BUILDING THE LORD'S HOUSE

"THEN CAME THE WORD OF THE LORD BY HAGGAI THE PROPHET, SAYING, IS IT TIME FOR YOU, O YE, TO DWELL IN YOUR CIELED HOUSES, AND THIS HOUSE LIE WASTE? NOW THEREFORE THIS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS; CONSIDER YOUR WAYS. YE HAVE SOWN MUCH, AND BRING IN LITTLE; YE EAT, BUT YE HAVE NOT ENOUGH; YE DRINK, BUT YE ARE NOT FILLED WITH DRINK; YE CLOTHE YOU, BUT THERE IS NONE WARM; AND HE THAT EARNETH WAGES EARNETH WAGES TO PUT IT INTO A BAG WITH HOLES. THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS; CONSIDER YOUR WAYS. GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN, AND BRING WOOD, AND BUILD THE HOUSE; AND I WILL TAKE PLEASURE IN IT, AND I WILL BE GLORIFIED, SAITH THE LORD. YE LOOKED FOR MUCH, AND LO IT CAME TO LITTLE; AND WHEN YE BROUGHT IT HOME, I DID BLOW UPON IT, WHY? SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS. BECAUSE OF MINE HOUSE THAT IS WASTE, AND YE RUN EVERY MAN UNTO HIS OWN HOUSE." Haggai 1:3-9

The Jewish people had been carried away into captivity for 70 years under the foreign king, Nebuchadnezzar. After the 70 years a decree of Cyrus the Great allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem to build the walls of the city and the Temple of God. Other Old Testament books that deal with their return are Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Zachariah, and Malachi.

Several years after their return, God's house was not repaired. Haggai's message to the Jewish people was one of reproof. They had evidently built their own houses and had left God's house remain in ruins. Several of God's men were responsible for calling upon the people to build the house of God.

Notice four things about these verses. (1) The Condition (2) The Cause (3) The Consideration, and (4) The Commandment.

1. THE CONDITION.

Notice three things about the condition of the Jewish people. Notice their selfishness, sinfulness, and senselessness.

Their selfishness is demonstrated in their building their houses and dwelling in them while nothing was done about the House of God in ruins. They passed by each day and looked upon the ruins of God's house and were willing to not do anything about it.

The Lord has always demanded first priority. The law of Moses taught the Jews to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and might. Deut. 6:5 Jesus said, "BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU." Matt. 6:33 People are still selfish. They put family, friends, jobs, and pleasure before the Lord.

Their sinfulness was demonstrated by the neglect of God's house. How could they stand to dwell in their homes while God's house was in ruins? Selfishness soon turns into sinfulness. It is a sin to take care of our business to the neglect and ignoring of God's business. How can people take care of their homes and yards and allow the Lord's house and grounds to be neglected? Even today some people are willing to neglect the Lord's house spiritually and materially while they take care...
of their own personal business. Their senselessness is demonstrated by the truth of verse six. It isn't good business nor good sense to neglect and ignore God's house and business while we take care of our own business diligently. God has promised His people that He will bless them as they obey Him. Read Lev. 26:1-12. They sowed much and brought in little. They ate, but evidently were not full. They drank, but were not satisfied, they were clothed, but were not warm. They earned wages, but the wages disappeared.

II. THE CAUSE.

There are three things involved in the cause of the condition that existed. Notice the neglect of repair, relationship, and reverence.

The neglect of repair is seen in the Lord's house laid in waste. The Lord plainly showed them the cause. "Ye looked for much, and lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts, because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house." V - 9

The prophet was called upon to proclaim the message that the Jews were being punished for neglecting God's house. The Lord wanted them to build His house. The worship of the Lord centered around His house which was in ruins. The Lord would have His people to keep His house up. Make sure the roof is repaired, the buildings are painted, the grass is mowed, the buildings are kept clean and fresh. After all, the Lord's house is more important than my house.

The neglect of relationship to the Lord. It had to be a cold heart that could see God's house in ruins and nothing being done about it. Love for the Lord makes us zealous and fervent and diligent about keeping His house up. A neglect in our relationship with the Lord is demonstrated by a neglect to His house. When we are close to the Lord we will be consecrated in His service and towards His house. The Lord's house will be precious to us. We will have a warm feeling in our hearts for God's house.

