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M ore Tolerable than for Thee!

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*"But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the
land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee."
(Matthew 11:24)*

In Lamentations 4:1-6 the Bible declares: "How is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street. The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter! Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them. They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills. For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her." There is a sin worse than that of Sodom and it will be more tolerable for them at The Final Judgment than for ...?...!

Like Israel, many today have had their fine gold and precious sons to God but now they have become indifferent to their Creator and His ways. Many have lost the sanctity of modesty, marriage, and motherhood; making them a cruel people bringing their morals to a lower degree than that of the animal kingdom. They commit transgressions and live a compromising lifestyle while neglecting God's Word and that without shame. Have many today become like the woman in

Proverbs 30:20 *"Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness."* They attend their churches, sing their songs, and pray their prayers; only to return to an immoral life before God, breaking His commandments. Theirs are a greater sin in His eyes than the sin of Sodom, and their punishment from a just and holy God will be "worse than Sodom".

We read in Isaiah 1:2-6 a very evident similarity between God's people of old and many religious establishments today! *"Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger; they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken anymore? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment."*

To those who think that an immoral evil lifestyle is acceptable in the sight of God. Read your King James Bible. God destroyed humanity for evil sin and He will cast all men and women, boys and girls, young and old into eternal punishment for such willful acts. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." And also in Jude 1:7 *"Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."* [a choice, not an inherited gene]

The Bible speaks very plainly about this sin of Sodom.

This message is to those who may have a worse punishment than that of the inhabitants of Sodom. God's final judgment is still pending and some will suffer the punishment worse than that of Sodom! It may be difficult for many to comprehend that the sin of Sodom is an abomination to God, but you need to study your Bible, for in it are the words of life, in it are the blessings and judgments of God. (Deuteronomy 28 & 29.) Not all the promises of God are to be desired. Several are reserved for the sinner and the transgressor of His laws; for those that knew the commandments and even proclaimed them but ignored them. Some are reserved for those who left their first love and now are cold towards the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Holiness) who is still reproving the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. (John 16:8)

Several have reached the depths of immorality which have caused nations to fall as recorded in history. They claimed to be a religious nation but their vain offerings stink in the nostrils of a Holy God. They have become like animals which return to their vomit and to their mire. *"But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."* (2 Peter 2:22)

Have we in America left the ordinances of God which once made her great and have done as Sodom? Their end will be greater than Sodom and also their punishment, according to God, will be more severe. Listen to the prophet of God as he proclaims God's words to a backslidden nation, (Isaiah 1:10-15) *"Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling*

of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood."

Is this the condition many are in today? They claim the name of God and seek His blessings but their heart is not receptive to His laws. They go through the rituals and give to Him acknowledgment with their lips but their heart is burdened with the lust and cares of this life. (Titus 1:16) Their final end will be less tolerable than the sin of Sodom. You may think that yesterdays' godly ways are now outdated and old fashion but when you (and ALL will) stand before the Judge of all the earth, each will be brought to the reality of truth as the rich man experienced in Luke 16. He had a change of mind; he saw things in the right prospective; he begged for mercy but it was too late for him. Nor could he help those he loved and had influenced who were headed toward the same destiny that he was living in. Yes, living in. It was not a dream nor a nightmare; neither was it PURGATORY; but was a real, living Hell, separated from the presence of God and His people awaiting the Lake of Fire!

Professing Christians may ask: "What is wrong with my lifestyle? Show me!" Again, read and study the Holy Bible. Galatians 5:19-21: ***"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."***

And in Revelation 20:11-15: *"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. 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. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Friend, there is no escape from this day if you are living in sin. The Bible says in 1 John 5:17: *"All unrighteousness is sin:...."* and in Ezekiel 18:4: *"Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die."*

