

A BAD BARGAIN

A Sunday school teacher asked her class if they could give Bible examples of anyone making a bad bargain. The first said, "Esau made a bad bargain when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage". Another said, "Judas made a bad bargain when he sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver". A third said, "Ananias and Sapphira made a bad bargain when they lied about the price of their land". A fourth said, "Jesus said it is a bad bargain when a man gains the whole world and loses his own soul".

We might add another to the above list by observing that it is a bad bargain for you and me to trade our hope of heaven for the pleasures, riches, power and glory of this world. Jesus was shown all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time and told he could have all these if he bowed down to Satan. Jesus knew that would be a bad bargain.

What kinds of bargains do we make? Do we trade the worship time for a few hours of sleep? Do we trade Christian service for idle pleasures? Let us not trade Heaven.

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