

THE UNANSWERABLE QUESTION

Hebrews 2:3: How shall we escape, if we neglect so great Salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him;

INTRODUCTION



An elderly Scotch preacher leaned over his pulpit and said: “I have a question to ask you which no one can answer. If an Angel came down from Heaven, he could not answer it. If the devil himself came in, he couldn’t answer it. If the once so-called wisest man, King Solomon, were here, he could not answer it. Some smartalek may respond: So why even ask it, preacher? Some intellectual might be challenged by this, and want to know the question to see if he could refute my claims that no one can answer it.”

WHAT IS THE QUESTION?

The Question is: How shall we ESCAPE if we NEGLECT SOOOO GREAT SALVATION?

Did you realize that this question is not addressed to sinners or skeptics? It is addressed to people who are believers who have been neglecting so great salvation. God gave this as a WARNING to awaken those who have been SLOTHFUL and CARELESS about SO GREAT SALVATION. There is a grave DANGER in NEGLECTING.

QUESTION: What is the definition of this word NEGLECT?

ANSWER: *To give little heed or attention to, to ignore, to disregard, to overlook, to treat carelessly, to slight, to treat as unimportant.*

NEGLECT

Did you take notice that THE LORD DOES NOT ASK:

1. How shall we escape if we DISBELIEVE so GREAT SALVATION?
2. How shall we escape if we REJECT so GREAT SALVATION?
3. How shall we escape if we DENY so Great Salvation?

4. How shall we escape if we OPPOSE so GREAT SALVATION?
5. How shall we escape if we RIDICULE so GREAT SALVATION?



The PERIL is attached to this one word — NEGLECT.

There is only one word which, if ignored, makes the consequences so dreadful. It is NEGLECT. The one great cause of Hell being populated and enlarged is not Rejecters, but Postponers or Procrastinators.

ILLUSTRATION

In chapter 25 of the Book of Matthew, Jesus tells a parable about 10 virgins, 5 of whom were wise, and 5 of whom were foolish. The foolish virgins neglected to check their oil in their lamps, and were therefore not ready to answer the call to “Go ye out to meet him”.



Matthew 25:6: And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

But they didn't take heed to the WARNING. Jesus also has warned to *be ready, for in such an hour as you think not, the Son of Man cometh.*

Matthew 24:44: Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.

I have great regard for these three letters: T.N.T. Spiritually, it means **TODAY NOT TOMORROW.**

I have previously stated that this question is not addressed to the UNSAVED — the SINNERS. This fact may startle some of you since more of us have heard it used by preachers directing their message of SALVATION to the LOST. Of course, it can include the lost, but The Holy Spirit is directing the apostle Paul to ask this question to Christians. How shall “WE” escape, if “WE” neglect so great salvation? The apostle includes himself in this text by use of this pronoun “WE”.



There are only TWO KEY WORDS and ONE KEY PHRASE which I want to call to your ATTENTION. They are:

ESCAPE

NEGLECT

SO GREAT SALVATION

The unanswerable question is: How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation?

I shall start with the end of the verse and work toward the beginning word, just like a crawdad or crayfish goes backwards as its means of propelling itself.

1. SO GREAT SALVATION

QUESTION: What is so great about Salvation?

ANSWER: The answer is not hard to find. The author of this Book takes 13 Chapters to show the Greatness of the person Who provides Salvation — The Lord Jesus Christ. HE IS EMMANUEL

Matthew 1:23: Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Isaiah 7:14: Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Emmanuel.



God the Father is speaking to His Only Begotten Son.

Hebrews 1:8-9:

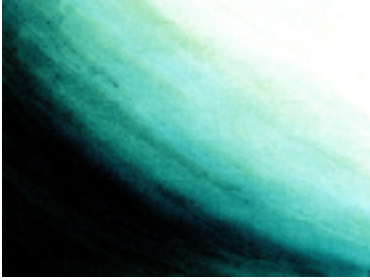
8 But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows.

