

Some Things God Does Not Know

Psalm 139:1-6

I. INTRODUCTION: 1, 2

1. 3 One of the characteristics of God is His omniscience (i.e., that He is all knowing!).

Psa. 139:1-6: *O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. 5 You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.*

Prov. 5:21: *For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He ponders all his paths.*

Rom. 16:27: *to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.*

1 Tim. 1:17: *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Lk. 12:6-7: *“Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. 7 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”*

2. But did you know that there were some things God does not know?

3. I am not for even one second challenging the omniscience of God. But what I am saying is that there are certain things which, due to their nature, God does not know.

II. DISCUSSION:

God does not know...

1. 4 Any Sin He Does Not Hate:

A. Why does God hate sin?

(1) He knows sin causes man to lose “quality of life” (**Psa. 38:3-8**; Judges 17-21; **1 Jn. 5:3**: “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”; Jn. 10:10).

(2) Because He knows the consequences of sin! **Isa. 59:1-2**: “Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”; Rom. 6:23

(3) Because He knows the terrors of hell! **Matt. 25:41**: “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels...’”; Mk. 9:42-48; 2 Cor. 5:10-11a; **Heb. 10:31**: “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”; Matt. 10:28

B. 5 Many men deny the existence of sin (e.g., alcoholism and drug addiction are “diseases” as if alcoholics or drug addicts have no choice). What happens when men classify sin as a disease?

Until 1973 homosexuality was listed as a mental illness in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM)* of the *American Psychiatric Association*. Originally listed as a “sociopathic personality disturbance” in the first edition of DSM in 1953, homosexuality was “upgraded” to a mere “sexual deviation” in 1968 with the release of DSM-II.

C. Even men who recognize sin have a penchant for classifying sins:

(1) Roman Catholics classify sins as either venial or mortal:

- (a) According to Roman Catholicism, a **venial sin** (meaning “forgivable” sin) is a lesser sin that does not result in a complete separation from God and eternal damnation in Hell as an unrepented mortal sin would. A venial sin involves a “partial loss of grace” from God.
 - (b) Mortal sins are “grave” sins they are said to “sever a person’s link to God’s life-giving grace. All mortal sins can only be forgiven through the sacrament of penance and perfect contrition.”
- (2) The Bible makes no such distinction between sins; all sin separates us from God and any sin can be forgiven through confession and repentance (Rom. 1:29-31; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Jn. 1:9; Acts 8:22).

D. **6** God always hated sin:

- (1) Adam’s sin: no more fellowship, curse; banished from garden
- (2) David’s sin: 2 Sam. 12:1-14; **2 Sam. 12:10-12:** *“Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ I I Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. I 2 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.”*

E. The Wisdom Literature describes God’s attitude toward sin: **God hates sin! Do we?**

Psa. 5:4-6: *For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. 6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.*

Psa. 45:7: *You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.*

Prov. 6:16-19: *These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, 19 A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.*

F. **7** God hates even the “small sins” that we sometimes think are trivial.

Gal. 5:19-21: *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

1 Cor. 6:9-10: *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.*

Matt. 5:28: *“But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”* (Wyatt: “Alright to look at the merchandise as long as you don’t buy.”)

1 Jn. 3:15: *Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

G. What attitude, then, should we take toward sin?

Rom. 12:9: *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.*

Abhor is from Greek word “apostugeo” which denotes “to shudder” (Vines).

Psa. 119:104: *Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.*

Psa. 101:3: *I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.*

Prov. 8:13: *The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.*

1 Cor. 13:6: (love) “does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;”

Rom. 13:11-14: *And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

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2. **8** Any Sinner He Does Not Love:

Jn. 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Eph. 2:4-5: “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),”

Titus 3:3-7

A. As intensely as God hates sin, He just as intensely loves sinners even though they’ve rebelled against Him.

Ezek. 33:11: “Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’”

1 Cor. 6:9-11: “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

B. God wants all those who have departed from His way to return and be saved!

1 Tim. 2:3-4: “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

2 Pet. 3:9: “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

2 Pet. 3:15: “and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,”

Heb. 7:25: “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

C. In Luke chapter 15 Jesus gives three vivid word pictures graphically illustrating God’s love:

(1) The Shepherd and the sheep: **Lk. 15:4-7** Every sinner is important and loved by God!

(2) The woman and the lost coin: **Lk. 15:8-10** We should rejoice when a sinner repents!

