



# WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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## FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,  
I welcome you to this new month and present to you July 2022 edition of Watchman's Trumpet. This month, our theme is "Divine Judgment" (Genesis 18:16-33)

God is a God of justice and mercy. In the expression of these attributes like any of His other attributes, He is perfect; He is perfectly just and merciful. To downplay one aspect of God's attribute at the expense of the other is simply blasphemous. Hence, God is not more merciful than just, neither is He more just than merciful. Many will learn this lesson when it is too late.

For instance, God has always and will always punish sin and wrongdoing including believers' sins and wrong-doing. If as a believer you will escape God's wrath and fierce judgment against sin - your sins in time and in eternity, it will be because someone else has been punished; someone else has suffered in your place. This person is Jesus Christ.

Christ's sacrifice atoned for the sins of those who believe in Him. He took their place and bore their punishment (Isaiah 53:4-6) Hence there is no more condemnation for us who come to God through Jesus Christ; who have confessed our sins and have turned away from them to embrace Christ as our individual Lord and Saviour. For those who have not, their sins remain and the consequences too. On the Day of Judgment they shall render account and be punished. This means eternal torment in Hell and the Lake of fire. The Bible stated so (Revelation 20:11-15).

God's judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah and other cities in the fertile plains of Jordan River sends clear warning to all who will live ungodly lives till the end of time to get ready to bear the consequence. This edition of Watchman's Trumpet is produced to underscore and highlight that warning including what God expects of believers; and our responsibility as the events that preceded divine visitation to Sodom and Gomorrah and subsequent judgment is being replayed before our eyes in almost all nations of the world today.

Lot escaped; you can escape - you will escape if you take God's warning serious and the voices of God's servants warning daily on our streets and through different media like ours - You will escape. This magazine is to help you do just that. My prayer for you as you read, is that God will save, equip and empower you to escape. Welcome!

## AVERTING IMMINENT JUDGMENT: INTERCESSOR'S ROLE

"And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great



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and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?" **Genesis 18:16-23**

Our text revealed how the Lord confided in Abraham about His imminent judgment and destruction of sinful and wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and Abraham's response. What made Abraham God's confidant was also clearly revealed in the passage including Abraham's prayer and God's answer. These events and lessons are the

focus of this message as we consider these three topics:

1. Abraham's position in God's kingdom
2. The prayer of Abraham for perishing souls
3. Profit and preservation of Abraham's people: evidence of answered prayer

### 1. Abraham's position in God's Kingdom

*"And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God". James 2:23*

*"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God" Ezekiel 22:30-30.*

An intercessor is one who pleads with God on behalf of people, families, cities, the church and nations. Intercessory role is a great responsibility. The initiative and motivation for involvement in intercessory ministry starts with God.

The longsuffering of God and His love for men created in His image make Him to give revelation and place a burden in the hearts of believers, sinners' and wicked men's fellow humans who are close to Him so they can pray and plead for His mercy upon them when judgment is imminent; so that He will not destroy them.

The fact that the Lord was not in hurry to depart from Abraham in His journey to Sodom meant that He wanted and expected Abraham to do something about the information He gave to Him on the imminent destruction of these cities. Abraham took the cue and began praying for God's mercy. The first thing he did was to draw nearer to God. He was able to stand in God's presence and draw closer to God because of certain qualities that we expect to find in any effective intercessor today. First Abraham was a believer.

He was a father of believers, He was a selfless, loving, caring and compassionate man. God is pure and cannot stand the sight of evil Habakkuk 1:13a. A sinner or wicked man cannot stand in God's presence or have fellowship with Him the way Abraham did.

### 2. The prayer of Abraham for perishing souls

*"Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" Joel 2:17*

Abraham prayed six times as he progressively reduced the number of possible righteous, God's people in this city to 50, then to 45, then 40, 30, 20 and 10. God's answer in each instance was in the affirmative. Bible scholars are still debating until today why he stopped at ten and did not present numbers lower than that. One great lesson is that God did not limit Abraham. He was the one who stopped.

There are certain elements in Abraham's prayers that we all need today to pray effectively. These include faith in the efficacy of prayer, knowledge of God's will and intention, understanding of God's character especially His justice and mercy, vision of burning cities before it actually happened, he was bold and confident but humble in his choice of words, he persisted and persevered. Because of all these, all his requests were granted and prayers answered. Today your prayer will be answered!

### 3. Profit and preservation of Abraham's people: evidence of answered prayer

*"And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt" Genesis 19:29.*



Answer to the prayer of Abraham can be attested to by fact that his family members - just few of them reckoned as righteous heard and believed the Gospel preached to them by sent angels (Genesis 19:12-13) and escaped.

