We go to church and listen to preachers say things that make us feel good. That’s because they believe, for the most part, that the listeners cannot face the truth. There may be some that simply cannot process things negative but I doubt it. We are not made that way.

Years ago I was asked to visit a friend of one of our members that was in the hospital. He was an elderly man and not in good health and I believe he had a heart attack that put him there. On Sunday afternoon I drove the 30 or so miles to the hospital and visited him and his wife that was by his side. They were very appreciative of the effort made and came to hear me preach a few times.

When I held a gospel meeting, which I did quite often in those days, they would come to hear me, sometimes driving several miles. As we became better acquainted I thought I might be able to teach them. I visited their home a few times and was shown great appreciation for it.

Over the next year or so I tried to engage them in Bible study to no avail. They would come to hear me preach and always tell me how much they appreciated my lesson, but try as I did, I could get no further with them. They did almost everything but be rude to avoid a serious discussion of the scriptures. Finally I moved away and left them pretty much as I found them.

The Bible says, “And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thess. 2:11-12)

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