

Luke 9:57-62
Don't look Back!

Introduction:

What some people think Calvinism is... 'If God ordains all things, there is no obligation for me or anyone else to do anything. If God wants something to happen it will happen. This of course is a distortion of genuine Calvinism. True Calvinism (Which is a nickname for Christian doctrine) or true Christianity teaches that God does order things but does so through means.

I. THREE UNCOMMITTED

A. So Called Follower No.1 (V. 57)

1. A remarkable declaration – Matt.8:19
2. An unusual Scribe – (Lu.5:21,30; 6:7; 9:22; 11:53,54; 15:2; 19:47)
3. The dedication of Ruth – (Ruth 1:16)
4. Deprivation and hardship – v.58b
5. Are we like this Scribe who wanted heaven without the cross?
6. Profaning the Sabbath – Neh. 13:15-22
7. Privileged people – Rom. 9:4-6

A. So Called Follower No. 2 (V. 59)

1. In all likelihood his father had not died yet – (Jewish Rabbis taught)
2. Jewish funerals were long drawn out ceremonies (Joel Green)
3. The Sin of procrastination – (Matthew Henry)
 - a. Teaching the superseding nature of the heavenly family – **Turn TO Luke 8:19-21** (Eph.3:14,15; Luke 6:46; John15:14)
 - b. C H Spurgeon sermon “Scourge for Slumbering Souls”

B. So Called Follower No. 3 (V.61)

1. A similar text: Elijah – Elisha I Kings 19:19-21
2. Too perilous for him to go home
3. Jesus knew the hearts and minds of men – (Luke 5:20, 22, 6:8, Jn.1:47; 2:25; 21:7)
4. If its convenient we will obey – (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

II. LOT'S WIFE

A. Remember Lot's wife – Luke 17:32

B. Her relationship to Abraham – Gen. 19,

C. Her spiritual up bringing

D. Hands on the Plow – (a proverbial saying)

E. Beware of a divided heart – (JC Ryle)