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WHY NOT ?

A QUESTION FOR THE UNCONVERTED.

LET us come to close dealing at once. If you have any satisfactory reason why you should not repent of your sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to-day, say plainly WHY NOT.

"God . . . now commandeth all men everywhere to repent," Acts 17 : 30.
"Despiseth thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" Romans 2:4.

What have you found in Him that you should *not* believe on Him? Repent to-day. WHY NOT?

If you have any reason why you should, at the great white throne, escape the full weight of your sin's eternal

judgment, say what that reason is, and consider seriously whether such reason will be sufficient to satisfy the God you have sinned against.

"Who will render to every man according to his deeds," Romans 2:6. *"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ,"* v. 16.

"We are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, . . . that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?" Romans 2:2, 3.

"What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? . . . Shall not sorrows take thee as a woman in travail?" Jer. 13:21.

Why should not a holy, righteous God judge the sin He hates? WHY NOT? Speak out. Are you dumb before the question? Beware, then, lest you are dumb before the Judge! You may turn from the question with a faint smile now: you will turn to it with a pale shudder presently.

If you have one single reason why you should not be cut off for your sins to-day and excluded from God's presence for ever, speak out, and *let God hear it*; for the woodman's axe may be very near to "the root of the tree" this moment, and its keen edge felt before another sunset.

"He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy," Prov. 29:1.
"God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee," Luke 12:20.

AND WHY NOT THINE?

If you think you have any reason why the Lord Jesus Christ should not "shut to the door" this instant, yea, before you can take your eye off this paper, state plainly what that reason is.

Are you sure it is a safe one?

Where did you find it?

What is it worth?

Hear the word of the Lord:—

"Watch ye therefore; for ye know

not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping," Mark 13: 35, 36.

If it is all too true that you are not ready for His coming, oh, "seek ye the Lord while he may be found."
WHY NOT NOW?

A QUESTION FOR THE ANXIOUS. If you think you have any worthy reason why the very weakest believer in the Lord Jesus Christ should not know that his sins are forgiven, bring it to the light, and look at it a little more closely.

Do you ask, what light?

We answer, to the light of the truth of God.

Turn to Acts 10:43, and read what the inspired apostle Peter said to the kinsmen and friends of Cornelius.

To him (the risen Christ) *give all the prophets witness, that through his*

name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Next read what the apostle Paul preached to his audience in Antioch.

“He, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by him all that believe are justified from all things,”
Acts 13 : 37-39.

Calmly and carefully consider these words. How could you place your own thoughts beside them? *“My thoughts,”* God says, *“are not YOUR thoughts,”* Isaiah 55:8. You cannot retain both. Oh, drop your own at once, and let your heart fully embrace His. WHY NOT?

A QUESTION FOR THE WOULD-BE SECRET DISCIPLE. If you really do believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, how is it that you have never openly confessed Him? Know you not that He loves you, that He has drained to its

last drop your cup of curse and condemnation? Have you forgotten that He lives in glory, with His eye ever upon you and His heart ever open to you, and that nothing could ever induce Him to give you up or to relax, for one moment, the hand that keeps you from the cruel grip of the "destroyer"? Have you never heard that He is shortly coming again, and that if you are really His, He will then place you in a position of honour never yet occupied either by angel or archangel? Has it never been made known to you that His love will continue "unto the end" of your history here, and be the same throughout eternity? John 13:1; and that such is His affection for you, that no suffering was too great to bear for you in the past, and no blessing too rich to bestow upon you in the future?

And if this is all true, is it not high time that you confessed His blessed name in a world that hates Him? Is it not high time that you boldly declared He is *my* Saviour, *my* Friend, *my*

Lord? Will you not do so this very hour?

WHY NOT?

“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth,” Romans 1 : 16. *“Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed,”* Romans 10:11.

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