

## "THE PARABLE OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS" 212

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Almost any simple illustration can be used to teach a spiritual lesson.
- B. You remember the story of the three little pigs and the big bad wolf.
  - 1. 1st pig built out of straw.
  - 2. 2nd out of sticks.
  - 3. 3rd out of bricks.
- C. Today we want to use this story as our illustration.

### BODY:

#### I. OUR ADVERSARY.

- A. Represented as the "big bad wolf" but there is nothing funny about Satan.
- B. Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- C. 2 Cor. 2:11 should not be ignorant of his devices.
- D. 1 Pet. 5:8 like a roaring lion.
- E. His tactics:
  - 1. Lk. 8:12- takes the word away.
  - 2. Lk. 4:1-13 with Jesus.
  - 3. Craftiness- 2 Cor. 11:3.
  - 4. Sows tares- Matt. 13:6-39.
- F. Not to give place to him- Eph. 4:26-27.
- G. James 4:7 resist him and he will flee.

#### II. THE STRAW HOUSE- A LIFE OF IMMORALITY WITHOUT GOD.

- A. Look at the life without God- Rom. 1:28-32.

- B. Notice- Rom. 3:9-18.
- C. Works of the flesh- Gal. 5:19-21.
- D. Unfruitful works of Darkness- Eph. 5:11-14.
- E. This "Straw House" will burn in the day of testing.

### III. THE HOUSE OF STICKS (LIFE OF HYPOCRISY AND LUKEWARMNESS).

- A. Supposedly better than the house of straw.
- B. Jesus condemns this way of life- Matt. 23:13-33.
- C. Are there HYPOCRITES in the Church today?
  - 1. Yes!
  - 2. They were in the early church- Acts 5:1-4.
  - 3. Prophets foretold of them- Mk. 7:6 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: `This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.
  - 4. Hypocrites are deceiving themselves- Jas. 1:21-27.
- D. Are there LUKEWARM Christians in the church?
  - 1. Yes!
  - 2. They were in the early church- 2 Tim. 4: 10- Demas.
  - 3. These make God sick- Rev. 3:15-16.
  - 4. Result of lukewarmness- Matt. 13:20-22
- E. This "House of Sticks" may not burn as fast as the "Straw House," but they will still burn (and hotter) in the day of judgment.

### IV. THE BRICK HOUSE (THE DEDICATED TRUE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST).

- A. The best way to build.
- B. He has put the kingdom first- Matt. 6:33.

- C. He is the good soil- Matt. 13:8, 23.
- D. He presents his body a living sacrifice- Rom. 12:1-2.
- E. Tit. 2:11-15 S/He lives soberly.
- F. The True disciple of Christ:
  - 1. Denies self- Matt. 16:24-26.
  - 2. Counts the cost- Lk. 14:26-33.
  - 3. Adds the "Christian Graces" - 2 Pet. 1:5-10.
- G. This house will stand in the judgment, no other will-Matt. 7:24-27.

CONCLUSION:

- A. What kind of house are you building?
- B. Will it stand in the day of judgment?
- C. Building with inferior materials is a waste of time and soul.
- D. Chose the best materials, start today, obey the Gospel.