

## A SAD FUNERAL

Text: Ecclesiastes 8:10

### I. A FUNERAL SIGHT.

A. All funerals are sad, JN 11:35.

B. Some are sadder than others. Some are indeed tragic.

Ps 116:15, Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Ezek 33:11, "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way & live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?"

### II. "I SAW THE WICKED BURIED..."

A. Note some the Bible says are wicked or evil.

1. Sexually immoral.

...Put away from yourselves the evil person. (1 Cor. 5:13).

2. Rebels, murderers.

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, & lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." (Matt. 21:41).

3. The unforgiving.

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me" (Matt 18:32).

4. Those who waste their opportunities.

But his lord answered & said to him, "You wicked & lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, & gather where I have not scattered seed... (Matt. 25:26).

B. Some see only the righteous buried.

1. Sectarian preachers. Many never lose a case.
2. Little girl: "Where are the bad people buried?"
3. One cannot die the death of the righteous without living the life of the righteous.

Matt 13:49-50, So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, & cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

### III. THE WICKED HAD COME & GONE FROM THE PLACE OF HOLINESS.

- A. Some come to the place of worship in a wicked condition & depart in a righteous condition.

Eph 1:12-13, We who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

- B. These in our text had come to the place of holiness in a wicked condition & left in a wicked condition.

- 1. Those who hear and do not do, Matt. 7:24-27

- 2. Carnal-minded church members at Corinth.

1 Cor 11:20-22, Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; & one is hungry & another is drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat & drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing?

What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

3. Ananias & Sapphira came to give...  
Acts 5:1-5
4. Many come to pray, but ask amiss,  
James 4:3
5. Some come to study, but twist the  
Scriptures to their own destruction, 2  
Peter 3:16

CONCLUSION: To keep your funeral from being so sad, hear & obey God's truth, Heb. 5:9; 2 Thess 1:8.

Springhill, LA, January 28, 1973

Smyrna, Atlanta, TX, June 5, 1974 (meeting)

La Porte, TX, February 15, 1976

Exton, PA, February 16, 1986

Shiloh, Mexia, TX, December 15, 1996

Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, November 20, 2005