

DEMAS THE DESERTER "THE MAN WHO DESERTED TO THE ENEMY"

2 Tim. 4:10

I. His Life Prior to the Desertion.

1. A fellow worker of the Apostle Paul (Philom. 24)
2. Probably a fellow prisoner. (Col. 4:14)
3. From this we may suppose that:
 - A. He must have been one who professed faith in the Lord Jesus.
 - B. He was willing to identify himself with the followers of Christ.

The Love that led to his Desertion.

II. His Loss in this

1. The pleasure of the world. (1 Jno. 2:15-17) (name "Demas" means "popular")
2. The popularity of the present age.
3. The riches of the world. home!
 - A. Chrysostom said, "He chose to luxuriate at Thessalonica a large, wealthy city capital of province of Macedonia. principal city on the great highway from the Adriatic to the Hellespont."

III. His Loss in this Tragic Desertion.

1. He lost his peace with God.

"Judge in thyself, O Christian! is it meet to set thine heart on what leads set their feet? and can a Christian leave the face of God to embrace the earth, and doat upon a clod!"
2. He lost his place in the Apostolic Hall of Fame.
3. He lost the respect of others and of himself. (the disgrace of a traitor) - Marino Falieri
4. He lost his soul - (Mt. 16:26) - Benedict Arnold

IV. The lessons for us in his Desertion

1. Beware of the love of the world - 1 Jno. 2:15
2. We need great strength to stand under great testing. ("endure hardness")
3. Though some people disappoint and fail us, there are others who will remain faithful ("only Luke is with me").
4. It is one thing to use the world as an opportunity to serve ~~our~~ ^{our} master; it is quite another thing to serve the world as our master.
5. If we love Jesus as we should, we can never love the world which crucified Him.

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