

LESSON 14

Topic: What shall I be Remembered for?

Texts: Acts 9:36; Acts 20:32 – 38.

Aim: To remind brethren that there are implications for every deed, be it good or bad.

Introduction: “Fading away like the stars of the morning, Losing their light in the glorious sun—thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling, Only remembered by what we have done” – SS&S 798. Has it ever occurred to you that your life’s values are determined by the kind of legacy you leave behind? Have you also come to the realisation that every deed, good or bad has an implication? The big question is: which one do you desire? Whatever you sow in your life time that is what you will be remembered for (Gal. 6: 7). According to Revelation 14: 13, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labour, for their deeds will follow them”. This suggests that while believers may rest from earthly toils, the impact and results of their actions continue to exist. While their physical presence is gone, their actions, choices and contributions to God’s kingdom and humanity continue to have an effect.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the essence of living? Discuss. Eph. 2: 10; Eccl. 12:13; 2 Cor. 5: 9-10.
2. From the following Scriptures, what will be the consequences of negative legacy on oneself, family and generation? 1 Sam. 2: 22-24. 31-34
3. How can I guard against being remembered for bad legacy? Prov. 4:23; Psalm 1: 1-2; Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 119: 11.
4. With practical examples, discuss deeds of people (past or present) that have positively impacted humanity.

Conclusion: “Shall we be missed, though by others succeeded”? The earth is a market place and we are pilgrims on earth. Anyone that finishes his/her own transactions returns home – “But the sowers must pass from their labours”. Life is not about how long you lived but how well you impacted on those around you – “Ever remembered by what they have done”. The impact you make while alive will determine whether you fulfilled the purpose of God for your creation. Our ultimate desire should be to live the life style of Jesus who went about doing good. Let your work stand as a memorial for you so that both God and man will remember you for good. “Only the truth that in life we have spoken, only the seed that on earth we have sown; these shall pass onward when we are forgotten, Fruits of the harvest and what we have done. Thus would we pass from the earth and its toiling, only remembered by what we have done” (SS & S 798)

Memory Verse: Proverbs 10:7 “The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of wicked shall rot”.