

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – OCTOBER 17, 2010
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TITLE: “Smallpox and Missions”

TEXT: Matthew 9:35-38; John 3:16-21

INTRODUCTION: Loving the darkness ... despising the light. What an incredible of heart and mind to be in. A cure at hand, but unwilling to that cure ... or a lack of someone to tell what the cure is ... or a of funds to get the one who would tell into close enough proximity to do so.

I: SMALLPOX

1. “Smallpox Van”
2. Lord Macaulay – 17th century England
3. Cortez and the New World
4. Edward Jenner – 1796
5. 1967 – systematic, global assault began
6. 1978 – last known case of smallpox was reported

II: MISSIONS

1. Last decade of the 1700’s – William Carey sailed for India
2. *2,000 years after Christ died ... the Gospel and smallpox*
3. *Keith Brown – Overseas Crusades publication lists five factors involved in the eradication of smallpox (compare to missions)*
 - a) *The knowledge of a need*
 - b) *The discovery of a cure*
 - c) *A conviction that the disease could be eradicated*

- d) *A large force of people committed to see the job completed*
- e) *Adequate funding*

CONCLUSION: *What is the missing ingredient in eradicating the dread disease called sin? Is it manpower? NO! Is it resources? No! It is THE CONVICTION*

THAT THE JOB MUST BE DONE ... AND THAT IT CAN BE DONE!

“God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

“They were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.”