

WHAT DOES NOT SAVE MY SOUL?

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

These are the things that cannot save your soul: False gods, angels, philosophy and traditions, statues, saints, the dead, no man or woman, the Bible, religion, or good works.

THE FALSE GODS

Deut 13:1-8 "When a prophet or a dreamer arises in your midst, and tells you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder of which he has spoken to you is fulfilled, and he says to you, 'Let us go after foreign gods whom you have never known, and let us serve them,' you will not heed the words of that prophet or that dreamer, for the LORD your God tests you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. If your brother, your mother's son, or your son or your daughter or your wife, who rests on your womb, or your friend, who is like another yourself, want to deceive you in secret, saying, "Let us go, let us serve other gods," those whom neither you nor your fathers have ever known, gods worshipped by the peoples around you, near you or far from you, from one end of the earth to the other, you will not consent, you will not listen to him; your eye will have no pity for him; do not spare him, do not justify him;

Gal 1:6-7 "I marvel that you pass so quickly from him who called you by the grace of Christ to another gospel. Because then there is no other gospel; but there are some who disturb you and want to subvert the gospel of Christ.

Mi 4:5 "While all peoples walk every man in the name of his god, we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever."

1 Chr 16:26 "For all the gods of the peoples are vain idols, but the Lord made the heavens."

THE ANGELS

Gal 1:8 "But even if we or an angel from heaven preach to you a gospel other than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Rev 19:9-10 "And the angel said to me, 'Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" Then he added, "These are the truthful words of God." I (John) prostrated myself at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Take care not to do it. I am a servant like you and like your brothers who guard the testimony of Jesus: worship God! Because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Rev 22:8-9 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had seen and heard them, I fell down at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me, to worship him. But he said to me, "Take care not to do it; I am a servant like you and like your brethren, the prophets, and like those who guard the words of this book. Worship God!

PHILOSOPHY AND TRADITIONS

Cl 2:8 "See that no one makes you his prey by philosophy and vain deceit, according to the tradition of men, and to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ;

1 Tim 6:3-6 "If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not hold fast to the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the doctrine that is according to godliness, he is proud and knows nothing; but he fixates on questions and disputes of words, from which arise envy, strife, backbiting,

bad suspicions, bitter arguments of people who are corrupt in mind and devoid of the truth, who consider piety as a source of gain.

STATUES AND IDOLS

Ex 20:1-6 "Then God spoke all these words, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Have no other gods besides me. Do not make for yourself a sculpture, or an image of anything that is in heaven above, or here below, on earth, or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them, nor serve them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God; I punish the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, and I use kindness, to the thousandth generation, to those who love me and keep my commandments.

Deut 4:15-19,23 "Since you did not see any picture on the day that the Lord spoke to you in Horeb out of the fire, take good care of yourselves, lest you become corrupt and make for yourselves any sculptures, the representation of any idol, the picture of a man or a woman, the picture of one of the beasts of the earth, the picture of a bird flying in the heavens, the figure of a beast crawling on the ground, the figure of a fish living in the waters under the earth; and also that, raising your eyes to heaven and seeing the sun, the moon, the stars, and all the heavenly host, you may not be drawn to bow down before those things, and to worship them, for these are the things which the Lord thy God hath left for all the peoples that are under all the heavens. Beware that ye shall not forget the covenant which the LORD your God hath made with you, and that ye shall make a sculpture which shall be the image of anything which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

Le 26:1 "You shall not make for yourselves or set up idols, or sculptures, or monuments. In your land you shall not set up graven stones to bow down before them, for I am the LORD your God.

Deut 16:21-22 "You shall not put any idol of Astarte made of any wood by the altar which you shall build to the LORD your God; neither shall you set up any statue, which the LORD your God hates.

Is 44:14-18 "Cedars are cut down, elks and oaks are taken, and the trees of the forest are chosen, pines are planted, which the rain makes grow. Then all this is used by man to make fire, and he takes it to warm himself, he also lights the oven to bake bread; and he also makes a god of it and worships it, he carves an image of it, before which he kneels. With the surplus he makes himself a god, his idol, prostrates himself before him, adores him, prays to him and says to him: "Save me, for you are my god!" They know nothing, they understand nothing; they have filled their eyes so that they do not see, and their hearts so that they do not understand.