Secondly, angels assisted them to escape when they lingered Genesis 9:16. They escaped divine judgment upon these wicked cities. Even their city of refuge Zoar was spared. God still answers prayers. Generally, we learn from this event that there are consequences for living in sin on earth and eventually in eternity. The sins that men commit cry up to God for vengeance and judgment. The more the sins, the more the threshold of cries going up to God; cries of those who are suffering and hurting from the effect and consequences of your sins. At a particular level and measure, God's judgment will fall Genesis 15:16. However, God will and can spare unbelievers from His wrath and torment of judgment if He finds sufficient believing and faithful Christians calling upon Him and standing in the gap. It is the greatest motivation and encouragement the Lord wanted to extend to all intercessors and all men from our text today to inspire them to pray for themselves and for others.





## ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parable said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

## WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



### *Prayer Points - For July 2022*

1. Thank God for the privilege of intercessory ministry and prayers
2. Thank God for the privilege of receiving answers to prayers; ours and that of others
3. Pray that God should equip and anoint us for effective intercessory life and ministry
4. Pray for faith of our world and men in our generation in the preached gospel; pray that the word of God will prevail and have power in the lives of men
5. Pray that God should have mercy on all believers who have gone astray, restore them and protect them from destruction.
6. Pray that the grace of God will work mightily in the hearts and lives of sinners today so that they will take God’s warning seriously
7. Pray for total freedom from sin and sustained continuous righteous living by all believers in our nations
8. Pray for grace to abstain from all appearances of evil
9. Pray for everlasting life and eternal glory when your life on earth and time of service to the Lord is over

“..... *men ought always to pray, and not to faint*,” **Luke 18:1**

May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - **AMEN!**

Watchman Prayer Hour holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office in 78/80 Nepa (IBEDC) Building, Opposite U.I. Second Gate, Ibadan . Oyo - State. You can also follow us on any of our Social media platforms during the prayer session and send inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

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## SALVATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS

*“And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust”* **Genesis 18:23-27**

Our text recorded God’s conversation with Abraham over the fate of wicked and sinful cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Today, we call it prayer but in actual fact, it is a conversation. Prayer is conversation. The text and tone of conversation matters to all parties involved. Abraham was bold and confident but humble in his choice of words during the conversation. This is an important lesson for those who pray today. The way men shouts on demons to cast them out, you cannot talk to God like that. God must be honoured in our lives every day.

God in our text seeks a number of “righteous” men who had not been corrupted by the wickedness of lifestyle and manners in Sodom and Gomorrah so that He could for their sakes spare these cities from destruction. The implication of this is the focus of this message as we consider these three subtopics:

1. God’s search and census of the righteous in wicked cities
2. Meaning and mandate of righteousness
3. Model and reward of righteous living

### 1. God’s search and census of the righteous in wicked cities

*“Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it”* **Genesis 18:28.**

*“... for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity”* **Psalms 98:9.**

Certain noteworthy facts emerge on righteousness and righteous living in God’s conversation with Abraham in our text; we must take note of them:

1. God is the Judge of all the earth **Genesis 18:25**
2. God’s judgment is not arbitrary but based on set standards; standards of commitment to righteous living or otherwise **Genesis 18:25-26**
3. God’s judgment has a set time and fixed day only known to God
4. On the set Judgment Day God will save or keep alive the righteous and destroy the wicked
5. Righteous living will save from disasters and death on the day God visits to judge the ways of men
6. A considerable number of men dedicated to righteous living could provide a temporary cover and offer of second chance to those who are not righteous when disasters and death threatens a community as consequence of divine judgment of sins and wickedness



7. In judgment or any other aspect of His relationship with man, God will always do what is right

God destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because He could not find up to ten righteous persons in them. They are only four.

### 2. Meaning and Mandate of Righteousness

*“... seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”* **Mathew 6:33.**

*“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”* **Titus 2:11-12**

The fate of the large population of men, women and children in Sodom and Gomorrah on that fateful day was determined by their commitment to righteousness, righteous living or otherwise. These therefore are concepts of utmost importance and their study deserves great attention from heaven-bound pilgrims today.

Our text revealed clearly that righteousness is the opposite of wickedness **Genesis 18:23, 25**. A wicked person makes sin and sinning constant continuous lifestyle. The men of Sodom were extremely wicked and sins constantly against the Lord **Genesis 13:13**. This was the reason why they were destroyed. **Jude verse 7** revealed that the fire which consumed and killed them in these cities on earth ushers them into everlasting fire of Hell.

