

# **WHO IS THIS JESUS?**

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## Introduction

I am sure that there are many throughout the world who could answer this question concerning “Who is this Jesus?” I have no way of knowing how many people in the world claim to know who Jesus really is. Some will answer “He is the Son of God”; others will answer, “He is the only begotten Son of God”. You will even run into some who will say; “Jesus did live on this earth and he was a great teacher; but he was not from heaven nor was he the son of God”.

These are simple answers that can and will be given; however the answer to the question I am posing is much more complex. This is a question that deserves our sincere thoughts and study.

How I would love to be asked “Who is this Jesus”? If I were to be asked “Who is this Jesus” I would most certainly need to go to the Bible to give an answer. God’s Word gives us an answer that we can trust and depend upon to be the truth. Granted there are some who might not trust my personal answer but if I present an answer from God’s Word they should believe me. I can be wrong; have been wrong in the past and will more than likely be wrong in the future but God is not wrong and neither can God lie: (Titus 1:2) *“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;”* If you choose not to believe me I will understand; but if you choose not to believe God that is entirely another matter.

As I said this is a complex question and it deserves a complex answer. So in answering the question that I have put before us I will be answering from every possible way that the Bible informs us.

Please understand the replies that I give will not be my own; rather I will answer as God has informed us. I believe that the Bible tells us everything that is needful for us to know and make an intelligent decision. Only God can knowingly and truthfully tell us who this Jesus really is. I have never seen Jesus but I do depend upon what has been written about him to believe: (John 20:30-31) *“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: (31) But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”*

Please bear with me as I attempt to show you by giving book, chapter and verse everything that God would have us to know concerning who this Jesus really is. Notice if you will that I use the present tense because Jesus is alive and well; seated at the right hand of God; (Ephesians 1:20) *“Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,”*

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **Christ The Prophet**

In answer to the question; “Who is this Jesus” I would like to begin by stating that Jesus Christ was a prophet. It had been foretold that there would come a prophet such as Jesus was: (Deuteronomy 18:15) *“The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;”* This passage had a dual purpose as God had many prophets throughout the years who told the people what God desired of them and directed them in the way they should live their lives; but this passage also alludes to Jesus Christ. It was 1500 years before this prophecy actually was fully completed. The apostle Peter referred to this verse in his second gospel sermon: (Acts 3:22-23) *“For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. (23) And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.”* Moses gave more information concerning this prophet: (Deuteronomy 18:18) *“I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.”* Although Moses wrote “I will raise them up a prophet” he is not referring to himself as the one who would raise up a prophet; he here is recording the words of God. It is God who would bring this prophet.

While it is true that God put His words in the mouth of many if not all of His prophets but it was Jesus Christ who spoke everything that God commanded him.

There was a man who was full of faith and power (Acts 6:8) *“And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.”* Who quoted the prophecy that Moses wrote: Acts 7:37 *“This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.”* On this day Stephen, who was the first Christian martyr, was preaching his last sermon before he was stoned to death reminded them of the history of the Jews also reminded them how Moses had made a prophecy concerning a promised prophet and he went on to say that Jesus was that prophet.

Isaiah prophesied that this promised prophet would be anointed with the Holy Spirit: (Isaiah 42:1) *“Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.”* The New Testament clearly accepts that it was Jesus Christ

whom Isaiah was referring to; this is based upon the fact that Jesus was indeed the servant that Isaiah meant. It was Jesus who humbly and completely accepted the position of a servant: (Philippians 2:7) *“But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:”* Writing this prophecy Isaiah said *“I have put my spirit upon Him”*. Isaiah had already written that the spirit of the Lord would rest upon the Messiah: (Isaiah 11:2) *“And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;”* The Spirit of the Lord rested upon Jesus immediately after he was baptized by John: (Matthew 3:16) *“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:”* Isaiah wrote another prophecy concerning Christ: (Isaiah 61:1) *“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;”* From Luke 4:18 it is clear that this a prophecy concerning Jesus Christ: (Luke 4:18) *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,”*

