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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

We Will Be Held Accountable

This message is by no means is to humiliate Mr. Woods, but to make us aware of our own sins that we commit!

In the third or fourth week of February 2010, Tiger Woods held a press conference to address the people about his infidelity towards his wife. I would like to elaborate on a particular statement he made.

"I stopped living by the core values that I was taught to believe in. I knew my actions were wrong, but I convinced myself that normal rules didn't apply. I never thought about who I was hurting. Instead, I thought only about myself. I ran straight through the boundaries that a married couple should live by. I thought I could get away with whatever I wanted to. I felt that I had worked hard my entire life and deserved to enjoy all the temptations around me. I felt I was entitled. I was wrong. I was foolish. I don't get to play by different rules. The same boundaries that apply to everyone apply to me. I brought this shame on myself".

Mr. Woods was sorry after he was exposed by people, although God knows our very actions, thoughts and motives. Mr. Woods (being he is a Buddhist), was sorry to the people but not to the true and living God. Overall, we all make terrible decisions and we must forgive him, just as God forgives us. Let us also keep him in prayer that he comes to know the true and living God. AMEN!

Now let me show you by scripture what God has to say about the sin, but this would not apply to (Mr. Woods) due to the fact he is not a Christian.

(EVIL or SIN) – ECCLESIASTES 8:10-13 NASB – (10) So then, I have seen the wicked buried, those who used to go in and out from the holy place, and they are soon forgotten in the city where they did thus. This too is futility. **(11)** Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil. **(12)** Although a sinner does evil a hundred times and may lengthen his life, still I know that it will be well for those who fear God, who fear Him openly. **(13)** But it will not be well for the evil man and he will not lengthen his days like a shadow, because he does not fear God.

ROMANS 6:23 NASB - (23) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(EXPOSURE) - 1 CORINTHIANS 4:4-5 NASB – (4) My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. **(5)** Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

(REPENTANCE) – 2 PETER 3:9 NASB – (9) The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

(FORGIVENESS) – JOHN 8:10-11 NASB - (10) Straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" **(11)** She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either Go From now on sin no more."

1 JOHN 1:9 NASB – (9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Thank God for His love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, mercy, meekness and temperance! Where would we be without it?

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 5:9-13

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Don't be deceived. All mankind are sinners!

