

# The Fortune Teller

## *Where will you be in a hundred years?*

A Bible and tract distributor was returning homeward one evening through the heart of a large Asian city, when he was accosted by a tall, fine looking young man, with the words,

“I can tell your fortune.”

The tract distributor was so taken aback that for the moment he did not reply and so the fortune teller further explained:

“I am a fortune teller; I can tell you what will happen in the future.”

“But how am I to know that you tell the truth?”

“Oh, I have books: I tell by astrology.”

“Well, I would like to ask you a question first, so as to test whether you can really tell the truth or not. If you can tell me my fortune, you certainly can tell your own.

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The young man looked somewhat annoyed and replied;

“Oh, I don’t know *that*, but you let me just look at your hand and I will tell your fortune for you.”

“But,” replied the Christian, “I also am a fortune teller. I also use books and if you will tell me one thing, I can certainly tell *you* your fortune.”

“What do you want me to tell you?”

“Have you trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Son?”

“No, and I don’t believe He was God’s Son.”

“Well now,” replied the tract distributor taking a New Testament from his pack and bag, “I will tell you your future and fortune. My Book tells me,

*“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” (John 3:36)*

“This is then your fortune and future: You have *now* the wrath of the Living and True God ever abiding on you and in a hundred years you will pass through into God’s judgment and the place prepared for Satan and all unbelievers, which is the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, unless you believe on the Son of God. You need not perish for God has provided you salvation, but you must believe and receive Christ.” The professed fortune teller was told that Jesus Christ had died for the ungodly and that Christ’s atoning death and shed blood alone could deal with the matter of sins committed against God and neighbour.

A long talk ensued by the side of the street and eventually the fortune teller asked,

“May I have one of your books?” – a request that was gladly granted.

The next question from the greatly surprised fortune-teller was,

“Where do you live?” “When may I come to visit you?”

The following day he and a friend came and had a long talk with the Christian and later departed with a copy of the Bible.

What the result may be, God alone knows.

But let me ask *you*, reader, Have *you* ever thought about *your* future and fortune? You need not remain in doubt as to that.

Thank God we have a Book that leaves no room for uncertainty as to the future.

Where will *you* be in a hundred years? Yes, where will you be *to-morrow*?

What could be more brief, more pointed, more precious and yet more awful, than those solemn words:

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*“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (1 John 5:12)*

*“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.” (John 3:16)*

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