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EDITORIAL

The Unanswerable Question
A Radio Message over CKCW, Moncton

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation.—Heb. 2-3.

The apostle has put this truth in the form of a question to try to impress men, if they would try to answer it with their need of seeking salvation through faith in Jesus, without which no one can escape disappointment, suffering, remorse of conscience, and hell.

Men have been able to answer great and profound questions of various kinds, but no man can answer this one because there is no answer to it, for there is no way of escape if we neglect this great salvation. Men sometimes say I will take my chances. Well, there is only one chance, that is Jesus. If we take that we do well.

He finds grounds or proof for his argument that men will suffer if they neglect salvation in the facts of God's dealings with men in the past where it is recorded that those who disobeyed God and sinned against Him like the inhabitants of the old world in the days of Noah, who were destroyed by the flood, and also Sodom and Gomorrah that were destroyed by fire in the time of Abraham, and also thousands of others who disregarded God's laws and found that the way of the transgressor was hard.

He says: "If the word spoken by angels was steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward." How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation. He would have us understand that our responsibility to God is greater than those of past ages, because God spoke to men of other ages by angels, or men, but in these last days he hath spoken unto us by His Son. See ch. 1, v. 1. God who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son. Hence whereas one who is greater in authority than angels, or men, has spoken to us, our responsibility is also greater which if neglected will bring the greater punishment. I would have you note that the Apostle calls this a Great salvation, and I want to call your attention briefly to some reasons why it is great. First, because it has a great author. This same Apostle says Jesus became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him. Jesus is a great person for two reasons. He had a great heart or mind, and also great

ability. He loved us and gave Himself for us. He gave because He loved. He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him because he ever liveth to make intercession for us. He is able to make all grace abound toward us that we always having all sufficiency in all things may abound unto every good work. Some men have great ability and could if they would use their money and influence in the right direction, do great things, but they don't do it because they have not the mind or heart of love for their fellow creatures. Others may have the mind or disposition to do good, but lack ability, so they do little or nothing in good works. Jesus had both a great heart, and ability. Hence he did provide a great salvation for whosoever will come unto Him in penitence and faith.

He was a great character or person, and would not or could not do a small or insignificant thing.

Second: It is a great salvation because it supplies a great need. Man's need was and is great. See Eph. 2 for a description of the unsaved soul. "Dead in trespasses and in sins, by nature the children of wrath even as others." Not children of God as some teach, but children of wrath. Jesus also said to some unsaved in his day. Ye are of your father the devil, Jeremiah says. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it? Isaiah's description of it is wounds and bruises and putrifying sores, from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot. That is not a very attractive picture of the unregenerated heart. Hence man's great need.

Third: It is a great salvation because it is a great remedy. It is the only remedy for man's trouble, which is sin. There is no other name given under heaven among men whereby we can be saved but the name of Jesus. When there was no eye to pity us, and no arm to save, with His own arm He brought salvation. His eye did pity and His arm saved. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed. We all like sheep had gone astray, everyone had turned to his own way but the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all. It is a great remedy for it is adequate to the entire need of our souls. David cried out, Bless the Lord oh my soul, who forgiveth all thine iniquities and healeth all thy diseases.

He not only forgives our actual sins and blots out our transgressions, but He will also heal the wound of our spirit, cleanse our hearts from inbred sin. The psalmist also cried, purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Isaiah also said, wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes, etc. Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel ye shall be devoured, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Yes, how shall we escape if we neglect? That is all we have to do to be lost, just neglect.

If we neglect our health we get sick. If we neglect our business we go bankrupt. If we neglect our buildings they get out of repair, and rot down. If we neglect our souls we will be lost. Our Lord asks another question which is

very similar to the one in our text. He said, "What will it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his soul, or what shall a man give for his soul?" May the dear Lord help us all, to neglect Him no longer: but come as thou are in loving surrender, give Jesus thy heart. Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake His way and the unrighteous man His thoughts and let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon.

A PICTURE

From Scotland comes this beautiful and touching story: One of the rough and hardy fishermen of the northeast coast was long famous—or infamous—for his drinking propensities. When money was in his pocket it was never long before drink had its way with him. A visitor to the little village noticed in this man's cottage a very beautiful picture, Holman Hunt's Light of the World, and spoke of it.

"Aye, that's a guid picture," said the fisherman, and he told this story about it.

"I was far down with drink," he said, "when one night I went into a 'public' and there hung this picture.

"The sight of it sobered me and I said to the innkeeper, 'Sell me that picture; this is no place for the Saviour.' So I gave him all the money I had and brought the picture home. Then as I looked at it again, the words of my old mother came back to me. I dropped to my knees and cried, 'O Lord Jesus, will you pick me up again and lift me out of all my sin?'"

The prayer was abundantly answered. Today in that little Scottish town the fisherman is the leader in every good cause.

When the visitor asked him if it had not been a struggle, a look of exaltation flashed over the rugged face as he replied, "When such a Saviour comes into the heart He takes the love o' drink out of it."—From an old Youth's Companion.

Lord of pots and pans and things; since I've no time to be

A saint by doing lovely things or watching late with Thee,

Or dreaming in the dawnlight or storming heaven's gates,

Make me a saint by getting meals, and washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands, I have a Mary mind;

And when I black the boots and shoes, Thy sandals, Lord, I find.

I think of how they trod the earth, what time I scrub the floor,

Accept this meditation, Lord, I haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love, and light it with Thy peace;

Forgive me all my worrying, and make all grumbling cease.

Thou who didst love to give men food, in room or by the sea,

Accept this service that I do—I do it unto Thee.

—Margaret Bailey

—(Selected by S. C. Page)

Bruce Barton, in the American Magazine, says: "The World War cost * * * to all participants was equal to \$20,000 for every hour since Jesus of Nazareth was born. The next war * * * will probably result in the wreck of civilization."

—Selected.