

SEEING THE UNSEEN

Intro.

- I. The title of our lesson today is “Seeing the Unseen”. Cf 2Cor.4:17f
 - A. There are 3 types of vision today.
 1. Being “near sighted” is being able to see things nearby CLEARLY, and not clearly seeing things in the distance.
 2. Being “far sighted” being able to see things afar off CLEARLY, and not not clearly seeing things that are nearby.
 3. GOOD vision is being able to CLEARLY see both those things nearby and afar off—having a good perspective of all things.
 - B. We must the things nearby (things of the world), while also, and most importantly, seeing the things afar off (the things of eternity—**clearly**).
- II. Now let's make a study of the things “seen” and the things “unseen”.
 - A. In this text, the things that are “seen” refers to things we see with out two physical eyes, while the things “unseen” are those things we should be seeing with the “eyes of faith”. Cf He.11:1
 - B. The things “seen” seem to catch the most attention of most people, while the “unseen” things are not observed.
 1. Some cannot see things eternal because they are blinded to the truth revealed in the Scripture. 2Co.4:3f; cf Mt.7:13f
 2. Some can't see the eternal city, much less the way to it, or the gate to enter into that city.

Discussion

I. 1st, things “seen” are in 2 general categories.

- A. The first category is that of **TREASURES** (or riches or material possessions). Lk.12:15-21; Mt.6:19-21; Js.4:1-3; He.11:16; Lk.16:19-34..
- B. The second category is that of **PLEASURES** (or things that emphasize enjoyment and excitement).
 1. One can be so engulfed in *innocent* OR *good* pleasures that he can lose sight of the eternal city. Eccl.1:1-11; 1Ti.5:6; 2Ti.3:1-5; Lk.8:14; 1Pe.1:9-11....
 2. Many are so engulfed in *sinful* pleasures that they are dead in sin, and these pleasures are ALL they want. 2Sa.11:1-27; Mt.5:28; 2Pe.2:14; He.11:25

II. 2nd, things “unseen” are several in number.

- A. 1st of all, GOD must be seen. Ro.1:20; He.11:26f
- B. 2ndly, CHRIST must be seen. Mt.14:22-30; He.12:1f
 1. HE is the One who redeems us from sin. 1Pe.1:18f
 2. HE is the One who tells us what do do to BE redeemed from our sins. Mk.16:15f
- C. 3rdly, the POWER of the GOSPEL must be seen. Ro.1:16f
- D. 4thly, the SECOND COMING of Christ must be seen. Ac.1:9-11;
- E. 5thly, HEAVEN itself must be seen—by faith. 2Pe.3:12,13,14

Concl.

- I. WHY look to the “unseen” beyond the “seen”?
 - A. Basically, for a better life here and the hope of heaven.
 - B. Ultimately, for a realization of our hope, and the eternal enjoyment of every thing beyond the things “seen” here.
- II. Exhortation.