

**General Topics :: Is sermonindex a den of vipers?****Is sermonindex a den of vipers? - posted by HeartSong, on: 2014/8/2 6:29**

There is a very subtil interplay that I see happening here in the sermonindex forums that I perceive to be of great danger to the children of God.

There are at least a half dozen personalities of great renown that do not measure up. By this I mean that their words do not line up with who they profess themselves to be.

It is not a matter of differing beliefs or doctrines, but rather a denial of truth as found in the person of Jesus Christ.

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them.

Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it." - Jeremiah 6:16-19

Re: Is sermonindex a den of vipers? - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/8/2 7:19

Greetings Heartsong

I am not sure I understand your post. Are you concerned about some of the teachings that Greg has on sermonindex itself?

You mention that there at least a half dozen personalities of great renown that do not measure up...all I can say is we are not to look to men but unto the LORD JESUS.

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by pernvic, on: 2014/8/2 11:19

Sermonindex is not a den of vipers to me!

Though some people who post are looking for whats wrong not whats right.

To me sermonindex is the window to other believers in a world where I spend most of my time alone in my home taking care of a disabled daughter and the rest of my family.

Sermonindex is wonderful. I listen to great men of God preach and exhort, read what others use as devotionals, see news from biblical perspective, and ask for prayer and pray for others!

Usually when I recognize the fault in others its because I see myself in them, and recognize something I do not like in me.

Let God deal with you as He deals with us all.

If you do not like a certain preacher don't listen to them. That's the beauty of it, so many sermons from so many different vessels plus the added privilege to see what others are studying and thinking about.

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Re: , on: 2014/8/2 11:36

I liked what Pernvic had to say and agree. And Maryjane is a breath of fresh air, a woman in whom I believe there is no guile.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2014/8/2 14:04

Heartsong wrote:

Quote:
-----There are at least a half dozen personalities of great renown that do not measure up. By this I mean that their words do not line up with who they profess themselves to be.

I think we have clear direction from the scriptures in these matters:

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. (I Thess. 5:19).

Since the beginning of the Church there have been concerns about compromise. Sometimes it was doctrine and other times people. Groups have come along and with good intention have tried to filter out these compromises. There is a lot of history that could be enjoined here. Nevertheless, I think the old saying from the 1600s is worth quoting again, "In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity."

The community rules are in place to minimize the problems associated with forums such as these. Measures have been taken to further minimize problems. Nevertheless, we live in a fallen world and are subject to its effects. We ask that those who frequent the forums and share these concerns and who have not done so already -- to add Sermonindex and Greg to your prayer list.

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. (Psalm 127:1)

Re: Is sermonindex a den of vipers?, on: 2014/8/2 14:14

Ooo...hold on everyone I need to run and grab my popcorn for this one...

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2014/8/2 16:35

no

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2014/8/2 16:37

I would be careful of any teaching from the "church fathers" such as Augustine, Jerome, etc. Their teachings are infected with Greek philosophy. Sometimes a godly pastor (*like A.W. Tozer) will quote from Augustine or somebody and people think "if Tozer quoted from Augustine then Augustine must be okay".

I started to read Madame Guyon because of Tozer, and that has Roman Catholic teachings in it. I am very careful about who I listen to these days.

(*I am not attacking Tozer, I think he was a very godly man, but he was off track in some areas.)

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/8/2 18:09

brethern shes talking about us in the fourm

heartsong

i think if you have issues with some active members ,,it would be honest and called for ,to name the persons ,rather than just through a baited line like this ,,that will do nothing to help any situation that may exist

it is a serious thing to accuse or liken members of Christ with a den of vipers in the biblical science,,even if it is in asking a rhetoric question like that,, in which it is obvious that you think you know that answer to that question already ,,and at the same time offering no help or answers to the perceived issue you sneakily raise ,,,,what good can come out of that type of weird rebuke ,,if it can be called one

how can i or others be sure you are even talking about us ,, as to rectify the situation

be clear about this ,,at least speak to some of these people in private and make your issue known them or others who will do the job

