Are You Good Enough for Heaven?

Y DEAR FRIEND, the very fact that you are reading a leaflet with this title indicates that you probably believe that there is a paradise called 'heaven' and that you are wondering if you would actually qualify to go there

You are right to believe in the existence of heaven. It is a paradise for people 'good enough' to be in the presence of the Almighty and Holy God, the Creator of the universe. Recently, I had the opportunity to talk to a taxi driver. He, too, believed in heaven and we started talking about it. I asked him if he can go to heaven. He replied, "Yes, I believe I can." I then queried him further, "How does a person go to heaven?" He said, "All religions are basically the same; they all teach you to do good. As long as your good deeds out-weigh the bad, you will go to heaven." I countered, "You feel that the passing mark is 50%, but what if God's passing mark for man is higher? Will you still be able to go to heaven?" He paused and quietly conceded, "I don't know."

My friend, if you are not a Christian, you too, will probably think the same way as the taxi-driver. But what exactly is God's passing mark for mankind to qualify for heaven? You will agree with me, I am sure, that heaven is a perfectly blissful place with no trouble, no unhappiness and no tears. It has to be so, or it would hardly be worth looking forward to. And the Bible does teach that heaven is indeed such a place. This being the case, there can be no sinner in heaven, after all, the presence of any sin, no matter how slight, will spoil the perfection of this beautiful place. If this is the case, then it logically follows that **the passing mark for anyone to enter heaven is 100%**!

So What if I Do Not Go to Heaven?

Just as sure as there is a heaven for the righteous, there is a hell reserved for sinners; if you do not pass, you will perish! You will be cast into hell where there shall be excruciating torment forever and ever. The Word of God asserts this plainly:

Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine: **the** soul that sinneth, it shall die. (Ezekiel 18:4)

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23) But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (Revelation 21:8)

Maybe I Can Attain that Passing Mark on My Own...

If you still feel that you can make it on your own, read on! Just as dirty water can never wash anything absolutely clean, our imperfect and sinful nature can never achieve perfection on its own. If we are really honest with ourselves, no matter how hard we try, we still sin. Every sin is hateful in the eyes of God, no matter how minor it may appear to us. Our righteousness does not even come near to God's standard. The Bible is very clear on this:

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Proverbs 14:12)

But we are all as an unclean thing, **and all our** righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (Isaiah 64:6)

Does That Mean I Will Perish?

Yes and No! Yes, if you are trying to get to heaven by your own efforts. But fortunately God Himself has provided the solution. That's right! That's the good news! God who created us has provided the way—THE ONLY WAY—for weak and sinful men to be reunited with Him. It is our sin which separate us from God, and the penalty for sin must be paid. God is righteous. He cannot just turn a blind eve to sin and take all of us into heaven as we are. Sin must be punished. But the punishment for sin is death—eternal death in hell. And since we can never become perfect on our own, if we land in hell, we will never ever get out. It looks like we have no hope. But thank God He has provided a way out . . . He has taken the punishment due to us on Himself! Jesus is God who came in the flesh. He was born of a virgin; lived a perfectly sinless life; and finally He suffered, bled and died a cruel death on the cross in the place of sinners like you and me:

> For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

> But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like

sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **the LORD hath laid** on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)

But Jesus did not remain dead; as He would if He were just a religious teacher. No, He rose again from the dead after three days, thus proving that He is God and at the same time conquering death on our behalf. He did it not because of our good deeds or that we deserved anything, but out of His love for us. He died in the place of sinners like you and me, so that those of us who believe in Him have the penalty of our sins paid for in full and are thus considered righteous in the eyes of God. Yes, we may indeed die physically one day, but our souls will never die, but will be with God in indescribable joy forever. And what's more, the Bible declares that even our bodies will be resurrected one day when Christ returns.

Yes, friend, there is a way to attain that 100% passing mark! Jesus is the way. The Word of God assures us:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, **that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life**. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. (John 3:16-17) Jesus Himself testifies:

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)

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this? (John 11:25-26)

So, How Can I Attain This 100% Passing Mark?

The Bible teaches us that only God can give you this 100% passing mark by giving you a new birth (John 3:3). God works secretly on our hearts, but you may know He has begun the good work in you if you can say with sincerity that God has spoken to you through His Word and that you know from the bottom of your heart that you are lost and without hope apart from Christ; but more importantly you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died for you. If so, my friend, may I urge you to:

Humbly CONFESS your sins before God, REPENT and RESOLVE to sin no more (Luke 5:32). CRY out to God in your heart, ACKNOWLEDGE that you are a sinner bound for hell, and that Christ alone can save you. Indeed, PLEAD with Him for salvation. Jesus says "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

If you have done all that with wholehearted sincerity, my friend, I must tell you that you have attained the 100% passing mark, you have found the way to heaven. You ought now to purchase a Bible to read it and to join a Bible-believing church. But if not, friend, may I urge you to seek the Lord while He may be found. Jesus says, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:24). Repent and believe the Gospel and you will be saved (Mark 1:15; Acts 16:31). Do not delay; you may not have another opportunity to hear the Gospel again. Read this tract over again, especially the words quoted from the Bible. The truth of God's Word is reasonable and undeniable. Cry out to God for spiritual eyes to understand and to believe in Him (cf. Mark 9:24).

