



Is er meer tussen hemel en tentamen?

Cursus aantekeningen

Week 6

// Hoe zit het met het kwaad en geneest God vandaag nog steeds?

What about evil?

Introduction

Mark 1:15

- “*The time has come...*” the reign of God is *today*
- “*The Kingdom is near*” but is also in the *future*

Until Christ comes again (when perfection will be experienced), evil and suffering will be present.

Evil is real

- Ephesians 6:11–12

‘There are two equal and opposite errors into which we can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence; the other is to believe and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors.’ C.S. Lewis

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10)

What are the Devil’s tactics?

Aims to destroy

- (John 10:10)

Recommended reading

The Screwtape Letters

C.S. Lewis

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The ministry of Jesus

- His teaching
 - the kingdom of God (Mark 1:15)
 - proclaimed and demonstrated
- His healings
 - 25% of the Gospels (Matthew 4:23)
- His commissions
 - commission of the Twelve (Matthew 9:35–10:8; Luke 9:1)
 - commission of the seventy-two (Luke 10:1–20)
 - commission of the disciples (Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 16:15–20; John 14:9–14 – especially v.12)

Healing in church history

Many examples of healing and miracles (Acts 3:1–10; Acts 5:12–16)

Early church history

- eg: Irenaeus (140–203)
- Origen (c.185–254)
- Augustine (354–430)

Healing today

- Simplicity
- Love (Matthew 9:36; Mark 1:41)
- Words of knowledge
 - pictures
 - sympathy pain
 - impressions
 - hear or see words
 - words formed on tongue
- Prayer
 - where does it hurt?
 - why does the person have this condition?
 - how do I pray?
 - how are they doing?
 - what next?

Conclusion

- Persevere
- Keep asking for healing through prayer

Recommended reading

Dancer Off Her Feet

Julie Sheldon

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