

INTRODUCTION

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Matthew 16:5-12

THE PROBLEM OF LAPSES

1. Memory Lapses

- a) Common
- b) All are affected at one point or another

2. Spiritual Lapses

- a) This is more serious
- b) This needs attention

MISTAKEN UNDERSTANDING OF THE LORD'S TEACHING

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1. Forgotten to take bread
2. "The leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees"
3. Misunderstanding occurred
 - a) Failure to comprehend
 - b) Focus was on the wrong thing

THE REBUKE OF THE LORD JESUS

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Matthew 16:8-12

1. The problem of "little faith"
2. Wrong reasoning
3. Poor understanding

CHALLENGES

1. To deepen faith

2. To comprehend better

3. To master the lessons the Lord Jesus wants us to learn