

Love Left Behind

by Daniel Beachy

The sermon emphasizes the importance of recognizing and returning to our first love for God amidst life's distractions.

Scripture: Matthew 6:24

Topics: "First Love", "Spiritual Drift"

Description

Daniel Beachy preaches about the danger of leaving our first love, using the analogy of a man who chooses to leave the burden of his true love for the allure of material wealth. He emphasizes that losing our first love is not a matter of it being lost, but rather forsaken for something else we prioritize. Just like the church at Ephesus, we can have good works and knowledge, yet still drift away from our initial love for God by choosing to prioritize other things.

Transcript

The church at Ephesus had many good works, they had much knowledge, but they had left the first love. How do we leave our first love? It seems we too easily get the idea we've lost our first love and don't know how to find it. The way it really happens is we choose what will be our first love. It's not lost; but left. Not forgotten, but forsaken.

It's like a man walking alone carrying a burden for one he loves with all his heart. As he journeys towards his destination, he sees another bundle containing gold, silver, and other valuables. "Well (he may say), I can't carry both bundles very far, but this looks like a good thing, this will allow me to live more comfortably. I will try it once." And so he goes on for a while until he finds out that these two packages can't be carried together; one will have to go.

"Why, I've hardly picked up this new bundle and I'm getting tired already." After some deliberation he takes the first bundle off his back, finds a good place to put it by the side of the road, and proceeds down the road with the second. "I'll come back and get that later," he decides, "once I've found a secure place to store these other things." Thus he leaves his first love, for the second one.

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