tus nyob ntsiagto tsis hais ib lolus vim lawv paub tau haistias nyob tsam lawv yuav tsis tau koom nrog lawv haiv tibneeg ua ib ke ntxiv lawm. (Show Jewish leaders)

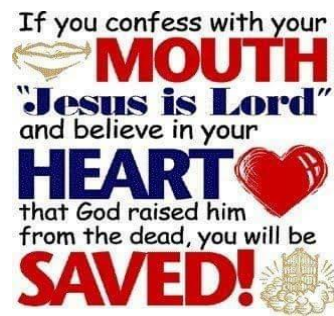


Nyob rau tiam no yog koj raug tshem tawm ntawm lawv tej “synagogue – tsev sablaj” ces koj yuav tsis yog lawv pab lawv pawg lawm. Yog koj muaj lagluam los lwmtus yuav tsis tuaj yuav koj tej khoom thiab yuav tsis ua lagluam nrog koj ntxiv lawm. Vim cov thawjcoj totaub li no, lawv thiaj li xum ua tus “Coward – Taiscaus” rau ntawm txojkev ntseeg. Lawv thiaj li tsis lees tias lawv yog tus ntseeg Yexus. (Show blind men explanation)



Tomqab Yexus kho tus tibneeg digmuag tag, lawv coj tus digmuag niam thiab txiv mus nug saib ua li cas nkawd tus tub thiaj li rov pomkev. Yauhas thiaj li sau haistias, (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue – Nws niam nws txiv hais tej no vim nkawd ntshai cov tibneeg Yudais, vim cov tibneeg Yudais twb pomzoo lawm haistias yog leejtwg lees haistias

Yexus yog Khetos, tus ntawd yuav raug tshem tawm ntawm lawv tej tsev sablaj.) (Yauhas 9:22). (Show Romans 10:10)



Lawv ua lub neej los ntawm txojkev dag tsis yog ua lub neej rau ntawm txojkev tseeb. Koj yog tus ntseeg Vajtswv lawm, nov yog txojkev ntseeg rau lub zej lub zos thiab lwmtus pom haistias koj yog tus ntseeg. Koj yuav muab zais losyog nkaum kom lwmtus tsis paub txog haistias koj yog tus ntseeg tsis tau li. Tus Thwjtim Paulus tsabntawv sau mus txhawb cov ntseeg ntawm Loos thiaj li sau haistias, “For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved – tus uas ntseeg ntawm nws lub siab yog tus ncajnnees, thiab tus uas lees ntawm lub qhovncauj yog tus dim lawm.” (Loos 10:10).

II. Yexus hais li no txog txojkev uas lees paub haistias nws ntseeg Yexus.



Nyob rau ntawm Mathais, Yexus haistias, “So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven – Yog li ntawd txhuatus uas lees paub kuv rau ntawm tibneeg, Kuv yuav lees paub nws rau ntawm kuv Txiv tus uas nyob saum ntuj ceebtsheej, tiamsis tus uas tsis lees paub kuv ntawm tibneeg, kuv yuav tsis lees paub tus ntawd rau ntawm kuv Txiv tus uas nyob saum ntuj ceebtsheej.” (Mathais 10:32-33). (Show Matthew 22:37)

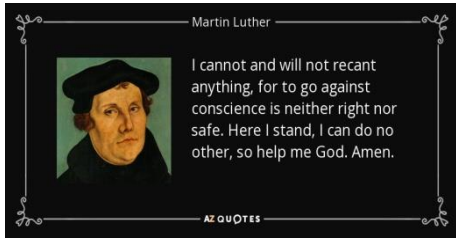


Cov Falixais nyiam kom tibneeg qhuas lawv heevduas li Vajtswv qhuas lawv. Tiamsis Vajtswv txojlus qhia rau peb haistias, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind – Koj yuavtsum hlub tus Tswv uas yog koj tus Vajtswv kawg siab, thiab tagnrho koj tus ntsujplig thiab tagnrho koj txojkev xav.” (Mathais 22:37). (Show 24/7 – 365)



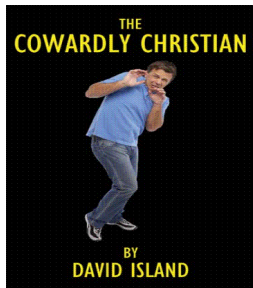
Cov kwvtij, peb pom haistias, cov ntseeg nyob rau Yexus tiam ntshai lees haistias lawv ntseeg Yexus. Tiam tamsimno los yeej tsis txawv li thiab. Yog haistias, lwmtus hais kom koj yuavtsum thim koj txojkev ntseeg thiab koj tsis txhob lees haistias Yexus yog koj tus Tswv lawm, koj puas yuav ua li ntawd? Cia kuv muab

hais kom nyuaj zog rau koj xav. Yog haistias, leejtwg muab koj ntes mus kaw losyog muab rab phom taw rau koj lub taubhau thiab hais rau koj tias yog koj tsis thim koj txojkev lees thiab ntseeg Yexus, ces koj yuav tuag tamsim ntawd, koj puas thim los tsis thim? (Show Luther – Here I Stand)