In his gospel account John records some very interesting words: (John 3:34) *“For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.”* John tells us that Jesus is the one whom God sent to this earth to do a specific work; Jesus was sent to speak the “words of God. No one could ever be better qualified to speak the words that God wanted proclaimed than Jesus. John also says that God gave the Spirit to Jesus without measure. While it is true that the prophets of old did from time to time have the Spirit of God they only had it with measure; they didn’t have the ability to speak at all times by the Spirit, they could only speak by the Spirit as they were moved. Jesus could speak by the Spirit or perform miracles at all times. John is telling us that Jesus had limitless power at his disposal at all times. Jesus himself said that he had freely spoken the word of God: (John 17:14) *“I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”* (John 17:26) *“And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.”* We can rest assured that Jesus spoke everything His Father wanted while he was on this earth and he then sent the Holy Spirit to guide his apostles after his departure. The writer of the Hebrews epistles confirmed this truth: (Hebrews 1:1-2) *“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fa-*

*thers by the prophets, (2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

There should never be any doubt in our minds that Jesus was indeed a prophet sent to us as a prophet!

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **Jesus Declared His Doctrine To Be That of The Father**

Jesus said he spoke the “things I have heard”: (John 8:26) *“I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.”* (John 8:28) *“Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.”* Not unlike many of us Jesus repeated what he had heard God speak. Won’t you admit to repeating what you have heard? Jesus freely admits to repeating God. Jesus was well taught by God and he spoke the very same teachings to those of his day and to you and I through the written Word.

We can even say that Jesus had no choice but to speak what God had spoken to him because he was commanded by God as to what he should speak: (John 12:49-50) *“For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. (50) And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.”* Jesus was glad to speak the words of God because he knew God’s words contained “life everlasting”.

Not unlike the people of our day not everyone believed and obeyed the words of Jesus; but Jesus told the people that they should be obedient to the words he spoke because they were actually the words of God: (John 14:24) *“He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.”* Friends we have knowledge of the commandments of Jesus; they are written before our eyes and they are spoken into our ears. They should be obeyed because they are the commandments of God who sent Jesus to inform us of the commandments that He expects us to keep by being obedient.

Jesus held back nothing; everything he had heard from his Father he made known: (John 15:15) *“Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.”* Jesus did not keep us in the dark concerning God’s commandments; as he himself said he made known to us “all things”. There is nothing that God would have us to know or to do that Jesus has

not revealed to us. If at the Day of Judgment we are found lacking we cannot blame Jesus because he has declared to us “all things”. If we are not found to be faithful servants it is going to be our own fault. Wouldn't you agree it is high time that we search diligently to learn what Jesus said?

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **Jesus Preached The Gospel Worked Miracles**

In answering the question; “Who is this Jesus” it must be shown what he did while he lived and walked upon the earth. It goes without saying; he preached the gospel [the good news]. (Matthew 4:23) *“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.”* Jesus was a very industrious preacher; he “went about all Galilee teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom. The kingdom or the church was not established at this time but Jesus went about all Galilee informing the people that the kingdom was about to come. We know that this kingdom that Jesus foretold did come on the Day of Pentecost; it was established just as Jesus said it would be. If we as Christians would only be as excited about the church as Jesus was there would not be so many today who are lost and without God. The sad but true statement that we must make is many who claim to be Christians [I.e. Christ like] won't even tell their families or friends about this great kingdom that Jesus proclaimed throughout all Galilee. Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom so that our faith might be established. Jesus could have issued a proclamation demanding that people come to hear him; instead he went to the people to preach the gospel. Too many churches today hang their shingles above the doors and expect people to come to hear the gospel; never going to the people as Jesus did. We shall be judged by our works!

From Matthew 4:23 we also learn that Jesus performed miracles. Of course the first miracle that Jesus performed would have been in Galilee as this was where he was preaching at the time; in fact it was in Cana of Galilee that Jesus worked his first miracle: (John 2:11) *“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.”* Jesus and some of his disciples had gone to a wedding feast and it was at this time that Jesus performed his first miracle by turning water into wine.

Perhaps there may be some who are wondering; “Why did Jesus perform miracles”? Miracles have always been performed to confirm what the speaker to be saying to be the truth. This miracle indeed did its intended effects. The gover-

nor of the feast knew that it was indeed a miracle, but more important is the fact that the disciples of Jesus who were with him saw the miracle with their own eyes and as a result they came to “believe on him”.