2. HE IS LORD

God, our Heavenly Father is speaking once again:

(a) *Hebrews 1:10-12:*



***¹⁰ And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands:
¹¹ They shall perish; but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
¹² And as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.***

(b) John 1:3: All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made

(c) Ephesians 3:9: And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, Who created all things by Jesus Christ:

(d) Colossians 1:16-17:

¹⁶ For by Him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him:

¹⁷ And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.



3. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS TO BE WORSHIPPED AS COMMANDED BY GOD THE FATHER.

(a) Hebrew 1:6: And again, when He bringeth in the Firstbegotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him.

(b) Luke 24:52: And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

4. THE LORD JESUS' GREATNESS AS SEEN IN HIS POSITION AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.

(a) Hebrews 1:13: But to which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on My right Hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool?

(b) Mark 16:19: So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into Heaven, and sat on the right Hand of God.



(c) Acts 2:32-33:

³² This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

³³ Therefore being by the right Hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the Promise of the Holy Spirit, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

(d) 1 Peter 3:22: Who is gone into Heaven, and is on the right Hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him.

(e) Revelation 3:21: To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His Throne.

5. THE QUEEN OF SHEBA WILL RISE UP IN THE JUDGEMENT.

Luke 11:31: The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.



6. THE MEN OF NINEVA SHALL RISE UP IN JUDGEMENT.

Luke 11:32: The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

7. SALVATION IS GREAT BECAUSE OF THE PRICE THE LORD JESUS PAID FOR our REDEMPTION.

(a) Matthew 20:28: Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His Life a ransom for many.

(b) Acts 20:28: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the

flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His Own Blood.

(c) 1 Corinthians 6:19-20:

¹⁹ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

(d) 1 Peter 1:18-19:

¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

¹⁹ But with the Precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

8. SALVATION IS GREAT BECAUSE OF ITS SCOPE.

(a) John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.

(b) 1 John 2:2: And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.



(c) 1 Peter 3:9: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

(d) Matthew 11:28: Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

NOTE: If Hyper-Calvinism was true which teaches that only the elect can be saved, and all others must be damned, then Jesus would have said: "Come unto Me all ye **ELECT**, and I will give you rest." Or, "come unto Me, all ye **predestinated**"; and then the following scripture would not be in the Bible.

Romans 10:13: For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

9. SALVATION IS GREAT AS PROVED BECAUSE IT ORIGINATED WITH GOD IN HEAVEN.

Think of it!!! Salvation comes from the loving heart of God, Who willingly gave His Only Begotten Son to die for our sins according to the Scriptures. Salvation was not planned by angels, nor by the Church, nor by the people, or some preacher or bishop. **God didn't send some high-ranking angel, but His Own Beloved Son, Heaven's brightest Jewel, to be our Savior and Redeemer.**

- (a) John 3:17: For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.**
- (b) John 6:40: And this is the Will of Him Who sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have Everlasting Life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**
- (c) Acts 3:26: Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.**
- (d) Galatians 4:4-5:**
 - ⁴ But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the Law,**
 - ⁵ To redeem them that were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.**



10. SALVATION IS GREAT BECAUSE OF IT'S SOUL-TRANSFORMING POWER and DELIVERANCE FROM:

A. THE PENALTY OF SIN:

- (i) Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- (ii) John 5:24: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word,**

and believeth on Him Who sent Me, hath Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

- (iii) Isaiah 59:2: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.***
- (iv) Revelation 21:8: But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.***

B. DELIVERANCE FROM THE POWER OF SIN

- (i) Romans 6:6: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.***
- (ii) Romans 6:14: For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the Law, but under Grace.***
- (iii) Romans 6:22: But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end Everlasting Life.***
- (iv) 2 Timothy 4:18: And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His Heavenly Kingdom: to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.***
- (v) 2 Corinthians 2:14: Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place.***



