

“ FOR DEMAS HATH FORSAKEN ME “

2 Timothy 4:10

There are many sad stories in the Bible. Many tragic events occur, but these words and this event, I believe, are among the saddest because they show -

1. A MAN ACTING CONTRARY TO GOD’S WILL:

A. God’s will for the unsaved is that they come to know Christ - 2 Peter 5:9

B. God’s will for the saved is a forsaking of “worldly things” - 1 John 2:15;
2 Corinthians 6:14; Matthew 6:33; Matthew 6:20

1) Acting contrary to God’s will causes -

a) Condemnation to the unsaved - John 3:18

b) Chastisement to the saved - Heb. 12:6; 1 Corinthians 11:30

2. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN’S NATURE:

(My Father in the ministry used to remind us that, “no one ever gets so spiritual that they can’t fall.)

A. Man is a rebel by birth -

B. He is a rebel by practice - Romans 3:23

C. Unable to ascertain God’s Will for himself - 1 Corinthians 2:14

D. A slave to fleshly desires and lust - selfishness and Satan, having a reprobate mind and heart.

3. THE FOOLISHNESS OF MAN’S CHOICE:

A. “...having loved this **present** world (age).

1) This world (age) is only temporary.

2) This world cannot satisfy the spiritual hunger of the soul.

3) This world is no substitute for fellowship with God.

B. This world (age) and the things thereof will pass away - Matthew 24:25

1) You may go first - Proverbs 27:1

2) You and the world may go at the same time.

Sad words. A sad event. May this never be said of you.

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