

"DON'T TURN HIM AWAY"



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“DON’T TURN HIM AWAY”**LUKE 2:7 - REVELATIONS 3:20****INTRODUCTION**

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT HAPPENS, AND, ALL TO OFTEN IT HAPPENS.

EVERYDAY SOMEWHERE JESUS, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, COMES TO SOMEBODY AND KNOCKS ON THEIR HEARTS DOOR, AND HE IS TURNED AWAY.

- AFTER ALL, I DARE THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE TO COME AND DISTURB THEM.
- I DARE THE KING OF KINGS TO AROUSE THEM FROM THEIR SPIRITUAL SLEEPINESS.
- I DARE THE LAMB OF GOD, COME AND INTERRUPT THEIR PRIVATE LIFE..

THEREFORE, THEY TURN HIM AWAY.

- THEY TURN HIM AWAY: WITHOUT EVER GIVING IT A SECOND THOUGHT.
- WITHOUT ANY APPARENT REMORSE OR REGRET.
- WITHOUT EVER REALIZING THE CONSEQUENCES.
- WITHOUT EVER COUNTING THE COST OF THEIR ACTIONS.
- WITHOUT ANY ASSURANCE OF EVER GETTING ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.
- WITHOUT REALLY UNDERSTANDING WHO JESUS TRULY IS, THEY TURN HIM AWAY.

HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE TURNED HIM AWAY WITHOUT FULLY CONSIDERING ALL THE BENEFITS HE BRINGS, SUCH

AS; PEACE, JOY, MERCY, FORGIVENESS, GRACE, HOPE AND OTHER BLESSINGS.

MANY HAVE TURNED HIM AWAY;

- BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT TO REPENT OF THEIR SINS;
- BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO BUSY WITH OTHER THINGS;
- BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO BE THEIR OWN MASTER;
- BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T COMPREHEND HIS PURPOSE AND MISSION;
- BECAUSE THEY FELT THAT THEY JUST DIDN'T NEED JESUS;
- BECAUSE THEY DENY THE IMPORTANCE OF CALVARY AND THE CROSS;
- BECAUSE THEY THINK THAT THEY HAVE PLENTY OF TIME.

“WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TURN HIM AWAY?”

- TO TURN HIM AWAY IS AN ACT OF IGNORANCE BECAUSE YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING;
- TO TURN HIM AWAY IS AN ACT OF IRRESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE YOU ARE REFUSING TO ACCEPT LIFE'S GREATEST OPPORTUNITY.
- TO TURN HIM AWAY IS AN ACT OF SELFISHNESS BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT BEING VERY CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS OVER WHOM YOU MAY HAVE INFLUENCE.
- TO TURN HIM AWAY IS AN ACT OF SELF-DESTRUCTION BECAUSE YOU ARE ENDEAVORING TO COMMIT SPIRITUAL SUICIDE.

- TO TURN HIM AWAY IS AN ACT OF BLASPHEMY BECAUSE YOU ARE DENYING THE VERY LORD WHO BOUGHT YOU WITH A VERY DEAR PRICE.
- TO TURN HIM AWAY IS AN ACT OF SHEAR FOOLISHNESS, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH YOU MAY SAY YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A GOD, YOU STILL ACT AS IF THERE ISN'T.

YOU MAY ASK, "PASTOR, HOW DO I REJECT HIM? HOW DO I TURN HIM AWAY?"

- YOU TURN HIM AWAY: WHEN YOU REJECT HIS TEACHING.
- WHEN YOU REFUSE HIS INVITATION.
- WHEN YOU IGNORE HIS WORD.
- WHEN YOU NEGLECT HIS FELLOWSHIP.
- WHEN YOU RESIST HIS LEADERSHIP.
- WHEN YOU DOUBT HIS PROMISES, YOU TURN HIM AWAY.

"WHY DOES JESUS KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR?"

