

**MISSING THE GREAT ESCAPE**  
Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 29 May 2022

**Attention Step:**

**SHOW SLIDE -- HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE?**

*-Hebrews 2:3 -- How shall we escape, if we neglect **so great salvation**; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;*

**SHOW SLIDE -- Who Here Likes to escape or avoid danger?**

**(click to show things which could prevent escape)**

- What could prevent escape?
  - No warning
  - Not believing the Warning
  - Postponing response to the warning
  - No ability to escape
  - Treating current activities as more urgent than escape.

**SHOW SLIDE – INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS**

**Introduction:**

-There is a real danger facing all of mankind

**(click to show God’s warning of danger)**

-Shortly after creation God gave Adam a warning of this danger

*--Genesis 2:17 -- “...of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”*

**(click to show that death ushers in eternal destiny)**

-Ever since, death has been the primary doorway which ushers human beings into one of two eternal destinies. After death, the eternal destiny they’ve chosen is irrevocable.

*--Hebrews 9:27 “... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”*

**(click to show horror of failing to escape)**

-One of those two destinies is so horrible all people should want to escape it.

*--Matthew 25:41 & 46 -- ““Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: ... And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: ....”*

**(click to introduce tract and link to lesson at end of handout)**

- Introduce TRACT, “HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE!”
- Point them to the LINK at the end of their handout which gives access to
  - The tract
  - One page version of the tract
  - A copy of their handout
  - Full notes
  - PowerPoint slides for this lesson.
  - Audio recording of lesson (in a week or so)

### **Overview of Lesson**

#### **SHOW SLIDE OF OVERVIEW**

- 1. Neither devils nor people deserve salvation.**
- 2. God suffered greatly in providing this salvation.**
- 3. If you neglect this costly salvation you have no hope!**

### **Body of Lesson:**

**(click to highlight POINT 1)**

#### **1. Neither devils nor people deserve salvation**

**-Adam’s sin introduced sin and death to all mankind**

--Romans 5:12 – “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**(click to show devils never offered salvation but believe & tremble)**

-When Satan and the angels who followed him sinned, no escape from eternal punishment was ever provided for them.

-James wrote the following to scattered followers of Christ.

--James 2:19 -- “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”

**(click to show demonstration of this by Gadarene devils)**

-This fact was demonstrated by the many devils inhabiting the Gadarene demoniac when they saw Jesus coming.

--Matthew 8:29 -- “And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?”

-Ultimately the time, God has foreordained, for their eternal punishment to begin, shall come, and they know it!

**(click to show most of humanity will be lost)**

--Most of humanity will join them there at Jesus’ command.

---Matthew 25:41 -- “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”

**(click to show proof of most being lost)**

--How do we know this will be the destiny of MOST of humanity?

---Matthew 7:13-14 -- 13 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait [**narrow**] is the gate, and narrow [**troubled**] is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

**(click to show Jesus answer to question about few being saved)**

----Jesus refers to this strait gate and narrow way when someone asks if its true that only few shall be saved.

-----Luke 13:23-24 -- “23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, 24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.”

----EXAMPLE: NYC subway turnstile -- hard to get through with baggage.

**(click to highlight POINT 2)**

## **2. God suffered greatly in providing this salvation.**

-The Serpent in the wilderness illustrates this

--John 3:14 -- “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:”

---Why is Christ represented by a serpent?

---It is because He was bearing serpent-initiated sins on the cross

**(click to show Christ bore the punishment)**

-Christ bore punishment for our sins -- not His own.

--1 Peter 2:24 -- “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

**(click to show God turning His face from Christ bearing our sins)**

-Our sins which He bore were so odious to the Father that He turned His face away from His Son during those hours of darkness.

--Prophesied by the Psalmist

---Psalms 22:1 -- “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?”

--Prophesy fulfilled!

---Matthew 27:46 -- “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (repeated in Mark 15:24)

**(click to show infinite payment)**

-It was an INFINITE payment!

--Because God’s holiness is infinite each sin against him is an infinite infraction against infinite righteousness and earns infinite punishment.

--Multiply this by the many sins of each of God’s chosen, and we have an incomprehensibly infinite penalty.

--Our minds cannot even grapple with this enormity

---Example of Dad contemplating the enormity of space.

-Christ bore this infinite punishment on the cross.

-THIS IS TRULY A GREAT SALVATION!!!

**(click to highlight POINT 3)**

### **3. If you neglect this costly salvation you have no hope!**

-Reiterate theme verse

--Hebrews 2:3 -- “*How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;*”

**(click to show Peter’s realization of Christ his only hope)**

-Peter’ realization: Jesus had told his followers that they had no ability to come to Him unless it was given to them by His Father.

--John 6:65 -- “And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.”

**(click to show reasons for man’s inability apart from Christ)**

---This is because the natural, spiritually dead, fallen heart of man has no innate capability OR DESIRE to choose Christ and abandon sin.

---This is why God’s repeated references to “The Elect” and to “Election” is so important.

---This was SO offensive to Jesus’ followers that many of them abandoned Him right then and there. The very next verse shows this.

----John 6:66 -- “From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.”

---Fallen Man resents being told he doesn’t have a sovereign “FREE WILL”

**(click to show Jesus’ question to disciples)**

-In response to this, Jesus asked His twelve disciples if they would also leave.

--John 6:67 -- “Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?”

-I love Peter’s response!

--John 6:68-69 -- “68 Then Simon Peter answered him, **Lord, to whom shall we go?** thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”

**(click to highlight SUMMARY)**

### **SUMMARY**

-Peter realized that, without Christ, salvation is impossible. There was no other way to obtain forgiveness and salvation.

-If anyone dies having rejected or neglected this great salvation, he or she will be doomed forever!

-God the Son, Jesus Christ, the crucified, risen and ascended Lamb is the **ONLY SAVIOR**

--John 14:6 -- Jesus saith unto him [Thomas], I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

### **DISPLAY CLOSING COMMENTS SLIDE**

#### **Closing Comments**

NOTE: The following items associated with this lesson can be obtained at the link below

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- A copy of your handout for this lesson
- Full lesson notes with Scripture texts and references
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- PowerPoint slides for this lesson
- The article “HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE” (single page format)
- The article “HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE” (Tract format)

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