The neglect of reverence is demonstrated by the Lord's house remaining wasted. We are to reverence God and His house. God's house has always been a place where God was worshipped and His Holy Word proclaimed, and His praises sung. How in the world could the Jewish people stand to see God's house in such a condition?

When the Lord and His house is not revered and respected then it won't matter to His people. Such actions show contempt for the Lord and His Word. When David sinned he despised the Lord, His Word, and gave occasion to the enemy to blaspheme. When God's house is neglected it is sin and we show that we despise the Lord and His Word and we give occasion to the enemy to blaspheme. Jesus said a wise man will listen and obey Him. A foolish man will not listen, nor will He obey the Lord. God's people certainly ought to respect and reverence the Lord and His house.

III. THE CONSIDERATION.

There are three things involved in the consideration. They were to consider ways, words, and waste.

Consider their ways. This admonition is given in verses 5 and 7. The Lord never says something twice without a reason. Most of the time the Lord is stressing the point. He is showing the importance of what He is saying. At times this is an indication that judgement will follow if the admonition is ignored. They were taking care of their personal business and leaving God's business undone. The way they were living and the priorities they lived by were wrong. The Lord very plainly teaches us we are to put Him first. After we have taken care of the Lord's business, He will bless us as we take care of our own business. The Israelites had reversed God's order in life. As a result of this God's blessings were being withheld. The way they were living was all wrong. The Lord commanded them to consider their ways. He wanted them to stop and think about the way they were living.

Consider the Word. The Jewish people had been given God's law. The law of the Lord is perfect and pure. The law taught them to center their lives around the Lord and His house. They allowed God's house to remain in ruins. God's men, the prophets, had proclaimed God's message to them concerning His house. Haggai was used of God to preach His message about the need of building God's House.

They were called upon to consider the words of the Lord. The Lord wants His people to stop and think about His word. It is truth. It is right and many times we ignore it or neglect it. As God's Holy Word is taught and preached, we are to give solemn attention and consideration to it. Solomon wrote "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil." Eccl. 5:1 Jesus said if a man hears and does His Word, he is wise. Matt. 7:24,25 So many times the Lord's own people miss church services, do not tithe, won't teach, visit, work, etc., because they are committed to their own business and pleasure. The Lord wants His people to consider His Word.

Consider the waste. What kind of people could pass by the house of God that was a pile of waste and not be convicted about building the house? It was God's blessings on them that enabled them to return to the promised land. It would seem like they would be so full of praise and gratitude that they would want to erect God's house as soon as possible. The Lord wants His people to be building His house. Don't allow it to go to waste. Our eyes and hearts ought to be full of love and dedication.
for the Lord and His house that we diligently take care of His business.

IV. THE COMMANDMENT.

Notice there are three things about the commandment of the Lord. Notice the (1) Builders, (2) Building, and (3) The Burden.

The Builders. The Lord's people were to build the house of God. The people were commanded to go get the wood and start building the house. V 8 The people considered the message and obeyed. V 12 The Lord stirred up the spirit of the leaders Zerubbabel and Joshua, and all the remnant of the people. Notice the latter part of V 14, "...AND THEY CAME AND DID WORK IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD OF HOSTS, THEIR GOD." The Lord stirred up their spirits and they began to work as the Lord commanded them.

The Lord wants to use every member to build His house. He can use preachers, deacons, Sunday School teachers, parents, men and women, and boys and girls in building His house. The Lord wants to use YOU in building His house. It is yet to be seen what one person can do for the Lord who will make himself or herself wholly available to the Lord.

The Building. Concerning the building we notice two aspects of it. The material building and the spiritual building. Concerning the material building, the Lord wants His people to keep His house and grounds up. He wants His house CLEAN, ATTRACTIVE, and PRESENTABLE.

Can you imagine what the people around them thought as they saw God's house in ruins and knew what Israel said God meant to them. The Lord wants His people to offer their hands, feet, and minds to help build His house. There is much to be done and God's people should be busy doing the work. Concerning the SPIRITUAL building the Lord wants us to meet regularly and worship and praise Him in church services. He wants the preaching, teaching, singing, etc., to be a witness of His redemptive and saving power. He wants His people to demonstrate His love, forgiveness, kindness, mercy, and faith. We are to build His house materially and spiritually.

