

Jesus said, If the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. Now some of us might say, this is the fault of the people in Bethsaida and Chorazin, the godly there should have organized a campaign and gone to Tyre and Sidon and spread the word of the true God and brought them the knowledge of God's promise of the coming One who would be slain for the sins of all who would believe on His Name so that some of those ~~bt~~ people could be saved! They did not have any chance. They did not hear the Word of God at all. But what does Christ go on to say? "But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you." Then he refers to a place where there were many godly Jews, where many people were looking for the coming of Messiah, where many were reading about the sacrifices and ~~having their eyes upon what it meant~~ ^{looking forward to} the One who would be the Lamb of God ~~who would be slain~~ ^{sacrificial} for the sins of the world. Jesus says, Thou Capernaum which art exalted unto heaven shall be brought down to Hades, for if the mighty works which ~~tht~~ have been done in thee had been done in Sodom it would have remained unto this day. We think of Sodom as abbut the most wicked place ~~in the world~~ ^{that ever was}. We think of the terrible things in Sodom, so awful that God had to wipe it out. He ~~su~~ could not find 10 righteous people in Sodom. ~~What there were that were woth delivering from it were Lot,~~ ^{All these in it are ③ ④ the destruction of Sodom} and his wife and his two daughters, ^{⑤ W Pentecost} and when ~~we read what happened to them~~ ^{we know} how terribly they had been affected by the sin and wickedness of Sodom. Jesus said, But I say ~~up~~ ^{we can} unto you it shall be more tolerable in the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee. A careful study of this passage will completely demolish a lot of our simple cliches under which we tend to think ~~to~~ explain God's plan . We simply have to admit that the knowledge and wisdom and intention of God is far beyond our understanding.

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