- (3) The Loving Father: **Lk. 15:20-24** *God is our tender Father, patiently waiting and hoping!*
- D. The fact that God loves you and me so much is why He sent His Son to provide a means for salvation from sin.

Rom. 5:8: *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

Lk. 19:10: *“for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

1 Jn. 4:10: *“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

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3. 9 Anything But the Gospel To Call Sinners To Salvation:

- A. The Gospel is God’s means, or instrument, of salvation for all mankind.

Rom. 1:16-17: *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”*

Vines: Power from Greek “dunamis” “power,” (a) used relatively, denotes “inherent ability, capability, ability to perform anything,” e.g., Matt. 25:15, “ability;” Acts 3:12, “power;” 2 Thess. 1:7, RV, “(angels) of His power” (AV, “mighty”); Heb. 11:11, RV, “power” (AV, “strength”); see ABILITY; (b) used absolutely, denotes (1) “power to work, to carry something into effect,” e.g., Luke 24:49; (2) “power in action,” e.g., Rom. 1:16;

2 Thess. 2:13-14: *“But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

- B. Through the gospel message we gain salvation from sin and restored fellowship with God in the church (**Eph. 1:3-13a, 22-23; 4:4; 5:23**).
- C. The gospel is God’s only method of salvation, we must ever remain loyal to it, never depart from it, never change or modify it, never fail to trust in its saving power! No social gospel, no “fellowship halls,” no “food, fun and frolic.” **Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Tim. 4:1-4**

10 Indictments of the Social Gospel

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THE SOCIAL GOSPEL is a philosophy in religion that the church should concern itself with worldly problems rather than spiritual ones. It is more in ecology, biology, psychology and sociology than in theology. It is more concerned about preserving the whooping crane and alligator than about preaching Christ the emancipator. It spends more time fighting earthly pollution that MAY damage the body than with fighting spiritual plagues that WILL certainly damn the soul.

11 THE SOCIAL GOSPEL is more interested in feeding the body than in nurturing the soul. Its goal is education, not salvation; recreation, not sanctification; fraternity, instead of eternity. It concerns itself with the “new morality” rather than with immortality; birth control rather than self-control; ministering to the “inner city” rather than seeking the heavenly city; slum clearance rather than with spiritual perseverance.

12 THE SOCIAL GOSPEL philosophy is more interested in helping men make a living than in helping them make a life. It is more concerned with civil rights than with spiritual fights; civil laws

rather than spiritual flaws; revolution rather than revelation; civil disobedience rather than spiritual obedience; communism rather than faith, repentance and baptism.

13 THE SOCIAL GOSPEL is a lame duck spiritually because it is without the power to fulfill the lasting needs of the human race. It preaches Christ as a great social reformer, rather than as a Spiritual Savior. It limits His work to earthly benefits for mankind; and Paul said, *“If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable”* (1 Cor. 15:19). Social ‘Gospelism’ can only leave man spiritually naked!

Hot dogs are missional (The Church Community Builder Team)

I love this idea! Reaching unchurched people in your community doesn’t have to be complicated. It can be as simple as grilling hot dogs in your backyard and inviting the neighbors. Too often, churches look to create a large-scale event or a one-day-a-year extravaganza to reach their communities. While these aren’t bad ideas, reaching every house in your city could be as simple as doing something small.

- D. A church that uses fried chicken, ice cream and iced tea to draw people are as weak as the tea, as cold as the ice cream and as dead as the chicken. Don’t be deceived! The “social gospel” is *“another gospel”*; a gospel that cannot save! A gospel that is *“accursed”*! Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Tim. 4:1-4

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4. **14** *Any Better Time To Obey the Gospel Than Now:*

- A. God has only promised one opportunity for salvation: TODAY!

2 Cor. 6:2: *“For He says: ‘In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”*

Jas. 4:14: *“whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”*

God is ready!

Isa. 1:18: *“Come now, and let us reason together,’ Says the LORD, ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.”*

Important to start early in life!

Eccl. 12:1: *“Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’”*

- B. Christians must not get complacent about their salvation. We must work and be faithful TODAY...NOW!

Rom. 13:11-14: *“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”*

Jn. 9:4: *“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”*

1 Pet. 4:17-18: *“For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 Now ‘If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?’”*

When a drowning man is thrown a life-preserver he grabs it. When a man falling from an airplane is offered a parachute he grabs it. A person bitten by a king cobra is offered anti-venom he takes it.