God by precepts, scriptures, teaching, preaching and prophecies commanded and mandated righteous living for all who hope to escape divine judgment, the kind visited on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah or any other type. Men are commanded to stop sinning and do what is right Daniel 4:27, to seek righteousness Mathew 6:33, thirst and hunger after it Mathew 5:6, and make it a standard and measure of our daily lifestyle *“in this present world”* Titus 2:11-12. It is the defining criteria that separate those who have salvation from those that are not born again, and those who belong to God in the world from those who do not.

1 John 3:3-10 states *“Dear children, don’t let anyone deceive you ... when people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous even as Christ is righteous. But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil ... Those who have been born into God’s family do not make a practice of sinning because God’s life is in them, so they can’t keep on sinning because they are children of God. So we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously ... does not belong to God”* (NLT)

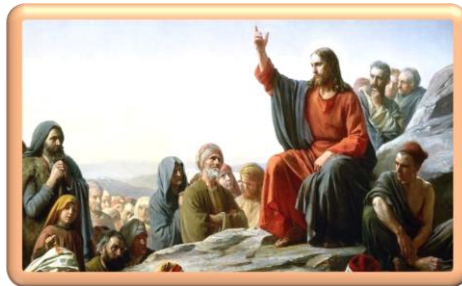
### 3. Model and reward of righteous living

*“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;*



*And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)”* **2 Peter 2:6-8**

*“And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal”* **Mathew 25:46**



To be righteous is to cease from sinning, do what is right and keep doing it (1 John 3:7, Ezekiel 3:20). Repentance and faith in Christ, consistent, continuous obedience to Him and the scriptures guarantees flow of His grace into our lives and grants us access to constant help of the Holy Spirit that makes righteous living a daily reality John 1:12. Lot lived a righteous life in Sodom 2 Peter 2:6-8, Noah Genesis 7:1, Samuel (1 Samuel 12:3-5), Daniel (Daniel: 4-5), Job (Job 1:8) and Zacharias and Elizabeth Luke 1:5 are few among many recorded in the scriptures who lived for God in their own time. People among whom they lived knew and testified that they were different. We can be. Godliness (righteous living) holds in store for all who are dedicated to it great benefits in this life and in the life to come 1 Timothy 4:8.



God loves righteousness Psalm 11:7, He blesses the righteous Psalms 5:12, He watches over them and answers their prayers 1 Peter 2:12. He will deliver them from harm and alarm, danger and death on earth while they are still on assignment for Him Psalms 34:19, Proverbs 10:2 and He will receive them into eternal and everlasting life and glory when their time on earth is over Mathew 25:46.

God turned Sodom and Gomorrah into heaps of ashes and made them an example of what will happen to ungodly people 2 Peter 2:6-8. Wisdom dictates that today, while the door of grace and mercy is still open, you should make use of it by turning away from sin to Christ. Tomorrow may be too late.

**“Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon”**  
**Isaiah 55:6, 7**

## RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

*“And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed”* **Genesis 19:15-17.**

Our text presents a perplexing picture of some people whose sins and iniquities has reached the very presence of God and God’s wrath was to be poured upon them. To majority of citizens in Sodom and Gomorrah, that day was their last day on earth and they do not know it. On that day, evangelistic message through God’s holy angels came to Lot and his family that the end had come, the same way evangelistic message is coming to you today. Lot’s in-laws, fiancées of his daughters who rejected the message and hardened their hearts perished in the overthrow of these cities. “Today, when you hear His voice, don’t harden your hearts

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. The evil of sin and sinning
2. God’s judgment upon sinners
3. The way of escape

### 1. The evil of sin and sinning

*“But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly”* **Genesis 13:13.**

*“And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know”* **Genesis 18:20-21**



*“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin”* **Ezekiel 18:30.**

Sin and sinning does not only bring suffering, it brings death. A lot of premature death today is as a result of sin. *“The soul that sinneth it shall die”* Ezekiel 18:20

The world knew no pain, suffering, sickness or death until sin entered into it. Sin’s presence anywhere will bring suffering. Sin perverts thoughts, imagination, speeches and actions. Sin destroys relationship. Sin paralysis and makes the sinner fearful and powerless. Sin disqualifies from kingdom blessings and eternal life. Sin shuts out men from God’s presence, qualifies sinners for death – spiritual and eternal separation from God and prepares the sinner for eternal torment in Hell. God is angry with the sinner Psalm 7:11 – every day.