According to Jesus he worked all kinds of miracles: (Matthew 11:5) *“The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.”* Jesus made this statement in answer to a question that two of John’s disciples had asked: (Matthew 11:2-3) *“Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, (3) And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?”* What is Jesus telling them? He is saying all of these different miracles that I perform prove beyond a shadow of doubt that you don’t need to look any further; I am he. Jesus was the long promised Messiah; I am the one that the children of God have been waiting for. Some may think that there should not have been any doubts in the mind of John; but I would have to look at his circumstance, he was in prison and I feel that this is the cause for his doubting at that time. Those who are strong ought to consider the infirmities of others; let us give John the benefit of doubt and believe that Jesus’ reply to John’s two disciples only worked to strengthen John’s faith.

Jesus said you go tell John what you see and hear; all of these miracles I perform are not done in secret they are done in the open for everyone to see. May I remind you that TRUTH does not seek a hiding place?

Jesus preached the gospel to all Galilee because he knew he was sent by God to do exactly that: (Luke 4:43) *“And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.”* At this time Jesus was at Capernaum: (Luke 4:31) *“And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.”* Those at Capernaum were amazed at his teaching and his miracles: (Luke 4:36) *“And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.”* While at Capernaum he cast devils out of many; even the devils came to believe that he was the Christ: (Luke 4:41) *“And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.”* Jesus did not allow them to make a public confession that he was the Christ the Son of God. He did not need for them to do so his other miracles proved who he was.

After his wonderful preaching and the many miracles Jesus performed while at Capernaum we should not be surprised that the people of Capernaum did not want him to leave: (Luke 4:42) *“And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him,*

*that he should not depart from them.”* But Jesus knew that there were many who had not heard his message so he refused their invitation to stay: (Luke 4:43) *“And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.”*

Some preachers stay for many years laboring with the same congregation and there is nothing wrong with this as their work is never completed in any one area. But also I am thankful that there are men who are willing to travel all over the world to preach to as many as they can; just as Jesus did.

Jesus also performed another miracle that is not mentioned too often; I’m referring to foretelling things or events that would take place in the future. As Jesus was approaching Jerusalem he saw the city and wept over it: (Luke 19:41-44) *“And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, (42) Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. (43) For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, (44) And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.* We can learn a lot about Jesus from these few verses. In verse 41 we learn that Jesus was a man of love and compassion; he even cried. Have you ever wondered how many tears Jesus has shed over you? Jesus is about to tell them of things that are hidden from their eyes. Don’t you find it strange how the heart even affects other parts of our body? On this occasion when Jerusalem came into view Jesus was heart broken and it affected him so much that he began to weep. Oddly enough we never read of Jesus laughing but we do read of him crying. Jesus is about to tell them that the things that are hidden from their eyes will bring about their ruin. Jesus foresees and foretells of their destruction. The Romans besieged the city, cast a trench about it, compassed it round, and kept their inhabitants in on every side. Josephus relates that Titus ran up a wall in a very short time, which surrounded the city, and cut off all hopes of escaping. [2.] They laid it even with the ground. So foretelling of the future is another miracle that Jesus was empowered with.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **Jesus Was Mighty In Deed And Word**

As we have seen Jesus traveled about teaching and preaching about the coming kingdom. (Matthew 13:54) *“And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said,*

*Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?*” His “own country would be Nazareth. But Jesus did not go home for a rest or a vacation as we find him once again teaching in their synagogue. It has been suggested by some commentators that they may not have particularly liked or even agreed with the teachings of Jesus but they were astonished at who it was that was doing the teaching. I believe that they were amazed at his teaching because they knew him and they would have also known that he was a highly educated man. A likely conclusion would have been that God was with him and giving him his wisdom to do such powerful teaching and work miracles.

From Mark’s gospel we find those who had witnessed the miracles of Jesus to be amazed: (Mark 1:27) *“And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.”* Again from Capernaum Jesus went into a synagogue to teach on the sabbath: (Mark 1:21) *“And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.”* While there Jesus encountered a man with an unclean spirit: (Mark 1:23-24) *“And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, <sup>24</sup>Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.”* Jesus then commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man: (Mark 1:25-26) *“And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. (26) And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.”* This is what brought amazement to the people: (Mark 1:27) *“And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.”* They had not seen such power demonstrated before that even unclean spirits would obey. Well as you might suspect Jesus fame spread: (Mark 1:28) *“And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.”* Some Bible scholars say that the fame of Jesus spread to one third of all Galilee.

