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GOD'S WORD IS THE LAST WORD!

Decisions in the U.S. Supreme Court are rendered on Monday mornings. The bailiff calls for order and the decisions are read. All anyone can do is listen. There is no appeal. No one is allowed to say anything. How much more so concerning God's pronouncements in His Word. Habakkuk 2:20 says, "**The Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.**" You had better listen to God! In Romans 3:19 it says that the Law was given "**that every mouth may be stopped.**" While it is sad that the ungodly heed not His pronouncements, it is even more tragic that many Christians go on day after day ignoring His Word, even disobeying it.

HOPE IN CHRIST OR NO HOPE!

During World War I Scottish evangelist John McNeill went to France to work in the Y.M.C.A. (still Christian then). He was introduced to the General in charge who wanted to give him some suggestions about his preaching. He wanted McNeill to tell the men that if they died for their country, it would be all right in the next world. McNeill said, "General, if one of the men under your command were to win the Victoria Cross for valor, and I were to belittle the deed by which it was won, you would not like it. General, you are cheapening my Lord's sacrifice." That ended the conversation! There is ONE WAY to be saved - belief in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on Calvary! "**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**" ~Acts 4:12.

SPURGEON ON DEFENDING THE FAITH

Must we not defend the faith...? It is very pretty to read of Luther and his brave deeds. Yes, yes, everybody admires Luther, but you don't want anybody to do the same today. When you go to the Zoo, you all admire the bear, but you would not want a bear wandering the streets. That would be unbearable! We admire a man who was firm in the faith 400 years ago; the past ages are sort of a bear-pit or iron cage, but such a man is a nuisance today, and must be put down. Call him a narrow-minded bigot and give him a worse name. Yet imagine in those past ages if Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, etc. had said, "The world is out of order, but if we try to set it right we shall only make a great row, and get ourselves into disgrace. Let us go to our chambers, put on our night caps and sleep over the bad times and perhaps when we wake up things will be better." Age after age would have gone down into the infernal deeps. These men loved the faith and the name of Jesus too well.