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Readings: Daniel 5v25-28,v30

It is currently holiday time and people are trying to lose weight. What weight are you?

“[Weighed in the balances and found wanting](#)”

Belshazzar the King of Babylon a self made man had a party and invited guests. He had the time of his life, he used the holy vessels for drinking wine from. He thought he was in control.

A hand appeared on the wall and started to write and an interpretation of the words had to be given.

He is not unlike you and me, God would say the same about us. We are weighed in balances and found wanting. The Bible gives no exemption clause. “[All have sinned and come short of the glory of God](#)”(Rom 3:23). “[sin when it is finished bringeth forth death](#)” (James 1:15). Sin is the biggest problem you will ever have, sin takes you to the place called hell. Hell is a place of punishment and torment for those still in sin.

It all stems from the fall. Adam and Eve were in the garden with one rule. There was one tree that they were not to eat of. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Following the temptation by the devil they took of the fruit and became sinners. They could then no longer be what God was.

Sin will keep you out of heaven. Most think they will get to heaven one day, they say that they are not too bad and try and justify a way in.

If you have not got the Saviour, the Lord Jesus, you will never be in heaven. “[I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me](#)”(John 14:6). You cannot get there your own way, you are doomed to fail.

We can read of a young man who came saying he had kept all the commandments. He thought he was good enough for heaven yet, he had put his possessions between him and God. He felt the cost was too much.

God is not like you and I, He does not make mistakes and fail. He is holy, perfect and just. He must punish sin. If He swept sin under the carpet He would not be God.

The Bible describes our best deeds as filthy rags. Things we would discard.

Isa 53:4-6 “[Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all](#)”.

There was someone who could take away sin, He could bear it upon Himself. It had to be one who could not sin, the only person was the Lord Jesus, the Son of God.

He left heaven because He loved me and you. He came to the world and was rejected. Are you rejecting him? Do you hear and ignore, as much rejecting him as the ones who crucified Him.

The most incredible work He did was at Calvary “[visage marred more than any man, form more than sons of men](#)” (Isaiah 52:14).

The sufferings at the hands of men could not pay for sin, hence why the 3 hours of darkness – supernatural darkness. God punished His Son instead of me, God put my sins upon the Lord Jesus.

Have you ever believed on the Lord Jesus Christ? Have you had your sins forgiven?

What are you going to do with the Lord Jesus? Are you going to thank Him or try to suffer for it yourself?

If you do it yourself you will suffer forever. What an awful prospect if God is not your Saviour. The work is done, all you need to do is believe it.

The work of Calvary is not about you, it is about Him.

In hell there will be no excuses, God sends nobody to hell – it is your choice. The Saviour or your sins? Heaven or hell? - there is no middle ground.

The thieves by the cross had a wonderful opportunity crucified beside the Lord Jesus. It was too late for any self effort, one turned to the one who could save him, “[Lord remember me](#)” (Luke 23:42) He got the response “[today shalt thou be with me in paradise](#)” (Luke 23:43).

Nobody is too bad for God.

Christ died for sin.

Heb 3:15

Are you going to wait? Are you going to put it off?

God's offer of salvation is for now.

You leave the hall tonight without the Saviour at your peril. You are not promised tomorrow, many tonight will pass into eternity (2 Cor 6:2)

“[What is your life but a vapour?](#)”(James 4:14)

Life is short. As Christians we have nothing to fear in death “[o death where is thy sting?](#)” (1 Cor 15:56) for we will be at home with the Lord. “[Absent from the body and at home with the Lord](#)” (2 Cor 5:8). Death ends the time when we can be saved.

Luke 16 tells of a man separated from God in hell had no way out.

John 14:3 - “[I will come again](#)”- Said nearly 2000 years ago.

He is giving you a chance again to get saved. He could come tonight, if it happened now would you be left behind? Opportunity over, time up.

Don't put it off, don't waste time.

Have you still got the weight of sins? Have you given it to the Lord Jesus?

“[Christ died for our sins according to scripture](#)”(1. Cor 15:3)