

Prophet's Column

"The Cursed Man"

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Over and over again in Holy Writ the blessed Holy Spirit gives us a very clear picture of the two distinct classes of souls living on this earth. Every individual living is in one of the two classes. In some passages of Scripture they are called the "saved and lost," in others, the "cursed and blessed," or the "wheat and the tares." Every soul is either saved or lost, there is no middle ground! You either know Christ or you don't know Him. How is it in your case? Which class are you in? All are eternity bound and will spend eternity in Heaven or Hell. Where will you spend eternity? I thank the Lord I am in Him and Heaven bound. Just as certain as if I were already there. That's right. There has been a widespread teaching down through the centuries that a person cannot know they are saved until they die. Well, that is a false teaching out of Hell. And anyone who teaches such doctrine is an enemy of your soul and you are a fool for listening to him. Every soul out of Christ is foolish. You were born as a foolish one.



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You even go to your synagogue without thinking about Him. Your thoughts are on worldly things you plan for the next week. You don't go there praising the Lord for saving a hell-deserving sinner like you. Get this; "the soul who has never seen himself as a hell-deserving sinner is not saved!" Meet the multitudes of today anywhere and there is scarcely a word about the Lord. When you do hear the name of Christ or God mentioned, it is linked with profanity and vulgarity. So, we are living in a generation that is cursed. The evidence of that is that you don't meditate on Him. You cannot meditate on the Lord, thanking Him for saving such a wicked sinner as you are, and then go out and drag His name in the muck and mire. His name is precious to all redeemed souls. Is it precious to you? It is to me.

There is only a thin cobweb of mercy holding every cursed soul out of Hell. In just the last few minutes that thin cord has been cut many times over and cursed souls have plunged into eternity without Christ. They cannot come back from Hell to warn you. I'm warning you, but you will not have it. One day soon you, too, shall depart this life. Friends, oh, my friends! If you depart this life as you came in, then it can be said of you as it was said of Judas: "it had been better for that man that he had not been born." Your never dying soul is not to be played with. You will spend eternity in either Heaven or Hell. How can you trifle with your eternal welfare? I would that multitudes of you could get your eyes opened to your lost condition. If you did, it would scare you to death.

But you are going to be awakened to your lost condition here or there in eternity. There is mercy now if you'll turn to Christ in repentance. When a lost soul wakes up in Hell it wishes it could get back on the earth for another chance. We saw that in the case of the rich man there in Luke 16. He died a cursed man and lifted up his eyes in Hell, tormented in the flame. You can be foolish and call that story a parable if you want to, when you die you won't call it a parable. God's Hell is just as real as God's Heaven. I make no apology to any man for the truth I have been declaring for

over twelve years since God saved me. I know what it means to be lost and deceived. I know what it means to be delivered by the power and blood of Christ. Once I was deceived and blinded as the multitudes are. My heart had departed from the Lord. I know the condition of every blinded soul. I weep for you. There is no deception like religious deception. Our religious folks are the most blinded in the world. If you knew Christ, I could find fellowship in Him with you. A young man here can't rest without slandering me. His heart is running over with hatred. He is miserable everywhere he goes. I would not be in that man's place for ten million worlds. A curse rests upon you. Anathama, maranathama! The lost will never know the folly of fighting the Lord and His people until they lie in the dust. There is no hope after death for you when you die lost. Which way will you die? "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Will that be you? The cursed soul who lived under the truth will endure the greatest punishment in Hell.

These proud, religious women in my family will receive a greater damnation in Hell than the harlots down on Trade Street. It's an awful thing to live deceived, and worst of all to die deceived. You spurn the Gospel now, but then you'll look back and wish you could get back on the earth for another chance. About ten years ago, or more, I was speaking in a certain church, a Bible teacher there rebelled against the message and closed her Bible. She is looking back now in regret. Will that be you? I plead with you not to go that way. Turn to the Lord now while there is still hope. Father, mother, brother, friend, preacher, will you turn to Christ?

I invite you to continue listening to my late Pastor, L.R. Shelton, with THE VOICE OF TRUTH each Sunday morning at 7:30 over WAGI-FM and over WAGL-AM at 8:00. May you turn to the Lord.

Salvation is knowing Christ as your Lord and Saviour. Then, how could you be saved and not know it? Pray for the discovery of your soul in this life, friends, for if you fail to come to a true knowledge of your true self here, here, in eternity, to your regret, you'll discover your soul there.

"Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD." (Jer. 17:5). Here, the Lord announced a curse upon the man who trusts the arm of flesh and whose heart has departed from the Lord. How about you? Is your trust in man? Has your heart departed from the Lord? How many of you go about your daily tasks never with one thought about the Lord all day? Great multitudes of you.

Family Dollar Reports

Record Sales And Earnings

Family Dollar Stores, Inc. (NYSE symbol FDO), discount store chain operating 816 stores in 15 states ranging as far North as Pennsylvania and Ohio, South to Florida and West Virginia and Louisiana, this week announced all time record high sales and earnings for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1984, and for the fourth quarter of fiscal 1984.

Sales for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1984, were \$1,019,236, or 29 percent above sales of \$786,440,407 for fiscal 1983. Net income for fiscal 1984 was \$23,737,327, or 50 percent above net income of \$15,725,580 a year ago, and earnings per share increased to \$1.24 for fiscal 1984 compared to \$0.83 for fiscal 1983.

The fourth quarter of fiscal 1984 produced the highest sales and earnings in any fourth quarter of record sales and earnings when compared to the same periods in prior years. For the fourth quarter ended August 31, 1984, sales were \$263,322,645, or 28 percent above sales of \$205,722 for the fourth quarter of fiscal 1983. Net income was \$6,226,921, or 38 percent above net income of \$4,524,758 for the comparable quarter of the prior year, and earnings per share increased to \$3.33 from \$2.34.

The company also reported the declaration by the Board of Directors of a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per share payable January 15, 1985, to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 14, 1984.

Leon Levine, Chairman of the company, stated that the record results in fiscal 1984 demonstrates the continuing appeal to today's value-conscious consumer of the company's low overhead, standardized approach to merchandising. He noted that the 29 percent increase in sales and 50 percent increase in earnings in

fiscal 1984 were particularly impressive as they follow a 27 percent sales gain and 47 percent earnings increase in the prior fiscal year. The results in fiscal 1984 produced a net return on sales of 6.9 percent and shareholders' return on average equity of 29.3 percent.

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