

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 9-28-22
Matthew Chapter 11 Part 4

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Jesus described that “generation” as “children”.
 - a) Jesus is confronting their immaturity and selfishness.
- 2) “Wisdom is justified in her children” – Verse 19

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) We started a challenging portion of scripture but did not make it all the way through.
- 2) Matthew 11:20-24

2. Jesus confronts the unrepentant heart: Matthew 11:20-24

a. This will sound familiar:

b. Review:

- 1) Verse 20 – Jesus is rebuking, reproving the people of these cities.
 - a) Why?
- 2) Verse 21 -His rebuke includes a powerful contrast.
 - a) Truth here – Had they seen what you have seen they would have repented.
 - b) Remember these cities? Chorazin and Bethsaida. Tyre and Sidon.
- 3) Verse 22 –
 - a) “tolerable” – bearable, endurable.
 - b) Jesus point –
 - c) There seems to be a connection to the Light (truth) that is received and thus rejected and its impact as to the degree of the punishment that one would suffer in hell.

c. Application thought thus far from this:

- 1) There is a connection to Light and rejection and how that impacts the one who is in hell.
- 2) There is a connection to Light and responsibility to that of a believer as well.
 - a) Luke 12:48 – to whom much is given much is required.
 - b) What happens when the servant begins to think that his master is not coming?
 - c) I think Jesus’ point here is that of unfaithfulness. Verse 46
- 3) Is living with the sense of urgency that the Lord could return at any time really make a difference in how we live and serve?

d. Back to Jesus’ challenge:

- 1) Verse 23 – Capernaum, exalted to heaven, brought down to hell and the city of Sodom would still be a city in that day?
 - a) “exalted to heaven” –
 - b) “brought down to hell” –
- 2) How powerful is the truth that had been revealed to the people in Capernaum?
 - a) Jesus said – “For if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.”
- 3) My mind went back to Genesis 18:
 - a) Remember this conversation between Abraham and God?
- 4) Could Lot’s life and testimony have made a difference in there being at least 10 righteous people?

5) Verse 24 – “it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in that day of judgment, than for thee.”

3. Tonight's Take Aways:

- a. I believe it is wise when confronted with a principle from scripture, whether in your study or through teaching, that you take some time to meditate on that scripture.
 - 1) To whom much is given much is required.
- b. Is it convicting to you to think that those who are in hell today may have more of a burden for lost people than we do in the Church today?
- c. Is it possible that through Lot's life and testimony that the destruction of Sodom could have been avoided?