

“Jesus Denounces an Unresponsive Generation”

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Theme: Christ the King

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Matthew writes to show that Jesus is the promised Jewish Messianic king prophesied in the OT Scriptures. He presents various lines of evidence to show this is true.

In the first 15 verses of Matthew 11 Jesus shows that He is the promised Messiah by emphasizing that John the Baptist was indeed the prophesied “Elijah type” of forerunner who goes before the Messiah.

The Messiah prophetically has a forerunner that goes before Him calling the people of Israel to repentance. This is true in relation to both the Messiah’s first coming and in relation to His second coming. In the case of His first coming John the Baptist fulfilled the prophetic forerunner passages as seen in Isa. 40:3; and Mal. 3:1. In the case of the Second Coming Elijah will yet fulfill the forerunner passage of Mal. 4:5-6.

If the nation of Israel had repented as John called them to do, then he would have fulfilled all the “Elijah-type” prophecies and the kingdom would have come, but alas the nation failed to repent.

Today in our study Jesus will show how Israel wrongly responded to both the ministry of John (the prophesied forerunner) and also to Jesus as the promised Messiah. The evidence was clear, but they rejected the obvious truth right before their eyes and consequently were especially responsible for it.

Matthew 11:16–24 (NKJV)

16 “But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions,

The word “generation” can refer to a people group bound together by a common origin or it can refer people born within the same time period. The latter is what is in view here. Jesus is addressing the people of His day in Israel that were alive at the time His ministry took place on the earth.

The word “generation” (Gk. *genea*) is found 16 times in the NT. It comes with many negative adjectives such as “wicked”, “adulterous”, “sinful”, “faithless”, “perverse”, etc.

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With only one exception (Matthew 24:34), the expression describes the generation that rejected the Messiah. In all cases it refers to a literal generation. – ***John Phillips***

Jesus illustrates the spiritual condition of the people of His day in this way. It was common for Jewish children to play various pretend games while their parents shopped in the market. Jesus says the people of His generation are like children in the marketplace who refuse to play when they are called to do so.

17 and saying: ‘We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not lament.’

When called to play the role of dancing for some sort of celebratory event they are unresponsive. When called to roleplay the part of those at a funeral they likewise are unresponsive. They refuse to respond to the flute by dancing, and to the sound of mourning by lamenting.

The illustration pictures this generation as being passive, indifferent, and unresponsive. All you have to do to go to hell is NOTHING. And one is especially responsible when the evidence is strongly presented to them. **Billy Sunday** was right when he said, “ A man can slip into hell with his hand on the *door-knob of heaven.*”

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Hebrews 2:3 (NKJV)

3 how shall we escape if we **neglect** so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

All you have to do is NEGLECT it – to passively not respond to the truth.

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John 3:18 (NKJV)

18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, **because he has not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

And then Jesus further explains what exactly He is illustrating as seen in the following verses.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

John the Baptist came with an austere type of ministry living ascetically. And for a season the people rejoiced in the light he brought as seen in John 5:35. However, evidently when John was taken off to prison the people came to view him as just a crazy demon possessed man shouting in the wilderness.

Fickle people can be so brutal when you are down. It doesn’t appear that this defamation of his character took place until after his arrest and imprisonment. In this context the phony supporters become evident. Instead of supporting John it became evident what they really thought of him as they said, “He has a demon”. That is total rejection of John and his entire ministry.

They did not see him as a man of God introducing the Messiah, but rather as Satan’s man. On the other hand, Jesus had a different kind of ministry, and they didn’t respond properly to Him either.

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by her children.”

In contrast to the ascetic type ministry of John the Baptist, Jesus came eating and drinking. It’s like John came to fast and Jesus came to party. And they didn’t appreciate either one. They accused Jesus of being “**a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!**”

There was no pleasing this generation. They didn’t like the austere ministry of John and they didn’t like celebratory ministry of the Son of Man either. There is no pleasing the spirit of unbelief. It is consistently CRITICAL. A critical spirit of unbelief defines rebellion.

Not only were they unresponsive, but they were also blasphemously critical about it. They claimed John had a demon and that Jesus was carrying on with a sinful party lifestyle with the proof being His sinful associations with tax collectors and sinners.

Note the title “**Son of Man**” is a Messianic designation based on the OT reference in Daniel 7:13-14 (cf. Mt. 8:20).