C. DELIVERANCE FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN.

- i) John 14:2-3:***
- ² In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.***
- ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.***

ii) **Galatians 1:4:** *Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the Will of God and our Father:*

iii) **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17:**

¹⁶ *For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

¹⁷ *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

D. SALVATION'S SOUL-TRANSFORMING POWER.

(i) **2 Corinthians 5:17:** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

(ii) **Galatians 6:15:** *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.*

(iii) **Ephesians 2:2-6:**

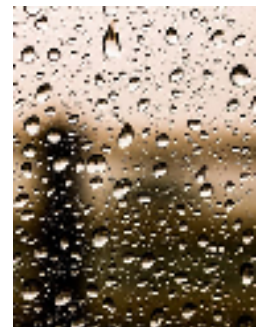
² *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

³ *Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

⁴ *But God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us,*

⁵ *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

⁶ *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*



(iv) **Ezekiel 36:25-27:**

²⁵ *Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.*

²⁶ *A new heart also will I give you, and a new*

spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

²⁷ And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them.

There is no person that is *not* degraded by sinning, but this Salvation can lift you out of its bondage into the Glorious Liberty of the children of God. Jesus will set you free from the old slave master, satan, and free you from all those filthy habits which enslaved you. The devil has told you that you're too great a sinner, that you are beyond all hope. He is a LIAR and the father of lies. He told you that to discourage your coming to Jesus for SO GREAT SALVATION.

11. HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE “NEGLECT” SO GREAT SALVATION?

“NEGLECT”

The PERISH is in this one word “NEGLECT.” The word “NEGLECT” is the main cause of Hell being populated and has enlarged itself, not because of REJECTORS but of NEGLECTERS. Did you remember the definition for NEGLECT which we gave you earlier in this message?

Let me remind you once again of its meaning. It means: *to treat carelessly, to slight, to ignore, or treat as unimportant, to disregard.*

ILLUSTRATION:

1. One of my fellow ministers, Rev. Maurice Mc Ginnis, had a brother who was a troubleshooter on the street car lines for a company in Indiana. One bad night, when it was cold and stormy, a high-tension line broke with the weight of the ice which had formed on it. This man and his crew were called upon to go out and repair the break. They got onto their service motor at the garage and brought it out to the service station where Mr. Mc Ginnis's brother had stopped to give instructions to the operator to cut the power on line No. 3, because there was a break. “O.K.” was the reply.



The operator was about to obey the order to pull the main switch on Number 3 when a friend came in to see him, and he immediately engaged in conversation. In the meantime, the repair crew found the broken line and stopped. A sheet of ice covered everything. One member of the crew, a fine young man with a wife and

two children, elected to climb the pole. He fastened on the climber's and safety belt, went up, and took hold of the broken line. He went rigid. then fell into his belt.



His spikes came loose, and down the pole he slipped — DEAD. He fell into the arms of his horrified fellow crewmen. They silently laid him on the motor, covered him with a tarp, and went back to the substation.

The operator heard the stern question: *“Did you cut the power on line No. 3?”* After a deathly silence, the response was: *“I am sorry, I NEGLECTED to do it when . . . because . . .”* He was interrupted by the Forman's cold words, *“Never mind turning it off now. It's too late.”* That operator was charged with manslaughter by the courts, was sentenced for NEGLECT OF DUTY, and was sent to the Penitentiary.

2. Do you know there are hundreds of people who die each year at RAILROAD CROSSINGS because they NEGLECT to pay attention to the Flashing Warning Signal?



3. A man pulled into the Gasoline station where I was having my car serviced, and demanded a grease job in a hurry. He was angry and bellyaching over the price he had to pay to have a complete rebuilding and re-bushing of the front end of his car. All because *he* had NEGLECTED to grease the fittings on the steering mechanism.