Luke tells us that the people were astonished at his doctrine: (Luke 4:32) *“And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.”* No doubt they were comparing the teaching of Jesus with that of the scribes and Pharisees whose teaching was hollow and empty. When Jesus taught them there was weight on every word; every word was a word of truth and it had a message from God. What made Jesus’ teaching more convincing is the fact that he spoke with power. When Jesus spoke there was a commanding force in his voice that ate at the conscience of men. Wouldn’t every preacher of the gospel love to have the power in their voice that Jesus possessed?

Even officers of the chief priest said that he had never heard any man speak as Jesus spoke: (John 7:46) *“The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.”* This is surely a true statement because never before had any man ever spoken with such power, such conviction; such authority and such love in his voice! The very officers that were sent to take custody of him were highly affected by his words. These were men who certainly would not have been inclined to become those who even listen to Jesus and would never have been expected to make a comment such as they did. This shows how much power the Word of God has upon the conscience of men; even those who are enemies of Christianity.

This certainly is a display of Jesus speaking with mighty words. I doubt that anyone would argue with this truth in which we have record for an eternal witness.

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **This Jesus Is Head of The Church**

It was predicted that Jesus would be the head of his church: (Psalms 118:22) *“The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.”* While this may have reference to David himself because he was rejected by Saul it does certainly apply to Jesus as he was rejected by the Jews and was made head of his church. As Peter wrote Jesus is a “precious stone”: (1 Peter 2:6) *“Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.”* Peter wants them to know that the church was predicted to come into existence just as scripture had foretold and it was much more than the Jewish temple; the church was made up of living stones. This stone [I.e. Jesus] was rejected by the rulers and the Jewish people: (Acts 4:8-11) *“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, (9) If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. (11) This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. As verse 8 informs Peter was not writing on his own feelings or beliefs; he was inspired to write this by the Holy Ghost. He reminds them that the rulers of the people and elders of Israel had crucified Jesus Christ of Nazareth and God raised him from the dead. In verse 11 he wrote the very one they had rejected is the stone that David prophesied of in the scriptures. Jesus once asked if they “had never read the scriptures: (Matthew 21:42) *“Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is be-**

*come the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"* There is little doubt that they had read the scriptures many times but probably had not truly thought about this. We forget a lot of what we read because we do not meditate about what we are reading. The scripture Jesus quotes is Psalms 118:22, 23.

In Matthew 21:42 Jesus does declare himself to be the head but it was not self-appointed; he was appointed to be the head of the church by God: (Ephesians 1:22) *"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,"* Not only was being given head of the church a gift to Jesus it was also a gift to the church; having someone with so much wisdom and power is the very best that the church could ask for.

Jesus has the pre-eminence in all things: (1 Corinthians 11:3) *"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."* Paul writes of the pre-eminence of the man over the woman; but his real message is that as head of the church Christ is pre-eminent. To the Corinthians Paul declares the same message he wrote to those at Ephesus (Ephesians 1:22). We find that he wrote the same message to the Colossians: (Colossians 1:18) *"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."* Here Paul not only states that Jesus is the head of the church he also says that the church had her beginning from Jesus; he is the source of the church. As head of the church Jesus has the right; that is authority to make decisions and rules for the church. Why would anyone assume to have authority to change rules that Jesus has made? Why would some dare to name the church after some make or system of belief? Will the true head of the church think lightly of such actions? This is something that should be given careful consideration by some. I would suggest that there is a great need for such to read this: (Colossians 2:18-19) *"Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,(19) And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God."*

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **JESUS IS OUR HIGH PRIEST**

Jesus was appointed and called by God to be our high priest: (Hebrews 5:4-5) *"And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. (5) So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he*

*that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.*” According to the Old Testament only Aaron’s family could fill this office. Korah tried to assume the right to offer sacrifices and was destroyed for his efforts: (Numbers 16:5-7) *“And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will show who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him. (6) This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company; (7) And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.”* Jesus did not simply assume the role of high priest; he was appointed high priest by God. (John 8:54) *“Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:”* Jesus’ honor came from God as he was so deserving!

Moses was faithful to God in the Old Testament and Jesus also was faithful to God: (Hebrews 3:1-2) *“Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; (2) Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.* The writer of the Hebrews epistles addresses those to whom he is writing as “holy brethren”; of course the only way they could be holy was through the blood of Jesus Christ and they were brethren in Christ. Verse 2 says Jesus “was faithful to him that appointed him”. Indeed we know this is true as Jesus came to and completely did the will of God: (John 6:38) *“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”* Furthermore, Jesus did not stop doing the will of God until he had completed the work that God sent him to do: (John 19:30) *“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”* With these thoughts in mind there is no doubt that Jesus deserved to be appointed by God to be our high priest.

