

Prophet's Column

"The Lord's Prayer"

If you could get saved any time you want to, then Christ would not be eternal life. Note the words, **THAT HE SHOULD GIVE ETERNAL LIFE...** A gift is received from the outside. How could you, a dead and totally depraved sinner, give yourself eternal life. You cannot. Salvation is of the Lord, (Jonah 2:9). You are an earthly creature, you cannot give yourself anything heavenly. All we see in our churches today is man-made methods to get sinners saved. Not a one of them will work. It is not within the power of any sinner to save himself. And this saying, "just give me 10 minutes with a sinner and I can lead him to Christ," is a trick of the Devil. No man can lead a sinner to Christ. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. But since our preachers don't know the Holy Spirit, they have to substitute man-made methods to win souls to Christ. Which in fact do not win souls to Christ, but makes the twofold more of the child of Hell. Now, you can get mad with these truths and me all you want to, before you are ever saved you'll acknowledge I'm giving you the truth. And before you can be saved, you are going to stop criticizing God's servant. You'll never be saved as long as you are finding fault.

Look at these words, "AS MANY AS THOU HAST GIVEN HIM." There's the doctrine of election. The Bible does not teach universal salvation. As long as I was a free-willer I believed in universal salvation. All over the religious world it is taught that all a sinner has to do is change his mind and that is salvation. Some of these free-willers have been harping that repentance is a change of mind. I'll grant you that there is a change of mind, but, oh, the change of mind that takes place when a sinner is truly repenting!

Yes, repentance is a change of mind, but it is far different than you have any idea of. Repentance is a acknowledging what God says about you. You become a "yes man" to God. He shows you what a worm you are and that you love sin rather than Him. And you admit that to Him. Have you ever been walking down a road on a hot summer day and come across a dead carcass? You stood there for a second and saw the maggots eating and having their fill of all the rotten and stinking flesh. What a horrible sight, you say. And then you took a stick and made an opening in the dead carcass, letting in light; every maggot tried to go deeper in the carcass at the entrance of light let in by the opening



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made with the stick. **THAT'S YOU!** That is how God sees you. In your natural state you are just a maggot who lives nothing but a rotten carcass (sin). Would you think that such a maggot could do anything to enter Heaven and sit in the presence of a holy and righteous God? A million times no. Sinner friend, you are that worm, and there is nothing you can do to clean yourself up and make yourself presentable before a thrice holy and righteous God. Now, someone may say, "Then I don't have a worm's chance of being saved." That's right, on your own strength you don't have a worm's chance to be saved. But don't despair, the

Lord Jesus Christ died to save such a worm as you see yourself to be. The sinner who sees himself like this is an object of God's election before the foundation of the world, (Eph. 1). When Adam fell in the Garden of Eden, the whole human race became just worms in God's sight. But before the foundation of the world, God elected a certain number out of the fallen race of mankind, gave them to the Son, and Christ came and died for that elect number, and no one else. Christ said, "AS MANY AS THOU HAST GIVEN HIM." He did not say everybody. And you cannot read universal salvation into the Word of God. Now the multitudes of our preachers and personal soul winners are saying a

sinner can get saved of he wants to. But did you ever stop to think that no sinner by nature can want to be saved? Did you? To want to be saved cannot come from the human nature any more than those worms in that dead carcass could have wanted light let in by your stick. If they had wanted the light, they would not have tried to bury themselves deeper in that rotten flesh. Every sinner, when the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ shines into your darkened heart even just a little, tries to run to the dark. You don't want you heart exposed. You don't want to face the fact that you are a lost sinner. You want to continue in your sleep of death. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness (sin) rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil (loves evil) hateth the light, lest his deeds should be reproved," (Jn. 3:20). There you have it. A sinner does not want to come into the presence of the Lord and have his heart opened to see himself as he is before God. Get this, every sinner will have his heart opened, but not all in mercy. Hell is a mad house of awakened sinners. What these awakened sinners are seeing now under Holy Spirit conviction, is what you unregenerate hearts will see in its fullest one minute after death.

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