

The Doctrine of Lost By Kent Heaton

“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?” (Luke 9:25). Vance Havner commented, “I remember when the Titanic sank in 1912, it was the ship that was supposed to be unsinkable. The only thing it ever did was sink. When it took off from England, all kinds of passengers were aboard – millionaires, celebrities, people of moderate means, and poor folks down in the steerage. But a few hours later when they put the list in the Cunard office in New York, it carried only two categories – lost and saved. Grim tragedy had leveled all distinctions.”

Lost. You don't hear that word much anymore. Jesus told His followers in the sermon on the mountain the majority of people will be lost but it seems the world believes that almost everyone will be saved. It doesn't matter what you believe, how you live, what you do or not do or anything; everyone goes to Heaven (even dogs as some believe). I guess it is hard to accept anyone could be that word lost. Is it possible God will really not let everyone in?

One of the most famous passages in the Bible is John 3:16. Jesus said that God's love was so great that He sent His only Son and those who believed in Him would not that word again (different form) perish. People who perish are lost. They will not receive everlasting life. No. Not going to Heaven. As a matter of fact the Lord described this LOST thing as everlasting fire or punishment. Lost. Not saved!

There are six billion people on this planet and among these six billion mortals are two kinds of folk: lost and saved. Lots of languages, nations, cultures, histories, etc. but only lost and saved people. Which are you? Don't answer that question unless you can prove it from the word of God. Lost? Saved?

“The reason you don't like the Bible, you old sinner, is because it knows all about you.”
(Billy Sunday)

It Takes a Village By Glenn Conjurske

It takes a village (so we're told), to raise a child today.
It takes a village (we reply), to steal his heart away,
To purge old-fashioned do's and don'ts from his enlightened mind,
To leave old fashioned Ma and Pa a hundred years behind.

It takes a village, verily, to teach some mother's son
To steal and gamble, smoke and swear, and vandalize for fun.
His mother didn't teach him that! His father? No, not he!
It takes a village to corrupt, a village verily.

It takes a village, this we know, to teach the maidens sweet,
To dress and act, to look and talk, like women of the street.
It takes a village, not a doubt, to teach a maiden mild,
To save the monkeys, owls, and whales, yet kill her unborn child.

It takes a village public school, some subtle class room chats,
To teach the little boys and girls to act like alley cats.
To teach them of the birds and bees, without morality,
To teach them what to do and how, and tell them they are free.

It takes a village, yes indeed, to brainwash all our youth,
With notions and with fallacies, in place of sense and truth.
Abortion rights! The right to die! The rights of animals!
Creative spelling! Unisex! The rights of criminals!

It takes a village, well we know, to turn their minds awry.
To stand for fancied "Children's rights" and parent's rights deny.
To honor human nature less, and trees and rivers more.
To sacrifice to Mother Earth, and Father God ignore.

"It takes a village," so they say, but something more they mean.
United Nations, Washington, The Liberal machine.
Society, the "Brave New World," the socialist scheme.
The global ideology; It's here... The New World Order Dream!
It takes a village idiot to believe that a family needs instruction from the government to raise a child. (Originally printed in The Old Paths and Ancient Landmarks)

Everything Stinks!

"Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned. Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it; yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it. And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, but they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek Him for all this" (Hosea 7:8-10). Some fraternity members put Limburger cheese very gently on a brother's moustache while he slept. He woke up about an hour later and said, "This room stinks!" He walked into the hall and said, "This hall stinks!" He walked into the living room and said, "The living room stinks!" Then, greatly perplexed as to where the smell was coming from, he walked outside and exclaimed, "This whole world stinks!" And the real problem was right under his nose - just like the sin in our lives. (From 1500 Illustrations for Biblical Preaching, p. 343)

The Gales of Life

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves. Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances. (Jane Truax)

A Moments Wisdom

--Everyone lives in one of two tents: content or discontent.
--Friends are lights in winter; the older the friend, the brighter the light.
--70% of Americans believe in hell; only 4% believe they are going there.
--Most people don't mind criticism, as long as it is about someone else.
--The mind is like a parachute; it works better when it is open.
--Anyone can be polite to a king; it takes a true gentleman to be polite to a beggar.
--Some folks are so busy being good that they forget that they should be busy doing good.
--Children are unpredictable. You never know what inconsistency they're going to catch you in next.
--A fine quotation is as a diamond on the finger of a wise man, but a pebble in the hand of a fool.

- What is the world to a man when his wife becomes a widow?
- Criticizing an egg is a lot easier than laying one.
- Spend more time on your knees and you will have less trouble on your feet.
- Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction.
- He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for that which he has.
- One of the great evidences for the inspiration and infallibility of the Bible is that it has survived the fanaticism and ignorance of both its friends and enemies.
- When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.