Rom 1:23 And they have changed the glory of the incorruptible God into images like those of corruptible man, birds, four-footed animals, and creeping things.

Deut 32:17 "They sacrificed to demons who are not God, to gods whom they had not known, new gods who have recently appeared, whom your fathers had not feared.

1 Corinthians 12:2 "You know that when you were heathen you were dragged after dumb idols, according to how they were conducted.

1 Thess 1:8-9 "For the word of the Lord has echoed with you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but the fame of your faith in God has spread everywhere, so that we need not speak of it; for they themselves tell what was our coming among you, and how you turned from idols to God to serve the living and true God.

THE SAINTS (including Mary)

Ac 14:8-15 There was a man in Lystra who, paralyzed in the foot, sat always and, because he was lame from birth, had never been able to walk. He heard

Paul speak, and he fixed his eyes on him, and saw that he had faith to be healed, and said in a loud voice, "Rise to your feet." And he jumped up, and started walking. When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the Lycaonic language, "The gods have taken human form, and have come down to us." And they called Barnabas Jupiter, and Paul Mercury, because he was the one who gave the speech. The priest of Jupiter, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought bulls and garlands before the gates, and wanted to offer a sacrifice with the crowd. But the apostles Paul and Barnabas, when they heard this, tore their garments and sprang into the midst of the crowd, crying, "Men, why do you do these things? We too are human beings like you; and we preach to you that out of these vanities you turn to the living God, who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them.

THE MAN OR WOMAN

Mt 19:25-26 When his disciples heard this, they were astonished, and said, "Who then can be saved? Jesus fixed his gaze on them and said, "This is impossible for men; but with God all things are possible."

Ps 146:3-4 "Do not trust in princes, nor in any son of man, whom he cannot save. His breath goes away, and he returns to his land; on that day his plans perish.

Ps 49:7 ... no man can redeem his brother, nor pay God the price of his ransom.

1 Corinthians 1:13-14 "I mean that each one of you declares, 'I am Paul's'; 'I of Apollo'; 'I from Cephas'; 'I of Christ'. Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in Paul's name?

Rom 1:25 "They who turned the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature instead of the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Ac 10:25-26 "As Peter entered, Cornelius went to meet him and knelt

before him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Arise, I am a man too."

THE DEAD

Lk 16:22-31 "It came to pass that the poor man died, and was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died, and was buried. And in Hades, being in torments, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar, and Lazarus in his bosom; and he exclaimed: "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water to cool my tongue, because I am tormented in this flame." But Abraham said: "Son, remember that you received your possessions in your life and that Lazarus likewise received evils; but now here he is comforted, and you are tormented. In addition to all this, there is a great chasm between us and you, so that those who would like to pass through here to you cannot and cannot pass through us." And he said, "I beg you, therefore, Father, that you send him to my father's house, because I have five brothers, that I may testify these things to them, and that they also may not come to this place of torment." Abraham said: "They have Moses and the prophets; listen to those". And he: "No, father Abraham; but if anyone from the dead goes to them, they will repent." Abraham answered, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded even if one of the dead is raised.'"

THE BIBLE

Joh 5:39-40 "You search the Scriptures, because you think that through them you have eternal life, and they are the ones that bear witness to me; yet you do not want to come to me to have life!

RELIGION

Ac 2:5,7-11,22-24,37-39 "And in Jerusalem there were Jews sojourning, religious men from every nation under heaven. And they all amazed and

wondered, saying, "Are not all these who speak Galileans? How is it that we hear them each speaking in our own native language? We Parthians, Medes, Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and parts of Cyrenaica Libya and Roman pilgrims, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speak of the great things of God in our own languages." But Peter stood up with the eleven, and lifted up his voice, and spoke to them, "Men of Judea, and all you who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen attentively to my words." Men of Israel, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene, a man whom God has accredited among you by powerful works, wonders, and signs that God did through him, among you, as you yourselves well know, this man, when he was delivered into your hands by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you, by the hands of the wicked, nailing him to the cross, you killed him; but God raised him up, having released him from the anguished bonds of death, because it was not possible for him to be held back by it. When they heard this, they were pricked to the heart, and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter said to them: "Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ in every one of you for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For for for you it is the promise, for your children, and for all those who are far off, for those whom the Lord our God calls of it."