Jesus is a high priest after the order of Melchizedek: (Psalms 110:4) *“The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”* The writer of Hebrews quotes this verse (Hebrews 5:6) *“As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”* Melchisedec was both king and high priest; Jesus also is our king and high priest. Melchisedec’s kingship and priesthood ended; the kingship and priesthood of Jesus’ reign shall not end. The priesthood of Melchisedec was to be temporary but the priesthood of Jesus is perpetual. The priesthood of Aaron was to be successful; from father to son. The priesthood of Jesus was so loved by the Hebrews writer that it almost seems as though he dwells upon the subject. Chapter seven is like a sermon on the priesthood of Christ and I would encourage you to read and study this chapter.

Jesus is the “forerunner” for Christians: (Hebrews 6:20) “*Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*” As a “forerunner” of his people Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us: (John 14:1-3) “*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*(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.*” This is my favorite scripture of the entire Bible because this is a promise that Jesus makes to all Christians. He has gone to prepare a place for us and Jesus gives the assurance that we can follow him there. No other high priest could ever make such a promise. Let us understand that the word “forerunner” not only indicates one who runs ahead of others; it also is one who shows the way. Jesus has shown us the way to heaven. Let us also understand that to be allowed to follow Jesus to the place he has prepared for us we must also be faithful; even as Jesus was faithful to do his Father’s will.

After writing so much about Jesus as high priest he now sums up the matter by writing that Jesus “is set on the right hand of God: (Hebrews 8:1-2) “*Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;*(2) *A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.*” In other words Jesus is exalted above all former high priest; Jesus is the only one to now be seated at God’s right hand. Jesus has all authority and power in the heavens and the earth and he is able to save to the uttermost those who come to him: (Hebrews 7:25) “*Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*” So we find that Jesus is superior to Aaron and the Levitical priests.

The priesthood of Jesus is unblemished in purity: (Hebrews 7:26) “*For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;*” This verse has a perfect description of Jesus showing that he is perfectly qualified to be our high priest. This is not the usual Greek word for “holy” (*hagios*), but the word *hosios*. The former is the word for consecration of dedication, but this word refers to holiness in the sense of piety. It is stated that Jesus is “undefiled”; this is very remarkable when you consider that Jesus lived among sinners and he did so without sinning. Today we have many who want to be like a banana; that is, just one of the bunch. But thanks to the grace of God and the blood of Jesus we too can be “undefiled”.

Verse 28 summarizes the chapter: (Hebrews 7:28) “*For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.*” The earlier priests were

themselves sinners and needed to make sacrifices for themselves; however, Jesus was without sin and the sacrifice he made was for you and me. No other priest was suitable to make sacrifice and to intercede for us except Jesus. No other priest could make propitiation for our sins or could any other be our advocate with the Father except Jesus.

To become our high priest it was necessary that Jesus sacrifice himself: (Hebrews 7:27) *“Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people’s: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.”* Some commentators perceive a difficulty here because the high priest did not take part in the daily sacrifice but became involved only on the Day of Atonement. But the expression in Greek “day by day” is probably a figurative way of referring to the endless repetition of sacrifices offered throughout the year (Exodus 29:36-42). The wonderful things about Christ’s sacrifice is that it took care of all sins forever to those who accept and obey the gospel’s commands. Jesus offered no sacrifice for himself and there was no need for him to offer his sacrifice yearly.

Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice: (Hebrews 9:14) *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”* Not only did Jesus offer the sacrifice he was the sacrifice. Of course under the Old Law they could not offer an animal that any defects or blemishes; Jesus offered himself perfect without any blemishes or sins. By sacrificing himself Jesus put away sin: (Hebrews 9:26) *“For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”* The phrase “put away sin” means to annul or abolish sin. Those under the law offered the blood of beasts; which was actually of little value. It would have had no value if it had not been typical of the blood of Jesus. This showed the imperfection of the law. Jesus has put an end to sin by destroying the works of the devil to all who will obey the gospel.

