

## A BED TOO SHORT AND A BLANKET TOO NARROW

Text: Isaiah 28:14-15, 18-20

INTRO: There is an old saying to the effect, "You've made your bed, you'll have to sleep in it." In Isaiah's time, Israel had been extremely lax in their service/obedience to God. They had grown to put their confidence in an alliance with Egypt to protect/deliver them from Assyria. See Isa. 30:1-2. Their provision was totally inadequate. Israel had made their bed. They would have to sleep in it. But what a miserable bed it was: a bed too short with a blanket too narrow.

Like Israel of old, many today are putting their trust in things which are totally inadequate to deliver them in the day of judgment.

I. WEALTH. READ MARK 10:17-28; LUKE 12:16-21.

II. FAITH ONLY. LK. 13:3; 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Cor 13:1-2

READ JAMES 2:19-26

III. MORALITY ALONE. Acts 10:2, 22; 11:14

### ILLUSTRATION: A WAX DUMMY IN A STORE WINDOW

Kill?	G	Study Bible?
Commit adultery?	E	Obey gospel?
Get drunk?	O	Visit sick?
Lie?	R	Feed hungry?
Steal?	G	Pray? Give?
Evil thoughts?	E	Teach others about Christ?

IV. BLINDLY FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

READ ISAIAH 9:14-16

READ HOSEA 4:6, 9

Matt. 15:14

A. Some know we should observe L.S. often, but...

B. Know church is doing unscriptural things, but...

V. THE ONLY ADEQUATE PROVISION YOU CAN MAKE FOR THE JUDGMENT IS TO TRUST CHRIST AND OBEY HIS

WILL. Matt. 7:21-23; Heb 5:9; 2 Thess 1:7-9; Rev 22:14

Springhill, LA, May 18, 1975

Morrilton, AR, June 8, 1975

La Porte, TX, August 10, 1975

Bellaire, TX, December 7, 1975

Burkeville, TX, April 9, 1976 (meeting)

Cedar Park, TX, June 3, 1977 (meeting)

Bible camp, Sabinal, TX, June 18, 1978

Hutto, TX, October 11, 1979 (meeting)

Humphrey, AR, July 29, 1980

Shiloh, Mexia, TX, October 28, 1980 (lectureship)

Exton, PA, November 29, 1987

Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, March 26, 2000