

LESSONS FROM TWO JEFFREYS

INTRODUCTION

Two of the most notorious men who have ever lived in America were named “Jeffrey”. This doesn’t mean that Jeffrey is a bad name, but it is perhaps coincidental that these 2 men had the same first name. The first was Jeffrey Dahmer, who was a rapist and serial killer of 17 men. He dismembered their bodies and would use them for food. He was caught and sentenced to prison. While in prison, he was approached by someone with the gospel, and was baptized for the remission of sins, before he was brutally murdered by a fellow-prisoner in the 1990’s. Could such a wicked man be forgiven and go to heaven?

Another Jeffrey has received publicity recently, Jeffrey Epstein. This Jeffrey was an American millionaire or billionaire who owned St. James Island near the Dominican Republic. Estimates of his worth have ranged from 500 million to 567 billion dollars. He apparently gained his wealth through sex trade and using young women for sex-exploitation for the rich throughout the world. He was presently jailed, pending the outcome of charges brought against him from women he had abused and used through the years. He was recently found dead in his cell caused by hanging. Here was a man who was greedy and sex-crazed who had no regard for God, the Bible, or the Lord’s church.

Which JEFFREY had you rather be in the judgment day at the end of the world? There are lessons to be learned from this last Jeffrey. (Ad lib or make general and specific comments on each point).

DISCUSSION

- (1) SINFUL PLEASURES ARE ONLY TEMPORARY. Heb. 11:25
- (2) RICH MEN ARE SOMETIMES WICKED. Luke 16:19-31
- (3) RICHES CANNOT BUY ETERNAL LIFE. Matt. 19:16-25; 1 Tim. 6:10
- (4) LUST OF THE FLESH IS HARMFUL AND SINFUL. 1 John 2:15-17
 - a. Such can destroy character as well as physical and emotional health.
 - b. Such will destroy marriages and souls for eternity. Gal. 6:7-8
- (5) FORNICATORS WILL NOT ENTER INTO HEAVEN. 1 Cor. 6:9-10
 - a. God has destroyed fornicators among His people.
 - b. Fornication is prominent among human beings today, often in the church.
 - c. Studies show that the average man age 44 has had 7 sex partners in life, and the average woman has had 4, but this number will probably increase with the revelation of Jeffrey’s record.
 - d. Many great Christians have been guilty of fornication, but CAN be forgiven and live a Christian life and enter heaven if they repent and obey Christ. 1 Cor. 6:11
- (6) SIN LEADS TO DEATH.
 - a. It often leads to physical death, as in the case of the Jeffreys.
 - b. It always leads to spiritual death and separation from God. 1 Tim. 5:6; Prov. 14:12; Rom. 6:23
 - c. It will lead to eternal death if not repented of and forsaken. Prov. 28:13
- (7) WHAT IS GAINED IF THE SOUL IS LOST? Matt. 16:26
 - a. All the accumulation of riches, and the thrills of sex will mean nothing if souls are lost in eternity.
 - b. Think of how many souls ARE in a lost condition right now because of these sins, and the souls that have already died without having been forgiven of such sins.
 - c. ALL the “pleasure” in these things is lost, along with the souls of the guilty—FOREVER AND EVER.
 - d. To gain and own an island, and to have illicit sexual pleasure every day, will be worth nothing, compared to what is lost—EVEN ONE SOUL, and one moment in hell will convince the unforgiven, but such can be done about it, for they shall perish forever and ever.
 - e. The question is: **WAS IT WORTH IT?**
 - f. This lesson is not intended to disturb anyone who has been guilty of greed and fornication, but has been forgiven, BUT to convict the ones who ARE yet unforgiven, and to remind the rest to avoid these evils.

WHICH SOUL?

- 1. Had you rather be Jeffrey Dahmer, or Jeffrey Epstein on the judgment day?**
- 2. Which one had you rather be LIKE on the judgment day?**
- 3. PROFIT BY THEIR MISTAKES, AND AVOID DOING WHAT THEY DID, AND IF YOU HAVE DONE ANYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE FORGIVEN, TAKE CARE OF IT NOW—WHILE YOU ARE ALIVE.**