

TOMORROW

James 4: 13 – 17; Matt. 6:34

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INTRODUCTION

1. There is no more dangerous word in our speech than the word “TOMORROW”.
 2. The tragedy of it is that its danger lies hidden and unrealized.
 3. It has robbed multitudes of success; it has caused millions to miss heaven.
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- I. **“Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.” – Prov. 27:1.**
 - a. Tomorrow you may lose your desire to do your duty; your conscience may become seared – I Tim. 4:2.
 - i. Illustration: The story of the Texas farmer who was poor and wanted to be able to give more. Then became rich from oil, and lost his desire to give.
 - b. Tomorrow may see man incapable of doing his duties because of sickness and other reasons.
 - i. That is the reason one should do his duty today.
 - c. Tomorrow may bring death – James 4: 13 – 14; Job 14: 1 – 2.
 - d. Tomorrow may bring the judgement – Matt. 25: 13, 32; Rom. 14: 10, 12; Acts 17: 30 – 31.
 - II. **IN THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER, THERE ARE GREAT LESSONS OF TOMORROW – Luke 14: 16 – 24.**
 - a. One said, *“I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it”*
 - i. He placed no value on friendship; the sin of misplaced emphasis; wait until tomorrow.
 - b. The Second said, *“I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them”*.
 - i. The Second had the same problem as the first – “wait until tomorrow”.
 - c. The Third said, *“I have married a wife”* – domestic affairs; “wait until tomorrow”.
 - d. The excuses in each case expressed an element of newness:
 - i. Things of the world seem new and sweet in comparison with the gospel invitation.
 - e. Jesus is saying, *“Come; for all things are now ready”*.
 - III. **THE SPIRIT OF TOMORROW CAUSED THE RUIN OF THE FOOLISH VIRGINS – Matt. 25: 1 – 12.**
 - a. The foolish virgins are church members who are careless and indifferent; those who do not put the kingdom first:
 - i. They made some preparation, but not enough.
 - ii. They had enough “religion” to make them miserable.
 - iii. Members who engage in questionable pleasures; worldly minded.
 - iv. Members who neglect duties: Lord’s Supper, Prayer, Bible Study, Giving, Visiting the Sick, Saving the Lost, Helping the Needy.
 - v. Members who are indifferent about soundness in the faith.
 - b. The religion of Christ is a daily religion – Heb. 3:13; Luke 9:23.
 - IV. **THE RICH FOOL HAD PLANS FOR TOMORROW – Luke 12: 16 – 21.**
 - a. He failed to realize that God controls tomorrow.

- b. One word tells the tragedy of his life – TOMORROW—Matt. 6: 33.
- V. **TWO DISCIPLES OF LUKE 9: 59 – 62 HAD THE PROBLEM OF TOMORROW**
- a. They felt that all personal and business matters were to be attended to today.
- b. But, following Jesus was to wait until tomorrow – Matt. 6: 33.
- VI. **TOMORROW IN THE LIFE OF FELIX – Acts 24: 24 – 27**
- a. He heard a soul-stirring sermon on righteousness when he was unrighteous, on temperance when he was intemperate, and on the judgment to come, even though he sat in judgement on others:
- i. He trembled
- ii. But he refused to surrender.
- iii. He waited for the convenient season on tomorrow which did not come.
- VII. **THE GREAT WORD IN THE BIBLE IS ALWAYS “TODAY”.**
- a. Heb. 3:13; 2 Cor. 6:2; John 9:4

CONCLUSION

Many are waiting for TOMORROW to do what should be done today.

- **To obey the gospel**
- **To be restored**
- **To live the Christian life**
- **To bring up their children properly**

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