

Accept Or Decline – Your Choice

“Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate”, Psalm 34:21–22.

Two major points arise from the Scripture above,

1. God will not destroy the wicked. He will punish them with an everlasting punishment.

Those who hate the righteous, the very people who have been extending a hand of fellowship to them, will be surrounded by those who only know hate.

2. God, by the gift of His Son on a wooden Cross, has ensured the safe keeping of His Servants.

Those who take and receive God’s Hand of fellowship will not know desolation, for they have been received into the family of God.

Friend, if you decline any part of the Fathers Offer, although hell will be packed, it will be a lonely eternity.

Unlike the Jews who returned from their seventy year captivity in Babylon, there is no return for the captives in hell.

To those of you who have accepted the Lord’s Call, it is not just a case of sitting back, and awaiting your call into eternity.

Let me give you an illustration. My mobile phone will tell me verbally, and show me on its face who the caller is.

I have been with a family for most of the morning arranging a funeral service for their late grandfather.

I arrived home late for lunch, I am having a few minutes with my wife, and over a cup of tea, we are admiring God’s Beauty in His Creation.

I am hoping to finish my cup of tea before a young couple arrive for marriage counselling, and I still have to prepare for a ministry meeting that evening.

My mobile springs to life, and announces that family X is ringing. They come to church every six weeks or so,

I decline the call by not answering, and it immediately rings again!

At the third ring, I answer the call, and say, “Can I ring you back please, I have a young couple about to arrive”.

There is turmoil in my body. A voice in the phone is saying “We need you right away”.

The family earlier have asked me to speak on the Scripture, “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him”, John 14:23. Grandfather had apparently been waiting for the Lord to say. “It is time to move out”.

A third voice in my body is making itself heard, “When I called you, and you accepted, did I not say ‘Follow Me’”

The call on the mobile was both extremely serious, and urgent, and I was soon on my way.

A half drunk cup of tea on the table, and my wife waiting for a young couple to reschedule their appointment.

When we accepted the call from Jesus, He did not say ‘I just have to check your references’. Forgiveness was immediate.

The Father and the Son took immediate possession of your life.

There is no clause in the contract saying, ‘Sit back and wait’.

Sitting back and waiting is the same as declining the call!