

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for October 20, 1985

God is Not Indifferent
Matthew 11:16-24
Dale Whitehead

Introduction:

We do not have the ability to discern what our needs really are. We need to be in God's world to understand our needs. Exposed to the light of the gospel and continuing to reject it, our guilt will increase, and we are more blame worthy. To reject God's truth will bring about greater guilt and greater punishment.

1. The rejection:

Choosing to close their minds to the claims of Christ. The children played wedding and funeral, which were the major events of that time (**verses 16-17**). So here are the children playing wedding and funeral but those rejecting would not dance, would not mourn. These are the ones who will not be happy with the message of Christ or with the messenger. **Verse 19**, "Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." Look at the fruit, those things which are obviously present that authenticate the message. Truth will be vindicated by what it produces.

Chorazinn, Bethsaida and Capernaum: these cities are cursed by Jesus for rejecting Christ after having all the privileges of miracles and the rest of Jesus' ministry. Today these cities lay in ruin, uninhabited.

God's response: "it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom" (**verse 24**).

Christ remained and continued to teach in Capernaum until His hour was at hand.