

Doom, Despair, & Agony On Me!

(Numbers 21:4; Galatians 6:9)

- Introduction:
1. “Man of Sorrows, what a name for the Son of God who came...”
(Hallelujah What A Savior – Philip Bless, 1875).
 2. There are many reasons why we get discouraged in life.
 - a. We live in a world that is often hostile towards Christ.
 - b. Even those who are Christians sometimes guilty of being hostile to the cause we are trying to advance.
 2. Paul, however warns against discouragement (Galatians 6:9).
 3. There are some serious consequences when a child of God becomes discouraged.

I. We Pray The Wrong Prayers.

- A. (Numbers 11:14-15) Moses.
- B. (1Kings 19:4, 10) Elijah.

II. We Say The Wrong Things

- A. (Numbers 21:4-5) They spoke against God and Moses.
- B. Note: God didn't excuse their talk because they were discouraged, but rather He judged them quickly.

III. We Think The Wrong Things

- A. (Matthew 11:2-3) John the Baptist questioned if Jesus was the Messiah.
- B. (Philippians 4:8) Think on these things.

IV. They See The Wrong Things

- A. (Numbers 13:25-33) Grasshopper complex.
- B. When discouraged, our problems look much larger than they really are.

V. We Do The Wrong Things

- A. (Numbers 20:7-11).
- B. People have quit jobs, church, and their marriages because of discouragement.

VI. We Develop The Wrong Spirit

- A. (Philippians 2:14) Murmuring & Disputing.
- B. (Hebrews 12:15) Bitterness.

- Conclusion:
1. Give great care not to become discouraged.
 2. Remember all the reasons you have to be encouraged.
 3. Remember your perspective.