- HE'S THERE SEEKING TO SAVE YOU FROM ETERNAL DAMNATION;
- HE'S THERE TO LIFT YOU OUT OF THE GUTTER OF SIN;
- HE'S THERE TO GIVE YOU EVERLASTING LIFE;
- HE'S THERE TO RECONCILE YOU BACK TO GOD;
- HE'S THERE TO RESTORE YOUR SELF-RESPECT;
- HE'S THERE TO REMOVE YOUR DOUBTS AND FEARS.

- HE'S THERE TO SATISFY YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS, SO PLEASE DON'T TURN HIM AWAY.

“WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT JESUS THAT I SHOULD NOT TURN HIM AWAY?”

- HE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER;
- HE IS THE MASTER OF THE WIND AND WAVES;
- HE IS THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS;
- HE IS THE SAVIOR OF SINNERS;
- HE IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR A LOST AND DYING WORLD;
- HE IS THE WAY , THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE;
- HE IS JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.
- HE IS THE BREAD YOUR SOUL HUNGERS FOR.
- HE IS THE WATER YOUR SOUL THIRSTS FOR.
- HE IS THE REST YOUR SOUL YEARNs FOR.
- HE IS THE JOY YOUR SOUL LOOKS FOR.
- HE IS THE COMFORT YOUR SOUL IS BEGGING FOR.
- HE IS THE HELP YOUR SOUL SO DESPERATELY NEED.

JESUS:

- HE'S THE PERFECT ANSWER FOR YOUR QUESTIONS.

- HE'S THE PERFECT SOLUTION FOR YOUR PROBLEMS.
- HE'S THE PERFECT PEACE FOR YOUR MIND.
- HE'S THE PERFECT STRENGTH FOR YOUR WEAKNESS.
- HE'S THE PERFECT TEACHER FOR YOUR LEARNING.
- HE'S THE PERFECT REDEEMER FOR YOUR SOUL.
- HE'S THE PERFECT RESPONSE FOR YOUR FAITH, SO DON'T TURN HIM AWAY.

JESUS:

- HE'S THE LIFTER OF YOUR BURDENS,
- HE'S THE CALMER OF YOUR CRISES
- HE'S THE SUPPLIER OF YOUR NEEDS,
- HE'S THE GIVER OF YOUR BLESSINGS,
- HE'S THE MOLDER OF YOUR VESSEL,
- HE'S THE HEALER OF YOUR DISEASES,
- HE'S THE FORGIVER OF YOUR SINS, SO DON'T TURN HIM AWAY.

LISTEN TO ME, AND LISTEN GOOD. YOU WILL NEVER:

- BE FORGIVEN OF YOUR SINS WITHOUT HIM;
- BE CLEANSED FROM YOUR CORRUPTION WITHOUT HIM;
- BE DELIVERED FROM YOUR BONDAGE, WITHOUT HIM;
- BE RELIEVED OF YOUR STRESS, WITHOUT HIM;

- BE DELIVERED FROM YOUR ENEMIES, WITHOUT HIM;
- BE PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE, WITHOUT HIM; SO DON'T TURN HIM AWAY.

YES, HE'S THE ONE:

- WHO HEARS YOU WHEN YOU PRAY;
- WHO LIFTS YOU WHEN YOU FALL;
- WHO COMFORTS YOU WHEN YOU WEEP;
- WHO WATCHES OVER YOU WHEN YOU SLEEP;
- WHO ASSURES YOU WHEN YOU TREMBLE;
- WHO PROTECTS YOU WHEN YOU TRAVEL, SO DON'T TURN HIM AWAY.

NO, DON'T TURN HIM AWAY, BECAUSE:

- NOBODY CAN DO WHAT HE CAN DO;
- NOBODY CAN GO WHERE HE CAN GO;
- NOBODY CAN FIX WHAT HE CAN FIX;
- NOBODY CAN HELP WHAT HE CAN HELP;
- NOBODY CAN INSPIRE LIKE HE CAN INSPIRE;
- NOBODY CAN HEAL LIKE HE CAN HEAL;
- NOBODY CAN BLESS LIKE HE CAN BLESS, SO DON'T TURN HIM AWAY.

