

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 3, 1986

Man's Interest vs. God's Interests
Matthew 16:21-23
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Introduction:

Different viewpoints. We all see the same things but from different views. To embrace a viewpoint different from God's can make us a pawn of Satan.

1. How do we become used by Satan?

Not to avail ourselves of the opportunity to know God's will.

The Bible is our opportunity to know God's view, God's perspective.

Verse 21, Jesus is telling of His pending death in Jerusalem. **John 2**, Jesus chases the money changers out of the temple. **John 5**, Jesus heals on the Sabbath. **John 7**, Jesus always had a difficult time in Jerusalem.

God's viewpoint is that Jesus must go to Jerusalem. This is what Jesus is sharing with the disciples. **Isaiah 55:8-9**, Peter has the opportunity to know God's will.

2. To promote our own view.

Examine **Joshua 1:8**, success defined by God, this is not the same as success as defined by man. We need to look to see whose perspective our lives are following.

Verse 22, Peter takes Jesus (God) aside and rebukes Him, "God forbid it." Peter is expressing his own viewpoint, the human viewpoint.

As humans our viewpoint is frail and flawed. Our thinking continually leads us to the pit. We need to focus on what is right and what is true.

Peace, joy and love will let you know you are embracing God's view.

3. Influenced by Satan.

This is the outcome of yielding to the human viewpoint.

We have the privilege of being the temple of the Holy Spirit.