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 Cana Bethphage Jericho Sarepta
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 Nain Jerusalem Capernaum

The Time for Prayer

Unknown

When is the time for prayer?
 With the first beams light the
 morning sky,
 Ere for the toils of day thou dost
 prepare,
 Lift up thy thoughts on high;
 Commend thy loved ones to His
 watchful care:
 Morn is the time for prayer.

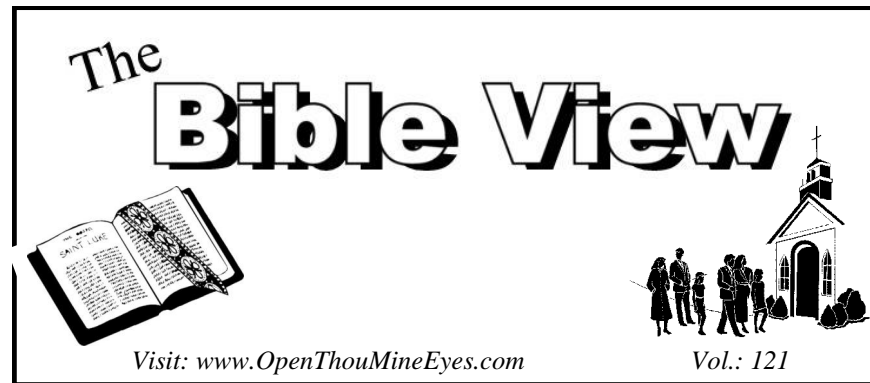
 And in the noontide hour,
 If worn by toil, or by sad
 care oppressed.
 Then unto God thy spirit's

sorrow pour,
 And He will give thee rest;
 Thy voice shall reach Him through
 the fields of air;
 Noon is the time for prayer.

 When the bright sun hath set,
 While eve's bright colors deck
 the skies,
 When with the loved at home
 again thou'st met,
 Then let thy prayers arise
 For those who in thy joys and
 sorrows share:
 Eve is the time for prayer.

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There Are Not Different Ways to Be Saved

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No matter what anyone thinks or says, there is only one way to heaven according to the Bible. The word of God says that Jesus is the only way (John 14:6). We must believe we cannot save ourselves; that our salvation is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8-9) purchased for us by the shed blood of Jesus Christ, who died in our place for our sins! He took the punishment due us for our transgressions. If we accept that, and trust in that way only, then we have God's promise of an eternal home in Heaven.



For different reasons, many will not accept God's terms. They want to do it their way. I have heard many people tell me that they were going to heaven, but their way was not God's plan. It

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A Breath of Fresh Air

Barbara Brinkworth

"It's a sign of the last days," one said.
 "No, it is because of the inflation rate," explained another.
 Several thought it was because many were out of work. The weekly budget at Berry Busy Baptist Church was not being met lately. In fact, it had been over six months since the books had seen anything but red ink. Everyone seemed to have a different opinion as to the cause and cure.

All that changed one Sunday morning. Just before the service was to begin, the preacher announced that the Lord had surprised him with an offer to buy a new building. The price was considerably less than it was valued at. Even as he spoke, the sweet Holy Spirit could be felt moving through the pews, touching hearts and wallets. The feeling of unity was immediate. All were of one opinion now. They saw God working and wanted to be part of it. There were no

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was their imaginative way, or what they were taught from their religion.

Here are some of the ways that people think they are getting to heaven. I list them not to ridicule. Before I was saved I had my own ideas also, and they were just as non-biblical as the following. They include:

“I believe I’m going to heaven, because my grandfather was a preacher ...” Well, that is wonderful that he was, but nobody’s righteous living can earn a free trip to heaven for another. We must have a personal relationship with Jesus and trust him ourselves.

“I believe I’m going to heaven because I’m a good person.” Well, I am sure you are by most people’s standards, but going to heaven is not measured by human standards. It is measured by God’s standards, and He says that all are sinners (Romans 3:23)!

It is not just the sins that you have committed lately that condemn you. You must realize you were born a sinner. We all are born with a sinful flesh incapable of pleasing God, unless we allow God to create a new creature in us and save us from hell.

Before I was saved, I thought that my good works would get me

to heaven. Then I started wondering, “If good works get one to heaven, how many do you have to do? Is it 50, 100, or 10,000? Have I done enough?” Those questions got me reading the Bible. In over 29 years of reading the Bible, I have never found the answers to those questions there, because God’s word never says that goodness will get anyone to heaven. Salvation is God’s gift to you; it cannot be earned.

“I believe I’m going to heaven because I’m an American.” That is good. I am American too, but just being born in a “Christian” nation does not get anyone any higher than the tombstone. It is only by trusting Christ as our Saviour!

“I believe I’m going to heaven because my wife saved me.” That may sound funny to some, but some people who have married a spouse whose example helped alter their lives think, because they are better now, they will go to heaven. Well, maybe you have a wonderful husband, wife, or parents, but again, we are accountable for ourselves (Romans 14:12, Matthew 13:36) and goodness cannot get us to heaven!

“I believe I’m going to heaven because I’m a very religious person.” Well, you may

He, who is not liberal with what he has, does but deceive himself when he thinks he would be liberal if he had more.

—Tulner

be. Some “religious” people try to do more to please God than a lot of true Christians do – unfortunately. However, “religion” cannot save anybody.

“I belong to a very good church. I know it teaches good biblical doctrine; but joining it would not guarantee anyone of going to heaven. Some “religions” claim that only their religion can save. That is a lie! Only trusting in Jesus Christ’s finished work on the cross can get anyone to heaven (John 3:3, John 3:16).

“I don’t believe there is a heaven or hell, and I’ll just die like a dog, and that’s it!” Although I always handle this one politely, the truth of the matter is: They are fools!

“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.” Psalms 14:1

Too many people try to out-guess God, and do his thinking for him. It does not matter what you or I think about obtaining heaven, but what God says! It is God’s heaven. He is willing to allow us to go there, but under His conditions. His conditions are that we accept Christ as our Saviour from eternal punishment (Romans 10:9). His way is the only way.

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longer any valid reasons to stop them. Before the day ended, half the money had been raised to purchase the new building. Within the next six weeks, not only was the balance paid in full, the weekly budget was met every week.

What had changed? People were still out of work. The inflation rate was still up. The change was in the hearts of the people. The people had seen the power of God at work. Like a breath of fresh air, it renewed the church’s spirit.

From a true account. The church’s name has been changed, however.

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And when the stars come forth;
When to the trusting heart sweet
hopes are given,
And the deep stillness of the hour
gives birth
To pure, bright dreams of heaven,
Kneel to thy God, ask strength
life’s ills to bear:
Night is the time for prayer.

When is the time for prayer?
In every hour, while life is spared
to thee;
In crowds of solitude, in joy
or care
Thy thoughts should
heavenward flee.
At morn, at noon, and eve, with
loved ones there,
Bend thou the knee in prayer!

What we mean by salvation is the deliverance from the love of sin, rescue from the habit of sin, setting free from the desire to sin. — Spurgeon