

Holy Bible

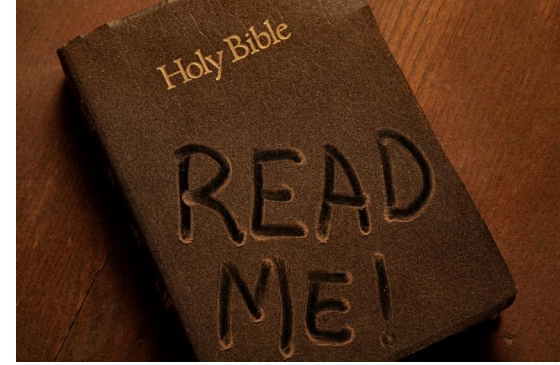
# They Left God Out

Luke 12:16-20

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ME!

Purpose: To see  
how some people  
fared who left God  
out.

# Introduction

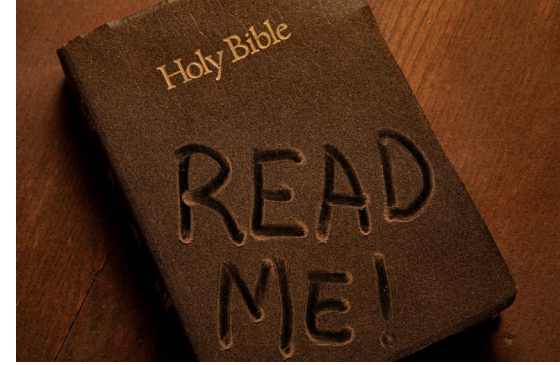


- It is very easy to leave God out, to forget all about what He means to us.

“God and the soldier we adore  
in times of danger, not before;  
the trouble past, and all things righted,  
God is forgot, and the soldier slighted”  
(16<sup>th</sup> Century Epigram).

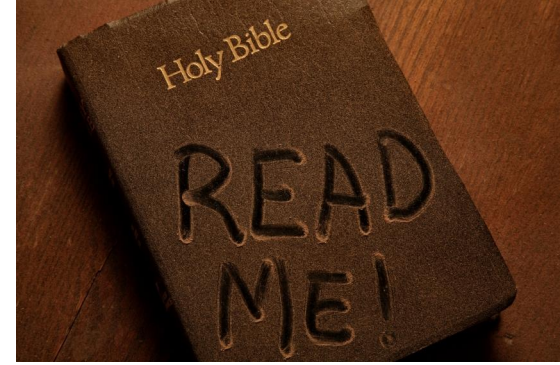
- What happens when we leave God out?

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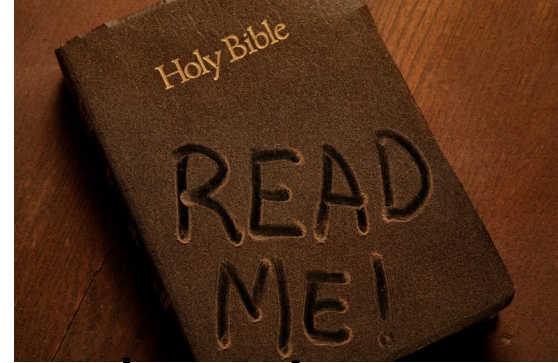
- Before the flood. The Antediluvians left God out. Gen. 6:1-8.
  - Take away conscience and the fear of God and men become like beasts to one another.
- The ten spies left God out. Num. 13:25-33.
  - After all that God had done for them, they could not see how God could help them take Canaan.

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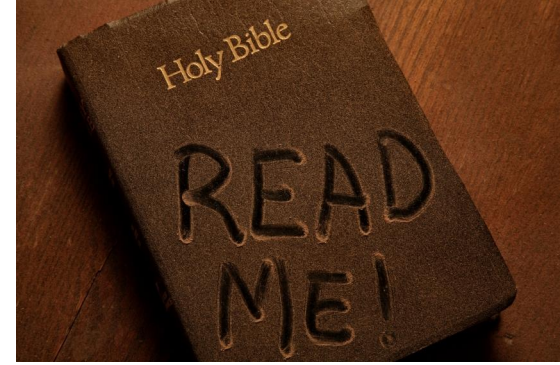
- The rich farmer left God out. Luke 12:16-21.
  - All too easy to get caught up in “winning” the game on earth and leave God out.
- It isn't very difficult to see God missing from the lives of some people. When we leave God out, we are risking our eternal souls.

# People leave God out today



- When they plan for their children's education but do not plan for their spiritual education.
- When they plan for retirement but not for eternity.
- When they don't seek the kingdom first (Matt. 6:33), forsake meeting together (Heb. 10:25), or fail to work to be approved of God (2 Tim. 2:15).

# Conclusion



- God wants us to live a good life, be full of joy, have healthy relationships with others and be instruments of God in reaching others with the gospel.
- Matt. 16:26. Gain the world and lose your soul? Not if we can help it!
- Let's not allow anyone we know to leave God out of their life.