

7-28-1956

Little Faith is Big Fear

Wyatt Sawyer

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/wyatt-sawyer-sermons>

Recommended Citation

Sawyer, W. (1956). Little Faith is Big Fear. Retrieved from <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/wyatt-sawyer-sermons/317>

This Sermon is brought to you for free and open access by the Wyatt Sawyer Archive at Scholar Works at Harding. It has been accepted for inclusion in Wyatt Sawyer Sermon Outlines by an authorized administrator of Scholar Works at Harding. For more information, please contact scholarworks@harding.edu.



LITTLE FAITH IS BIG FEAR

Rev. 21:1-8

dis-

INT: Text is God's honor roll of the damned. Eternally lost.
 My subject is those who head this disgraceful list.
 Imagine Fearful Christians??? Not for long. Will make choice.
 Fear defined: a painful emotion marked by alarm, anxiety and
 terrible dread. Check four cases.

- I. FEAR OF MATERIAL POVERTY IS LITTLE FAITH. Matt. 6:30. *Birds*
- A. Poverty has vanished wherever Christ has gone. M. 6:33.
1. Starving nations: China, India, Korea, etc. Christless.
 2. Blessed nations : U. S., Britain, France, Germany etc.
- B. Who in America is prospering? Those following certain laws
1. Evil man following true economic laws will prosper more than good ignorant man.
 2. BUT, righteous man who obeys God's spiritual as well as His material laws will prosper more than the man who follows only His economic truths.
- C. What are WE fearful about today?
1. In time of prosperity man is more concerned about social and economic poverty: place, position, power
 2. Few of us lacking food etc. but many fretting about the next rung on the social ladder.
- D. One reason we do not have more today: James 4:3.
- II. FEAR OF PERSONAL INJURY IS LITTLE FAITH. Matt. 8:26. *Boat*
- A. Principle of self-preservation is good and right, but can be over used as well as abused.
- B. Disciples were terror stricken at this storm--as though Christ were no where around.
- C. Same with us today: Stress of everyday life will swamp us unless realize Christ is our daily helper-Prayer!
- D. Christ promises to be with us only so long as we are with Him. Matt. 18:20. Matt. 8:27.
- III. A DOUBTING HEART IS SIGN OF LITTLE FAITH. Matt. 14:31. *Water*
- A. Many things about Christ were unusual.
1. Life, death, mission, teachings, requirements etc.
- B. Peter was always first to try anything—even walking on the water. Started mighty bold.
1. Typical of many who start projects but seldom finish anything.
 2. Reason some are lost: Lack the follow-through in life.
- C. New Christians start their walk the same as Peter, with **storms** and stress all around. Determination shallow.
- D. Every test has its reward however! Sight! M. 14:33.

IV. REASONING HEART IS SIGN OF LITTLE FAITH. Matt. 16:8.

- A. Disciples forgot bread for their journey.
- B. Christ mentioned danger of leaven of Pharisees.
- C. Apostles sensitive; thought this a rebuke and were hurt.
- D. Christ then rebuked them for reasoning instead of listening to the rest of the lesson.
 - 1. Lesson was beware of false doctrine..Reasoning!

INV: * EVERYONE HAS SOME KIND OF FAITH. What kind is yours?

Great!!! Then obey Christ today without delay! B-R-C-B.

Great!!! Then not ashamed to return in sorrow to ask forgiveness for past faults. R-P.

Great!!! Then ought to get to work immediately when move into new community--place membership.

* Living faith?
 Living faith?
 Building faith? (new building)
 obeying faith?