

Scriptural Truths

E-Mail Meditations

The Lord Will Come . . . Perhaps Today . . . Behold, I Come Quickly . . . Rev. 22:7

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What If?

Introduction

Life is full of “What” questions such as:

- a) What will happen when I die?
- b) What is heaven like?
- c) What about my wife/husband and children if I were to die?
- d) What do I want to be done with my possessions when I die?
- e) What if the Lord comes today?
- f) What will happen if I never accept Christ “for salvation”?
- g) What about all the people who have never heard the gospel?
- h) What about those who heard it but never understood its message?
- i) What is this life all about?
- j) What is life?
- k) What is death?
- l) What is the purpose of my existence?
- m) What is happening in this world?

Prioritizing

If I list them in what ought to be the priority, then the question should be, “What happens when I die?” This is most important. The reality is, since I do not know when I will die, whether it will be by a sudden accident on the roadway or a slow death via illness, the question remains, “Where will I be after that final moment of life?”

- a) Some years ago I was in my home city of Belfast and I wanted to get the train to Hollywood. When I got to the station there were 3 or 4 trains all getting ready to go, that was when the first decision needed to be made. Ought I look at the sign saying where the train was going or ought I just get on the train closest to me and hope it was going to my desired destination? Of course, anyone with the slightest bit of intelligence would look out for the signs for Hollywood, and then get on that train. It was only a short trip, about 20 minutes, but what preparations am I making for the fastest one-way trip I am ever going to take?
- b) There is at my life’s journey a station called “Death” and whether I want to approach it or not is irrelevant. The train going toward it does not stop, and every tick of the clock reminds me it is getting closer. I may not see its approach until life begins to slow and I see the station name. There it is in big dark letters, “Death”. At that moment I will be off the train of life and for others life will continue to their station. In less than the time it takes

to read this sentence, the station will be past and I am on the other side. There is no going back, so where am I? What happens when I die?

- i) I am not writing about the changes that begin to take place within minutes for while the body changes the spirit has at that moment passed into another world. Not only can I not go back and take another train, but I cannot change where I am. That station is the entrance to Heaven or Hell and that is where my permanent dwelling will be.
 - ii) I know I shall be in Heaven the moment I die because God made an unconditional promise. “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe in the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God” (1 Jn. 5:11-13). There is no mistaking these words, HATH means has. God says, “He or she who has the Son has life, eternal life.” This is not just living forever, but a quality of life that will never end.
 - iii) As a lad of 13 years, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour. His work at Calvary was not as an add-on or a just-in-case backup. It was 100% dependent on Christ and His work, which fully satisfied the holy and righteous claims of Divine Justice.
 - iv) My ultimate destiny is Heaven. I shall be in Heaven amid all its glories. If I had never accepted Christ and depended on my works to make me right with God, then God makes it clear, I am on the train whose ultimate destiny is Hell. What is Hell like? It is at least a state of unspeakable horror and grief for evermore. There is no other destiny, the reality is that it is an “either” or “or” situation. Fortunately and in infinite love the purchaser of the ticket not only tells me which is the right train but also guides me to it. He is called Jesus Christ and He purchased the ticket without money, but with His own precious blood. He offers the ticket to whosoever, and that means none are excluded. No money or ritual was to be done by me, either before getting the ticket or afterwards. The gift of salvation was graciously given as a gift and all one has to do is accept it. Written in bold letters on that ticket is “**whosoever**” and I am a whosoever. Then I look again and it is written; Purchased price” and it states, “The Precious Blood of Christ”. Then looking again I see it is written, “Come”. With my ticket paid for by Christ at Calvary I, of my own volition, get on the train going to Heaven. It is just a matter of believing the price has been paid.
- c) However, if I think I do not trust the Purchaser of the ticket and I am determined I will get there my way, then I am automatically on the wrong track and the wrong train. The sign for the train I am on says “Hell”. I will take the ticket and just in case it is not good enough or the price has not been fully paid, I will offer a few dollars to the individual who determines where the train goes. The problem with that is I have insulted the One (Christ) who purchased the ticket for me.

[What are the consequences of ignoring or defying blaspheming God?](#)

One of the matters that most surprises me is God’s exceeding patience with blasphemous people. I have a son and well dare anyone say lies about him, mock his position or degrade him in any way. Why would I be angry? Because I love my son. God loves His Son, and when individuals whom the scriptures describe as, “filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves” (Jude 1:8, 10); concerning them, God promises, “Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him” (Jude 1:14-15). God is not a politically correct God. He is a moral God whose standard is unchangeable. C. Blake when given an award thanked Satan for helping him play the part; Oprah declared that there are many ways to God; C. Evans called Christians idiots; K Griffin in an acceptance speech said Jesus had nothing to do with her getting an award and damn God. J Colbert had a person with a white beard posing as God speaking from Heaven, mocking. Surely God will not overlook such wickedness.

There must be no mistakes about ignoring, mocking or blaspheming the Almighty for God has made it known that there is coming a day when, “the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, will hide in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” (Rev. 6:14-17). In that day these people and their followers will tremble in terrified horror for God will not then be the object of mockery but the Living God whose wrath they will endure for all eternity. They laugh at God now, fearful will be the day when He laughs.

- a) “I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh” (Prov. 1:26)
- b) “The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming” (Psa. 37:13)

c) “He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision” (Psa. 2:4)

Concluding Thoughts

Wise is the individual who makes sure they are on the right and the only way to Heaven before they take the fastest unreturnable trip of their lives, who, fearing the righteous wrath of Almighty God, bow and cast aside all their works to accept Christ as the only way of Salvation from the horror of eternal damnation.

. . . . *Rowan Jennings*

“Prepare To Meet Thy God”

“Careless soul, O heed the warning,
For your life will soon be gone;
O how sad to face the judgment,
Unprepared to meet thy God.”

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