## **CHAPTER 7**

### **Jesus Is King**

It was foretold that Christ shall be king, not only of Jacob and Israel, but of the entire world; so that all the children of Seth shall be either governed by his golden sceptre or dashed in pieces by his iron rod. (Numbers 24:17) *“I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.”* Through His prophets God was glad to

foretell of the coming of a king and God is pleased to call Jesus that king. As we read through the Old Testament we see God's people time and time again on the very edge of being ruined; but then God comes to their rescue. All the things that God did for the Jewish nation was done for the sake of Jesus: (Isaiah 9:7) *"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."* We know that David did not sit on his throne for ever; so this must be referring to Jesus who is now on his throne and shall be for all eternity.

Here is what God said about the throne of David through the prophet Jeremiah: (Jeremiah 23:5) *"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."* I will quote from Adam Clark's commentary: "As there has been no age, from the Babylonish captivity to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, in which such a state of prosperity existed, and no king or governor who could answer at all to the character here given, the passage has been understood to refer to our blessed Lord, Jesus Christ, who was a branch out of the stem of Jesse; a righteous king; by the power of his Spirit and influence of his religion reigning, prospering, and executing judgment and justice in the earth." There has never been or will there ever be a more righteous judge or king than Jesus Christ. Surely God is making reference to Jesus in this verse where Jeremiah quotes the words of God.

(Micah 5:2) *"But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."* This city in the midst of prosperous farm land was the famous city of David. God often chooses the little things of the world to accomplish His plans and this was a small city. The first promise of a messiah was very general: (Genesis 3:15) *"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."* But through time the promises became more specific; First we learn of the Messiah's nationality: (Genesis 12:3) *"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."* Then the tribe: (Genesis 49:10) *"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."* The family was then named: (Psalms 89:19) *"Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people."* And in Micah we see where the Messiah is to be born. So it was without a doubt prophesized who and even where the Messiah our king was to be born.

What kind of a king is Jesus? Jesus is our glorious king: (Psalms 24:7) *“Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.”* The apostle Paul wrote that they had crucified “the Lord [or king] of glory”: (1 Corinthians 2:8) *“Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”* James also wrote about the “Lord of glory”: (James 2:1) *“My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.”* In the Greek, James 2:1 reads, “our Lord Jesus Christ, the glory.” Because “glory” is an apposition to “Lord Jesus Christ,” he himself is the glory. In the Greek, this reads, “our Lord Jesus Christ, the glory.” Because “glory” is an apposition to “Lord Jesus Christ,” he himself is the glory. Notice what Luke wrote about Jesus: (Luke 2:32) *“A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.”* This title that is given to Jesus is much too great for any one other than Jesus. He alone can be called “the Lord [or king] of glory. I might add if the rulers of the earth had known the wisdom of God they might not have crucified Jesus. Men often act as they do because they are blinded by human wisdom; not knowing the will of God. Today we have no excuse for being blind because we have the completed will and word of God.

Jesus sits on the throne of David: (Acts 2:30) *“Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;”* It was promised by God when Jesus was born that he would be given a throne: (Luke 1:32) *“He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:”* It is interesting to me that even though Jesus was to be “the fruit of David’s loins” Jesus was to be David’s Lord and not his son. Isaiah wrote of the coming kingdom of Jesus: (Isaiah 9:7) *“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”* The Jewish people had known of the coming messiah and they also knew of his lineage.

Jesus is king over a righteous kingdom: (Hebrews 1:8-9) *“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.* This is a quotation from Psalms 45:6. God declares that the throne is Jesus’ because he loved righteousness. If we expect to join our king in the everlasting kingdom of heaven we need to love righteousness as well. The scepter, which was a sort of staff or instrument of various forms, was the ensign of government,

and is here used for government itself. This the ancient Jewish writers understand also of the Messiah.

The kingdom of Jesus is an everlasting kingdom: Daniel foretold of Jesus' everlasting kingdom: (Daniel 2:44) *"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."* (Daniel 7:14) *"And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."* Before Jesus' birth an angel spoke to Mary and said this about the kingdom where Jesus would be king: (Luke 1:33) *"And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."* Although there are those who teach that during the "Dark Ages" the church was not in existence I would have to disagree; there is entirely too much Biblical evidence that once the church was established it would last forever. Jesus declared this also: (Matthew 16:18) *"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* Granted there might have only been a remnant but even Satan was not able to completely destroy the church that Jesus built.