### 2. God’s judgment upon sinners

*“For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it”* **Genesis 19:13.**

God’s word revealed that fearful and terrible judgment awaits sinners who failed to repent. In most cases, the direct effect of sinful and wayward life on the sinners’ body, spirit and soul is the first level judgment that was to come upon him. Here on earth, troubles, sorrows, disasters, calamities and woes are reserved by God for all who continue sinning.



There is a sure damnable end to a life lived in sinning against God. You can avoid this by taking God appointed and approved way to escape today. Run for your life. Run away from sin like Joseph did. Repent and turn away from your sins. Don’t let them destroy you! Ezekiel 18:30.

### 3. The way of Escape

*“And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed”* **Genesis 19:17.**

*“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”* **John 14:6**

Lot, his wife and his two daughters escaped the carnage in Sodom. God provided a way of escape for them. Similarly God has prepared a way for all who desires to escape perdition and damnation of Hell today. Jesus is the way John 14:6, 1:29.

Repentance is the pathway to take, followed by expression and confession of faith in Christ; in the blood He shed for the remission of our sins. Repentance is a total turning away from every known sin with a whole-hearted commitment to God never to go back to those sins again. The operational and key word or synonym of “repentance” is “change”. A person who has genuinely repented is one who has changed; who forsook the sins he confessed Proverbs 28:13. It is after that we invite Christ to take over our life and be to us in a personal way a Saviour and Lord 1John 1:9. As many as received Him, He gave power to become the sons of God John 1:12.

God offers forgiveness of sins and full and free salvation to all who come to Christ. It is His appointed and approved way of escape from eternal damnation. Once on that way, you must not renege on your commitment to God and consecration to follow and serve the Lord Jesus Christ until the end. You must not look back. Lot’s wife looked back; she became a pillar of salt and a monument of unbelief. It is those who endure to the end that shall be saved.

## REALITY OF DIVINE JUDGMENT

*“The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground” Genesis 19:23-25*

Our text revealed how divine judgment came upon Sodom and Gomorrah and surrounding cities. The judgment came from God Himself not Satan, evil spirits or wicked men. The Lord from heaven rained down fire and burning sulphur from the sky. From the same source from which rain water falls to grow our crops, put food on our tables and sustain life, rain of fire came down that destroyed everyone and everything in these cities including vegetation. According to Peter, God did that to make them examples and give advance notice of what will happen to whoever till the end of time will chose to live ungodly 2 Peter 2:6

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Sodom’s sins and wickedness
2. The awesome Judge and miracle of judgment
3. Certainty of future judgment and eternal torment for unrepentant sinners

### 1. Sodom’s sins and wickedness

*“But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them”. Genesis 19:4-5*

*“Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” Jude 7.*

Homosexual conduct in Sodom and surrounding cities (Jude 7) was not a shameful abomination practiced in secret like today but a general, socially acceptable, open public fun and entertainment. Their judgment was a clear indication that such practices like any other immoral sins and uncleanness are repulsive to God. Since God has not changed and will not change (Malachi 3:6), what attracted His wrath and judgment in the past will still do so today notwithstanding human excuses for indulging in them.

### 2. Awesome Judge and miracle of judgment

*“And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath” Deuteronomy 29:23*

*“And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness” Psalm 9:8.*

Fire falling from heaven instead of rain was a miracle – a miracle of judgment. It was not the only time such happened in the scriptures. Egyptians Exodus 9:24, Nadab and Abihu Numbers 10:1-2, and Israel’s Army that wanted to arrest Elijah 2 Kings 1:9-12 suffered the same fate.

God is a Judge, the only Judge of all living. Justice and judgment are the foundations of His throne. He owns and rules the world. All creatures are accountable to Him for their actions. He closely monitors and scrutinizes their deeds and shall reward everyone accordingly. His laws written in men’s consciences before the written laws came, like it was in the days of Abraham sets prescribed standards for life and relationship. God is interested and in some cases His words prescribed how we should use our bodies.



He will never leave the guilty unpunished Nahum 1:2-3, 1 Chronicles 21:7. Those who appear to have escaped definite, present, physical, earthly punishment have unquenchable fire of Hell waiting for them at the end of their earthly lives except they repent Luke 16:22-24.