The Burden. The Lord stirred up Zerubbabel and Joshua and the people. There must be a burden on the heart of God's people for the Lord's house and work. The people obeyed the Lord and began to build. They did so because they were stirred up of the Lord. The pastor, deacons, teachers, song leaders, officers, secretary, printer, janitor, nursery keepers, etc., all must be burdened for the Lord's house in order to want to build the house. There are jobs that you can do. There are people you can influence and win to the Lord and His service. He wants you to be burdened for the work and for others. It is a blessed privilege to be invited and instructed to help build the Lord's house.

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PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED A PLACE TO STAY
THE DESIGN OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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TEXT: Acts 11:22-26

INTRODUCTION:

A. Christ in the believer is the hope of glory. Col. 1:27
B. Possessors of Christ have LIFE, hope of forgiveness, Heaven, and that eternal. I John 5:11-13; Gal. 2:20
C. We who PROFESS to have Christ ought to give evidence of Him IN US! II Cor. 5:17; I John 2:6; John 13:14-15, 34
D. This is what being a "Christian" is all about!
   1. Christ-like life!
   2. Christ-like walk!
   3. Christ-like ministry!
   4. Christ-like love!
E. The CHRISTIAN (CHRIST-LIKE) LIFE IS DESIGNED TO "PREPARE" "PRODUCE" AND "PORTRAY"!

I. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS DESIGNED TO "PREPARE".

A. For peaceful and victorious living.
   Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:14; Isa. 26:3; Matt. 5:9
B. For PROFITABLE Life!
   1. Life is a precious commodity!
   2. It is a "trust" from God! Acts 17:25
   3. Jesus indicates it could be wasted. Matt. 16:25a
   4. IT CAN BE INVESTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO LIVE FOREVER! Matt. 16:25b; Rev. 14:13; Heb. 11:4c
C. For a CHRIST LIGHTED DEPARTURE!
   1. Psalm 23:4
   2. Of Stephen...faith. Acts 7:56,59
   How Christ Like he died. Luke 23:34
D. For a BLESSED FUTURE! II Cor. 5:8; Rev. 7:15-17

II. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE.

A. A "new" person! II Cor. 5:17
B. Children of Light. Eph. 5:8
   1. God our Father is light. I John 1:5
   2. Jesus is light of the world. John 8:12
   3. The Word is light. Psa. 119:105
   4. The Church is light. Matt. 5:14
   5. The individual is to REFLECT HIS LIGHT! John 8:12; Luke 8:16; Phil. 2:14-16
C. Cross-bearers. Matt. 16:24; Gal. 6:14
E. Fruit-bearing Children of God. John 15:8, 16

F. Examples worthy of others following.
   1. Christ our's I Pet. 2:21
   2. I Tim. 4:12
   3. Many names in the Bible are listed as CHALLENGING EXAMPLES.
F. Soul Winners.
   1. Jesus was a soul-seeker and soul-winner. Luke 19:10; John 9:35
   2. He desires us to be! Matt. 4:19; Acts 1:8
   3. The saved person who is ENJOYING BEING SAVED desires to be a soul-winner.
      Psalm 51:12-13
   4. Challenges to the soul-seeker, soul-winner. Psa. 126:5-6; Prov. 11:30; Dan. 12:3
H. The Christian life is designed to be a "SUPPORTING STRENGTH" to other children of God. Luke 22:32
I. The Christian life is designed to EDIFY THE CHURCH for Jesus gave His life.
   I Cor. 14:12
J. The Christian life is designed to produce TEACHERS OF THE WORD. II Tim. 2:2
K. The Christian life is designed to produce PILLARS IN THE CHURCH. Gal. 2:9

III. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS DESIGNED TO PORTRAY CHRIST TO THE WORLD.