Every one listening to this message has now heard the Gospel—and is now accountable for what you have heard. You have received your spiritual MRI – you have seen the X-ray of your soul – now is the time to accept the surgery and take the medicine while there is time.

Not one more second is promised to you or me. A car wreck, a freak accident, a stroke, a brain aneurysm could take us at any moment. Make the right decision for yourself and repent of living life independent of God and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and his sacrifice He made for you today. Bow your knee and make Jesus the Lord and Savior of your life.

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5. **15** Anyway to Deal With Sin Except Through His Son:

A. We cannot save ourselves no matter how good we live:

(1) A “good moral life” is not enough (Acts 10 & 11).

Isa. 64:6: “*But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;*”

(2) Our “works of righteousness” are not enough (**Titus 3:4-5:** “*But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,*”).

B. Salvation is only found “in Christ”:

2 Tim. 2:10: “*Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.*”

Acts 4:12: “*Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*”

Jn. 14:6: “*Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’*”

C. Where does that leave: The Muslim? The Buddhist? The Jew? The New Ageist? The Moralist? Anyone who has not obeyed Christ? L-O-S-T!

Jn. 8:24: “*Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.*”

D. In this regard, true Christianity is an exclusive and intolerant religion.

Jn. 3:36: “*He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*”

E. To preach such a message is totally against the politically correct attitudes of modern society. But, our preaching and teaching must reflect that or it is powerless to save anyone!

Gal. 1:10: “*For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.*”; **2 Tim. 4:3-4:** “*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*”

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6. **16** Anyway To Get the Gospel To the World Except Through Us:

A. The gospel is God's "power unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16-17), but God depends on us to take the gospel to a sin-sick and dying world!

Rom. 10:14: "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?"

B. God did not leave the job of preaching the gospel to every creature solely in the hands of "gospel preachers"!

Acts 8:1: "Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word."

C. We don't need some grandiose plan with centralized organization and oversight (Acts 8:1), for example:

Every Home For Christ: Every Home for Christ is a Christian Missions organization dedicated to reaching every home on earth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have works in 100 countries...Each response is followed up, and many times results in individuals – and even entire families, giving their hearts to Jesus. Every Home for Christ disciples new believers, and channels them into local churches.

Project Philip Ministries: goal is to reach every county in the U.S. with the gospel (actually with their 32 page booklet that doesn't even give the scriptural plan of salvation.)

One Nation Under God: One more recent well-publicized sponsoring church arrangement is "One Nation Under God", wherein the Sycamore Church of Christ in Cookeville, Tennessee in 1991 solicited \$10 million (using the sponsoring church arrangement) in order to send out evangelistic mailings to every household in America. Later plans to contact every household in the world were never realized.

(1) We just need each of us striving to share the gospel with our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

(2) For example: if we start with 40 members here at Westside and each of us converted one person per year, here is what would happen:

Year	Number
	40
1	80
2	160
3	320
4	640
5	1,280
6	2,560
7	5,120
8	10,240
9	20,480
10	40,960

E. **17** We all need to be constantly preparing ourselves to share the gospel with others.

(1) Draw ourselves closer to God by personal growth as Christian (2 Pet. 1:3-11).

(2) Growth will give us a greater zeal to share the gospel with others (Matt. 16:26; **1 Cor.**

9:16-17: "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes,

woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship.”).

- (3) We need to gain knowledge in how to deal with the lost (i.e., start where they are spiritually; contrast preaching to Jews in Acts 2 vs. preaching to Athenians in Acts 17).
 - (4) Realize how God defines success (**1 Cor. 3:5-9**)
 - (5) Practice makes perfect! Success breeds more success!
- F. Don't think you're up to the task?

Scenario: You are standing on a very busy street corner waiting to cross. The street is very busy with traffic whizzing by. Suddenly the elderly lady standing beside you starts to cross the street. The light has not changed and the traffic is still whizzing by. You notice as the lady begins to take her first step that there is a large delivery truck coming through the intersection which will plow right into the lady if she takes that step. What do you do? If you don't help this lady she is going to die! Now, how many people do you associate with on nearly a daily basis who are lost? ***2 Cor. 5:10-11a:** *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;”*

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7. 18 A Life He Cannot Change:

- A. God is the potter and we are the clay; He can mold us into a “vessel for honor” if we will allow Him to do so:

1 Cor. 6:9-11: *“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”*

How?

