

“How Are Our Hearts?”

Acts 8:13-23

Introduction

- I. Much emphasis is given to make sure our physical hearts are in good working order.
- II. Are we giving enough emphasis to making sure that our Biblical hearts are just as sound?
- III. Let us examine the Scriptures to help make sure that our hearts are right with God.

Discussion

- I. Simon the sorcerer
 - A. Simon had become a Christian, but unfortunately, his heart desired to have the ability that was only for an apostle (Acts 8:18-19).
 - B. Simon offered money, but was rebuked for his action (Acts 8:20-21).
 - C. At that moment, Simon had a heart problem (Acts 8:22-23).
 - D. We must realize that we all have weaknesses, and the devil knows that as well (1 Pet. 5:8).
- II. Keeping our hearts pure is extremely important.
 - A. Jeremiah 17:9-10
 - B. Prov. 4:23
 - C. 1 Tim. 1:5
 - D. 2 Tim. 2:22
 - E. Matt. 5:8
 - F. There are warnings against hardening our hearts (Heb. 3:8, 15; 4:7).
 - G. We must put forth effort to ensure our hearts are good (Luke 8:15).
 - H. None of us are immune from having heart trouble (Heb. 3:13; 12:15).
- III. We must remember that God knows our hearts.
 - A. Psalm 44:20-21
 - B. Psalm 139:1-4
 - C. God has told us how we can help our hearts (Phil. 4:8).

Conclusion

- I. How is your heart?
- II. Are we doing what we should to make sure that our hearts are right with God?