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ARE YOU LISTENING

Vance Havner said, "Two little girls were looking at the great picture with Christ at the door. One asked the other, "Why don't they let Him in?" The other replied, "Maybe they are down in the basement and can't hear Him." Too often we are down in the basement of our lower selves, the cellars of sin, and we hear not His voice. The big question today is not, "Is God speaking?" but "Are you listening?" Yes, I am afraid that many Christians are down in the depths of the old man and out of fellowship with God. Jesus said, **"He that hath ears, let him hear..."**

THE VALUE OF A SOUL

Spurgeon wrote: "Did you ever think of the value of a soul? Ah! Ye have not heard the howls and yells of hell; ye have not heard the mighty songs and hosannas of the glorified; ye have no notion of what eternity is, or else ye would know the value of a soul." Yes, we believe in hell and that the unsaved will spend eternity there and in the Lake of Fire. But does it bother us? Have we ever won a soul to Christ? Do we seriously try? That poor man in Luke 16 said, "I am tormented in this flame." What are you personally doing to give the lost the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ?

THE WATCHMAKER'S WORD

A preacher went into a jewelers, a watchmakers, to pick up his wife's watch. On a panel there were more than 100 watches awaiting repairs. He asked, "What's wrong with all those watches?" The man said, "Everything's wrong with them. Some of them are dirty, some need oil, some have broken hands, some of them tell lies, they are slow or fast. They are no good the way they are!" "Why don't they just fix themselves?" Looking a little puzzled, the watchmaker said, "Because they can't fix themselves. They need an expert." Men are like watches: there is all kinds of things wrong, all kinds of sin, and they can't fix themselves though some are trying. They need an Expert! There is only One – Jesus Christ the Son of God! He said, **"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."**

LET'S NOT HAVE ANY CONTROVERSEY

We are living in a day when for the most part, controversy is out. The prevailing attitude is that found in Isaiah's day. The temperament of the people was: **"Which say unto the seers, See not, and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits."** Isaiah 30:10. Of course, one thing that leads to controversy is to speak with authority. But no one spoke with greater authority than Jesus and no one had more controversy than He. But of course, He was right and the people were wrong. You may travel through this world on one of two roads – the broad road or the narrow road. See Matthew 6:13,14. The broad road is wide enough for everyone and every philosophy. But remember this, it leads to destruction (to put it in stronger, but Biblical terms) it means a place called hell. You may not believe it; you may say that such a place does not exist, etc, That will change nothing! You don't have to travel that road. You may receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior and thus get on the narrow road that leads unto life. Jesus said, **"I am the way...no man cometh unto the Father but by me."**