DON'T TURN HIM AWAY BECAUSE:

- YOU WILL NEVER BE AN OVER-COMER, WITHOUT HIM;

- YOU WILL NEVER HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN,
WITHOUT HIM
- YOU WILL NEVER BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE,
WITHOUT HIM;
- YOU WILL NEVER HAVE UNSPEAKABLE JOY,
WITHOUT HIM;
- YOU WILL NEVER ENJOY TRUE PEACE OF MIND,
WITHOUT HIM;
- YOU WILL NEVER BE PREPARED TO DIE,
WITHOUT HIM,
- YOU WILL NEVER MAKE IT INTO HEAVEN
WITHOUT HIM, SO DON'T TURN HIM AWAY.

LET ME ASK YOU, "IF YOU TURN HIM AWAY, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?":

- WHEN TROUBLES AND TRIALS COME YOUR WAY?
- WHEN STRESS AND STRAIN MOUNTS UP AGAINST YOU?
- WHEN DISCOURAGEMENT DOGS YOU DAY AND NIGHT?
- WHEN FEARS AND DOUBTS BEGIN TO TORMENT YOU?
- WHEN EVERYTHING YOU'VE WORKED FOR FALLS APART?
- WHEN YOU DRAW YOUR LAST BREATH, AND TAKE YOUR LAST STEP? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

WHEN YOU TURN HIM AWAY, YOU TURN AWAY SALVATION

"FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED." [ACTS 4:12]

WHEN YOU TURN HIM AWAY, YOU TURN AWAY LIFE. *“IN HIM WAS LIFE; AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN”*
[JOHN 1:4]

WHEN YOU TURN HIM AWAY, YOU TURN AWAY PEACE.
“FOR HE IS OUR PEACE” [EPHESIANS 2:14]

WHEN YOU TURN HIM AWAY, YOU TURN AWAY BLESSINGS.
“BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BLESSED US WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST” [EPHESIANS 1:4]

WHEN YOU TURN HIM AWAY, YOU TURN AWAY COMPASSION AND LOVE.

“FOR GOD IS LOVE” [1 JOHN 4:16]

WHEN YOU TURN HIM AWAY, YOU TURN AWAY TRUTH:

“I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.” [JOHN 14:6]

WHEN YOU TURN HIM AWAY, YOU TURN AWAY THE SOLID FOUNDATION:

“FOR OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY THAN THAT IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.” [1 COR. 3:11]

WHEN YOU TURN HIM AWAY, YOU TURN AWAY YOUR SAVIOR:

- BECAUSE IT WAS JESUS WHO GAVE UP HEAVEN TO COME TO EARTH.
- IT WAS JESUS WHO WAS BORN IN A STABLE AND LAID IN A MANGER;
- IT WAS JESUS WHO WAS WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES;
- IT WAS JESUS WHO WAS REARED IN NAZARETH,
- IT WAS JESUS WHO WAS BAPTIZED IN THE JORDAN,

- IT WAS JESUS WHO WAS TEMPTED IN THE WILDERNESS.
- IT WAS JESUS WHO PERFORMED MIRACLES IN A DESERT PLACE.
- IT WAS JESUS WHO PRAYED IN GETHSEMANE;
- IT WAS JESUS WHO WAS TRIED IN PILATE’S HALL.
- IT WAS JESUS WHO WENT TO CALVARY, EARLY ONE FRIDAY MORNING AND DIED FOR YOU AND ME.
- IT WAS JESUS WHO WAS BURIED IN A BORROWED TOMB.
- **BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, IT WAS JESUS WHO GOT UP OUT OF THE GRAVE, WITH ALL POWER IN HIS HAND.**

SO, DON’T TURN HIM AWAY. BECAUSE “HE IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE.”