A. As baptism portrays His burial and resurrection.
B. As the Lord's Supper portrays His broken body and shed blood.
C. Even so we are to PORTRAY THE IMAGE OF CHRIST in daily living.
   1. Romans 8:29
   2. EXAMPLES
      a. The poor widow portrayed His SACRIFICAL NATURE.
      b. The Churches of Macedonia likewise: OUT OF POVERTY ABOUND IN LIBERALITY!
      c. Epaphroditus. Phil. 2:30
   3. Paul:
      a. Jesus: John 4:34
      b. Paul: Phil. 1:21
   4. Peter and John: Acts 4:13
   5. The lost world needs to see us His Clean life, Obedience to the Father, Ministry to others, Sacrificial life and death, His victory over Satan, His love for both saved and unsaved, His walk.

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DEALING WITH CIRCUMSTANCES AS THEY ARE

Text: John 7:1-13

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Intro. Jesus built His ministry around circumstances. He always took advantage of the circumstances He was under. He adjusted His life, work to continue progressing regardless of the circumstances. He completely finished the work He came to do in about three years. Circumstances were not always pleasant, but they were not impossible! In light of all this, it seems rather foolish to blame circumstances, rather than ourselves. No one is without their circumstances.

I. UNPLEASANT CIRCUMSTANCES MAY SERIOUSLY LIMIT OPPORTUNITY. V.1
A. Jesus Himself had to face LIMITED opportunity.
B. Jesus used what was available to Him during this time, "Walked in Galilee."
C. How one handles the LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCE makes the difference.
D. There are times when our lives must slow down because of unpleasant circumstances, but while we are there we must do our best.
   1. An accident may slow us down.
   2. Ill health may slow us down.
   3. Caring for some loved one may slow us down.
   4. Financial difficulties may hinder.
E. At times, we may be seriously limited by the sinful actions of others, but we must use what opportunity is there.

II. CIRCUMSTANCE WAS READY TO PRESENT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. V.2
A. Circumstance was about ready to open the door for Jesus to witness to the whole Nation!
   1. "Then the Jews sought him at the feast."
   2. "He was what they had on their minds."
V.11
B. Jesus had to wait for His opportunity; so you may be forced to wait for your opportunity to serve God the way you feel God desires you to.

III. CRUEL CIRCUMSTANCES MAY BE CREATED BY THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO US. V. 3-5
A. They brought accusations against Him which were not true.
   1. They falsely accused Him.
   2. Accused Him of hiding from the Jews.
   3. For having wrong motives.
B. They were saying, "We don't believe in you."
C. Our own loved ones may create our most difficult circumstances.
D. Even though we are Christians ourselves, yet those in our family may not be. Those whom we work with.

IV. OTHERS MAY NOT UNDERSTAND OUR CIRCUMSTANCES, NOR WHY WE RESPOND TO THEM THE WAY WE DO. V.6,7
A. The brothers of Jesus had no insight at all into the work of Jesus. They thought Him to be some sort of Dreamer. Circumstances did not permit Jesus to walk about freely as His brethren did.
B. Others may condemn the way we respond to our circumstances.
   1. They may have no pity, or compassion.
   2. They may have no understanding of them.
   3. They may punish us because of our response.

V. CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO PRESSURE US TO ACT WHEN WE KNOW WE SHOULD NOT. V.8-9
A. Jesus did not allow His brethren to pressure Him. It would have been unwise.
B. Too many people act on pressure from others and most always, "It is the wrong thing to do."

HI MOM

My human life cycle began in conception, even though I'm only thought of by some as an organism. From the first week after conception, God placed me within your uterus and now I am called an embryo. Fingerlike projections which contain blood vessels, connect to me, sprout and extend into blood filled spaces. I am receiving oxygen and nourishment at this time. My sex was determined in conception. During my first month rudiments of my eyes, ears and nose appeared. My head is getting larger because of the development of my brain. My arms and legs are short, but my fingers and toes are well formed. Even my nails are forming, and I am showing some sex distinction. Even though my heart beat can't be heard at this time, I know it is there because I love you very, very much Mom. I'm looking forward to when you can cuddle me in your arms, rock me to sleep and sing lullaby songs to me. Oh NO MOM! did I just hear you make an appointment with a doctor for an abortion? All this time I have been alive in you and now you don't want me? I thought you loved me as I love you and I want to be with you always.

Well the day of that doctor's appointment has arrived even though you are going through with it, I'll fight so hard to stay within you. Bye Mom, I'm going to live with Jesus. If you don't repent of your sins, confess to God that you are a guilty sinner, ask Him to have mercy upon you we will be separated forever. I love you Mom.