Many humans today may speak against some social sins of a lifestyle of drunkenness and the abortion epidemic while captivating naive Christians with their eloquent speeches. They may protest abortion clinics and spend time condemning these sins that are so open and prevalent today, but some will have a greater condemnation before God than Sodom because of the unholy life they are living as **a professing Christian.** They practice immoral ways of dressing as the harlots do and cause the same lust that has caused an epidemic of illegitimate and unwanted births. Wives and daughters dress in the same scanty clothes, revealing and painting themselves, decking their bodies with the ornaments of haughtiness, as do the prostitutes who allure their victims into a relationship which produces guilt, shame and many times divorces. Some leave their places of worship and indulge themselves in luxury and vice while viewing open sins on television, internet, and phone programs. They take pleasure in those that commit such things while setting two gods before their family trying to worship them both. Did you use to be shocked at immorality and sinfulness but now are blinded to the adulteress and sin-laden society you associate with? You no longer loathe sin but yet claim to love God. *"Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."* (Romans 1:32.)

Have we taught, preached, and written many articles and books against some sins but live a loose and lawless life before a holy and awesome God who demands a distinct separation from not only the acts but also the very appearance of the world and its shameful attire. You may say to Him on that day as those in Matthew 7:22 did, reminding Him of the many works that was done in His name; but the answer will be the same as it was to them: *“And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity [lawlessness].”* (vs.23.)

In Ezekiel chapter eight, view how God hates the evil that His people committed. It was an abomination to Him, it was and is repulsive to Him and makes Him sick, as He views those who claim His name but their life is the representation of that wicked couple, Ahab and Jezebel. Read here in Ezekiel, that the closer that the sin is to His sanctuary, the greater the abomination it is to Him. Bring it into the house of God, put it on the platform, and He will depart, leaving only a human religious institution void of His presence. Those who love God hate sin without respect of persons!

Ezekiel 8:6-10,12 to 9:11: *“He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations. And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about. ... Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The Lord seeth us not; the Lord hath forsaken the earth. He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations*

that they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord’s house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord’s house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them. He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer’s inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer’s inkhorn by his side; And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before

the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The Lord hath forsaken the earth, and the Lord seeth not. And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head. And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.”

Are we today like Samson of old and “wist not” that the Spirit of God has departed from our midst. We and the god of this world have become close friends and it shows by how we act and dress. Only by our verbal profession would someone think us to be a Christian. Don’t be deceived; the same rebellion that has sent multitudes to hell since Adam and Eve, is still sending them there today for willful disobedience! God has not changed His Word nor will He make an exception for those living today. The seemingly simple act of disobedience in the Garden of Eden cost the first couple and all humanity that followed, separation from God that orchestrated the need for salvation (justification and sanctification). It might seem like a small thing to Christians, as it did to Eve with the help of her intellectual acquaintance that day, but what God really says about it is what matters. How does the Bible interpret a person’s lifestyle? It’s not what you, your family, your spouse, your pastor, or favorite author, radio or TV preacher or Jack M. Skinner says. Read in Ephesians 5:3-7

“But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor

covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them.” It is not man you will have to face when your life has ended. It will be the Author of the Book that is in your homes and in your hands. “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” (Hebrews 9:27.)

And again the Bible proclaims: “*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.*” (2 Peter 3:9-11.) “*I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*” (Luke 13:3.)

“All” the Bible states; the transgressors and the sinners shall both burn together. Isaiah 1:31 Those that will burn are those murderers in the abortion clinics, those in immoral relationships, and also those that claim to be against such acts, sitting on the pews, pianos, and standing behind the pul-

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pits but have deviated from the Holy Writ, polluting His ways and ignoring His commandment to come out from among her and be separate. (2 Corinthians 6:14-17)

When Jesus comes again, He will not come as a Lamb but as a Lion. *"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."* (2 Thessalonians 2:7-12) Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God the Bible declares!

You can not rely on past experience unless your present experience lines up according to the Word of God, no matter who you are. Read Jude 1:5-7: *"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."*

The vengeance of God on those who walk away will be worse than those who never heard His laws. Both will burn together suffering His degrees of vengeance! Isaiah 1:28-31: *"And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed. For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. For*

ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water. And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them."

