

Steps to Unbelief – They Forgot But He Remembered

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I. Introduction.

A. Concerns about modern Christianity.

1. Christianity is about sacrifice not worldly concerns.
2. Christians have forgot the Devil is playing for keeps.
 - a. It is difficult to tell the Christian from the non-Christian from their lives today.
 - b. We need to hold onto the biblical meaning of words. The simple gospel is the power of God for salvation. (Jeremiah 15:19; 2 Corinthians 11:3)
3. One person totally committed to Christ can change mounds of lives. (2 Thessalonians 2:3; Matthew 24:11-12)

B. Text: Psalm 106:12ff.

II. The steps to unbelief.

A. Quickly forgetting where God's blessing comes from. (Romans 1:21)

B. Impatience, which results in seeking the counsel of men instead of the counsel of God. (Isaiah 28:16; Psalm 37:24; Proverbs 19:2; Isaiah 30:1; Proverbs 11:20; 1 Corinthians 1:29; Proverbs 6:16-19)

C. Love of the world. (1 John 2:15-16; 1 Timothy 6:10; Proverbs 11:4, 28; Ezekiel 7:19; Proverbs 23:4-5)

D. Jealousy. (Acts 13; Proverbs 14:30)

E. Idolatry.

1. We become like what we worship. (Psalm 115:4-8)
2. Covetousness is idolatry. (Colossians 3:5; Jeremiah 2:25)

F. Despising what God has provided.

G. Refusing to believe the Word of God.

III. The results of unbelief.

A. People sit out instead of standing on the promises.

B. People complain. (Jude 16; 1 Corinthians 10:10)

C. They quit listening to God. (Proverbs 28:9)

- D. Sexual sin crept in.
- E. They were blatantly disobedient to God.
- F. They sacrificed they own flesh.

IV. Suggestions on how to come back.

- A. Set your heart back on God. (Colossians 3)
- B. Recognize the reality of the battle. (Romans 12:1-2; Luke 9:23)
 - 1. Be sensitive to your condition. (Isaiah 42:25; Hosea 7:9; Judges 16:20)
 - 2. Confess your sins to God. (1 John 1:9; Isaiah 38:17)
 - 3. Be equipped with the Word. (Ephesians 6:17)
- C. Praise God and give thanksgiving. (Psalm 36:45)
- D. Be willing to pay the price of availability. (Proverbs 18:1)
- E. Maintain Christian fellowship? (2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 53:2; 35:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:7; Hebrews 12:14; Job 22:30; Proverbs 10:8)

Application questions:

1. How have you seen the steps of unbelief in others? How have you seen some of them in you?

2. How can you encourage others to protect themselves from unbelief?

3. Why is recognizing the battle such a big part of keeping from unbelief?
