

People Who Were Serious about Serving God

Job 13:13-15

Introduction:

- A. We often ask, “Why can we not get our neighbors interested in the Lord and His church?”
- B. Yet might ask, “How much real interest do we show in being a Christian?”
 - 1. Enough to really put time and effort into attending services? Studying? Working?
 - 2. Enough to really sacrifice money? Friendships? Popularity?
 - 3. Enough to really put it first? Before a show? A game? A vacation? A job?
- C. Too many serious about Salvation not Service – Crown not Cross.
- D. How many people do you know who are as serious about serving God as some Bible characters were:

Discussion:

- I. Job Was Serious about Serving God (Job 13:15; cf. Jas. 5:11)**
 - A. He lost his family and property – still trusted the Lord.
 - B. He suffered great personal pain and sickness – still trusted the Lord. (Job. 2:7-9).
 - C. He was chided by his friends, even his wife – still trusted Lord.
- II. Moses Was Serious about Serving God. (Heb. 11:24-26)**
 - A. Willing to give up privileges of grandson of king of Egypt.
 - B. Willing to give up all the wealth of Egypt for God.
- III. David Was Serious about Serving God (Psa. 119:9-16).**
 - A. He did not want to sin. (v. 11).
 - B. He confessed when he did sin. (2 Sam. 12:13; Psa. 32:1-5)
 - 1. So must we (cf. 1 John 1:7-9; 2:1)
 - 2. I know of no statute of limitations on sin.
- IV. Daniel Was Serious about Serving God.**
 - A. Character so pure that enemies had to attack religion. (Dan. 6:4,5).
 - B. Convictions so strong that willing face lion's den than forsake them. (Dan. 6:10).
- V. John the Baptist Was Serious about Serving God.**
 - A. Willing to preach under adverse conditions. (Mt. 3:4).
 - B. Unwilling to wink at sin even in the king. (Matt. 14:3,4).
- VI. Paul Was Serious about Serving God.**
 - A. Willing to give up everything gained in Judaism for Christ. (Phil. 3:7,8; Ill. Muriel Gill)
 - B. Willing sacrifice rights for good of Cause. (1 Cor. 9).
 - C. Willing to arrange his schedule to fit the Lord's schedule (Acts 20:6,7, 16).

Conclusion:

- A. Don't you think it is about time to quit dabbling in religion and get serious.
- B. Don't you think it is time that we put the Lord above everything and everybody else? (Luke 14:33).
- C. Don't you think it is time that we begin putting going to heaven above every other goal in life?