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The New Testament!
Matthew 11:16-24
"The Rejection of Jesus and His Apostles"!

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Introduction

Today!

Jesus' generation rejects Him!

The cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum reject Him!

The implications of rejecting Christ!

Obstinacy, Fault Finding and Judgement

16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, 17 "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

Jesus condemns the foolishness of the age in which He lived

People would not listen to the messenger of God whoever he was

No intention of compliance

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

Such were men in the Lord's time

There was no pleasing them

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

20 Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent.

Some cities were more favored with the Lord's presence than others

These cities that had His presence should have repented

Then Jesus took to task the cities where most of his mighty works were done, **because they did not repent**

Yet many did not receive them

So He rebukes them sharply **because they did not repent**

This was Christ's end in all his preaching, and in all his miraculous operations, to bring men to repentance, and to receive him as the Messiah, Savior and this should be the great end pursued by all His preachers

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

Jesus is all knowing

He knew the doom of certain Jewish towns

He knew what other towns would have done with the gospel if they had been given it

It is sad but true that educated men in the western world reject the gospel that cannibals would embrace if they heard the message

22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

The hell of Tyre and Sidon will be extreme

But nothing compared to the cities; Chorazin and Bethsaida that had Jesus and rejected the one who taught, loved, healed and did miracles

The day of judgement will be a day of surprises for the world, next week we will look at "the judgement" Believers will not be surprised because the Words of the gospel will still be ringing in their ears and residing in their minds and hearts

23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."

The warning to Capernaum is even more emphatic Sodom was destroyed by fire

These foulest of sinners of Sodom would have repented if they had had the privileges of Capernaum

Capernaum had the gospel and openly rejected it Charles Spurgeon, *"to reject the gospel of the Son of God is to create for one's self a sevenfold hell!"*

Summary

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Obstinence (uncooperative spirit, lack of involvement {attendance, ministry, giving,

growing, just never buying in}) 2 Chronicles
20:33

Fault Finding (never satisfied with preacher or
church)

And Judgement which we will look at next week

Philippians 4:9 (NIV) Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The children of God recognize God's messengers and hear, repent, obey and follow

Charles Spurgeon, *"If we will not hear one preacher, we many soon find ourselves quite weary of a second and a third, and before long it may come to pass that we cannot hear any minister to profit."*

The children of God give earnest hearing to their preachers and consider their proposals

Wise men acknowledge the wisdom of the gospel when they receive it

Ephesians 4:29 (ESV) Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear (that it may benefit those who listen).

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So hear the gospel, repent, believe and confess Jesus as Savior and Lord

Then be about giving yourself to study of the Scripture and being taught that you might be equipped to do the work of the ministry

Then be about living for God's glory, radically obedience to His commands, loving Him and others and advancing His Kingdom by applying the Word and living by His commands