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THE BENEFICIAL TEACHINGS
OF CHRIST (PART 16)

SUBJECT: THE PLEA FOR HELP
TEXT: Matthew 6:13A

I. THE DESIRE.
   A. The SERIOUSNESS of this issue.
   B. The SOURCE of temptation.
   C. The STRENGTH of temptation.
   D. The SAVIOUR in temptation.

II. THE DELIVERANCE.
   A. The PLEA.
   B. The PERCEPTION of this prayer and prophecy.

The teachings of the Master, Jesus Christ, would certainly benefit all of us if we would learn them and apply them to the every day experiences of our lives. So many of us are applying the philosophies of this world in our life styles or succumbing to the peer pressures in our environment and thus finding ourselves ending up on dead-end streets broken, bewildered, and bitter. It seems like that all of us have to learn the hard way that "man's way" is not "the way" to happiness and fulfillment. May the Lord help all of us to APPLY ourselves to the study of God's Word and then APPROPRIATE His teachings in our actions, attitudes, articulations & ambitions.

In our Lord's teaching in this lesson, He impresses upon us our need to plea for help. The scripture for our study and consideration is Matt. 6:13A.

"AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL."

First, consider THE DESIRE, "AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION." As we focus our attention on this desire as expressed in these words and utilize the other scriptures dealing with this subject we readily recognize the SERIOUSNESS of this issue. Any individual who is truly saved and striving to please God is certainly aware of the need to pray this truth as stated in this verse. It is hard to understand any believer who is unaware of the conflict of the soul. Study Romans 7:15-25 at this point. Any individual who has experienced the forgiving mercy of Almighty God is made aware of 3 things: (1) He realizes his own weakness, (2) He realizes how powerful sin is; and (3) He realizes his daily need of deliverance from sin.

Perhaps, at this point, it would do us well to consider the SOURCE of temptation. Read James 1:13; Gen. 22:1, and Matt. 4:1. There seems to be a contradiction here in these verses, but a close and thorough examination of these scriptures in light of the original languages will refute that claim. God allows us to be tested, but He does not tempt us to do evil. God creates or allows the circumstances which are either an occasion for failing or an opportunity to prove His power in keeping and helping us. In this sense the term temptation is merely a testing experience. God permits the fire to come, but it is the devil who is actually permitted to solicit you to do evil. On the other hand it is the individual who lights the flame in their own life. Study I Peter 1:3-7 at this point. God therefore, permits or allows temptation to come in our lives and teach us to completely rely upon Him for power and also to serve as an example to others. Review the life of Job to verify the validity of the preceeding statements.

Now, let us look at the STRENGTH of temptation. It has no power at all apart from the personality of the devil. One needs to realize that temptation alone is never sin. It is the yielding to this temptation that produces sin. Even Jesus was tempted. Notice Matt. 4:1-10 and James 1:14-15.

Notice with me now the SAVIOUR in temptation. The Saviour is Jesus. I Cor. 10:13 states,
the destruction of man he might rob God of all His glory. He seeks to frustrate God's purposes of grace. Don't fall victim to his evil schemes, but rather let us listen to Jesus and do what He says. He has told us to pray, "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL." God help all of us to pray this prayer in sincerity.

THE GREAT FORSAKING

TEXT: II Tim. 4:14-18

INTRODUCTION:

A. There are many forsakings recorded in the Word of God.
B. Many more than we would be able to cover in one message.
C. But we are going to cover a few of them.
D. The setting: shortly before his death.
II Tim. 4:6-8

I. A FORSAKING OF THE TRUTH. V 3,4

A. We know by being witnesses that God's truth has and is being forsaken.
B. The majority of the human race doesn't give two hoots and a tin bucket about what God accurately said.
C. They are concerned about tickling the ears of man, saying what man wants to hear.
1. If man wants to think Christ is a myth, Fine.
2. If the world wants to see him as a Superman, Fine.
D. If they want to look at God's Holy Bible as just another book, Fine.
1. If man wants to make his own approval of it, Fine.
2. They have a form (a pretense) of godliness but denying the power thereof.
E. O Thank God for that small majority that have accepted the fact.
1. That God and His Book is still sufficient for all of man's Spiritual needs.
2. That God and His Book is the very foundation of all truth.

