



Red at night Sailors delight Red in the morning Sailors take warning



Eternal > Temporal



Matthew 16:1-5



A sign from Heaven

- Moses manna (Exodus 16)
 - Elijah fire from Heaven (I Kings 18)
 - Samuel calls for thunder (I Samuel 12:16-18)



The Sign of the Prophet Jonah

- Three days in the belly of a great fish
- Emerged alive and well
- Jesus will do the same but from a tomb



The Rebuke

You can predict the weather with a quick look at the sky, but you can't see what is right in front of you even with all the knowledge you possess



Matthew 16:6-12



<u>Epilanthanoai - Forgot</u>

- Willful negligence
- He will take care of it
- We have not worried about food
- Complacency



How could they forget?

- Assumed He would provide
- Focused on what was next while forgetting what had already been provided



They are still missing it!

- You think I am talking about food
- There are greater concerns



What did they miss?

The misdirection of the Pharisees and Sadducees (Leaven)



Jesus wants us to focus more on the eternal rather than the temporal

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.



Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

I Corinthians 5:14-17



If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:1-2



A Perspective of Expectation

- 1. Show me a sign (Challenge)
- 2. Ahh, He will take care of it (Complacency)



Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

John 12:21



Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21

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<u>Questions to Ponder</u>

What do we focus on most – the temporal or the eternal?

Would we recognize "spiritual leaven" if we encountered it?

What have we "forgotten" God has done?

Challenge perspective, complacent perspective of "I want to see Jesus" perspective?