

## **“An Evil And Adulterous Generation”**

Matthew 12:38-39 says, *“Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas.”*

Just as the generation in our Lord’s time was seeking what was wrong, so it is today. An issue of Focus on the Family Magazine states that baby boomers (born between 1946-1964) expect six items in a church: “good music, social groups, big meeting rooms, a quality kitchen, ample parking, and clean restrooms.”

Did you notice that none of the items the baby boomers seek are what God Himself requires? This reminds one of the principle of Isaiah 55:7-8. What man desires often is different than what God desires. One must make the decision as to what they will seek. One may immediately think that seeking a good parking space is far superior than seeking after something wicked, such as an opportunity for immorality. However, this is not how God operates. If what one is seeking after is not in God’s will, it will not please Him, no matter how morally good we may decide it to be.

Instead of those items which satisfy fleshly desires, we should seek a church with the right characteristics. We are not on a hunt for a church “close” or “just about like” the church of the New Testament; we are looking for the church itself. The same can be said for the gospel. I do not want to obey the gospel in a way that is “close” to the New Testament; I want to obey just what people obeyed in the New Testament. Seek the simple gospel of Christ (Jeremiah 29:13).

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