In response to this Jesus gave this proverbial saying: “**But wisdom is justified by her children.**” Some manuscripts have here “Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.” However, in the parallel text of Lk. 7:35 it also says “children”.

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Luke 7:35 (NKJV)

35 But wisdom is justified by all her children.”

Whether understood as “deeds” or “children” the concept is basically the same referring to what is produced. The wisdom of God as seen in both the ministry of John and Jesus would be proven true.

The idea of wisdom being justified means that it is VINDICATED or proven right. In the end the wisdom of God will be seen in both the ministry of John the Baptist and that of Christ in several ways. It would be shown in that they both would accomplish the objective of God. They both had a part in the fulfillment of prophecy. It would be seen in the fruit of true converts who serve as a vindication of the wisdom of their ministries.

Although the ministry of John and that of Jesus were very different, yet in the wisdom of God they both had a specific role in fulfilling the all wise plan of God. Thus, they complemented each other perfectly.

Fittingly John the Baptists ministry corresponding with lamenting was in keeping with his call to repentance. And fittingly Christ's ministry corresponding with celebrating was in keeping with Him as the Messiah offering the good news of the kingdom. It all fit perfectly together in keeping with God's wisdom. And wisdom bears fruit – the fruit of true followers.

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The Lord Jesus, of course, is Wisdom personified (1 Cor. 1:30). Though unbelieving men might slander Him, He is vindicated in His works and in the lives of His followers. Though the mass of the Jews might refuse to acknowledge Him as Messiah-King, His claims were completely verified by His miracles and by the spiritual transformation of His devoted disciples. – ***William MacDonald***

And by deduction the blasphemous response of the majority of this generation is shown to be a complete lack of true wisdom. Indeed, it was pure folly!

20 Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:

This verse marks a MAJOR shift in the ministry of Christ. Recall the two bookends summarizing Christ's Galilean ministry as seen in Matt. 4:23 and Matt. 9:35.

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Matthew 4:23 (NKJV)

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing** all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Matthew 9:35 (NKJV)

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing** every sickness and every disease among the people.

This is descriptive of Christ's presentation of Himself, and His kingdom offer to the nation. Most of these mighty miracles took place in the region of Galilee which Christ is now going to severely rebuke because of their blasphemous indifference.

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Those who really wish to know their Bibles should see that we are in new country from this verse forward. Draw a thick black line between the nineteenth and the twentieth verses. There is a great divide here.

– **Donald Grey Barnhouse**

From this point on a new aspect of Christ's ministry is being introduced. Prior to this time a lot of miraculous evidence and space was given for the people to repent and respond to the truth of Christ and His message.

Now the tone has changed. He now begins to pronounce judgment on this generation because they refused to repent. He goes from presenting the evidence to rebuking and condemning the people for not accepting it.

Note the language here: "**Then He BEGAN to rebuke**". This marks a change. The idea of rebuke means to deliver a denunciation.

And in particular He is aiming His rebuke at those cities in which MOST of His mighty works had been done. They had the MOST evidence and therefore were the most accountable!

They had seen the truth the most clearly. The word "**mighty**" is the Greek word "**dunamis**" from which we get our English word "dynamite". It refers to the idea of might, power, or strength. These were powerful miracles that were irrefutable. They were kingdom miracles here referred to as "**mighty works**". Power characterized them as Christ did what no one else ever did both in terms of scope and uniqueness.

Christ evidenced total power over the demonic realm, over the realm of disease and over the realm of nature. In every realm His power was shown to be total. This was POWERFUL evidence that Jesus was no ordinary person. He was the God-Man. He was the prophesied divine/human Messiah. He is the God-King that the Messiah would be as seen in the power displayed in performing these miracles.

And note again the problem here. In spite of all this powerful evidence, yet the people refused to repent. This was the response that God was demanding! The response of repentance is what John the Baptist called for (Mt. 3:2). It was also the response that Jesus called for at the very outset of His ministry (cf. Mt. 4:17).

The people to a point took an interest in Jesus' teaching and they loved the healing miracles and free food, but their hearts remained unchanged and therefore their lives were unchanged. As Jesus said, people are ultimately known by their fruits (cf. Mt. 7:15-20).

The word "**repent**" literally means to change your mind. It means to think differently where we admit we are wrong and align our thinking with God's truth. Repentance is saying, "**God you are right – I am wrong in my thinking and therefore I change my thinking**". Repentance realigns our thinking with God's truth. In this case the issue is WHO Jesus is and of course if you truly change your mind about WHO He is that affects how you respond to His teaching and how you live.

