

Luke 14:18

I. Seeing The World. "I Go To See."

- a. Characteristic of youth.
- b. Danger of becoming so concerned with seeing the world that one fails to see God.
- c. Youth may become adventurous to the point of leaving God out. That is what this young man did. Then God left him out.

II. Trying Out The Things Of The World. "I Go To Prove."

- a. Middle life is the time of experiments. Many things are tried out.
- b. The Scientific Attitude is well developed. Men try to reason religion out from the standpoint of the natural. It can't be done.
- c. Very modern. A picture of our day. Men are trying out things, in state and church schools and the national Government. Like this man we are leaving God out.

III. Joined To The World. "Married A Wife."

- a. Christialized Character. In youth we have adventure--seeing; in middle life we have experimentation; but here we have maturity. Sinner, who is married to the things of the world. A sad picture.
- b. Not easy to divorce one who has married the world. He loves it too well. He is too well satisfied with it.
- c. This state denotes doom. The man does not even offer a polite excuse. He simply says, "I cannot come". No hope.

Conclusion:

- (1) Youth is plastic easy to change. The time reach people of God. The easiest time to choose God. Free from cares.
- (2) Middle age is not quite so plastic. Weighted down with the cares of life no time for God.
- (3) Old Age. Character formally fixed. Changes are exception, but not the rule. In the first case we have sin beginning in the second sin making progress, and in the third sin the full charge.