THE SADDEST WORDS IN THE BIBLE

Introduction:

1. The Bible contains a long list of SAD WORDS.
2. Sad words are often connected with grief.
3. Let’s take a look at some of these SAD WORDS in the Bible.

I. "SOME MOCKED"

1. These people of Athens heard Paul preach the resurrection of Christ and "some mocked"...
   Acts 17: 31 - 32
2. It is sad when people mock the resurrection of Christ because:
   (1) By the resurrection, Jesus is declared to be the Son of God with power -- Rom. 1:4
   (2) If Christ be not raised:
      1. Paul said, "Then is our preaching vain"...I Cor. 15:14
      2. "Your faith is also vain..." I Cor. 15:14
      3. If Christ be not raised, men are yet in their sins -- I Cor. 15:17
   (3) Baptism saves by the resurrection -- I Pet. 3:21
   (4) By the resurrection men are begotten into a lively hope -- I Pet. 1:3

II. "WHO CONCERNING THE TRUTH HAVE ERRED"

1. Paul is talking about Hymenaeus and Philetus, and their teaching on the resurrection -- II Tim. 2: 17 - 18
2. Many have obeyed the truth, but have erred, and this is SAD.
3. James talks about brethren who err from the truth -- James 5: 19 - 20
4. It is sad when brethren err from the truth because:
   (1) They err from that which makes us FREE -- John 8:32
   (2) They LEAVE that which SAVES us -- James 1:21; Rom. 1:16
   (3) There is NO other way -- John 14:6

III. "CONCERNING FAITH HAVE MADE SHIPWRECK"

1. I Tim. 1: 19 - 20
2. When one has been obedient to the faith and then make shipwreck of that faith, "HOW SAD THAT IS!"
3. Many make shipwreck of the faith by:
   (1) Having the faith overthrown by false teaching -- II Tim. 2: 17 - 18
(2) Departing from the faith -- I Tim. 4:1  
(3) Denying the faith -- I Tim. 5:8  
(4) By casting off faith -- I Tim. 5:24  
4. This is SAD.  

IV. "AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT"  
1. Matt. 25: 10 -12  
2. This is said of the five foolish virgins -- Matt. 25: 1- 2  
3. They took "no oil" with them -- Matt. 25:3  
4. When the bridegroom came they were unprepared -- Matt. 25: 7 - 9  
5. The five wise went into the marriage and the DOOR WAS SHUT.  
6. It is sad when Christians DIE UNPREPARED to meet Christ in the Judgment.  

V. "DEPART FROM ME"  
1. Matt. 25:41  
2. This will be said to those who fail to prepare to go to heaven.  
   (1) This will be said of religious people who work without law -- Mat. 7:23  
   (2) This will be said to brethren who fail to do good-- Matt. 25:41  
   (3) This will be said to those who fail to use their talent -- Matt. 25:30  
   (4) This will be said to those who fail to obey the gospel -- II Thess. 1:8 - 9  

VI. "GO THY WAY FOR THIS TIME"  
1. These are words of Felix -- Acts 24:25  
2. This is a sad story because:  
   (1) Felix was so close to the truth  
   (2) Paul preached to him the truth -- Acts 24: 25  
   (3) He never found a convenient time -- HOW SAD!  

VII. "ALMOST"  
1. Acts 26:28 -- the words of Agrippa  
2. He was a believer -- Acts 26:27  
3. He was ALMOST a Christian -- HOW SAD.  
4. Happens to many every day -- HOW SAD.  
5. Don’t be ALMOST persuaded -- but obey NOW -- Acts 26:29  

~Donald Townsley  (River Bend 1998)