There is only one thing to do which has always been required by God of man since his first sin until now, "Repentance." Repent, believe, and God will forgive. Return to the Word of God and His requirements and laws. Don't be like the woman of Revelation 2:21 *"And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not."*

Luke 3:7-9: *"Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."*

Revelation 21:27: *"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."*

This is **your** chance, this is **your** space. What will you do with it, sir; what will you do with it, madam; what will you do with it, young man, young lady? What will you do with this, your space of time in America? Please repent! Seek His mercy while there is still time! It is such an easy process which brings so much peace and true peace. Please, please repent to God, my friend! God will not turn you away!

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 Peter 4:17-18.)

"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." (Hebrews 2:3)

“Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; Which devour widows’ houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.” (Luke 20:46-47.)

Beware dear reader and do not allow yourselves to be entangled in the spider’s web of a lawless religion! Spiders normally build their web where light is which attracts its prey at a dark season. So are the carnal preachers building their webs of entertainment without total Biblical law in dark churches void of the true light of the Spirit of Truth producing no REPENTANCE of sin! Their prey caught in their webs are conformable with human fellowship rather than a holy relationship with God! Follow the Spirit of God to find true Salvation and do not be entangled in man’s religion. This is the reason Brother Jack M. Skinner lists whole Scriptures and not just his interpretations allowing the Spirit to lead you into ALL Truth! I am human but He is Divine and your final Judge!

*“Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. They hatch cockatrice’ eggs, and **weave the spider’s web**: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. **Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.** Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall*

like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.” (Isaiah 59:1-16)

*“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him **twofold more the child of hell** than yourselves.” (Matthew 23:15) Drawn by artificial light and entangled in the spider’s web of man’s religion thinking they are saved but worse than an outright sinner!*

It is not enough just to hate certain sins, you must hate ALL sin and at the same time you MUST love ALL righteousness, not just what you chose to accept. You cannot be lukewarm; you cannot serve two masters; you cannot play church! You must repent and follow a Holy God if you intend to live with Him in eternity. NO sin will enter Heaven and there is a remedy for your sin today. The Remedy is Jesus Christ the Righteous and there is no other way to escape Hell and The Lake of Fire except through Him!

The judgement of God comes in this life because of His mercy before that final judgment day appears! ! It comes so individuals can escape (REPENT) and be ready when time ceases to exist for them.

If Christians do not REPENT, they will suffer at the hands of a Holy and Just God a judgment LESS tolerable than what Sodom will (future) experience, because

No Sin Can Ever Enter There!!

The Great Day of Judgment is Still Pending!

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**REPENT**

“NOW and THEN”

Now: “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to **repentance**.”

Then: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Now: Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Then: Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” (2 Peter 3:9-12)

Now: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have **repented** long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Then: But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee. (Matthew 11:21-24)

Now: And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them.

Then: Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. And they went out, and preached that men should **repent**. (Mark 6:10-12)

Now: But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Then: But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago **repented**, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.

Now: He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me. And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10:10-20)

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Then: But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee. (Matthew 11:24)

Then: But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. (Matthew 12:36)

Now: *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations,*

Then: *and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: (2 Peter 2:9)*

Now: *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store,*

Then: *reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (2 Peter 3:7)*

Now: *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. (1 John 4:17)*

Now: *And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness*

Then: *unto the judgment of the great day. (Jude 1:6)*

“NOW”

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are

troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. (2 Corinthians 4:1-10)

And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

(Mark 8:34-38)

“THEN”

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. 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. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:11-15)

“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought YE TO BE in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” (2 Peter 3:8-12)

The Value of One Human Soul To God!! To You??

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The world with all of its precious gems, gold, silver, mansions and total commodities cannot be compared to the value of one single human soul to God! Then YOU who are reading this is of ultimate value to God the Father. It does not matter the color of skin, nor the age, nor male nor female, nor extent of one's past sins; all are valued by God as more precious than the entire world. That is why He gave Himself to redeem any human who would heed His call.

