

“Mistakes In The Bible”

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Text: II Timothy 3:16,17

Theme: To learn from the mistakes of certain Bible characters.

Introduction:

1. The claim of the most unusual Book ever written II Timothy 3:16,17.
2. Over 2600 times this Book lays claim to divine authorship.
3. If the Bible makes no mistakes it must be from God.
4. If the Bible makes mistakes it must not be from God.
5. There are mistakes in the Bible: the mistakes of men, recorded for our admonition.

Discussion:

Proposition: The only mistakes in the Bible are those which were made by fallible men.

- I. THE MISTAKE OF ADAM AND EVE: Genesis 3.
 - A. Their mistake was in disobeying God II Timothy 3:17.
 1. This was the first religious debate.
 2. The propositions:
 - a. God's position: a child of God can sin and suffer the penalty of God.
 - b. Satan took the opposite position.
 1. Even as many do today.
 2. But God's word is still true.
 - B. Disobedience results in suffering, sorrow, death - Hebrews 2:2.

- C. Mainly the mistake of listening to others instead of God. Like people do today:
 - 1. Instrumental music.
 - 2. No moral sin.
 - 3. They ask, "What is the harm?" as to suggest there can be no harm in disobeying God.

II. THE MISTAKE OF THE SODOMITES: Genesis 19.

- A. Their mistake was in ungodly living - Genesis 19:5.
- B. Ungodly living results in destruction - Romans 9:23.
- C. Immorality is wrong, even if a nation desires it and condones it (e.g. homosexual issue in our country today).

III. THE MISTAKE OF THE RICH YOUNG RULER Matthew 19 (see verse 22).

- A. His mistake was putting things ahead of Christ.
- B. Putting things ahead of Christ results in loss Luke 12:20; Matthew 13:33.
- C. It is sad when young people put things before Christ.

IV. THE MISTAKE OF PETER Matthew 26:74; Luke 22:33.

- A. His mistake was in denying Jesus.
 - 1. Mistake in not realizing his weakness I Corinthians 10:12.
 - 2. We must try to realize our own limits.
- B. Denying Jesus results in our being denied Matthew 10:33.

V. THE MISTAKE OF GOVERNOR FELIX Acts 24.

- A. His mistake was in postponing his salvation.
- B. Postponing salvation results in a lost soul Acts 24:24-27.
 - 1. [pers. ill. Wendell Walker of Waycross, Georgia postponed his salvation.
 - 2. He died the very night he put it off.]

VI. THE MISTAKE OF THE FOOLISH VIRGINS☐

Matthew☐5.

- A. Their mistake was in failing to make adequate preparation.
- B. Failure to prepare to meet the bridegroom results in exclusion from the marriage feast☐Matthew☐5:10.
- C. We must make our necessary preparations.
 - 1. Must put away our sins: preparing by obeying the gospel plan of salvation.
 - 2. Must bear fruit to be prepared☐we are debtors: preparing for the judgment day.

Conclusion:

- 1. Are you making any of these mistakes?
- 2. Don't make the greatest of all mistakes: that of rejecting the Savior, but accept him while you have the opportunity.

Invitation: Some Day You'll Need Him

The night of the disaster of the Titanic was a dark night.

Those who survived that tragic incident said that there was little thought of God and things eternal aboard the ship that night. The dance floor was crowded; the ship's orchestra was grinding out jazz... Then came the great tremor throughout the ship as that mighty iceberg plowed its way into the side of the proud vessel, and the ship listed and began to sink. Some who were rescued from those cold dark waters that night, and lived to recount their experiences, said that as the ship began to sink many on the dance floor fell to their knees in prayer, and the orchestra, which had been playing jazz, began to play *Nearer, My God, To Thee*.

And, dear heart, there is a time that you will need him.

“Every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess....” How much better to confess him willingly now than to be compelled to confess later! Why not stand for him while it is yet day. for the night cometh☐

And then you'll need him;

Yes, you'll need him -

Need his cleansing power in your soul.

Come to him without delay;

Take the Savior while you may,

For some day in your heart,

You'll surely need him.