

Derision & Indifference
Matthew 11:16-24

I. **Derision (vs. 16-19)**

- a. **Jesus' I** _____ (cf. Luke 7:31-34)
- i. **market places = agora (ἀγορά)** = 'market, marketplace, business center.'
 - ii. **children = childish NOT childlike**
 - iii. In the original language verse 17 would have sounded like a children's rhyme
 - iv. Like today, children often played games based on watching adult life; here Weddings with music and dancing & Funerals with singing and mourning
 - v. Jesus is saying that **this generation** is like spoiled little children who aren't happy or satisfied with anything!
- b. **Jesus' E** _____
- i. John the Baptist came like a Funeral with an austere life and an Apocalyptic message, and they accused him being demon-possessed (cf. Matt. 9:34; 12:24; John. 7:20; 8:48-49, 52; 10:20)
 - ii. Jesus came like a Wedding with eating and drinking and they accused Him of being **a gluttonous man and a drunkard**,
 1. **Son of Man** (cf. Ezek. 2:1; Ps. 8:4; Dan. 7:13; Matt. 8:20; 9:6; 10:23; 11:19; 12:8, 32, 40; 13:37, 41; 16:13, 27, 28; 17:9, 12, 22; 18:11; 19:28; 20:18, 28; 24:27, 30, 37, 39, 44; 25:31)
 2. **a friend of tax collectors and sinners!** (cf. Matt 9:11; Luke 5:30; 7:34; 15:2)
- c. The Derision of this generation proved that spiritually they were like spoiled, entitled, little children who would never be Pleased or Placated!
- d. **Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds** = a warning that the Kingdom is coming and only those who repent and trust in the **Son of Man** will be **vindicated** as the **wise**

II. **Indifference (vs. 20-24)**

- a. **denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent** = there is a direct relationship between Privilege and Punishment
- b. **Woe = ouai (ούαι)** = "a state of intense hardship or distress—'disaster, horror.'"
 - i. "an exclamation of "how greatly one will suffer," mingling doom with pity" (Bloomberg; cf. Num. 21:29; 1 Sam. 4:8; Isa. 3:9-11; Jer. 13:27; Ezek. 24:6-9; Matt. 18:7; 23:13, 15, 16, 23, 25, 27, 29; 24:19; 26:24)
- c. Both **Chorazin** and **Bethsaida** were near Capernaum
 - i. **Chorazin** located in the nearby hills to the north
 1. No other mention in Scripture but many miracles were apparently worked there (cf. Luke 10:13)
 - ii. **Bethsaida** located east on the shore of the Sea of Galilee
 1. Birthplace to 3 Apostles: Philip, Andrew, & Peter
- d. **Tyre and Sidon** were once wealthy and powerful Phoenician cities whose destruction was prophesized by Ezekiel (Ezek. 26:1-28:23; cf. Isa. 14:13-15; 23; Jer. 25:22; 47:4; Amos 1:9-10)
 - i. If they had received this level of divine revelation **they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes**. (cf. Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Mark 1:15; 6:12; Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38; 3:16, 19; 20:21; 2 Cor. 7:8-11; Ezek. 18:21, 23, 32; 2 Peter 3:9)
- e. **more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you** = Privilege vs. Punishment
- f. **not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades** = Judgment for arrogant Pride like the king of Babylon and Satan (Isa. 14:13-15ff; cf. Ezek. 26:20; 28:8; 31:14; 32:18, 24; Luke 10:18; Rev 12:8-10)
- g. **more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you** = Privilege vs. Punishment