“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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” (John 3:16-18)

As I was standing on an observation deck overlooking Dallas, Texas taking a photo of three individuals, I was struck with the importance to God of one human soul. Looking past the three I was photographing, I could not begin to number the corporate buildings, households, busses and automobiles; all representing human souls. These three souls standing before me meant more than all the commodities represented below. In a moment of time I felt how God loves each human soul individually including those before, below and behind me.

I went inside the tower and viewed a woman standing at a small podium selling water and small snacks. I approached her and asked if I could share with her a Gospel of John. She accepted and replied to me: “This very morning I asked God to reveal Himself to me.” God is not impressed with the fancy landscape and towering buildings; He is solely interested in the salvation of each single soul! One human is worth more to God than all the kingdoms and majesty in all the world and He focusses on that one soul while the glamor and treasures of mankind fades in the background. The value of one human soul to God glistens far above all the diamonds and gold of this dark sinful world! He left the ninety and nine (Heaven) in search for that ONE which went astray! (Luke 15)



As you read this Digest, open your hearts and invest in a soul who faces an eternity! Read what the Love of God suffered for every human soul! Imagine the criers of the religious leaders and their followers! Listen to the hammer that drove the nails in the hands and feet of the Love of God! Hear the loving words of Jesus as He hung on the cross for every human soul! “*Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*” (Luke 23:34) Read the Scriptures in this article of the crucifixion of the Son of God who took upon Himself the penalty for EVERY human soul!

You may question why Brother Skinner lists so much Scripture instead of just references and limits his own words. This is why: *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”* (Hebrews 4:12-16)

The daggers that we humans sometime use against the sinful nature of a human many times only deepens the wounds of a lost soul but God’s Sword provides a pathway to repentance and complete healing no matter how vile that soul may be in human eyes! That is the reason International Bible Association has sent thousands of free Bibles into the prison systems across the USA to souls who are bound with sin and forgotten by much of society. Yes, most all are guilty with some doing life sentences and some on death row but ALL worthy of the Love of God as one human soul! *“Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.”* (Ezekiel 18:4)

The Bible declares that a soul’s only hope is in God’s unending love for each human and His judgment against any and all sin as revealed in the Word of God!

*“He was taken from prison and from judgment: **and who shall declare** his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.”* (Isaiah 53:8)

“For who- soever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe

*in him of whom they have not heard? and **how shall they hear without a preacher?**”* (Romans 10:13-14)

Please take note why Brother Skinner emphasizes the word “human”! Because in our society today animals are becoming more important than a human soul, whether born or unborn! A human when death arrives, and it will, their spirit goes back to God who gave it and their soul is distended to Heaven or to hell but an animal has no soul. *“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”* (Genesis 2:7) *“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it”* (Ecclesiastes 12:7) *“Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?”* (Ecclesiastes 3:21)

Why spend your money on an animal when lost human souls surround you near and far in need of the True Love of God. Invest today in a human soul who God invested His Son for!

God demanded sacrifice and instructed animals to be used but the god of this world sacrifices humans to populate his kingdom called hell. Many sitting in a prison cell today may never see freedom before death but the Love of God for that human soul gives hope of evading hell where there is no escape, no pardon, no hope. Read the words of the rich man from hell as he pleads to send Lazarus to his hell bound relatives. *“Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”* (Luke 16:27-31)

The Love of God who was sacrificed on Calvary has the prison keys but only during one’s lifetime can a human be loosed

form hell's prison confinement! "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (Revelation 1:18)

"And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?" (Matthew 26:57-68)

"When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor." (Matthew 27:1-2)

"When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them:

and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for

Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.” (Matthew 27:24-50)

<To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.> *“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother’s breasts. I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother’s belly. Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.” (Psalms 22:1-18)*

Christian, are you like those who served the politics of religion as many scribes, pharisees, elders of the people and even the high priests of Jesus’ day? Does the pomp and pleasures of social religion mean more to you than being crucified with Christ

with it’s affections and lusts of the flesh? Do you support missions and sacrifice for those who have never heard the story of the crucifixion of the Son of God? Or are you secure with the hypocrites around you and afraid of standing for the Word of God which condemns sin in the flesh whether it be in the world or in the church? Where are your dollars spent; on pleasures of this life or invested in eternal souls? Brother Skinner is not asking for your money, Brother Skinner is asking you to examine yourselves according to the Word of God and become involved in reaching the lost in any way you are capable. Money doesn’t save souls, conviction and repentance does!

