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Update: Good news Joe and I just heard that our "Package", the documents we need to leave here have ALL been signed and sent to the Half Way House and are waiting for a date to leave here! Pray it is soon!

Contrary to popular belief that "God hears ALL prayers", the Scriptures teach something completely opposite! Of course, God "knows" everything going on at any time on the earth and yes, the universe as well because He is "Omniscient", (All Knowing), and Omnipresent, (Everywhere at once), and "Omnipotent", (All Powerful). But those Heavenly characteristics of God don't mean that He "heeds" or "listens" to the prayers of "sinners" (the Lost, Unsaved, Undegenerated, Unconverted and Not Born Again).

God hears the prayers of the "Saints" ONLY i.e... (the Saved, Born Again, Regenerated and Converted man or woman that has come to Him sincerely and humbly). He hears His "Children" and even then He doesn't always answer them with a "yes" but many, many times the answer is "no" or "not yet so wait"! In John 9:31, the Bible clearly teaches that; "Now we KNOW that God Heareth NOT SINNERS: but if any man man be a worshipper of God and DOETH His Will, him He heareth". emphasis mine a "Worshipper" of God and "one" that does His "Will" is a True Believer who believes in "the Son" according to John 6:40. "And this is the WILL of Him (God) that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and Believeth on Him, may have EVERLASTIN LIF: (Eternal Life i.e... Saved!) and I WILL raise him up at the last day." (ADD John 4:23&24)

A "SINNER" in the Bible is one that NEEDS salvation and is NOT one of God's children or part of the "Righteous" in Old Testament or the Bride of Christ in the New Testament that will return with the "King of Kings, the Lord Jesus Christ in revelation chapter 19. This will take place at the end of the 7 year Tribulation Period that will come upon the WHOLE EARTH. I believe this Tribulation Period explained in the Book of Revelation is being set up right before our eyes as daily we hear about a ONE WORLD Government being established!

From the Old Testament to the New Testament, "SINNERS" were always in need of SALVATION or CONVERSION to GOD as exemplified in the following verses: (The emphasis is mine)

1. "Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the SINNER." Proverbs 11:31

You see there is a difference between the "Righteous" and the "SINNER".

2. "A GOOD man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the SINNER is laid up for the JUST", Proverbs 11:2

Again, there is a distinct difference between "the JUST" and the "SINNER".

3. "Then will I teach the TRANSGRESSORS thy ways: nd the SINNERS shall be

converted into thee." Psalm 51

SINNERS need to be "converted" (Made Righteous or in the New Testament - SAVED!

4. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one SINNER that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine JUST PERSONS, that need NO REPENTANCE."

There is JOY in Heaven when a SINNER repents,(Turns to God for Salvation) and a JUST PERSON (Saved, Born Again) already has repented!

5. "Let him know, that he which CONVERTETH (Leads to God, i.e.. the Lord Jesus to be saved!) the SINNER from the error of his way, shall SAVE A SOUL from death, (Eternal death separated from God) and shall hide a multitude of sins.", James 5:20

A SINNER needs to be CONVETED and be SAVED so that their SINS can be "hidden" and washed away by the BLOOD of Jesus through His ONE TIME Sacrifice on the Cross! See Hebrews chapters 9-10

6. "And if the righteous scarcely be SAVED, where shall the UNGODLY and the SINNER appear?" (Verse)

Again, the "RIGHTEOUS" are indicative of being SAVED and the "UNGODLY" and "SINNER" not saved.

7. "When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, they that are whole, (Saved, the Righteous), have no need of the physician, but the that are sick: (The lost,unsaved) I Came NOT to call the Righteous (Saved) but SINNERS to repentance." Repentance is to turn to the Lord Jesus to be saved! Jesus mission to this earth was TO CALL SINNERS (The Lost) to REPENTENCE NOT THE RIGHTEOUS,(the Saved). Also mentioned in Matthew 9:13 & Luke 5:32

"The Son of man CAME to SEEK and to SAVE that which was LOST, Luke 19:10

8. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of ALL acceptance, that Christ Jesus CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS; of whom I am chief." I Timothy 1:15

Again, Jesus' reason for coming to the earth was to SAVE SINNERS meaning SINNERS are UNSAVED and LOST!

If you read verses in I Timothy 1:13-16, Paul the Apostle said he was the "Chief of SINNERS" before his conversion! Paul's "conversion" is found in Acts 9:6 when he acknowledged and confessed Jesus as Lord and asked him,"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? At that moment he was saved. Just as the thief on the cross next to Jesus cried out to Him, "Lord, remember me when thou entereth your kingdom". Jesus said to him, "Today you'll be with me in Paradise!"