Thaum koj raug kev tsimtxom li no, koj yuav thim los tsis thim? Kev ntseeg thiab lees tias Yexus yog koj tus Tswv yuavtsum yog ntseeg thiab lees 24/7 thiab 365 hnuv tuaj ib xyoo hauv koj lub neej mus tas koj tiamneej txawm ntsib kev tsimtxom los koj yuav tsis thim ntawm Vajtswv li. Koj yuavtsum teb li Dr. Martin Luther teb thaum nws rau hu los sawv ntawm cov nomtsias kom nws yuavtsum thim tej lus uas nws sau txog txojkev ntseeg Vajtswv.

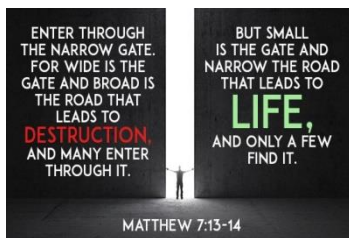
Luther thiaj li teb haistias, “I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen – *Kuv yuav tsis ua li ntawd thiab yuav tsis thim ib yam dabtsi li, rau qhov yog tias yuav mus tawmtsam txojkev xav uas paub qhov tseeb yog zoo li tsis paub qhov uas yog losyog qhov uas muaj kev tivthaiv. Kuv sawv ntawm no, kuv yuav ua tsis tau lwmyam, yog li ntawd, Vaajtswv pab kuv. Asmees.*” (Show the Cowardly Christian)



David Island sau phau ntawd “*The Cowardly Christian*” yog sau txog cov ntseeg ua nws lub neej ntsib tej yeebncuab thiab lawv txojkev ntseeg thiab lawv lub hauvpaus sawv cev ntawm lawv pawgntseeg zoo li cas. Yog lwmtus thum txog koj txojkev ntseeg lawm koj puas yuav tig sab plhu rau luag thiab. Ntawm cov ntseeg ntau leej ntau tus yog tus “*Coward – Taiscaus*” vim peb nyob rau lub ntiatjeb uas xav tau ntsej tau muag. Ib lolus hu haistias “*group – pabpawg.*” Yog koj xav ua pabpawg ntawd ces koj yuavtsum ua li lawv hais thiab thaum txog lwmtus los koj yuav tsis lees haistias koj yog tus ntseeg. Vim koj tsis xav raug cai

tawm ntawm pabpawg ntawv. Koj tsis xav ua tus txawv. Lawv ua li cas ces koj ua li lawv ua. Vim haistias, tej no yoojyim dua li tus ntseeg ua. Qhov no txhais tau haistias, yog pabpawg ntawd ua ptees ua yig, haus yeeb haus tshuaj tsis raug cais, ua txhaum kev coj noj coj uas los koj ua nrog vim koj tsis xav kom lawv hais tau haistias koj tsis yog lawv pabpawg. Txawm haistias koj twb yog tus ntseeg los koj tsis yog txwv lawv, koj tseem koom nrog lawv vim koj yog “*Cowardly Christian – Tus Ntseeg Uas Taiscaus.*”

III. Txojkev uas yuav tsis txhob ua tus “*Cowardly Christian – Tus Ntseeg Uas Taiscaus*” yeej nyuaj rau tus uas ntseeg. (Show Matthew 7:13-14)



Tiamsis Yexus haistias, “... For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few – *Tus uas mus rau lub qhovrooj dav thiab yuav yoojyim uas yuav coj mus raug kev puamtsuaj, thiab cov uas yuav mus muaj coob tus. Rau ntawm lub qhovrooj nqaim thiab txojkev mus yuav nyuaj tiamsis yog mus tau txojhia, thiab cov uas nrhiav tau yog cov tsawg.*” (Mathais 7:13-14).

