

What Do I Do With Sermons? Haggai 1:3-14

A Consideration For Each Of Us

See many examples of those who hear Word and follow accordingly

People who have hated, learned to love

People who have been unforgiving became willing to forgive

People who committed various sins learned to control themselves

People who would forsake assemblies began to embrace assemblies

However, each example given of one who followed God's word, can give example of one who left the "sermon" in the church building

Walked away from lesson, made no application of it in their life

They did not allow God's word to effect change within their life

They would continue in whatever sin they were in before the lesson.

Frustrating to see people engage in sin preached on Sunday before. Could be highly discouraging if not for words of Jesus - **Luke 10:16**

This lesson will show examples of people who either did or did not receive message of God's word.

Examples Of How Sermons Were Used

Haggai preached to people Haggai **1:3-11**; The people obeyed **1:12-14**

Jonah preached to Nineveh **Jonah 3:1-4**; The people repented **3:5-10**

Joshua preached to Israelites. **Joshua 24:1-25**; People agreed to obey.

Sadly, obedience of Israel did not continue - **Judges 2:6-15**

Peter & apostles preached to Jews at Pentecost; Many people obeyed - **Acts 2:41; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1**

Stephen preached to council. **Acts 7:1-53**; Council rejected Word.

What Will You Do With The Word Of God?

You are a free moral agent. God allows choice. As Joshua reminded Israel, you also have choices.

Either choose to serve Lord or choose to follow in the path of the world.

First need to investigate

Is the message according to Scripture? - **Acts 17:11; 1Thessalonians 2:13**

Are you concerned about this?

Choice 1: Choose to hear and obey.

It is a simple principle of applying Bible instructions in your life.

A challenge of self-control to apply Bible instructions. But it is a challenge worth upholding -

1Corinthians 15:51-58

Choice 2: Choose to disobey.

Many chosen to disobey word of Lord - **Matthew 7:13**

While disobedience during your life may allow you to selfishly engage in pleasurable sins, it will most surely keep you out of Heaven - **Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 11:24-26**

Some may attempt to give reasons for disobedience. No matter the reasons, when they do not obey, they are without excuse.

What will you do with sermons from God's word? Bible examples show that people who obeyed were rewarded by God. Those who disobeyed were punished. - **Romans 2:5-11**

Your Choice

Obey by applying word of God in life or disobey?

If not Christian, choose whom you will serve. We pray you choose to follow the Lord God.

If a Christian, but not applying Word, time to awake to righteousness and ask God for forgiveness.

Then, make changes in life towards righteousness. Only done by application of Word in life.