INTRODUCTION:

1. Isaiah addresses the “careless daughters” of Zion that were sitting or reclining upon couches of ease; He says, "Rise up" -- Isa. 32:9

2. "Ye women that are at ease" -- You that are self-satisfied and self-complacent -- vs. 9

3. "give ear unto my speech" -- hear my voice -- vs. 9

4. In verse 11 he says, "Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones".

   (1) He is trying to impress them with the certainty of the coming judgment from God upon them.

5. All of this easy living would be gone when they went into captivity -- vs. 10

6. We want to take the passage and apply it to "careless ones" today who are in a state of indifference to the concerns of the soul, religion and eternity.

7. In this sense we shall consider the text.

I. WHO ARE THE CARELESS ONES TODAY?


   (1) Paul talks about those, "That know not God"-- II Thess. 1:8

   (2) Paul said of the Gentiles, "when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God," --Rom. 1:21

   (3) Many today never recognize God.

   (4) Many have no fear of Him and have no need of Him, they seem to think.

   (5) For these people, it is going to be a fearful thing in the judgment -- Heb. 10:31; II Thess. 1: 8 - 9; Rev. 20: 11 - 15; 21:8; Phil. 2: 9 - 11

2. Those who neglect to attend the assemblies of public worship.

   (1) Many members of the church very seldom attend the assemblies -- Heb. 10:25

   (2) His people ought to look forward to the periods of public worship -- Psa. 122:1

   (3) God seeks the worship of His children -- John 4: 23 - 24

   (4) We are to use every opportunity to praise God -- I Pet. 2:9; Rom. 1:21; Eph. 3:21

3. Those who are satisfied with a "form of godliness" -- II Tim. 3:5

   (1) Their heart is not in their service to God -- Matt. 15: 8 - 9 -- Their lives are worldly.

   (2) These people have no fellowship with God -- I John 1:7

4. Those who do not give supreme attention to their soul’s salvation -- Luke 9: 23

   (1) Those who allow anything to have the pre-eminence over their soul and its needs.
(2) Those who seek the things of:
   1. The body
   2. Of time
   3. Of this world -- Matt. 13:22
   4. Matt. 6: 24 - 34

(3) Those who allow the Soul, Eternity and Heaven to be matters of secondary importance.

(4) Matt. 6: 33

II. THE REASONS WHY SUCH PEOPLE SHOULD BE TROUBLED.

1. God is exceeding displeased with such.
   (1) Rom. 11:22
   (2) Rom. 1:32
   (3) Rom. 2:8
   (4) II Thess. 1: 8 - 9
   (5) Matt. 25: 30, 41

2. Such people are in imminent peril every instant.
   (1) Only "a step between them and death" -- I Sam. 20: 3
   (2) Death closes the door of salvation -- Luke 16: 26
   (3) Such people are under the sentence of God’s Wrath in Hell -- Matt. 25:41; Heb. 10:31; Col. 3:6

3. The endless ruin of such is inevitably certain.
   (1) Heb. 2:3; Rom. 6:23; Matt. 13: 41 - 43; Matt. 25: 41:46

III. HOW THE CARELESS CAN BE DELIVERED FROM HIS TROUBLES.

1. Proper and serious consideration is necessary.
   (1) This is the first step to salvation.
   (2) Consider what you are careless about:
      1. Your Soul -- Matt. 16:26; Heb. 12:9; Gen. 1: 26; Matt. 10:28
      3. Heaven -- I Pet. 1:4; John 14: 1 - 6; Rev. 21: 4
      4. Consider your real state -- your inevitable ruin.

2. Then, after proper and serious consideration, obey the gospel.
   (1) Believe -- Mark 16:16
   (2) Repent -- Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3
   (3) Confession -- Rom. 10:10
   (4) Be baptized -- Acts 22:16

3. Then live faithful to God until the end -- Rev. 2: 10
4. If you have obeyed, but have been unfaithful -- Acts 8:22

CONCLUSION
1. Are you among the careless ones this day?
2. Won’t you stop being careless today and obey the gospel?

(Hebron Lane 1988; Underwood Hts. 1976)