Our king shall overcome his enemies: (Psalms 110:1) *"The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."* Jesus quoted the words of David: (Mark 12:36) *"For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool."* Paul wrote that Jesus must reign until he had overcome all enemies: (1 Corinthians 15:25) *"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet."* Paul even names the last enemy that will be destroyed by Jesus: (1 Corinthians 15:26) *"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."* The book of Revelation tells us Jesus shall overcome his enemies because he is "Lord of lords and King of kings: (Revelation 17:14) *"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."* I cannot see how Satan could overcome the church during the Dark Ages.

## **CHAPTER 8**

### **What Jesus Did For Us**

To fully know who this Jesus is it is necessary for us to be aware of what he has done for us. First, let us understand the nature of Jesus; Jesus was a man of sympathy, he sympathizes with those who are tempted by the devil: (Hebrews 2:18)

*“For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”* No one understands us as well as Jesus; he knows what we are going through because he also was tempted even as we are tempted: (Hebrews 4:15) *“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.”* Because Jesus has been tempted the same as you and me he knows what power Satan has; therefore Jesus has sympathy for you and me.

It is because of his sympathy that obtained redemption for you and me: (Hebrews 9:12) *“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”* If there should be anyone who has doubts as to whether or not Jesus loves us they should read this verse. Not only does this verse show that Jesus sympathizes with us it definitely shows how much Jesus loves us. Through the shedding of his own blood Jesus has purchased eternal salvation for us. Jesus paid the price for our redemption, this was something that he did not owe; instead it was a price that you and I should be paying; however, it was a price that we are not capable of paying, it was only Jesus who was without sin was able to appease God.

The Hebrews writer also tells us that Jesus made reconciliation for us: (Hebrews 2:17) *“Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.”* Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice not because we are good people but because we are sinful people. This is a very sad statement and one that should make us very ashamed. We know that our sins separate us from God: (Isaiah 59:1-2) *“Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: (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.* Since our sins separate us from God there is a great need for us to be reconciled back to God. Jesus has supplied this reconciliation by shedding his own blood.

Jesus was sent by God to bless us: (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.”* These Jewish people to whom Peter is speaking had been looking for a messiah; Peter is telling them that God has sent Jesus to bless them [and us] by offering them [and us] salvation from their [and our] sins. The promise of the new covenant is salvation from SIN! Even though salvation is promised in the new covenant there remains one thing we should remember; “No one can have salvation that will not turn away from sin. Don’t fool yourself by thinking you can be the same old sinner have salvation also. If you have not turned away

from your sins even the death of Christ will benefit you nothing! Yes God sent Jesus to bless us but we must be obedient in order to receive the intended blessings.

Dying on the cross was not the end of Jesus' work for you and me; he continues to work on our behalf by interceding for us; (Hebrews 7:25) *"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."* Here is another benefit of the resurrection of Jesus; if he had not been resurrected he could not intercede for us today. Since Christ was resurrected he is now at the right hand of God interceding for us: (Romans 8:34) *"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."* In order for Jesus to be at "the right hand of God" it was necessary for him to enter heaven again: (Hebrews 4:14) *"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."* (Hebrews 10:12) *"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;"* The high priest used to pass through the veil into the holy of holiest but Jesus has returned to heaven to be with God and there he intercedes for us. What a wonderful blessing it is to have God's only begotten Son interceding for us each and every day.

## **CHAPTER 9**

### **Jesus Is Our Shepherd**

This was foretold by many of the prophets: (Genesis 49:24) *"But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)"* (Isaiah 40:11) *"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."* (Ezekiel 34:23) *"And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd."* (Ezekiel 37:24) *"And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them."*

Not only is Jesus a shepherd; he is a chief shepherd: (1 Peter 5:4) *"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."* Jesus is the chief shepherd; the master shepherd. It is under him that all the shepherds [I.e. elders] of the church labor. Jesus purchased our salvation with his own blood and as our chief shepherd he is to have complete authority over those who labor as shepherds in his church. This chief shepherd shall appear to judge all the shepherds of the church as to whether or not they have carried out

their duties faithfully. If they are found to be faithful they shall receive “a crown of glory” that will never end.

