

Careless Soul Why Wait

We have a song in our songbook titled “**Unprepared to Meet Thy God**” and I have pondered about it for a while and how true the words are with this song. It begins with speaking about the careless soul. Why would it be talking about this? Then I began to think more about this careless soul and why it would linger and let us examine this for a little bit.

The careless soul is one in general that is careless. It is one that does not care about the consequences. It is a sad and dangerous situation. The careless soul may hear the Word of God but there is no reaction. The Word of God is presented, and one already has a conclusion on what they want and what they want to hear. It is one that will not listen anymore and desire’s opinion more than truth.

The call for repentance means nothing to a careless soul (**II Peter 3:9**). God wants all to be saved but also wants all to come to repentance. Without this one cannot be saved (**Luke 13:5**). Why then would the careless not answer the call for repentance. Why then would one not be willing to change? It really shows the carelessness of one’s own soul when not answering this call. Failing and falling into sin again also is not answering the call. We must make sure that we are living a life in true righteousness that God wants (**Romans 12:1-2**).

Then another thing to think about while talking about the careless soul is the lingering part. As we look over in **II Peter 3:9-13** the call for obedience is there. Also, the warning of why to be prepared is there also. Heaven and earth are guaranteed one day to pass away. Everything will be burned up and everything in it will also be burned up. This event will happen as a thief in the night. It will be unexpected and as we sing in the song those that are unprepared will also have an inheritance.

A new heaven and earth will be established. Those that have answered the call of obedience and remained faithful to God in the end will inherit eternal life.

However, again there is that thought of the careless soul again. This is one again who hears the word of warning. It is mentioned several times in the N.T. Jesus speaks of this, James, Peter, Paul all speak about this great and awesome day that is approaching.

The careless soul will wait! Why would this be? Let us consider a few things that may cause a careless soul to wait. A careless may wait because they do not have time. The idea is that “well I need more time.” How long have we had 24 hours in a day and there are 7 days in a week? This has not changed over the years instead we need to not think like a careless soul and make the time!

Does one not want to hear the invitation? The invitation has been available for over two thousand years. It is the same invitation God has made and kept for us. Why then would we not take advantage of this? We need to be quick to hear (**James 1:19**). Hearing and basing our faith in God (**Romans 10:17**). The careless soul again will not be willing to hear. One’s own mind has already been made and that is it. It is again a sad situation and dangerous situation for one to be in.

Then again, the careless soul will not hear the invitation and if one does will unfortunately decide to make an excuse. How many times has this happened? Well, when it is more convenient for me, I will do it. Does this sound familiar (**Acts 24:25**)? The careless soul will not answer until it is more convenient for them. Shouldn’t we be seeking God and Heaven first (**Matthew 6:33**)?

The careless soul makes an excuse and is convinced by this excuse and is living a lie (**Rev. 21:27**). Anyone who practices and believes a lie will not inherit the kingdom of God. Think about this for a moment here we are standing before God on the Judgment Day, and we are seeing whether we can enter the kingdom of God. Are we going to be able to make an excuse to enter? Will God accept this?

Can we place blame on others for our disobedience? The careless soul will! The careless does not fully understand what it means by us all being judged by our own actions (**Matthew 24:36-44**). The careless soul will decide to convince themselves and others that they are okay. In the end God will be our Judge. How will the careless soul be looking then? Place the true and correct value on our soul. Give nothing in exchange for your soul (**Matthew 16:26**)!

We need to challenge ourselves and not be like this careless soul! Ask ourselves a question: **ARE WE A CARELESS SOUL?** If so, why then are we waiting to answer the invitation? Are we unprepared? If so, then let us be prepared! Let us be ready to Meet Thy God!

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