

The Problem Is A Lack of Faith

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At times I talk to someone about the Lord, and often while their answers may be different, the story is the same. There will be some excuse about why, in their minds, they can't come to the Lord. Sure, they say that they believe in God, but something is keeping them from coming to Jesus. What these varied excuses are is a covering for the real reason - a lack of faith.

Many would claim that they believe, both in God and his son Jesus, but still claim that some thing, or some situation, is stopping them from confessing Jesus and living for him. What nonsense! If you believe in Jesus and that he is the son of God how can you not live for him? True, there are sometimes problems, and people, who can make it difficult for us to serve the Lord. However, if we believe and want to trust in him we can.

I have been told, "I won't go to that church if so-and-so goes there." Really? Do you mean that if that person goes to heaven then you won't go? How foolish to have such a grudge against someone. Remember Jesus said that if we didn't

forgive others then we would not be forgiven. How much better to go to the person who has hurt you in some way and to forgive them. I promise you that if you can and will do that from the heart that you will both feel better.

A few have said that they can't come because they don't like to be in large crowds. To such folks I say, "Then you'll feel good at church for there is hardly ever a 'crowd' in church." While there are churches with groups in the thousands, there are many with less than a dozen people. **Matthew 7:13-14**, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Hell will be crowded according to these words of Jesus. No one in their right mind would want to go to hell, yet many play around with their souls while refusing to take the warnings of God seriously.

Then there are those who say that they don't have the time to go to church. They say that they don't have time to read the Bible, or to do any thing for the Lord. Oh, but they would like to, they just don't have the time! Seriously? Not enough time? If the day was longer than 24 hours, such a person would just do more of what is keeping him out of church now. He wouldn't use it to come

to God. Why? It's simple, he values the world and the things of it, business, pleasure, and everything else, more than he does the things of God.

Clothes? There are those whom I have talked to who claimed that they didn't have clothes good enough for church. One woman said that where her family went to church that the people looked at you if you didn't dress well. Such a congregation needs to get right with God and remember why they are going to church for. **1 Peter 3:3-4**, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

All of these excuses are made to cover a lack of faith in God. They do not hold up in the face of real faith in God. If you're one of those using such feeble excuses, stop holding onto what you think that you can't do and start trusting in what God can do. Only a lack of faith can keep us from walking with God. **Matthew 13:58**, "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

John 5:39-40, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."

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