

JUDGMENT AT THE HOUSE OF GOD

Ezekiel 9:2-7

Introduction: Many pastors have wondered if they were doing any good, were they "wasting" their time. Attendance was poor, attention was not very good, only a few supported the Church financially. Nobody visited or witnessed. About 25% of the Church membership was in any given service, the other 75% not there. Somebody is not "right" with God.

I. WHY DO "CHRISTIANS:"

1. Why do people join a Church?
2. Why do people give money to a Church?
3. Why do people attend Sunday School or a Worship Service?
4. Why are there idol worshippers in other parts of the world, but few in America?
5. Why are there so many big, beautiful Church buildings with so many empty pews?

II. SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE HOUSE OF GOD ARE:

1. Pastors, teachers, Church leaders are not serious enough about their positions.
2. Church leaders tend to blame others for their own lack of performance and results.
3. Members that pray, blanket their prayers, "bless everybody and everything."
4. Those who attend services seem to think the message is for somebody else who is not there.

III. CHURCHES NEED EVANGELISM WITHIN THEIR OWN WALLS

1. Churches support financially and even with staff, home and foreign missions yet have the very same need within their own walls that other countries have where they are sending help.
2. Most Baptist Church congregations do not reveal in a public way that they really don't know the Lord Jesus personally.
3. Many Churches canvas their communities, hand out tracts and invite people to their Church, while there are more prospects within their own congregations than there are out on the streets.
4. Many Churches don't want to hurt feelings so they have become ultra-liberal in all ways.

IV. CHURCHES TEND TO BLAME OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES FOR POOR ATTENDANCE

1. Television
2. Ball Games
3. Lakes
4. Hunting
5. Business
6. Family
7. If the Church members would get right with the Lord Jesus, then attendance would not be poor.

V. CHURCHES HAVE LOST RESPECT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THE WORLD

1. There was a time when people were saved THEN joined a Church.
2. The Church was once a sheepfold but now is a zoo.
3. Only God's people (Christians) getting right with God will ever bring the Church back to its rightful place of honor and respect.

CONCLUSION:

1. Those of you who are seniors in age and have been Christians most of your lives, know exactly what the Church once was, respected, honored, revered, important in a family's life.
2. God has not changed. The Lord Jesus Christ has not changed. The Holy Spirit has not changed. The Word of God has not changed. Salvation has not changed. Sin has not changed. BUT most of our Churches have.
3. So, what is wrong? Is it God? Is it Jesus? Is it the Holy Spirit? Is Satan more powerful?
4. What does your Church need to do to become what God wants it to be?