

Sad Words Found in the Bible

Introduction

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:21-27

1. We love to hear words of gladness but not words of sadness.
2. The Bible contains a list of both glad and sad words.
3. Sad words are words which are connected with grief.
4. In our study this morning we will examine some words/statements that we read in the Bible that makes our heart sad because these words were in opposition to obedience to God.

“Some Mocked”

1. When the Apostle Paul was preaching in Athens concerning the resurrection of the dead, we find these words:
Acts 17:32-34
2. It is truly sad when people will make fun of the resurrection of Christ.
3. The consequences of a non-resurrection would be devastating.
 - A. It is by the resurrection that Jesus is declared to be the Son of God.

Romans 1:4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

B. Baptism saves us in the likeness of the resurrection of Jesus.

1 Peter 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ**,

C. Peter writes that we have a “living hope” because of the resurrection of Jesus.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

- 1) Paul wrote that if in this life only we have hope in Christ, then we are most pitiable (1 Cor 15:19).

“We Will Not Walk In It”**1. Both the Old and New Testaments place emphasis on how one is to walk.****A. In the prophet Jeremiah’s day, notice the words of the people.
Jeremiah 6:15-19**

- 1) In most cases, there is not much difference between the people of Jeremiah’s day and the people today.

B. To have hope we MUST walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life**.

C. A Christian needs to walk:**1) In the light.**

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

2) Worthy of the calling.

Ephesians 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

3) In love.

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

4) Properly or Honestly.

1 Thessalonians 4:12 that you may walk properly (honestly - KJV) toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

2. It has always been sad when God's people will not walk in the ways in which he has directed!

“Who Concerning the Truth Have Erred”**2 Timothy 2:17-18**

- 1. It is sad when men err from the truth of God's word.**
- 2. It is a fact that brethren can err from the truth (Jam 5:19).**
- 3. When one errs from the truth, he errs from that which makes him free.**

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Romans 6:17-18 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

"Some Shall Depart from the Faith"

1. Many will depart from the faith.

1 Timothy 4:1-3

A. Some Bible examples of those that have departed or denied the faith.

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:12 having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith.

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:20-21 O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

“And the Door Was Shut”

1. In verse 10 of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins in Matthew, chapter 25, we hear some very sad words.

Matthew 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and **the door was shut**.

2. The phrase “and the door was shut” means:

- A. Some were not ready.

- B. Some were lost.

3. Preparation is important and necessary.

Amos 4:12 "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, **Prepare to meet your God**, O Israel!"

- A. Preparation is an individual affair - it must be done by each of us with all diligence.

“Go Away For Now”

1. The story of Felix.
Acts 24:24-25

2. This is sad because:

- A. He was so close to the truth.

- B. Paul reasoned with him about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment.

- C. He trembled!

- D. There is no indication that he ever obeyed the gospel of Christ.

“Depart from Me”

1. Relate the judgment scene (Matthew 25:31-46)

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

A. This will be said to:

1) Those who fail to use their talents.

Matthew 25:30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

2) People who are not benevolent (Matthew 25:41).

3) The ones who fail to obey the Lord! Matthew 7:21-23

Matthew 25:46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

“Almost”

Acts 26:28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You **almost** persuade me to become a Christian.”

1. **One of the saddest words in the Bible is “almost.”**
 - A. **It is sad because Agrippa was almost persuaded to be a Christian.**
 - B. **We never read of where Agrippa obeyed - and that’s sad.**
2. **Being almost saved is not enough.**
 - A. **If I almost caught my plane - I missed it!**
 - B. **If I almost caught a fish - I lost it!**
 - C. **If I am almost saved - I am lost!**
3. **We need to persuade men to become children of God.**

2 Corinthians 5:11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, **we persuade men**; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

Conclusion

1. **These sad words in the Bible should lead us to understand that man is either saved or lost based on obedience to God’s will - not man’s.**
2. **What is it that keeps you from “almost” becoming a Christian?**
 - A. **Won’t you come to Jesus now - believing and obeying His precious words unto salvation?**

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