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Indifference

The greatest hindrance to revival in the church and to spiritual fervency in our lives is not gross outward sin or rejection of the truth. It is **indifference to the Spirit's dealings with our heart**. Sin may be repented of and forgiven and spiritual life restored, **but there is no hope for continuing indifference to His call**.

Jesus said of His return to earth for His people, *"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. **They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all**"* (Luke 17:26-27). Yes, there were the grossest of sins in that day, but that is not what condemned them to watery destruction. Rather, **it was their attention to the details of the "normal" pursuits of everyday life instead of to the warnings of Noah, a "preacher of righteousness"** (2 Peter 2:5).

In the wilderness, the children of Israel turned to idolatry in Sinai while Moses was in the mountain receiving the law at *"the finger of God"* (Exodus 31:18). But notice what was occupying the people: **"and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play"** (Exodus 32:6). As Moses descended the mount and heard the noise, he identified it as **"the noise of them that sing."** It wasn't the golden calf that sealed their judgment—awareness of their sin and humble repentance would have resolved that. **But it was their singing, playing, and entertaining themselves that caused them to be oblivious to the wrath of offended deity.** May we ever **give heed to His call rather than the things that capture our attention and affections!**

—Submitted by church member, Carl Edwards. **Hear this powerful message in which Carl emphasizes earnestly seeking God with importunity** and gives his **stirring testimony of receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost 49 years ago** at: www.naog.ws/sermons.htm