In the epistle to the Hebrews Jesus is referred to as “the great shepherd”:  
(Hebrews 13:20) *“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,”* This was a title that was well known to the Jewish readers: (Isaiah 40:11) *“He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.”* (Ezekiel 34:23) *“And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.”* While on earth Jesus taught concerning the role of a shepherd: (John 10:2) *“But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.”* (John 10:11) *“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”* (John 10:14) *“I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.”* Peter gives some valuable information to those who have gone astray: (1 Peter 2:25) *“For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.”* Mankind is prone to go astray [I.e. to sin]. What a wonderful “great shepherd” we have; he will gladly receive all those who will repent of their sin. Also Peter gives assurance that those who are faithful elders will receive a reward when our “great shepherd” comes again: (1 Peter 5:4) *“And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.”*

Not unlike any shepherd Jesus has sheep; Christians are Jesus’ sheep. Jesus is no different than the shepherds then and now; he knows his sheep: (John 10:14) *“I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.”* We would do well to note that there is a mutual acquaintance between Jesus and true believers; Jesus knows those who are his and his sheep know him. In verse 27 Jesus again says he knows his sheep: (John 10:27) *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:”* Although we cannot personally hear the voice of Jesus today we do have the words that he spoke so we can hear his voice today. Jesus tells us that he personally knows his sheep. We like the four legged creatures follow our shepherd. The beast of the field followed their shepherd because they knew in doing so they would be protected and provided for; I ask, “Do we not follow Jesus for the very same reasons”? Here is what Jesus offers to his sheep: (John 10:28) *“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”* Jesus even calls his sheep by name: (John 10:3) *“To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.”* If anyone should think that Christianity is not a personal matter they need to read this verse; your NAME IS KNOWN IN HEAVEN!

Our good shepherd gathers his sheep: (John 10:16) *“And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”* It is important to any shepherd to keep his flock together; Jesus wants his flock to be of one fold. Don’t you find it strange that the church is so divided today? Isaiah wrote that a shepherd gathers his sheep: (Isaiah 40:11) *“He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.”* Notice the tender love the shepherd has for the young or in the case of a new Christian. Our shepherd, Jesus carries the new Christian in his own bosom.

Our good shepherd “guides” his sheep: (John 10:3-4) *“To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. (4) And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.”* Jesus opened the way for us to follow him; he set the example for us to follow. He leads us down the path of righteousness and we are to follow in his foot steps. (Psalms 23:3) *“He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”* There has never been a more caring shepherd than Jesus Christ.

## **CHAPTER 10**

### **Conclusion**

I hope that these words have given you a better understanding of who this Jesus really is. I will close with a few closing remarks about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the Son of God.

While on this earth Jesus was meek; the prophet Isaiah wrote this: (Matthew 12:17-20) *“That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying (18) Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.(19) He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.(20) A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.”* Jesus said he was “meek and lowly”: (Matthew 11:29) *“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”* Jesus certainly lived the life that Isaiah had foretold of him.

This Jesus of whom I am writing abounded in wisdom: (Luke 2:40) *“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.”* From the age of twelve Jesus was “filled with wisdom”. His wisdom was astonishing: (Luke 2:47) *“And all that heard him were astonished at his un-*

*derstanding and answers.*” And from the age of twelve Jesus continued to grow in wisdom: (Luke 2:52) *“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”* Paul wrote of Jesus’ wisdom” (Colossians 2:3) *“In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”* If you are looking for a leader who is full of wisdom; follow after Jesus.

God commands us to hear Jesus. In the second gospel sermon Peter reminds those present of the words of Moses: (Acts 3:22) *“For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.”* God has surely raised up such a prophet and God expects us to hear him. At the Mount of Transfiguration God gave a direct command to hear His Son that He was so pleased with: (Matthew 17:5) *“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”*

My final point comes is in the form of a warning: God will severely visit those who neglect to hear and obey Jesus. Long ago Moses wrote: (Deuteronomy 18:19) *“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.”* Peter again quotes Moses in his second gospel sermon: (Acts 3:23) *“And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.”* Friends, there is no escaping if we will not hear and obey Jesus: (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;”* Far too many people are neglecting their salvation today. Perhaps they are young and think they have plenty of time; the truth of the matter is they don’t know how long they shall live, nor do they know when the Lord shall return and there will be no time or opportunity to hear and obey Jesus Christ. Don’t put off doing what you know is right; today is the day of salvation: (2 Corinthians 6:2) *“(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)”*

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