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朋友,若你已全心全意地照着 以上所说的去做,那我要告诉你, 你已达到一百分,也就是找到上 天堂的路了!现在,除了在人的面 前承认自己已经信了主以外(罗 10:9-10),你也应该去买一本圣经 来读,并参加一间笃信圣经的教 会。

但若你还未相信,我劝你早日 归主,因为耶稣曾对众人说:"你 们要努力进窄门。我告诉你们,将 来有许多人想要进去,却是不能。" (路13:24)

盼你能再次阅读这单张,并留 心读从圣经引述的话语。神的话 是真理,也是无可否认的。求神帮 助你打开属灵的眼睛,以便让你 能够明白,并相信他。

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耶稣自己本身也见证道:

- "我就是道路,真理,生命。若不藉着我。
 没有人能到父那里去。"(约14:6)
- "复活在我,生命也在我。信我的人,虽然死了,也必复活。凡活着信我的人, 必永远不死。你信这话么?"(约11:25-26)

"那我要如何达到一百分呢?"

圣经教导我们唯有神能给你一百分, 也就是重生。朋友,若你能诚恳地承认 自己在基督以外没有任何得救的盼望, 并相信神的儿子耶稣能够拯救你,那我 恳求你:

- 谦卑向神承认你的罪,悔改并决心 不再犯罪
- 向神呼求,并承认自己是个罪人,以及唯有耶稣能够拯救你。向神恳求救恩。耶稣说:"凡父所赐给我的人,必到我这里来。到我这里来的,我总不丢弃他。"(约6:37)

因他受的鞭伤我们得医治。我们都如 羊走迷,各人偏行已路。耶和华使我们 众人的罪孽都归在他身上。"—以赛 亚书53:5-6

耶稣不像其他的宗教领袖那样。他 被人钉死后的第三天又从死里复活, 证明了自己的确是神。与此同时,他也 替我们了那稣所以这么做, 不是出了他对我们有所配得, 而是出了他对我们的董行或我们有所配得, 而是出了他对我们的野。他为罪人被, 不在神眼前称义。是的,我们有一天会死, 但那天只是肉体上的死,灵魂却会永远 与神同在。圣经也提到我们的身体会在 耶稣再来的日子复活。

是的!朋友,我们靠主耶稣能够达到 一百分。圣经说:

"神爱世人,甚至将他的独生子赐给他们,叫一切信他的,不至灭亡,反得永生。因为神差他的儿子降世,不是要定世人的罪,乃是要叫世人因他得救。"(约 3:16-17)

乾。我们的罪孽好像风把我们吹去。" — 以赛亚书64:6

"这是否意味着我必定灭亡?"

若你尝试以自己的能力去争取的话, 那结局确是如此。但还好,神自己已为 我们提供了解救的方法。是的!这正是 神赐的好消息!创造我们的神已经为软 弱的罪人预备了一个能与他和好的唯 一救法。

虽然罪使人与神隔离了,而罪的刑罚也就是在地狱里永远灭亡,但是感谢神为我们预备了一条出路!他藉着由童贞女所生的神子耶稣,替我们承受了我们原本当受的刑罚!耶稣在残酷的十字架上为了你和我受苦,流血和受死:

- "神使那无罪的,替我们成为罪;好叫我们在他里面成为神的义。"—哥林多后书5:21
- "那知他为我们的过犯受害,为我们的 罪孽压伤。因他受的刑罚我们得平安;

 "惟有胆怯的,不信的,可憎的,杀人的, 淫乱的,行邪术的,拜偶像的,和一切 说谎话的,他们的分就在烧着硫磺的 火湖里。这是第二次的死。" – 启 21:8

"或许我能靠自己达到那标准..."

若你还以为可单凭已力上天堂的话, 那注意! 正如污秽的水绝不能游洗净的 有东西,我们这不完美的、充满罪恶的 何东也绝不可能靠已力达到完美的 一个性力。"我们可能靠了很大的。" "我们可能了。"我们是不管的小?" "我们不管的了了。" 我们不管的了。"我们是不是你的一个一个。" "我们不管的。" "我们是不是你的。" "相近"是不足够的!

- "有一条路人以为正,至终成为死亡之路。" 箴言14:12
- "我们都像不洁净的人,所有的义都像
 污秽的衣服。我们都像叶子渐渐枯

朋友,若你还未信主的话,我想你 也许和那位司机有着相同的想法。 其实神允许人上天堂,到底设了什么 准则呢?我相信你会同意天堂是一个 完没有烦恼、忧愁或泪水的地方。 若不是如此,那它就不值得让我们去 盼望了。圣经辑说,没有一个罪人能 够到天堂去,因为任何最微小的罪恶 都会破坏这完美的乐园。因此,去天堂 的资格应该是一百分才对!

"我不上天堂有什么大不了呢?"

义人若会上天堂,那么罪人就得下 地狱。若你达不到神的标准,你就必定 灭亡,到地狱受折磨。圣经清楚说道:

- "看哪!世人都是属我的。为父的怎样属我,为子的也照样属我。犯罪的,他必死亡。"—结18:4
- "因为罪的工价乃是死。惟有神的恩赐,在我们的主基督耶稣里乃是永生。" 罗 6:23

你够资格上天堂吗?

亲爱的朋友,你现在既然在阅读这个标题的单张,这表示你也许相信有个称为"天堂"的乐园。或许你正猜想着自己是否有资格到那里去。

你相信天堂的存在是正确的。这是 个让"有足够资格的好人"能与那位全 能、圣洁、创造宇宙万物的神同在的乐 地。最近我在德士上与一位没有信主 的司机谈到有关于天堂一事。他也相 信天堂的存在,于是我就问他是否能 够上天堂。他答道:"可以,我相信我能 够上那儿。"我继续问道:"一个人怎 样才能进入天堂呢?"他说:"其实所 有的宗教基本上是一样的,它们都教 人行善。只要你所做的善事多过恶事, 你就能够上天堂。"我驳斥道:"你以 为上天堂的及格标准是五十分,但如 果神为人所定的标准比这更高呢?你 是否还能去天堂?"他静了一会儿,过 后低声地承认说:"我不知道。"

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