### 3. Certainty of future judgment and eternal torment for unrepentant sinners

*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” Hebrews 9:27*

*“Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire” Luke 3:8-9*

Scattered all over the scriptures are the reality and certainty of end-time judgment. A day have been set in which God will judge all works of men in righteousness through one man that He has appointed – Jesus Christ Acts 17:30, 31. That day is described in the scriptures as the Day of the Lord Hebrews 9:27, Mathew 16:27, Daniel 7:9-10. On that day, the details of the life of men who has ever lived and all that they did while they were on earth and in the physical body shall be audited. Even Satan and his angels shall be judged Mathew 25:41-46, Mark 9:42-46. Those who rejected the gospel (or believers who backslid) shall suffer worst fate on the Day of Judgment than the citizens of Sodom. Jesus said so. Only repentance can save a man from the wrath to come Mathew 3:7-10, Luke 3:7-9.

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**William Tyndale** was born about 1494 in Gloucestershire. He came from a family of landowners and wool merchants. He had two brothers. His family was well off and William was educated.

In 1515 he was at Oxford University and began studying theology. However, he was appalled that studying the subject did not involve reading the Bible! At that time the Church greatly neglected the Bible and many clergymen were woefully ignorant of the scriptures. William Tyndale was a God-fearing man and he began studying the Bible himself and teaching some of his fellow students from it.

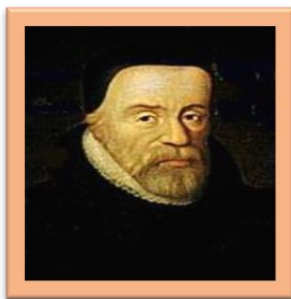
He returned to Gloucestershire and got a job as a tutor to the children of Sir John Walsh. He also became a popular preacher. He was keen to teach people from the Bible. However, he soon found himself accused of heresy and was summoned before the bishop's chancellor. The Bishop threatened and seriously reprimanded him. Nevertheless, no action was taken against him at that time.

Tyndale was keen to translate the New Testament from Greek into English. He was a brilliant linguist fluent in Greek, Latin, Spanish, French, and German; he later taught himself Hebrew. He needed permission to translate it and in 1523 he went to London. There he continued his preaching. However, he was unable to obtain permission to translate the New Testament. Eventually, Tyndale realized he would never be allowed to translate the Bible while in England so in 1524 he moved to Germany.

While in Germany, he translated the New Testament from the original Greek into English. The new translation was printed in 1526 and copies were smuggled into England. Catholics in England were alarmed. The bishop of London banned the new translation calling it '*pestiferous* (breeding disease) *and most pernicious poison dispersed throughout our diocese of London*'.

## MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

**WILLIAM TYNDALE**  
1494 - 1535



In October 1526 he burned many of its copies. In spite of this, the book continued to circulate.

In 1538 he published a book called "*The Parable of the Wicked Mammon*". (Mammon is an old word meaning material wealth). It was banned in England in 1530. Also in 1528 Tyndale published a book called "*The Obedience of a Christian Man*" in which he attacked the corruption and superstition which was rife in the Church in England at that time. He then began translating the Old Testament from Hebrew into English. Meanwhile, in England, Thomas More an anti-reformist viciously attacked William describing his translation of the New Testament by Tyndale as unworthy to be called Christ's testament. Despite More's hateful words, the English translation continued to be smuggled into England and it circulated widely.

Sadly in May 1535, William Tyndale was betrayed by an Englishman called Henry Phillips. He was arrested and tried for heresy. In October 1536 he was martyred. He was strangled and then burned in the market square of Antwerp. His last words were '*Lord open the King of England's eyes*'.

### SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

*"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*

## SONG OF THE MONTH

### I DREAMED THAT THE GREAT JUDGEMENT MORNING

1. I dreamed that the great judgment morning  
Had dawned and the trumpet had blown  
I dreamed that the nations had gathered  
To judgment before the white throne  
From the throne came a bright shining angel  
And stood on the land and the sea  
And swore with her hand raised to heaven  
That time was no longer to be

*And oh, what weeping and wailing  
As the lost were told of their fate  
They cried for the rocks and the mountains  
They prayed, but their prayers were too late*

2. The rich man was there, but his money  
Had melted and vanished away  
A pauper stood there in the judgment  
His debts were too many to pay  
The great man was there, but his greatness  
When death came, was left far behind  
The angel that opened the records  
No trace of his greatness could find

3. The widow stood there and the orphans  
God heard and remembered their cries  
No sorrow in heaven forever  
God wiped all the tears from their eyes  
The gambler was there, and the drunkard  
And they who had sold them the drink  
With people who gave them the license  
Together in hell they did sink

4. The moral man came to the judgment  
But self-righteousness would not do  
All the men who had crucified Jesus  
Had passed off as moral men, too  
And the souls that had put off salvation  
*"Not tonight, I'll get saved by and by  
No time now to think of religion"*  
But at last they'd found time to die

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