

A.M. SERMON NOTES
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"YOU HAVE DESTROYED YOURSELF"

(Proverbs 1:24-31)

INTRODUCTION

We've heard people say, "I have only myself to blame" "I did that to myself" "It's my fault"

God's prophet, Hosea, confirms this thought of self-destruction.

(Hosea 13:9) "O Israel, you have destroyed yourself; but in Me is your help"

(7:2) "They do not consider ... now their own deeds have surrounded them ... "

(8:3) "Israel has rejected the good ... "

(8:7) "They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind"

(10:13) "You have plowed wickedness; you have reaped iniquity ... "

(14:1) "O Israel, return to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity"

(Proverbs 6:27-28) "Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?"

(Romans 6:16) "... you are that one's slaves whom you obey ... "

(Galatians 6:7-8) "... for whatsoever a man sows, that he will also reap ... "

IN WHAT WAYS MAY WE SELF-DESTRUCT?

1. SINS - (Proverbs 8:36) "But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul"

(Isaiah 59:1-2) "... your iniquities have separated you from your God ... "

Good news! (Hosea 13:9) "... but in Me is your help"

(Ezekiel 18:30-32) "... Repent ... so that iniquity will not be your ruin ... "

(Acts 3:19) "Repent ... that your sins may be blotted out ... "

2. WORDS

(Matthew 12:36-37) "... and by your words you will be condemned"

(Ephesians 4:29) "Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth ... "

3. PRIDE - (Proverbs 16:18) "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall"

(Proverbs 15:25; Proverbs 29:23; James 4:6)

"Pride" - inflated ego, high-minded, excessive self-esteem, arrogance.

4. LACK OF KNOWLEDGE - (Hosea 4:6) "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will reject you ... "

(Romans 10:1-3) "... they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge ... have not submitted to the righteousness of God"

(John 6:45; Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 2 Timothy 2:15)

CLOSE - (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10) "... and on those who do not obey the gospel ... They shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord ... "