Christ was calling on the nation to acknowledge Him as the prophesied Messiah and to align with His kingdom teaching. This would require a change of mind concerning their legalistic ways steeped in the rabbinic traditions and dead formalism.

Christ was really saying, "**It's not about your dead religion, but rather it's all about ME – because I am the Messiah. Turn your back on your legalistic religion and follow Me.**" And this is why the religious leaders hated Him. He was a threat to them. They got it that Jesus was calling for repentance that forsakes legalistic Judaism and turns to follow Christ with an all-out commitment to Him as Lord.

Jesus made it all about Him and the religious establishment had a problem with that. You can't faithfully follow legalistic Judaism and Jesus as Lord at the same time. They are diametrically opposed. This is the point of the parable showing that new wine must be put into new wineskins (cf. Mt. 9:17).

A complete change of mind was required which is called repentance. Repentance jettisons the old form of religion and follows Christ as your religious authority on everything. Most of Israel was not ready to do this. It was a "Lordship" issue and most of Israel was still under the Lordship of religious legalism and was not willing to repent and align with the Lordship of Christ. That at core was the issue.

Footnote: Miracles do not necessarily guarantee that faith will follow. Sometimes Christians seem to think that if we just saw more miracles more people would believe. The ministry of Christ proves that is not true. In fact, Christ put the number one convincer as being the Word.

Slide # 9**Luke 16:31 (NKJV)**

31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' ”

Christ is saying that there is nothing more convincing than the Scriptures themselves. If people won't believe the Word of God, there is no miracle that would be more convincing. Do you believe what Jesus said? The Word is its own power because it has the convicting power of the Spirit behind it.

But miracles did play a role. They did provide powerful evidence for which the people were accountable.

21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

In context Jesus singles out 3 cities in particular for condemning rebuke. Those cities are Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum – all which were located in the vicinity of the northern end of the Sea of Galilee, which is where MOST of Christ's miracles were performed.

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“Woe” is an announcement of coming judgment and doom.

These verses remind us that the Gospel accounts are selective and not exhaustive. Chorazin is mentioned only twice in the Bible – here in Matt. 11:21 and also in Luke 10:13. And there is no gospel record of any miracles happening there. Bethsaida only has record of two (cf. Mk. 6:45; 8:22; Lk. 9:10). This shows us that although Jesus' healing ministry was extensive the record is merely selective.

Slide # 11**John 21:25 (NKJV)**

25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

Of course, John is here using hyperbole to make his point, but the fact is the gospels are merely selective in what they address. They present all the evidence that we need, but it is not the complete record.

Jesus holds these cities in which MOST of His miracles were done MOST accountable because of the amount of light they were given.

Jesus acts as if He is God here in that He claims to know both all things actual and all things possible which only God can know. This is omniscience (knowing all things) which is an attribute that belongs only to God. This once again serves as an indicator that Jesus is in fact God - knowing what only God can ultimately know.

He claims here to know that if Tyre and Sidon had been privileged to have this amount of evidence that they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. They would have responded sooner and they would have responded with repentance.

Tyre and Sidon were prominent costal sister cities on the Mediterranean in region of Phoenicia in the OT. They were pagan/idolatrous cities often denounced by the prophets especially for their worship of Baal (cf. Isa. 23; Ezek. 26-28; Joel 3:4; Amos 1:9-10; Zech. 9:2-4). Jezebel was from Sidon.

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The wearing of sackcloth and ashes was a common Eastern way of demonstrating grief and brokenness – in this case repentance. Sackcloth was rough fabric commonly made from short hairs of camels and worn next to the skin. Thus sackcloth was very uncomfortable and was worn to express inward pain (cf. 2 Sam. 3:31; 1 Kg. 21:27; 2 Kg. 6:30; Joel 1:8; Jon. 3:5-8).

22 But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

As wicked, as pagan, as idolatrous as Tyre and Sidon were, yet in the eyes of God their sin was less offensive than that of Chorazin and Bethsaida. As offensive as gross sin is, there is nothing more offensive than the rejection of God's Son – the Lord Jesus Christ. This is at the top of the list. Condemnation is ultimately for not believing in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the first and foremost reason why people go to hell.