Acts 18:8: *“And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.”*

Jas. 1:21: *“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”*

- B. God can save anyone!

Acts 2:41: *“Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”*

- (1) Don't you imagine that some of those three thousand were the same that only about two months earlier: **Mk. 15:14:** *“But they cried out all the more, ‘Crucify Him!’”*
- (2) If God can save one who “breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord” (Acts 9:1) surely He can and will save anyone willing to come to Him.

1 Tim 1:12-13: *“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy...”*

Matt. 11:28-30: *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*

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8. 19 One Problem He Cannot Solve:

A. God has the ability!

Jer. 32:17: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.”

B. Furthermore, He has proven that He will go to any lengths to solve our problems!

Rom. 8:32: “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

Rom. 8:37: “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

C. The questions are these:

(1) Do we have the faith to trust in His promises?

Eph. 3:20: “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,”

Psa. 37:5: “Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.”

(2) Do we have the faith to accept God’s will on a matter? God’s way may be hard! e.g., Matt. 19:9

Matt. 6:10: “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

Matt. 26:39: “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

(3) Do we have enough patience? God doesn’t work on man’s timetable!

Psa. 27:14: “Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!”

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9. 20 One Man Who Can Save Himself:

A. Paul makes this crystal clear:

Eph. 2:8-10: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Titus 3:5: “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”

B. Many have tried to save themselves, but all have failed!

(1) Adam & Eve tried (fig leaves to hide nakedness, tried to hide from God; Gen. 3).

(2) Cain tried (offered fruit of the ground; Gen. 4; Heb. 11:4).

(3) Jews tried: **Gal. 2:16:** “knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.”

Gal. 5:4: “You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”

C. Cannot be saved unless we receive and obey a foolish message: **1 Cor. 1:18-31** Does this foolish message appeal to you or embarrass you?!

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10. 21 One Burden Too Heavy For Him To Carry:

- A. God's promise: **Matt. 11:28-30:** "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
- B. Our role: **1 Pet. 5:6-7:** "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."
- C. Glory of His promise in this regard: **Heb. 4:16:** "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

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11. 22 One Question He Cannot Answer:

- A. God's ability: **Isa. 46:9-10:** "Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'" **Rom. 11:33:** "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"
- B. Our obligation: **Jas. 1:5-8:** "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."
- C. Do we have the faith to accept "no" as an answer? **2 Cor. 12:8-10:** "Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

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12. 23 One Storm He Cannot Calm:

- A. His ability: **Mk. 4:39-40:** "Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still!' And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. 40 But He said to them, 'Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?'"
- B. Our duty: **Phil. 4:6:** "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"
- C. His promise and reward: **Phil. 4:7:** "and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

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13. 24 One Broken Heart He Cannot Heal:

- A. The Psalms are a good place to go when your heart is broken or weary: David said, "The troubles of my heart have enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses!" (Psa. 25:17)

And, “Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. 21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.” (Psa. 71:20-21)

Psa. 142:7: “Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.”

B. If we turn to God He will restore us!

Psa. 80:7: “Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!”

Psa. 4:6-8: “There are many who say, ‘Who will show us any good?’ LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. 7 You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased. 8 I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.”

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14. **25** One Hunger He Cannot Satisfy:

A. Physical hunger: Matt. 6:25-34

Phil. 4:11-13: “Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content : 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

B. Spiritual hunger:

Matt. 5:6: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.”

Rev. 22:14: “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life,”

III. CONCLUSION: 26

1. “And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of” (Heb. 11:32): **God does not know...**

✓ One Habit He Cannot Break: **1 Jn. 4:4:** “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

✓ One Tear He Cannot Dry: **Psa. 55:22:** “Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.”; Psa. 56:3-11

✓ One Who Loves You More Than Him: Jn. 15:13-14: “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.”

2. Remember Point #4: **God does not know...Any Better Time To Obey the Gospel Than Now?**

(1) If you are a sinner you need to realize that God hates your sinful ways but loves you so much that He sent His son to die for you.

(2) Only NOW is promised for us to respond to the gospel plan of salvation: **2 Cor. 6:2:** “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

(3) Why not listen to Ananias as he says to Saul: “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (Acts 22:16).

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