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EDITORIAL

Can a soul be lost after he or she has been born again, a child of God? The soul that sinneth it shall die. Ezek. 18-4. The just shall live by faith.—Rom. 1-17.

It does seem strange indeed that intelligent people who profess to be Bible readers, could believe that if a soul is once saved, that he can never be lost; but such is the belief of many, it seems judging from what we read and hear. I had a letter from a person a short time ago who professed to believe and teach this unscriptural doctrine. Let us ask this question: If a soul cannot be lost after he or she has been converted, why are there so many warnings in the word to God's people of the dangers of going astray? Why all these guide-boards along the way pointing to the right path if we cannot get astray, and be lost? If we were travelling through the country from one place to another and there was only one road running in the direction that we wanted to go, and no road leading off that one, we would think it strange indeed if the government of that country had gone to the expense of placing guide-boards, not only at the beginning of the road but all along the way telling us to keep straight ahead and not turn off, when there was no other road by which we could turn off.

Let us notice a few of the warnings in the word of God of the danger of backsliding and being lost after one is saved. Let us speak first of Adam, the first man that lived, made in the image of God, and was called the Son of God. Matt. 3-38. How was it that he backslid, and was driven out from the presence of God and from the tree of life lest he should eat of the fruit of it and live forever? It was because he sinned.

Next notice Esau, the son of Isaac, whom the Apostle Paul holds up as a warning to us in Heb. 12:15. He writes: "Looking diligently lest any man fall from (Revised version) the grace of God, etc., lest there be any profane person as Esau who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know that afterwards when he would have inherited the blessing he found no place of repentance though he sought it carefully with tears.

Let us also call your attention to King Saul, of whom it was said: God gave him another heart, and the Spirit of God came upon him and he prophesied. I. Sam. 10-9, which seems like good evidence that he was saved at that time.

Yet we read in II. Sam. 7-15 God said to David: I took my mercy from Saul whom I put away before thee, and Saul in his lifetime

testified that God answered him no more, and he fell on his own sword and became guilty of self-murder in his death. Again note David's warning to Solomon. I. Chro. 28:9. And thou Solomon my son know thou the God of thy father and serve him with a perfect heart, and willing mind, if thou seek him he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him he will cast thee off forever. Again hear the prophet Ezekiel, chapter 18:24. But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness and committeth iniquity, all his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned, in his trespass that he hath trespassed and in his sin that he hath sinned in them shall he die. The prophet also repeats the same decree against the righteous man who turns away from God in the 33rd Chapter. Now let us come to the New Testament and note the warnings of the dangers and results of backsliding. First let us go to the words of Jesus in John 10 which is the stronghold of the eternal security teachers,—and on this verse they seem to have built their religious tenets. In verse 28 Jesus said: "And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

Let us ask of whom is Jesus speaking here? He is speaking of His sheep, which is of course figurative language. Meaning born again Christians. Now the eternal security teachers tell us that Jesus teaches that people once saved are saved unconditionally, and can never perish: but if they will look at this text carefully I think they will find that there are conditions which are necessary. See verse 27. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me. Hence our eternal life depends upon our following him. You say there is no possibility of turning away and being lost? Let Peter answer who is he that will harm you IF ye be followers of that which is good? For IF after they have escaped the pollution of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than after they have known it to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. Why does the apostle say all this if they could not turn away and be lost? Again hear Peter on conditional security IF ye do these things ye shall never fall. II. Peter 1-10. Again, For if God spared not the angels that sinned but cast them down to hell. II. Pet. 2-4. Have we a right to believe that God will spare us if we sin or turn away when he did not spare angels? Also Jude writes: "I will therefore put you in remembrance though ye once knew this how the Lord having saved the people out of the land of Egypt afterwards destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate but left their own habitation he hath reserved in everlasting chains, etc. And also Paul in writing to the Hebrew Christians warns them lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. There are many other warnings which space does not permit me to mention which show us that after we are saved our eternal life depends on our faith and obedience to God. As the Just shall live by faith. Let me say lest I be misunderstood that while the scriptures teach that it is possible to backslide and be lost after we are born again, they also teach that it is possible to be kept by the power of God through faith

and obedience on our part ready for the coming of Jesus, which is God's will for us all. And furthermore let me say to any soul who may have fallen into sin. It is possible to get back again in the favor of God and be saved. For if any man sin we have an advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous who is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only but also for the sins of the world. I. John 2-2. So let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

GETTING TOGETHER

For some time movie theaters have been promoting gambling by offering cash prizes to persons present at the show when their numbers are called. Now a Chicago movie is offering free beer and whisky to holders of certain tickets.

We have not heard of any of these schools of crime giving Bibles with their admission tickets. Bibles are given in churches and Sunday schools. Perhaps the old Book would not look well at the movies.

So the movies, gambling, beer and whisky and certain people are getting together.

There was an old saying about "birds of a feather."—Free Methodist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention for District No. 2 was held at Westchester, N. S., Sept. 4, 1936.

The president, Rev. H. S. Mullen was in the chair and Miss Grace Lawlor was appointed secretary pro tem. Meeting opened with Scripture reading and prayer. Minutes of the last Convention were read and approved, and roll call found the following delegates present: Westchester, Miss Hattie Caidwell; Head of Millstream, Francis Dubee; Saint John, Miss Grace Lawlor. Reports from Saint John and Amherst were read and a verbal report of the Westchester S. S. was given.

Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Mullen sang a duet, after which Miss E. M. McCarthy from Saint John, gave a talk on Sunday School work. She declared that the aim of the S. S. should be to instil and ground a knowledge of the Bible into the hearts and minds of the children so that they would never forget it. Another aim should be to win souls to the Lord.

In closing, Miss McCarthy gave a word of encouragement to the teachers, urging them to press on in His service, winning souls for the Master.

The service closed by singing the Doxology and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. A. Owens.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS GRACE LAWLOR,

District Secretary

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Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.—Heb. 2-1.