Re: - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2014/8/3 3:27

Gary, many have not setup a contact email and the PM feature was removed. Contacting many in private is impossible. However, if you call someone to floor the mods will likely ban you for making a personal attack. Notice, you don't have a public contact email on your profile either.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/8/3 4:47

yea i think they chanded it a wile back ,,but i know others have still spoke to greg pesonaly

well if it is a public issue or sin ,,then we can deal with it in a pubic fourm where it is happening ,,we dont need to impl y to eachother that we are snakes ,,like heart song has kindly done to some of us

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2014/8/4 5:23

Hi Heartsong, maybe you could let us know the teachings you aren't finding to be right if you don't feel it's correct to mention people in particular. There may be confusion about what was being said or about what you thought was being implied.

Re: Is sermonindex a den of vipers?, on: 2014/8/4 6:59

Heartsong,

I have been greatly disappointed at a lot of rhetoric flying about this forum for a long time.

I myself at times can be accused of intemperate postings. for which I pray I have the Grace to ask forgiveness and walk in meekness and humility, when called for this sin.

in my spirit, it was when the "old" phone prayer was canceled, that a covering was taken from this forum. I have no idea WHY this old phone prayer meeting was cancelled, nor do I really WANT to know.

in a larger sense this dovetails with my own struggle in these northern wildwoods, meaning after 3 years I have yet to find an ekklesia, that I am called to....for a very simple reason: I once heard Brother Len Ravenhill say he wouldn't belong to a local church that did NOT have a regular vibrant prayer meeting. Though there are many church buildings around here, they are mostly United Methodist and Lutheran, a smattering of UCC's, a Baptist, an AoG....but not one has a prayer meeting, so I keep praying , "Lead me LORD".

as to your post, don't take out the sword, unless your planning to wield it, or what you hear whispered, shout it from the roof...in short, don't say "den of vipers", unless you name them by name....and sin. It is "flesh" in posts, is it contentiousness in posts?.....divisiveness?....lack of love?

if I am guilty, name me, as I and the Holy Spirit will search my heart, and be authentic, be meek, and repent if your words are true.

But be brave, don't dance around this subject.

neil

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Re: Is sermonindex a den of vipers? - posted by cjoysegirl70, on: 2014/8/4 9:17

HeartSong, I respectfully ask that you explain the first two paragraphs on your post. First are you speaking of sermon index members or ministers who have sermons posted? Many of us aren't quite sure what you are trying to say exactly.

I come here to get sound and frank insight into many of today's issues and although I may not agree 100% with everyone I have found that for the most part everyone here loves the Lord and that the majority of us realize that we are all imperfect and are doing our best to let Christ shine through us. I realize many of us have strong opinions and our zeal for the Lord may at times cause us not to choose our words carefully, but hey we are all still on this journey and are still learning and growing everyday.

So if there is something you feel you need to get off your chest then please do so dear sister in a respectful and loving way. God Bless.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/8/4 12:14

Neil wrote:

"I once heard Brother Len Ravenhill say he wouldn't belong to a local church that did NOT have a regular vibrant prayer meeting."

Perhaps The Lord is wanting you to start one? Just a thought.

I used to attend a rather large church where there was no prayer meeting. A few of us started one on Saturday morning and for months it was just the same few that attended. We did not push it but it was generally known that we prayed every Saturday. Loved those times. Gradually more started coming. We got up to around 10 regulars. Would I have liked to have seen more? For a church our size, yes. But I am convinced for whatever reason that is the size The Lord wanted.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/8/4 12:47

Saints,

We are locking this thread, we do ask in the future that brethren here try and not verbally accuse others in the forums, for we have not in many cases met each other face to face and only God knows the hearts of men.

Though there will be Judas's and Balaam's amongst us we must seek peace with all men especially the brotherhood and love covers a multitude of sins.

This thread is locked.