

# Scriptural Truths

## E-Mail Meditations

The Lord Will Come . . . Perhaps Today . . . Behold, I Come Quickly . . . Rev. 22:7

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### How Ignorant Can Man Be?

June 26, 2025 a meteorite fragment fell to earth. The University of Georgia geologist, Scott Harris, reported to Fox news the fragment came from an asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter and was billions of years old, actually older than the earth which the believers of evolution say is 4.56 billion years old. Thankfully, the only one who was there when the rock was formed was God, and He has told us His order in creation (Gen. 1:1- 2:3).

- a) It is recorded by the holy man Moses, which was revealed to him by God that the earth was created before the stars (Gen. 1:16). "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Pet. 1:21). has said, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Rom. 1:22). A true understanding of creation begins with God. The moment God is left out of the equation and man lets his own thoughts direct him, he is on a downward path because God is the only one who knows the order in which He created. He is the only one who can reveal that order.

#### His New Creation

However, not only is God able to tell how He created the earth, the first man and woman, He is also the only one who can inform us how we were created and what has gone wrong. God is the only one who can reveal to us our true spiritual condition and the only way to be sure of Heaven. Just as a doctor diagnosis our physical condition, so God our spiritual condition. At times a doctor may not know what the problem is nor even how to treat an illness. That never happens to God. A doctor can and at times does make a mistake in his diagnosis and that can be serious or even fatal. God never does. When I was told I had cancer, how foolish it would have been had I gone to a manager in a bakery and asked him what my problem was and he told me, you have tonsillitis and I denied the doctors diagnosis. How foolish I would have been.

Yet, that is exactly what untold millions do regarding Salvation. They go to a man with the title Rev. before his name and call Him pastor, yet the man himself cannot give the assurance of Salvation. All He can say is for example, "you have been a good neighbour, a great helper in the church, I am sure God will be gracious to you". God says I will tell you the truth, I will tell it clearly so there is no misunderstanding, 'there is only one way of salvation and that is wholly dependent on the work of Christ on the cross'. It is not being a good neighbour, a great helper in the church and Christ, it is Christ alone and nothing else. If an individual is determined to listen to a man and not God, then the individual will die in their sins, and the Lord Jesus said, "Ye shall die in your sins, and where I am, ye cannot come" (Jn. 8:24). That is as plain as it can be.

- a) God's first diagnosis is, each one of us has a fatal spiritual illness and that spiritual illness ends in the second death (Rev. 20:14; 21:8) which is being banished under the judgment of God for all eternity. This is very serious. Sin is in you and I by birth, and that cannot be changed.

- b) God's second diagnosis is, you cannot stop sinning and nothing that defileth will ever enter Heaven. Because we have no understanding of the holiness of God, we have no comprehension of the multitude of our sins or the seriousness of them. To enter heaven something must be done with what we are by nature and change us so that sin is not appealing. This is where the stark fact comes into focus. We are condemned no matter what we do and it is fatal.
- c) God's answer. First consider the matter of our inborn sinful nature which cannot be changed. The most sincere moral activities an individual can do can never take away sin. The ancient apostle wrote, "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins" (Heb. 10:11).
- d) Then with relief the Lord points us to His Son bearing our sins in His own body on the tree. Consider this carefully. It is God speaking through Peter the apostle. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" (1 Pet. 3:18). Observe the following:
  - i) "Christ also hath once suffered for sins". That means there is no other sacrifice, no other needed addition of religious rituals is needed, and if God's way is rejected, then the consequences and the execution of judgment is eternal. "The just for the unjust". That is, Christ the just one suffered for each of us who are unjust. We are distorted human beings marred by sin and every iota of wrong done, every tint of defilement had to be righteously removed.
  - ii) Only God, through the work of the Lord, can make each of us a new person, can cleanse and remove all our sins. When I put my clothes in the washing machine, they may be a little soiled, if they may be badly soiled, it does not matter, they will be made clean by the washing. God says, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5). Heaven is an assured anticipation and when one can lie in bed at night knowing that if death comes, it is simply the door to Heaven and home.
  - iii) The decision is the individuals, it is an either or situation. God has done all He can, and if the individual refuses salvation on His terms, then the consequences are eternal judgment.

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