

Bible Study

I Will – Lesson 24

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I WILL SHARE ABOUT THE PLACE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION

Psalm 27: 1-6

The church is a place that Jesus established for God to execute His mission on the earth. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18 ...“upon this rock I will build my church...” which is reflective that the church was not built before Jesus time. The house of worship in Jesus’ day was the temple and the synagogue. Now He introduces the church as the place for Christians to do God’s work.

If we are to avoid the traps of Churchianity which is doing church according to human standards rather by biblical standards then we must focus on the primary mission of the church. The church is in the business of telling the gospel story about Jesus Christ. The gospel is the story of what God did for us through His Son Jesus Christ. The gospel is about salvation by grace through faith. This story is about Jesus dying on a cross and taking our punishment for sin; He is our substitute as He became sin for us. We should never forget to tell the story that Christ changes lives. The church’s task is to win people to Jesus (evangelism) and teach them faith (discipleship).

No church or place of worship is perfect but the church is the best institution on earth. The church is a place of Divine inspiration as we function biblically. Divine inspiration helps avoid the traps of Churchianity. Let me share three reasons why the church is a place of Divine Inspiration as we equip the people of God to perform ministry.

- I. Affirm the Message of the Church. (vs. 1-2)
 - A. Message of forgiveness
 - B. Message of faith
- II. Affirm the Mission of the Church. (vs. 3-4)
 - A. Mission of evangelism
 - B. Mission of edification
- III. Affirm the Ministry of the Church. (vs. 5-6)
 - A. Participation in Ministry
 - B. Productivity of Ministry