

**“The Sin of Unbelief”**  
**Matthew 13:58**

Introduction: “In all unbelief there are these two things: a good opinion of one’s self and a bad opinion of God.” (Horatius Bonar)

1. “unbelief” (Strong’s)- “unfaithfulness, faithless; want of faith, unbelief; weakness of faith; without trust (in God)”
2. “unbelief” (Webster’s)- “The quality of not believing; unwillingness to believe; a withholding or refusal of belief. In the New Testament, disbelief of the truth of the gospel, rejection of Christ as the Savior of men, and of the doctrines he taught; distrust of God's promises and faithfulness”

Body: “Unbelief . . . makes the world a moral desert, where no divine footsteps are heard, where no angels ascend and descend, where no living hand adorns the fields, feeds the birds of heaven, or regulates events.” (Friedrich Wilhelm Krummacher)

- I. The Perplexity of Unbelief Mark 6:6- “*And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.*”
- II. The Problems with Unbelief
  - A. The Sin it Brings I Timothy 1:13- “*Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.*”
    1. In Malice Acts 14:2- “*But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.*”
    2. In the Mind Titus 1:15- “*Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.*”
    3. In Marriage
      - a. I Corinthians 7:14- “*For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.*”
      - b. I Corinthians 7:15- “*But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.*”
  - B. The Separation it Brings II Corinthians 6:14- “*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*”
- III. The Preventions of Unbelief
  - A. When Someone Believed

1. The Impossible is Accomplished Romans 4:20- *“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God”*
2. The Infidel is Accepted Romans 11:23- *“And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.”*

B. When Someone did not Believe

1. Matthew 13:58- *“And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”*
2. Matthew 17:19-20- *“Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”*

IV. The Proposal because of Unbelief Romans 11:30- *“For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief”*

V. The Punishment for Unbelief

A. For the Saint Hebrews 3:12- *“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.”*

1. Rebuke Mark 16:14- *“Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.”*
2. Restrictions Hebrews 3:19- *“So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”*
  - a. Hebrews 4:6- *“Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief”*
  - b. Hebrews 4:11- *“Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.”*

B. For the Sinner

1. The Change it will not Bring Romans 3:3- *“For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?”*
2. The Condemnation it will Bring Luke 12:46- *“The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.”*
  - a. Romans 11:20- *“Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear”*
  - b. Revelation 21:8- *“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake*

*which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*

Conclusion: The Plea of Unbelief Mark 9:24- *“And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”*

Martin Luther- “What greater rebellion, impiety, or insult to God can there be than not to believe his promises?”