4. A farmer in Texas used a grain binder three or four years, and it was now worn out and unfit for future service. The man NEGLECTED to grease the machine, and also let it stay outside in the hot sun and in the rain, and rust took its deadly toll on that expensive piece of machinery.

5. If you neglect weeding your garden, the weeds will take over and ruin your crops. I had to come to Cleveland for a General Council and was gone just short of three weeks. When I got home, I decided to check things around the house and got the shock of my life when viewing the garden.



Calling my wife, Pauline, she came out and said: *“Oh my goodness!!! The garden is ruined!!!!”* The weeds had taken over and were grown hip high.

6. A small leak in a barge, or sailboat, or pleasure craft, if not attended to, will sink it when neglected.

7. Dr. R.A. Torrey tells about a Christian worker in one of his revival campaigns who felt deeply impressed to witness to the waiter at the restaurant where he was having an evening meal, about his soul's salvation. He was timid and did not follow on through with the Holy Spirit's dealing with him. He ate his meal, paid his bill, and left. However, he could not get away from the burden for that man. So he returned and inquired, giving the description of the man. The manager said: *"I'm sorry, you are too late. A little while ago he went into the back room and shot himself."*

Beloved friends, NEGLECT to warn sinners to flee the wrath to come is a serious matter. God told Ezekiel: *If you fail to WARN THEM, their blood will I require at thy hand."*

Ezekiel 3:18: When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood shall I require at thine hand.

Ezekiel 3:20: Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

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NEGLECT

This word NEGLECT carries with it many sad memories for many of us. Today, with Eternity right out there in front of us — and we are moving much closer to it than many do realize — I must ask you who are Christians and you who are still unsaved, ARE YOU NEGLECTING JESUS and HIS SO GREAT SALVATION?"

There is a peril neglecting so great salvation.

Remember, this text is not directed to sinners, beloved, but to Christians. There is a peril neglecting so great Salvation. This SALVATION means DELIVERANCE from SIN. Are you living in sin, or living victoriously above sin? This question should not startle any one of you. If you will examine closely the context by referring back to verse one and two, you will first notice an earnest admonition to Christians to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should allow them to slip away from us.

How can the WORD slip away from us? By FAILING TO OBEY IT and FAILING TO WALK IN THE LIGHT; and remember, the WORD is a lamp to our feet and a LIGHT to our path.

(a) ***Psalms 119:105: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.***

(b) ***Hebrews 5:9: And being made perfect, He became the author of Eternal Salvation unto all them that obey Him;***



(c) ***John 14:23: Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My Words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.***

(d) ***John 14:21: He that hath My Commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.***

(e) ***1 John 2:4-6:***

⁴ He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

⁵ But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him.

⁶ He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.



(f) ***1 Peter 2:22: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth:***

(g) ***1 John 3:6: Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him.***

(h) ***1 John 2:1: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous:***

(i) ***1 John 5:18: We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not;***

but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

(j) 1 Corinthians 15:34: Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

(k) John 5:14: Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

(l) John 8:10-11:

¹⁰ When Jesus had lifted up Himself, and saw none but the woman, He said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

¹¹ She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.



(m) Revelation 22:7: Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the Prophecy of this Book.

(n) Revelation 22:14: Blessed are they that do His Commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

(o) John 8:31: Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed;

(p) John 15:7: If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.



Abide means to dwell in, to remain, to lodge, to inhabit. If we Inhabit, Dwell in, and Lodge in THE WORD, and The Word has its Dwelling Place in us, then we are Jesus' disciples indeed.

SATAN did not abide in the Word, and that is why he backslid and became the horrible being that he is.

Jesus said so in:

John 8:44: Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

He abode not in the truth. Now you can see why we ought to give the more earnest heed to in the things which we have heard. The danger is: Lest at any time we should let them slip away from us. This danger is the reason why the Holy Spirit gave us the text: How shall we (note — **we**) escape if we need neglect so great salvation?