Before Paul's conversion he said in Galatians 1:11-16 that he was persecuting and even involved in seeing believers imprisoned and even killed! He said he was "exceedingly Zealous" of the Traditions" in other words, earnestly working for the Jewish religion. He was VERY sincere but SINCERELY WRONG as a lost man, Religious but LOST! Maybe fall into that category today, my friends. Look at those in Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord,Lord shall enter in the Kingdom of Heaven: but he that doeth the WILL(Remember: God's Will is to believe on His Son in John 6:40 of the Father which is in Heaven. MANY, (Not a few but "serving" Jesus unsaved and lost) will say to me in that day(Judgment Day, the Great White Throne in Revelation 20:11) Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied (Preached) in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?"

Note: Pay attention to what Jesus says to these UNSAVED SINNERS that have been deceived into believing that they were saved but were NOT!

Look at what Jesus tells them in verse 23! "And then will I profess unto them, I NEVER KNEW YOU: DEPART FROM ME, YE THAT WORK INNIQUITY!". Could you imagine having Jesus say that to you after you were "serving" Him as a Unsaved and Lost SINNER? The HORROR of a Pastor, Missionary, Deacon, Sunday school teacher, Worship Leader etc.. thinking they were "serving" Jesus and they were NOT only to have Him say, "DEPART FROM ME ONE DAY"! All because they "served" Jesus as a religious exercise LOST and according to their belief that their "works" would save them but can never save them. They NEVER prayed that "SINNERS PRAYER ACCORDING TO TRUTH FOUND IN Romans 10:9-13. Oh, they "prayed" a lot but those prayers and the work "in Jesus name" they did was all in vain because He NEVER HEARD them! can you see the deception of the Devil and the deceit of man's own heart? In Jeremiah, 17:9. "The heart is deceitful above ALL things, and DESPERATELY WICKED; who can know it? Your own beliefs can deceive you and lead you to Hell one day when Jesus separates the TRUE Believers from the SINNERS. This event is found in Matthew 25:41, where the SHEEP(the saved) are separated from the GOATS,(the unsaved, the SINNERS) where He says,"Depart from me, ye cursed, into EVERLASTING FIRE, prepared for the devil

and his angels".

My friends, the ONLY prayer that God hears from a SINNER is a PRAYER of REPENTANCE (crying out to Jesus and believing in His blood sacrifice on the cross for our sins as the Lamb of God and trusting that ONE TIME Finished work and being buried for three days and raised from the dead!) That is the Gospel that needs to be believed to be saved which means going from a lost SINNER to a SAINT!

In Luke 18:13, there is a perfect example of the condition the heart of the SINNER needs to be a he cries out to God to hear him! "And the publican, standing afar off would not lift up so much as his eyes unto Heaven (a humble attitude) but smote his breast, saying, GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO ME A SINNER. I tell you this this man went down to his house JUSTIFIED (Saved) rather the other: for everyone that exalteth himself shall be ABASED:(Ignored, brought low) and he that HUMBLETH himself shall be EXALTED." (Lifted up to God).

NOTE: the "other" was a self righteous, religious Pharisee thinking he can DO IT HIS OWN WAY when ONLY JESUS IS "The WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE and NO MAN can come to the FATHER BUT BY HIM". John 14:6

No matter how sincere a person is ONLY the Truth of God's Word is our guide to Salvation and NOT our beliefs and works.

In Ephesians 2:8&9 the Bible is VERY CLEAR on how man is saved. " For by GRACE (UNMERITED FAVOR OF GOD NOT DESERVED) are ye saved through FAITH: and that NOT of yourselves: It is the GIFT of GOD NOT OF WORKS, ( nothing we can do) lest any man should boast". "Grace" is God giving us something we don't deserve.

The Prayer of a SINNER is ONLY heard by God when he or she is asking for salvation with a sincere and honest heart understanding what Jesus has done for ALL mankind that He Died was Buried and Rose Again!

"That if thou shalt CONFESS with thy Mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt BELIEVE in THINE HEART that God hath RAISED Him from the dead, THOU SHALT BE SAVED. For with the HEART man Believed unto RIGHTEOUSNESS (Salvation) and with the MOUTH CONFESSION is MADE UNTO SALVATION. For WHOSOEVER shall CALL upon the Name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED!" Romans 10:8,10 &13.

When that act of YOUR OWN WILL takes place then "HE KNOWS YOU" and WILL NOT say one day to you, "DEPART FROM ME"! AMEN! SINNER, Pray and BELIEVE that GOD HEARS THAT PRAYER! That Prayer makes you saved and you can KNOW you have EVERLASTING LIFE!

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye AHVE ETERNAL LIFE, and that ye may BELIEVE on the name of the SON OF GOD", I John 5:13 John, the Beloved disciple that wrote the book of John, I,II,III, John and the Book of Revelation and was taken to Heaven should KNOW!

Next week, I will cover the "Prerequisites for God to answer the prayers of TRUE BELIEVERS. These are important to KNWO for the Child of GOD, the SAVED.

May the Lord bless you all!

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Proverbs 3:5&6

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