II. A FORSAKING OF MINISTERS OR PREACHERS. V 10

A. In the book of Philemon, Paul referred to Demas as my fellow laborer.
B. The comforts and riches of this world has often caused men to forsake the ministry.
C. Many times, God's needs don't match their wants.

D. It is hard to understand a man forsaking God's cause for a few bucks - If they had any backbone.
1. Through the foolishness of preaching
2. How can they hear without a preacher.

III. A FORSAKING OF THE LORD'S HOUSE. Heb. 10:25

A. There are many things involved in this.
1. Forsake the church - you forsake prayer and God.
2. Forsake the church - you forsake giving.
B. Forsake the Church - You forsake the study of God's Word.
1. Forsake the Word - you forsake growth
2. Is there anything any more irritating than a grown man that refuses to grow up.
C. Forsaking the church is refusing to grow in God's grace.

IV. A FORSAKING OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST. Matt. 24:12

A. Christ chose the church in Rev.
B. No greater love has any man.

V. THE GREAT FORSAKING. "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

A. Paul never experienced anything like this.
B. Neither have you.

WHAT IS RIGHT ABOUT THE CHURCH OF THE LORD

TEXT: Matt. 16:13-18

INTRODUCTION:

A. So many tell us what is wrong about the church, but very few tell us what is right.
B. The church of the Lord is the greatest of all institutions.
1. She is Christ built. Matt. 16:18
2. She is the only institution God gets glory in. Eph. 3:21
3. She is the only institution Christ accepts as the bride. John 3:27-29; II Cor. 11:1-2
4. She is the only institution Jesus shed His blood to purchase. Acts 20:28
5. She is the only institution called the House of God. I Tim. 3:15
6. She is the only institution called the Temple of the Holy Spirit. I Cor. 3:16
7. She is the only institution that there one of a kind. Eph. 4:5 Any group of people of that kind are His
I. THE FOUNDATION IS RIGHT.
   A. Isaiah 28:16
   B. 1 Peter 2:7
   C. I Cor. 3:11

II. THE HEAD IS RIGHT.
   A. Eph. 5:23
   B. Col. 1:18
   C. Head means authority. Matt. 28:18

III. THE BODY IS RIGHT.
   A. Col. 1:18
   B. Acts 1:21-22
   C. Brings forth after His kind. Gen.1:21,24
   D. It takes a church of the Lord to bring
      forth another like church.
   E. False church can but bring forth after
      their kind.

IV. THE BEGINNING TIME IS RIGHT.
   A. Just as the human family began, likewise
      the church.
   B. Right time at right place. Matt. 4:18-22

V. THE WORK IS RIGHT.
   A. Go get people born again. Saved.
   B. Baptize them.
   C. Teach them to observe all things He
      taught. Matt. 28:19-21

VI. THE TEACHINGS ARE RIGHT.
   A. Christ teachings
   B. Man's is cast aside.
   C. Christ is always magnified.

VII. HER DESTINY IS RIGHT.
   A. Rev. 19:7-9

CONCLUSION:
Isn't it a lot better to tell what is right
than to always finding what is wrong? There are
no perfect churches and church. Let us tell
what is right about the church.

THOSE WHO
WALK AWAY

Sammy Eldredge

TEXT: MATTHEW 19:16-22

INTRODUCTION:
Jesus did not come to take away your enjoy-
ment of life, instead He came to give you a
better life, and a better outlook on life.
   A. The reason many will not come to Jesus
      is because they have been led to believe
      they will not be able to enjoy life once
      they accept Jesus.
   B. Nothing could be farther from the truth.
   C. But there are certain ones who turn
      away from Jesus, and these are some of
      them.

VI. THE WANTON.
   A. The Sunday Fisherman.
   B. The Sunday Entertainer. (Those who al-
      ways have company on Sunday.)
   C. The Sports Worshiper.
   D. The Continual Sunday Traveler. (These
      kind find it easy to walk away from
      Jesus.)

CONCLUSION:
Jesus your Lord, came at great expense to
give you a chance at Eternal life.

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