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1 John 5:10 (NKJV)

10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does **not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.**

And the more light a person has concerning the person of the Lord Jesus Christ the more accountable they are. And that is the great issue here. These people had first-hand LIGHT on an unparalleled level. They saw the power of God on display first-hand in and through the person of Christ. That is a lot for which to account.

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Luke 12:48 (NKJV)

48 But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone **to whom much is given, from him much will be required;** and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

The greater the light given, the greater the level of accountability. And truly the light shining through the ministry of John and then followed by the person of Christ was very GREAT indeed. There was no excuse!

In context most commentators agree that the “woe” of Christ signifies a coming physical judgment. Today when tour guides take you to the suggested sites of these cities all you find are ruins similar to this.

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But beyond the coming physical judgment the text looks forward to a future coming “day of judgment” when the condemnation of these Jewish cities will suffer a worse fate than that of the wicked pagan Gentiles. This is clearly evident because in verse 24 the judgment of Sodom “is still looked upon as being future” when in fact Sodom had been wiped off the map thousands of years earlier (Toussaint). This looks forward to the final unbeliever’s judgment before the great white throne of God spoken of in Rev. 20:11-15 (cf. Mt. 10:15; 12:36).

We note a couple of other things here. First, God does not owe anyone anything. He does not owe anyone a certain amount of revelation, otherwise there would be injustice in the withholding of it, but there is not. Second, there are degrees of eternal punishment corresponding to the opportunities given. The greater the opportunity – the greater the judgment for not responding (cf. Mt. 12:41; 23:13; Lk. 12:47-48). “God measures sin by the light a person, a city, or a nation has been given.” (John Phillips)

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There will be degrees of punishment in hell, just as there will be degrees of reward in heaven (1 Cor. 3:12-15). The single sin that consigns men to hell is refusal to submit to Jesus Christ (John 3:36). But the depth of suffering in hell is conditional on the privileges spurned and the sins indulged. – ***William MacDonald***

23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Capernaum was the “adopted” hometown of Jesus where He put His ministry base of operations after He was rejected in His hometown of Nazareth (cf. Matt. 4:13; 9:1). Thus, Capernaum had a great amount of privileged light.

Galilee, where Capernaum was situated was called “Galilee of the Gentiles” and here is what the Scripture prophetically said about it.

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Isaiah 9:1–2 (NKJV)

1 Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed her, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, **In Galilee of the Gentiles.**

2 The people who walked in darkness Have **seen a great light;** Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them **a light has shined.**

This was the light of the Messiah – and no one in Galilee saw this light more brightly than Capernaum – the home town of Jesus. Many great miracles were performed there as recorded in the gospels (cf. Mt. 8:5-17; 9:2-8, 18-33; Mk. 1:23-28; Jn. 4:46-54).

But Capernaum (generally) had a PRIDE problem. They were too proud to repent. And right here is a common problem. Pride gets in the way of repentance. Repentance and pride are mutually exclusive. True repentance involves humbling yourself before the truth of God.

Jesus said though they were exalted to heaven (in their own estimation) yet they would be brought down to Hades. Hades is the realm of the dead corresponding to the Hebrew word “sheol” in the OT. And when referring to the lost it refers to the realm of the damned. Many believe that the language here alludes to Isaiah 14:15 and the fall of Satan from heaven because of his exalted pride.

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Isaiah 14:14–15 (NKJV)

14 **I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,** I will be like the Most High.’

15 Yet **you shall be brought down to Sheol,** To the lowest depths of the Pit.

Capernaum had a devil-like ego, but coming to Christ requires an attitude of humility. Capernaum's exalted ego was going to be brought down to the realm of the damned in Hades.

And then Jesus said, "***if the mighty works which were done in you [Capernaum] had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.***" For the pious Jews so full of religious pride this was the ultimate insult. After all they considered themselves the favored – uniquely blessed and special people of God. And they considered Sodom the worst of the worst in terms of the depth of degradation.

What they failed to realize is that the fuller revelation given in the personalized ministry of the Messiah made them more culpable than the greater sinners in Sodom. That is really saying something.

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Genesis 13:13 (NKJV)

13 But the men of Sodom were **exceedingly wicked and sinful against the LORD.**

Genesis 18:20 (NKJV)

20 And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because **their sin is very grave,**

The record of Scripture is that Sodom was about as BAD as you can get (cf. Ezek. 16:48). It was proverbial for perverse wickedness! It is infamous in history. It became typical for extreme evil and judgment. When God judged Sodom, it was wiped off the face of the earth to such an extreme that for years people have wondered exactly where it was located. And God intends for the judgment of Sodom to be a lasting warning and lesson for the whole world.

