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WHERE CAN I GET AWAY FROM CHRISTIANS?

A young man was brought up in a Christian home. However, as he grew up he refused to believe the Gospel and became rebellious. Finally, he said, "I am sick and tired of Christians." He packed his bags and left home saying, "I am going to find a place without Christians." He boarded a train only to find two Christians sitting behind him discussing the Bible. He got off at the next stop and entered a restaurant. Next to him sat two ladies talking about the Lord's return. Then, he boarded a ship only to find a group of happy young people from a Christian Bible School. He decided to go down to the bar, and on the way he ran into the captain of the ship. He said to the captain, "Say, can you tell a man where he can find a place to get away from these accursed fanatics, these Christians?" The skipper looked up and said, "Yes, just go to hell! You won't find any Christians there!" What a solemn thought! Friend, are you on the way to Heaven or hell?

WHOSE APPROVAL DO YOU WANT?

A young man once studied under a world-renowned violinist. Eventually, the time came for his first recital. Following each selection, despite the cheers of the crowd, the performer seemed dissatisfied. Even after the last number, with the shouts from the audience louder than ever, the talented violinist stood watching an old man in the balcony. Finally, the elderly one smiled and nodded his approval. Immediately, the young man relaxed and beamed with happiness. The applause of the crowd meant nothing to him till he had first won the hearty approval of his famous teacher. So, too, the Christian must do all he does looking for God's approval and that will be his sufficient reward. Let us labor for the Lord in such a way that when we see Him, He will be able to say, "**Well done, thou good and faithful servant...**"

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST & PROMINENT DOCTRINE

Both the Old and New Testaments are filled with promises of the Second Coming of Christ. There are 1845 references to it in the Old Testament, and a total of seventeen Old Testament books that give it prominence. Of the 200 chapters in the entire New Testament, there are 318 references to the Second Coming, or one out of every thirty verses. Twenty-three out of the twenty-seven of the New Testament books refer to this great Biblical doctrine. The four missing books are three one-chapter letters written to individual persons on a particular subject and the fourth is Galatians which does imply Christ's coming again. For every prophecy on the first coming of Christ, there are eight on His second coming. -Copied. "**Look up for your redemption draweth nigh.**"

YOU MUST GO DOWN TO GO UP WITH GOD

F.B. Meyer said, "I used to think that God's best gifts were on shelves, one above the other, and the taller we grew in Christian character, the easier we could reach them. I have now found that God's gifts are on shelves, one beneath the other, and it is not a question of growing taller, but of stooping lower, and that we have to go down, always down, to get God's best gifts." "**Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.**" ~1 Peter 5:6. True humility is one of the rarest things in this world, and yes, in the church also. Jesus is our example in all things and He said, "**Take my yoke upon you and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**" ~Matthew 11:29