God has entrusted me with the greatest responsibility that any mortal can ever bare. I'm a spiritual WATCHMAN and am to WATCH for your souls; and I must give an account. God is also telling you, His children, to:

Hebrews 13:17: Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.



Sinners, for you to NEGLECT or put off, treat with little regard, and treat lightly SO GREAT SALVATION, it will be to your eternal ruination. There is Salvation in None Other than in CHRIST JESUS.

Acts 4:12: Neither is there Salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.



JESUS is the only Fire Escape from Hell. There is no other way to escape. Therefore, it is foolish for you to put off being saved from your sins. Always remember what God said:

Genesis 6:3: And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Remember also:

Hebrews 9:27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Some of you have said to me: "Oh, preacher, don't worry about me. I have plenty of time." "How much time do you really have?" is my question.

The God of this Bible asks you this question:

What is your life? God will not allow us to give foolish and flippant answers. He asks this question to get us to thinking about the Future, about where we will spend eternity. He then answers that question in this way:



James 4:14: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

REMEMBER: THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO HELL IS NEGLECTING SO GREAT SALVATION.

12. ESCAPE — HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION?



WARNING!!!!

1. See that ye Refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused HIM that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape if we turn from Him that speaketh from Heaven.

Hebrew 12:25: See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused Him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from Heaven:

2. Watch and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to Escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36: Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that



shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

3. God has provided an escape from the damnation of Hell by Salvation which is from Heaven, which is in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The Jehovah Witnesses have told their congregations they can escape the White Throne Judgment by having a Second Chance after they die. It is also taught by the Roman Catholics in their teachings on *purgatory*, but the Bible denies that claim saying:

(a) ***Hebrews 9:27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:***

(b) ***Matthew 25:41: Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:***

(c) ***Revelation 20:11-12:***

¹¹ And I saw a Great White Throne, and Him that sat on it, from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

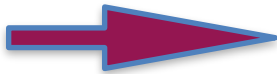


¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the Books were opened: and another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the Books, according to their works.



(d) ***Revelation 20:15: And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.***

(e) ***Revelation 22:11: He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.***



The Bible declares there is NO ESCAPE if you NEGLECT GOD'S GREAT SALVATION.

I know of one man, in particular, who was so clever that he said he could prove there was no jail which was ESCAPE-PROOF. His name was Harry Houdini, and as

part of his challenge, he went about defying law officials to lock him in anything that would hold him. The record shows he did escape from every jail and prison in which he was confined, many times with amazing speed and incredible skill.

The same man claimed that even the grave could never hold him. He would resurrect himself from it, and so ordered a white horse to be stationed at his grave so he could ride triumphantly through the streets proving his claims. Time has taken its toll on his bank account, in paying the expenses of those who stood vigil, along with the cost of maintaining the stable in which the horse or horses were kept. Finally, they have had to give up hope.

There will be only One Who will speak to the dead causing them to resurrect. His name is THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. Listen to His Words.

(f) Revelation 20:15: And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.

(g) John 5:27-29:

27 And hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His Voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the Resurrection of Life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.



CONCLUSION:

Why have you been NEGLECTING SO GREAT SALVATION? In it is your only means of cleansing, pardon, forgiveness, restoration, eternal life, and a wonderful Home in Heaven. There is where the pure and the holy saints of God are, who have trusted in the merits of Calvary, and in the sin-cleansing Blood of God's Lamb — The Lord Jesus Christ.



Christ bought your soul at Calvary when He proclaimed: ***"IT IS FINISHED"***. He is right now

awaiting your acceptance of Him as your Lord and Saviour. God is waiting to be gracious unto you, and is awaiting for your trust in His mercy provided in the Atonement to bring you into the Family of God.

Christ is your ONLY ESCAPE from ALL FUTURE PUNISHMENT and JUDGMENT.

Flee to Him for refuge, and trust in HIS SO GREAT SALVATION. You will be glad you did, both now and eternally.

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