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2 Peter 2:6 (NKJV)

6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them **an example** to those who afterward would live ungodly;

Jude 7 (NKJV)

7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are **set forth as an example**, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Thus, Sodom is set forth as enduring example of the destructive judgment of God that is beyond remedy! Not only were they SUDDENLY destroyed physically but is also set forth as example of those who suffer the vengeance of eternal hell fire.

As BAD as the wickedness of Sodom was, yet before God the wickedness of rejecting Christ's personal ministry by those who saw it up close and personal is shown to be even WORSE! This was an even greater sin against the Lord. The condemnation here is not for great moral degradation, not for great immorality, not for violence and vice, but simply for not accepting the GREAT REVELATION given in the personal ministry of Jesus Christ.

Curiously, there is no record that the people of that city ever mocked or ridiculed Jesus, ran Him out of town, or threatened His life. Yet the sin of that city – indifference to Christ – was worse than Sodom's gross wickedness (cf. 10:15.) – ***John MacArthur***

24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

For any Jew with any sense of spirituality at all this had to be shocking. More tolerable for Sodom in the day of judgment than for God chosen people. That is shocking! And it just goes to show you the value that God puts on the truth of His Son and what most offends Him is the rejection of Jesus the Messiah! This is the GREATEST of all sin!

And don't think that because we don't live in the time of Christ's earthly ministry that we are somehow less accountable for the sin of indifference to the truth of Christ. You see God had a record of Christ's life and ministry written down under inspiration for which we are totally accountable as we are made aware of it. There is no getting around it. Those who have access to this GREAT LIGHT have great accountability! (cf. Jn. 12:48)

It behooves us to remember that our nation has been given more light than that which was given to Capernaum! We live on this side of the cross. We have a completed New Testament. The Holy Spirit has

come. Pentecost has come. The church has been born. In Capernaum's day the Lord's mighty works were largely in the sphere of the physical, but in our land spiritual miracles take place every day.

- **John Phillips**

All three Galilean cities, in spite of their greater "light," rejected the Messiah, and are today in ruins.

- **The Bible Knowledge Commentary**

Hebrews 10 presents a very comparable sin today by those who have come to the knowledge of the truth but refuse to accept it.

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Hebrews 10:26 (NKJV)

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Hebrews 10:29 (NKJV)

29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

To willfully reject the KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH is a most serious thing! It was in Jesus day and it is today. We can talk all day about the grievous sins of society such as adultery, abortion, and homosexuality, but you want to know what is even more offensive to God? That is being a nice moral or religious person that in reality is indifferent to the truth of Christ. That is even more offensive to God. Great light brings with it great accountability!

There were many small towns and villages in Galilee during the time of Christ but it believed that there were 4 prominent cities in Galilee; namely Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum, and Tiberias. Interestingly, Jesus pronounced "woe" against the first three, but not the city of Tiberias.

What has been the result? The destruction of Chorazin and Bethsaida is so complete that their exact sites are unknown. The location of Capernaum is not positive. Tiberias still stands. This remarkable fulfillment of prophecy is one more evidence of the Savior's omniscience and the Bible's inspiration.

- **William MacDonald**

When we were in Israel one of my favorite places was the city of Tiberias on the sea of Galilee. I still remember the sea gulls flying over the sea and the warm refreshing air. It was beautiful sight looking out over the Sea of Galilee.

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What a lesson: Great privilege – great revelation – great light – result in great accountability. What Jesus said proves true - even historically. The “Woe” of Christ always proves true!

You really don't want to go to HELL from Southview Bible Church because to the best of our ability we continually champion the TRUTH of our Lord Jesus Christ day in and day out. And if you sit here and listen to it, but refuse to really accept it – WOE be to you on judgment day! The worst place to go to hell from is from the position of having known the truth and yet passively being unresponsive to it.

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More light – More accountability...

v. 20 mighty works... not repent

v. 21 mighty works...

v. 23 mighty works...

v. 22 more tolerable...

v. 24 more tolerable...

If you know the truth you are accountable for it! And the more truth you know the more accountable you are. God demands a proper response. A saving faith response that involves true repentance. God demands a HEART response that receives Christ for Who He is as Lord and Savior!

What is your response?