THE WORKS

3:5-7 "He saved us, not by righteous works done by us, but by his mercy, through the bath of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which he poured out abundantly upon us through Christ Jesus our Saviour, so that, justified by his grace, we might become heirs of eternal life in hope."

Eph 2:8-9 "For it is by grace that you have been saved through faith; and it does not come from you; it is the gift of God. It is not by virtue of works

that no one can boast of them.

2 Tim 1:9-10 "He saved us and made a holy call to us, not because of our works, but according to his purpose and the grace that was given to us in Christ Jesus from all time, but which has now been manifested by the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

WORSHIP OF DEMONS AND THE DEAD

Everything that is adored, venerated, prayed to, asked for grace that is not God our Father Creator, Lord and Saviour, is addressed without knowing it to the demons, hidden behind creatures, dead men and women considered saints or idols and statues, this is an abomination in the eyes of the Lord.

Eze 20:32 What goes through your mind when you say, we will be like the nations, like the families of other countries, and we will worship wood and stone.

2 Ch 11:15 And Jeroboam appointed priests for the high places, and for the demons, and for the calves which he had made.

Ps 106:36-38 "They served their idols, and they became a snare to them; they sacrificed their own sons and daughters to demons, and they shed innocent blood, the blood of their own sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was profaned by the shed blood.

Deut 32:17 "They sacrificed to demons who are not God, to gods whom they had not known, new gods who have recently appeared, whom your fathers had not feared.

1 Corinthians 10:20 ... I say that the flesh that the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; now I do not want you to have communion with demons.

Rev 9:20-21 (During the first tribulation in the last days) The rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues did not repent of the works of their hands; they did not cease to worship demons and idols of gold, silver, copper, stone, and wood, which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, nor of their magic, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Acts 7:42 "But God withdrew from them and gave them up to the worship of the army of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets...

Cl 2:18 "Let no one rob you of your reward (that is, of the eternal life received by grace and faith in Jesus) as a pretext of humility and worship of angels, relying on his own visions, puffed up with vanity in his carnal mind...

2 Thess 2:4 "The adversary (Satan), he who exalts himself above all that is called God or an object of worship, even to the point of sitting in the temple of God, showing himself and proclaiming himself God.

Mt 4:10 "Then Jesus said to him, 'Go away, Satan, for it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone you shall serve.'"

Is 8:19 "If it is said to you, 'Consult those who summon spirits and sooth-sayers (magicians who call themselves masters or fortune tellers, reading hands or cards), those who whisper and whisper," answer them, 'Should not a people consult their God? Will he turn to the dead in behalf of the living?

Ac 16:16-18 On our way to the place of prayer, we met a servant girl who was possessed by a spirit of divination. By being a fortune teller, she brought a lot of profit to her masters. She followed Paul and us and cried out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they proclaim to you the way of salvation." He did so for many days; but Paul, annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her." And he went out at that moment.

Only the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God can save your soul

1 Tim 2:3-4 ... God, our Saviour, who wills that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Acts 4:10,12 "Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that this was done in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, and whom God raised from the dead; In no one else is salvation; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given to men, by which we must be saved."

Heb 2:9-10 ... that is, Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the death he suffered, so that, by the grace of God, he might taste death for all. For in order to bring many children to glory, it was fitting that he through whom and through whom all things are should make perfect, through suffering, the author of their salvation.

Ps 62:1-2 (David) Only in God does my soul find rest; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my high refuge; I will not be able to waver.

Ps 98:2 The LORD hath made known his salvation, and hath manifested his righteousness before the nations.

Eph 1:13-14 "In him you also, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him (in Christ Jesus), received the seal of the Holy Spirit which was promised, which is a pledge of our inheritance until the full redemption of those whom God has acquired for the praise of his glory.

2 Tim 2:8-10 Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel, for which I suffer until I am chained as an evildoer; but the word of God is not chained. That is why I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may attain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, along with eternal glory.

2 Tim 3:14-15 "But you continue in the things which you have learned and of which you have acquired certainty, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have had knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, which can give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

1 Thess 5:9-10 For God did not destine us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we should be awake or sleeping, we might live together with him.

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.