

"A Letter From God"

Just imagine for a moment that you received a packet of material from the God of heaven, the creator of all things. Now, in this material He tells you about two spiritual worlds, one of blissful peace and the other of anguish and pain. He explains how these two spiritual worlds are eternal; once one arrives in either he or she will remain there forever. He then explains how each individual is really a dual person, one physical and one spiritual. The physical one shall die as all men do, but the spiritual one will go into one of those two spiritual realms that He has told you about. Then, in great detail He explains what the determining factor or factors will be for entering each of these two realms. He explains in detail what you must do if you are to enjoy heaven for eternity.

Now, just what will you do with all this information? Will you ignore it and burn in hell for eternity? Will you obey it and enjoy heaven? Will you hold it to yourself and never tell anyone else about it? Or, will you share this treasure with the world?

The fact is that we do each have such a valuable revelation from the creator of the world. It is called the Bible. It tells us about heaven and how to get there. It is the ONLY instruction manual for this purpose. So, the questions above about what you would do with such hypothetical information is really questions to be asked about what you will do with that revelation God has given you. First, will you ignore it and burn in hell for eternity or will you take heed to God's commands and enjoy heaven for eternity? The choice is yours, for God has given you the freedom to make your own decision for your eternal destination. Secondly, if you do determine to obey God's word, will you then began spreading the good news around so that others will have the same opportunity to reach heaven, or will you hold it back from the world around you and hope someone else will tell them about it?

Friends, God has blessed those of the this age with advantages that man never knew prior to the death of Christ on the cross. Now, why is it that so many, even Christians, take for granted these opportunities that God has given? Why can't we all realize how serious this matter is? Is it because of ignorance or is it possibly because of materialism. You can lay up your treasures on this earth if you want to, but they will be burned up. Then where will you be?

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What Concerns You?

All have concerns. Some are very concerned at this present time about the financial situation of America. Some are likewise very concerned about the upcoming elections. Both of these warrant some concern, but surely there must be something else that people are concerned about.

Well, how about abortion, drugs, gangs, education, rape and other violent crimes? Certainly they should concern us too, but isn't there anything else?

The number one concern that each and every person should have is what will happen to them when this life is over. And, second is what will happen to all our friends and loved ones when their lives on this earth is over.

We realize our job is important to us. We know that God authorized working for a living and condemned those that would not work (I Thess. 4:11; II Thess. 3:10). Yet, if concern for our job keeps us from serving God acceptably, we need to change jobs.

Health is important. God warns about abusing our bodies which are the temple of the Holy Ghost (I Cor. 6:19). A healthy body will be very beneficial in our efforts to serve God. But, if our concern for our bodies exceeds our concern for reaching heaven, we are not seeking first the kingdom of God.

Family is important. God said that one that did not provide for his own house was worse than an infidel (I Tim. 5:8). We are exhorted to love our spouse and our children (Tit. 2:4; Eph. 5:24). However, if we are more concerned about our family than about pleasing God, we are likely to miss that which should concern us most, getting to heaven (Matt. 10:37-39).

Jesus said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37). The world is in great need of a good dose of concern for souls, beginning with our own. It's about time that people, yea even Christians began to take the subject of eternal salvation seriously. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Not my way, your way or their way, but God's way! Think seriously about this.