

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

July 19, 2026 – Sent by the King: Greater Light, Greater Judgment

Main Passage: Matthew 11:20-24

Main Idea:

The more truth we receive, the more accountable we are for how we respond to it.

1) The Condemnation of Privileged Cities (*Matthew 11:20–23a*)

- Jesus rebuked Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum because they refused to repent.
- These cities witnessed Jesus' miracles, heard His teaching, and experienced His presence firsthand.
- Spiritual privilege does not guarantee salvation.
- The greatest tragedy was not their lack of opportunity, but their refusal to respond to God's revelation.

Key Scriptures: *Matthew 11:20–23a, John 21:25*

2) The Comparison to Pagan Cities (*Matthew 11:21–24*)

- Jesus compared these Jewish cities to Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom—cities known for idolatry and wickedness.
- Those pagan cities had far less revelation but would have repented if they had witnessed Jesus' miracles.
- God's judgment considers not only our sin but also the amount of truth we reject.
- Greater revelation brings greater accountability before God.

Key Scriptures: *Matthew 11:21–24, 2 Peter 2:6, Ezekiel 16:49, Luke 12:48*

3) The Call to Respond (*Matthew 11:20–24*)

- East Texas has tremendous access to the Gospel through churches, Scripture, and Christian influence.
- Familiarity with Jesus can lead to spiritual indifference if we are not careful.
- The question is not whether we have heard the truth, but whether we have responded to it in repentance and faith.
- Don't become comfortable in the light—allow God's truth to continually change your life.

Key Scriptures: *Matthew 11:20–24, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9, Romans 10:13*

4) What Each City Teaches Us

Chorazin

- Seeing God's work isn't enough.
- Privilege ignored leads to judgment.

Bethsaida

- Growing up around truth doesn't save.
- Knowing God's people isn't the same as knowing God.

Capernaum

- Living close to Jesus isn't enough.
- Familiarity can become indifference.

Questions for Reflection

1. Have I become familiar with Jesus without truly following Him?
2. Am I responding to the truth God has given me?
3. Has God's Word continued to change my heart, or have I become spiritually comfortable?
4. What step of repentance or obedience is God calling me to take today?

Bottom Line

The more truth we receive, the more accountable we are for how we respond to it.

"The question is not 'Have we been exposed to the truth?' The question is, 'What have we done with the truth that God has given us?'"

"The great tragedy for the people of Khor-ad-zin and the people of the church today is not living in darkness but becoming so comfortable in the light that we never allow it to change and mold us."