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Matthew 22:22, “*When they had heard [these words], they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.*”

There are four points in the above verse that determine our eternal destiny. Let’s examine these four points and see how they relate to us.

1. They heard the words. When they heard the words of Jesus, they marvelled. The event here was when Jesus was telling the people to render unto Caesar the things that belong to Caesar, and to give unto God those things that are His. They were trying to entrap Jesus about paying tribute or taxes.

We too hear the word of God when we read the Bible or hear the Bible being taught. Even the world has a passing knowledge of God’s word. Some people might only know as much as the beginning of Psalm 23, but most everyone has some knowledge of the Bible.

2. They marvelled. When they heard the wise words of Jesus, the people marvelled. They no doubt marveled at His simple and concise answer that was full of wisdom.

We too marvel at the wisdom and simple answers of Jesus. Many people no doubt marvel today, but are unmoved by His words. It does no good to hear the words of the LORD and to even marvel at them if we do not obey them.

Many people are quick to proclaim themselves God fearing, but yet heed not His words. When we marvel at the wonderful words of the Bible, let’s do more than marvel. Let’s obey.

3. They left Him. After hearing and even marveling at the words of Jesus, they left Him. No doubt this is referring to them going about their lives and heading home, but many who hear the words of Jesus will leave Him. It happened among those with Jesus. John 6:66, “*From that [time] many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.*”

Many of the disciples following Jesus left Him. They had actually been disciples, which is one who follows the teachings of Jesus. They no longer walked with Him. You can almost hear the sadness of Jesus in the next verse. “*Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?*” Jesus addressed those closest to Him and asked if they would also go away. Peter responded in John 6:68, “*Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.*”

If we leave Jesus, there is no one else to whom we can turn. There is no other name by which there is salvation. Acts 4:12, “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*” If you leave Jesus, you have left the only way you can be eternally saved in Heaven.

4. They went their way. After they left Jesus, they went their way. They were no longer with the LORD. When people leave the LORD today, they follow another path. If the path we are following is not the way of the LORD, then it will lead to everlasting destruction.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Linda Terry, Sandy Duncan, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth.**

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People think they are on the right way, but are not. Proverbs 14:12, “*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.*” This is such a dire warning that it’s repeated two chapters later in Proverbs 16:25, “*There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.*” Often when warning that a way is the wrong way on the Interstate, there are multiple warnings so people will have opportunity to heed the warning. No doubt that is why the LORD included the same verse twice. He is sounding the warning because to go your own way, and not the LORD’s way, leads to one’s soul being lost eternally.

We have a choice of which way we follow. I think of blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10. After being healed by Jesus of his blindness, Jesus told him to go his way. He was letting Bartimaeus go home or to whatever way he desired. Bartimaeus chose to follow Jesus. Mark 10:52, “*And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.*”

Will we leave to go our own way and follow the path to destruction? Or will we hear the words of the LORD and not only marvel at them, but obey them and then follow the LORD all our days into Heaven? Revelation 14:1, “. . . *These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. . .*”

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, April 2, 2023		
Classes	20	Matthew 6:30-44
Preaching	26	Joshua 24:1-15
Contribution	\$867.00	
Evening	23	Singing (Psalm 146:1-10)
Wednesday, April 5, 2023		
Classes	—	Haggai 1 (Online due to severe weather)

Mar 26 (PM) Frankie & Marcie Weller (Magnolia, KY); Randy & Nancy Lane (Elizabethtown, KY); Rhonda Mishos (Buffalo, KY); Jim Weiland & Ashton (Hodgenville, KY); Kenny & Suzie Wolford (Boston, KY)

Visitors—

Bible Quiz

Haggai said when the people brought home, the LORD did what?

Last Week’s Answer—Reaper (Amos 9:13)

—Just a reminder that each Sunday’s bulletin and Wednesday Bible lesson can be found on our website, which is on the bottom front of the bulletin.

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)