

## **It's March**

It's March already! What does this mean? It means time is swiftly passing away (cf. Jas. 4:14). At the end of this month one quarter of the year will be gone. Let us redeem the time (Eph. 5:15-16).

Just a few short days ago we entered into a new year, 2004. Some of us made resolutions to live better. Did you resolve to repent of sin (Lk. 13:3)? Did you resolve to read and pray more (1 Pet. 2:2; 1 Thes. 5:17)? Did you resolve to be a better husband, wife, father, mother, or child (Eph. 5:22-6:4)? Did you resolve to teach someone the gospel (Mk. 16:15)? Did you keep your resolution? If not, why not?

The old saying goes, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." The "one-talent" servant had good intentions (Matt. 25:24-25). The Lord said that was not enough. The servant needed to put into action his intention of pleasing his Lord (Matt. 25:26-27). Because he failed to do this, the Lord said, "cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness" (Matt. 25:30). Yes, "the road to hell is paved with good intentions." Sadly, it is a well paved and well traveled road (Matt. 7:13-14).

If you have failed to keep your intention to serve the Lord as you know you ought to, then repent. Take advantage of the time you have right now. Do not wait for a convenient season, it may never come (Acts 24:25; 1 Thes. 5:1-10).

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