

Ep #2-11 – John 16 Part 2-The World and the Paraclete

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. We continue to consider events leading up to the Lord's death. In John 16, the Lord continues His teaching to His disciples as they travel from the upper room where they had the last supper to the garden of Gethsemane. He reveals more truth about the Helper or Paraclete He is going to send: the Holy Spirit, and what He will do once He has come.

III. John 16:7-15. The Comforter Part 3: His coming and its results.

A. V.8. What the Paraclete does when He has come.

1. Conviction = Greek *elegcho*, Lewis Sperry Chafer "to make the facts known." Also has to do with forcing the facts upon one, like it or not.
2. Even faithful, dedicated believers do not agree on what is sin, what is righteousness, and what is judgment. How then is this true?
3. He will do this for the world = Greek *kosmos*. Means the system, order, or arrangement of men on earth. John 14:26 is what He would do for the disciples. This is for all the rest of the people in the world!
4. Psalm 22:27 talks of the same thing. Hebrew "remember" has the same idea we see here in Greek. Not remembering what was forgotten, but having something impressed on your mind that wasn't there before. Verse 28 tells us when: at His kingdom!
5. Someday in the future, the Spirit will impress the facts regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment upon the world at large. A great blessing!

B. V.9. Proves this is NOT what the Paraclete does for believers. Not convicting about sin because they believe in Jesus Christ, but because they do not! This is the greatest of the sins of the world. He must impress the facts regarding Christ on them if the world is ever going to follow the Lord in the Kingdom.

C. V.10. The Lord was a model of righteousness to men while He was on earth. He was leaving, so the Spirit would need to show righteousness to them.

D. V.11. Remember what we have discussed: judgment is to determine what is right, and then to set things right.

1. The third time we have come upon the phrase "prince of this world." (John 12:31, 14:30). Greek *archon* = first in importance. Many apply this phrase to Satan, but I believe this is the Lord Jesus. Rev. 1:5. This fits better with what came before, for the previous two things were about Him.
2. What does this mean? Amos 7:8. A line with a "plumb bob" weighting down the end. Use, for example, to draw a straight line from floor to ceiling. Everything is measured or judged against a plumb line. I believe the line He will set is the Lord Jesus. He will be the standard against which everything in this world is set in order when God's kingdom comes to earth.
3. The Holy Spirit convicting the world will be one of the acts that brings in the Kingdom of God, clearing away deception at the start of the Kingdom.

V. Conclusion: The Lord revealed a great work the Helper is going to do for the world when He comes: impress the facts on them regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment. This will be one of

the great acts of God that brings in the kingdom of God. After this, the world will never be the same. May that day come soon!