

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

ARE YOU A LOST BELIEVER?

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Did you know that there are believers who will be lost? There will be many who believe in God and that believe Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of the living God, who will be lost and condemned.

Now I realize that making such an assertion may rub some folks the wrong way. My goal is not to upset or offend, but to call your attention to the testimony of Scripture.

Consider with me some Bible examples of “lost believers.”

DEMONS. *“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!”* (Jas. 2:19). Demons believe in God. They even fear God. In fact, many demons confessed Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God (Lk. 4:41). But they did not change. They remained demons, thus they remained lost.

JEWISH RULERS. *“Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest*

they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (Jn. 12:42-43). These rulers believed in Jesus, but they were lost believers because they refused to confess Jesus and follow Him (Mt. 10:32-33).

MANY ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT. *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall*

enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” (Mt. 7:21-23). Were these people religious? Most certainly! Were they sincere? There is nothing

to indicate otherwise. Did they believe in the Lord? Yes. But ultimately, were they saved or were they lost? Sadly, they were lost and rejected by Christ. Why? They did not obey the will of their heavenly Father.

Dear friends, to enter the kingdom of heaven, we must DO the will of our Father in heaven! *“You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only”* (Jas. 2:24). It takes faith AND works — the works of God (Jn. 6:29; Col. 2:12; Eph. 2:10).

Don't be among the many lost believers, but among the saved believers who obey the Lord (Heb. 5:9). *“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned”* (Mk. 16:16).

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April 10-15

BEWARE!

John Edwards

The word “beware” is a warning word that cautions of danger. To beware suggests to be on guard! Let's notice some Bible beware's.

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FORGET THE LORD. It is written in Deuteronomy 6:12, “...beware lest thou forget the Lord....” In times of plenty, we are more apt to forget God (Dt. 8:7-14). We are foolish when we leave God out of our thoughts and plans (Lk. 12:16-21). Sadly, the Lord has been forgotten many times. God said, “Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number” (Jer. 2:32).

BEWARE AND DRINK NOT WINE NOR STRONG DRINK. Judges 13:4 records, “Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink....” We need to be alerted to the dangers of drinking alcoholic beverages. The Bible condemns drinking, from the social drink to full-blown drunkenness (1 Pet. 4:3).

BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS. Jesus cautioned His disciples, “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Mt. 7:15). The apostle Paul warned the Ephesian Christians for three years that there would be “...grievous wolves enter in

among you, not sparing the flock...” (Acts 20:28-31). Let us “...believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (1 Jn. 4:1).

BEWARE OF LEAVEN. Jesus told His disciples, “Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees” (Mt. 16:6). Jesus did not have reference to their bread, but rather to their doctrine (v. 12). We need to beware of false doctrine!

BEWARE OF MEN. Jesus warned, “But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues” (Mt. 10:17). In Colossians 2:8 Paul cautioned the saints, “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.” This will help us to put our faith in God, instead of men (1 Cor. 2:5).

BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS. It is written, “Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man’s life

consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesseth” (Lk. 12:15). Covetousness is earnestly desiring the property of another. Paul spoke of “...covetousness, which is idolatry” (Col. 3:5).

BEWARE OF FALLING FROM STEDFASTNESS. Peter wrote, “Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness” (2 Pet. 3:17). In order to keep from falling, we must give diligence to add to our faith (2 Pet. 1:5-10).

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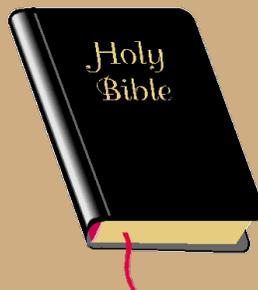
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