

## OUT AT HOME PLATE

**TEXT: Psalms 1:5-6:**

***5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.***

***6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.***

**Introduction:** America's national past-time is baseball, football, and basketball. Baseball and football have their huge stadiums, and thousands of hours are spent watching a man swat a ball or run like mad with a bag of wind.



In baseball, everything depends on crossing home plate. The Umpire in Chief stands behind home plate in final authority. He decides if you're safe or out. His Word is supreme and final. This set of rules is a true picture of life.



You can't run the bases backwards by starting at third base to first and then home. You must play the game according to the rules, or you're out. If you get to third base, that is not enough; near is a miss, and a miss is as good as a mile.

**Matthew 22:11-13:**

***11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:***

***12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.***

***13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***



Paul assured a Roman politician by the name of Felix there is a home plate. Solomon looked ahead in:

***Ecclesiastes 9:11: I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.***

We all have our record going down on the score board as recorded in:



***Ecclesiastes 12:14: For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.***

Daniel describes the Final Umpire. All nations gather before Him, both small and great.

***Daniel 7:9-10:***

***<sup>9</sup> I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit, Whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire.***



***<sup>10</sup> A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the Books were opened.***

We must come to the Home plate having touched the bases.

***2 Peter 3:14: Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.***

The umpire isn't going to look at your pretty face or legs and call you safe, Honey. Your hair-do and latest style clothes will never influence that Umpire. Think about that!! God is more likely to call you out before you realized that you were sure enough out.

Church fellowship will not count there either. All the adulterers, covetous, thieves, hypocrites, liars, and Sabbath breakers will be called out at home plate. Many are struck out at first base, or second, or trying to steal third. For, there is no stealing of bases in this



game of life.

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