

Looking unto Jesus

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Introduction

1. Text Hebrews 12:1-2; Philippians 3:20
2. Look to Jesus for He is our:
 - a. Example 1 Peter 2:21
 - b. Direction John 14:6
 - c. Truth John 17:17
 - d. Standard Romans 1:16
3. Yet many take their eyes off of Him. Matthew 14:30
4. Why look away from divine mandates to worldly vanities?
5. What was the cause for some to take their eyes off the Lord?

II Discussion

1. Because He demands sacrifice.
 - a. Persecutions are going to happen 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12
 - b. Jesus said it would happen Matthew 5:10-12, It happen before, it will happen now!
 - c. Today many are not willing to sacrifice Luke 9:23
 - i. So they forsake the assembly Hebrews 10:23-25
 - ii. They do not study 2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11
 - iii. Quit the church 2 Timothy 4:10
2. Because He demands spiritual growth
 - a. The Hebrews were rebuked for non-growth Hebrews 3:12; 5:12-14;
 - b. Some were growing 2 Thessalonians 1:3
 - c. We are to grow 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 2:1-3; 2 Peter 1:5-11; 3:18
 - d. A sad statement for not growing Hosea 4:6
3. Self-Centeredness
 - a. There was a call to remember how they were Hebrews 10:32-39
 - b. We want to be like others 1 Corinthians 15:33 peer pressure
 - c. What he thought and what was his reward Luke 12:16-21

III Conclusion

1. We are to be thankful 1 Thessalonians 5:18
2. We are not to complain Philippians 2:14
3. When we take our eyes off Jesus we begin to sink into these attitudes
4. Let us look unto Jesus at all times
5. Have you been looking to Him; He is the author of our Salvation
6. Have you looked to Him and began to sink, Peter went to the right source for salvation so can you,
7. Come now

Source: Denton Lecture on Hebrews 1983 p. 93-94; Today's greatest Danger to the church by Ronnie Ulrey; One hundred and four usable Sermon outline by Paul Murphy