

WARNING THOSE WHO REFUSE TO LISTEN  
(Matthew 11:16-24)

- I. The UNSATISFIED (Matt. 11:16-19)
  - A. He asks what ANALOGY He could use to DESCRIBE them
    1. They had HEARD Jesus' TEACHING
    2. They had EXPERIENCED Jesus' MIRACLES
    3. "BUT" they did not HEED what they HEARD
  - B. He compares them to CHILDREN at PLAY
    1. They PRETENDED to be doing IMPORTANT things
    2. They COMPLAINED when they didn't get THEIR WAY
  - C. John's ministry was much like a FUNERAL
    1. He FASTED and MOURNED Israel's sin
    2. "They" declared John DEMON POSSESSED
  - D. Jesus' ministry was much like a WEDDING
    1. He ATE, DRANK and celebrated the KINGDOM
    2. "They" declared Jesus a GLUTTON and DRUNK, who was a "FRIEND of tax collectors and sinners"
  - E. "Yet WISDOM is vindicated by her DEEDS"
    1. The lives of JOHN and JESUS demonstrate the RIGHTEOUSNESS of WISDOM

2. The OBJECTIONS of their critics demonstrate the WICKEDNESS of FOLLY

II. The UNREPENTANT (Matt. 11:20-24)

A. He DENOUNCED them for IGNORING Him

1. They had witnessed MOST of His MIRACLES
2. They REFUSED to REPENT

B. He pronounced “WOE” upon Chorazin and Bethsaida

1. Tyre and Sidon would have REPENTED
2. They will SUFFER LESS in the judgment

C. He pronounced DAMNATION upon Capernaum (cf. Isa. 14:15)

1. Sodom would have “REMAINED to this day”
2. They will SUFFER LESS in the judgment

III. The UNDERLYING Theological Truths

A. The JUDGE has exhaustive KNOWLEDGE

1. He KNOWS everything that HAS HAPPENED
2. He KNOWS everything that WILL HAPPEN
3. He KNOWS everything that WOULD HAVE HAPPENED had God done things DIFFERENTLY

B. God does not OWE revelation to ANYONE

C. PUNISHMENT in the Judgment is affected by OPPORTUNITY