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” (Galatians 2:20-21)

If we are living unto Him then we become concerned about others and involve ourselves in the work of God. Jesus gave His life to save a valuable soul, not to build some elaborate entertainment center to promote human talent. True men and women of God will humble themselves and become servants and sacrifice to promote the kingdom of God and His righteousness. There is a constraining power to those who follow the love of God which leads to a crucified life of self and into the ditches of life where lay wounded human souls dying lost while those who crucify the Lord afresh journey for self on the other side of the road. (Hebrews 6:6) I assure you that if you are following in His footsteps you will suffer for His name’s sake and the peace within cannot be purchased with silver or gold but will provide the strength to endure any temptation and trial. Jesus stated that is no greater love that can be giving than for a man to lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)

Our Lord showed the ultimate love and laid down His life for His enemies!

**Oh, the Love of God
for just “ONE” human soul!**

Fishers of Money or Fishers of Men?

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Fishers of Money or Fishers of Men:
Upon life's departure what will you win?

Following Jesus away from your boat:
Or toiling a lifetime trying to stay afloat?

Walking with Jesus down the straight narrow way:
Or refusing to follow and wanting to stay?

Stay where money and friendship abound:
where companions of shame and sorrow are found.

Fishers of Money or Fishers of Men:
Your choice in this life resides deep within.

Following Jesus away from your boat:
Sharing the Gospel with heavy burdens to tote.

Walking with Jesus down the straight narrow way:
Eyes fixed on souls who have wandered astray.

Astray from Holiness of life:
Only professing Christianity with strife.

A Church with steeples and carpeted floors:
Ignoring souls living in sin on both sides of their doors.

Take a good look my friend where you have been:
Fishing for Money or Fishing for Men?

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him." (Matthew 4:19-20)

"And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." (Luke 5:5)

Please read, study, "practice", and memorize 1 Corinthians chapter 13. Forget about all the show business in religion today Striving to become like the Creator and Saviour and practice and teach REPENTANCE. Be a labourer and forget about the lofty titles men and women strive for learning to become a servant so you can expose the love of God towards lost humanity both without and within the church walls.

Strive to hear those words: *"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."* (Matthew 25:21)

No God - No Fear Know God - Know Fear

“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.” (Job 1:1)

“And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?” (Job 1:8)

“Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.” (Job 1:20-22)

“And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.” (Job 2:3)

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.” (Psalms 111:10)

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7)

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)

“If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.” (Deuteronomy 13:1-5)

“And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last.” (Revelation 1:17)

“O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever. Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth for ever. I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?” (Psalms 118:1-6)

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” (Hebrews 13:5-6)

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work unto judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

No Jesus - No Peace Know Jesus - Know Peace

Jack M. Skinner

A Friend

D J Higgins

**My friend, I stand in judgment now
And feel that you're to blame somehow
While on this earth I walked with you day by day
And never did you point the way
You knew the Lord in truth and glory
But never did you tell the story
My knowledge then was very dim
You could have led me safe to him
Though we lived together here on earth
You never told me of your second birth
And now I stand this day condemned
Because you failed to mention him
You taught me many things, that's true
I called you friend and trusted you
But now I learned, now it's too late
You could have kept me from this fate
We walked by day and talked by night
And yet you showed me not the light
You let me live, love and die
And all the while you knew I'd never live on high
Yes, I called you friend in life
And trusted you in joy and strife
Yet in coming to this end
I see you really weren't my friend**

*"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three;
but the greatest of these is
charity."*

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