The Less Noble

Ken Chapman · Acts 17:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- But what I've really learned about myself is it's not so much memory. ... But that I wasn't paying attention when somebody said their name.
- The fact that you're here this morning and you are listening to gospel preaching makes demands of you.
- I want to talk about the Thessalonicans. I want to talk about the less noble.

1 They Were Not Teachable

Acts 17:7; James 1:19–20; 2 Timothy 4:2–4

- They were not noble because they were simply not teachable.
- They gave it an honest hearing, an honest examination.
- So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.
- We need to be teachable. We need to be humble enough to be able to say, I'm going to listen.
- For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine or sound teaching, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers.
- What does it say about us as God's people when we willingly miss opportunities to hear God's word taught?

2 They Were Unwilling to Change

Acts 17:6; James 1:22

- These who have turned the world upside down, have come here too.
- We like it the way it was. They were unwilling to change.
- The purpose of preaching is to affect change in people's lives.
- But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- It's a prodding to get you to change when you leave the church building.
- Or am I noble-minded? And I'm willing to open up the scriptures and to see not what my position is or what your position is, but what does the Bible teach?

THE CHALLENGE

Can we help you as you seek to be more fair minded with God and his word?

MY NOTES