

Free Sermon Illustration

A VACATION FROM THE LORD

Biblical Text: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip ." Hebrews 2:1

A pastor once told the story of a man who worked hard all year long. Stress on the job. Pressure at home. Bills piling up. He finally said, "I need a break. I'm going on vacation." So, he booked a trip to a beautiful resort. Sunshine. Beaches. Room service. Everything he thought he needed to "get away."

But when he got there, something strange happened. He tried to sleep but couldn't. He tried to relax but couldn't. He tried to enjoy himself but still couldn't. Everywhere he went, he felt restless. Every activity felt empty. Every moment felt off.

Finally, he called his pastor from the hotel room and said, "Pastor, I don't understand it. I'm in paradise, but I can't find peace." The pastor asked him one question: "Did you take the Lord with you?" The man got quiet. He said, "Well... I didn't pray before I left. I haven't opened my Bible since I got here. I told myself I'd 'take a break' from everything, including church." The pastor said, "Son, that's your

problem. You left the only One who gives peace at home. You took a vacation from the Lord, but the Lord is the only One who can give rest.”