Koj yuav xaiv txojkev twg. Mus lub qhovrooj dav losyog mus lub qhovrooj nqaim. Lub nqaim yog tau txojhia vim koj yuav zoo siab hlo lees haistias koj ntseeg Yexus. Yoj koj mus lub qhovrooj dav ces yuav coj koj mus tau txojkev puamtsuaj mus ibtxhis thiab ibtxhis. (Show Palm Sunday)



Hnubno yog “Palm Sunday – *Hnubso Nplooj Toovlaj*” uas txhua xyoo peb cov ntseeg Vajtswv ua koobtsheej nco txog Yexus caij tus neesluav mus rau lub nroog Npelehees uas yog mus raug txojkev txomnyem, tsimtxom, thiab tuag theej tibneeg ntiajteb txojkev txhaum. Cov thawjcoj pom tau haistis Yexus yog tus Mexiyas uas yog Vajtswv tus Tub los cawm tibneeg. Lawv xav lees haistias lawv yog tus ntseeg tiamsis vim los ntawm txojkev ntshai lawv xum nyob twbywm tsis hais ib lolus li. Txhua leej txhua tus mus muab nplooj toovlaj thiab lawv tej tsho pua Yexus kev. Cov no nyob twbywm ua tus “Cowardly Christian – *Tus Ntseeg Uas Taiscaus.*” (Show Praise God)



Koj puas yog tus “Cowardly Christian – *Tus Ntseeg Uas Taiscaus?*” Koj puas yog tus xav kom tibneeg qhuas koj heevduas li Vajtswv qhuas koj? Nco ntsoov haistias, kev qhuas ntawm tibneeg tsua kav ibntus xwb. Tiamsis kev qhuas ntawm Vajtswv yog mus ibtxhis. Koj yog tus ntseeg koj txojkev xav tau ces yog kev qhuas ntawm Vajtswv. Koj yuavtsum hloov koj lub neej. Txawm lub ntiajteb no yuav thuam koj los koj yuavtsum ua lub neej rau ntawm Vajtswv. Tsis txhob ua xyemxyav, tsis

txhob ua tus “Cowardly Christian – *Tus Ntseeg Uas Taiscaus,*” tsis txhob ua tus haistias koj tsis yog tus ntseeg. Cia li qhuas Vajtswv rau txhua lub sijhawm. (Show feet underneath bed)

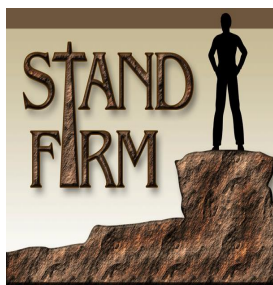


Humor – *Txaus luag*: Muaj ibtug niamtsev piav qhia rau nws cov phoojywg haistias, “muaj ib hmo kuv hnov tubsab tuaj rau ntawm wb lub tsev, kuv hnov suab nrov thiab kuv sawv mus saib yog leejtwg. Thaum kuv sawv saum txaj, kuv pom txhais cev hlauv tawm hauv qab txaj tuaj.” Lawv cov mloog nws thiaj li ceeb thiab teb haitias, “Puas yog tus tubsab txhais ceg?” Tus niamtsev no teb haistias, “Tsis yog, yog kuv tus txiv txhais ceg. Nws hnov lub suab tubsab ces nws ntshai khiav mus nkaum hauv qab txaj lawm.” (Show man hidden in cooler)



Humor – *Txaus luag*: Muaj ibtug niamtsev lub npe hu uas Mrs. Peck nug Henry uas yog nws tus txiv haistias, “Henry, koj yuav ua li cas yog tubsab ntxim nkag los rau hauv wb lub tsev thaum hmontuj?” Henry teb haistias, “I should keep perfectly cool, my dear – Kuv mam li ua tus txias ziang, tus uas kuv hlub.” Ob peb hmo tomqab, muaj ibtug tubsab tuaj tsoo nkawv lub tsev. Henry ua raws nraim li nws hais. Henry mus khiav nkaum hauv lub “ice box – *tub tso khoom khov*”. Nej puas pom haistias obzaj dabneeg no tus txiv yog tus “coward – *taiscaus.*”

Cov thawjcoj tsis lees lawv txojkev ntseeg Yexus vim lawv ntshai cov Falixais. Cov Falixais nyiam kom tibneeg qhuas lawv heevduas li Vajtswv qhuas. (Show stand firm)



Yog haistias leejtwg hu koj haistias, “Yellow – *Xim Daj*” losyog “Afraid – *Ntshai*” tej zaum yog lawv saib tsis taus koj. Tiamsis yog koj raug hu haistias, “Cowardly Christian – *Tus Ntseeg Uas Taiscaus*” – *ces nov txhais tau haistias koj tsis yog tus ntseeg li – you are not a Christian at all.* Koj yeej muaj kev xaiv. Koj yuav ua tus “Cowardly Christian – *Tus Ntseeg Uas Taiscaus*” losyog tus “Stand firm Christians – *Tus Ntseeg Sawv Khovkho?*” Cia koj uas tus ntseeg sawv khokho vim txojkev ntseeg kev cia siab rau Tswv Yexus Khetos yog muaj nyob mus ibtxhis thiab ibthxis.

Thov kom Vajtswv txojlus pub rau peb sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiaib lug rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Peb txhuatus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuum peb sawvdaws hais. Asmees.