A Day That Has Gone By

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

One of the loveliest sights you can possibly see is a sunset. Regardless of where you are in the world, everyone is privileged to witness this beautiful display in god's creation.

A sunset marks the end of another day. As a result, one cannot help but reflect or ponder the day's events while gazing upon the sun as it gradually lowers in the horizon.

For some, the day was one of accomplishments or moments of great joy; for others setbacks or depths of great sorrow.

It could even be a sign of a missed opportunity.

Whatever the circumstance, a sunset is a reminder of a day that has gone by never to be repeated again.

The words in our verse were spoken by the most remarkable man in history.

It's true he was both a great teacher and a miracle worker, but he was no ordinary man.

He was absolutely sinless and perfect in every way, <u>Hebrews</u> 7:26.

There was never a thought that crossed his mind that he regretted. There was never a moment when he said something he wished he could retract.

There was never an occasion that he desired to undo an action he did.

Upon hearing his words, men could say of him, "Never man spake like this man." (John 7:46)

Concerning his miracles, others said, "He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak." (Mark 7:37) this man is none-other than the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

God could say of him, "this is my beloved son, in whom I am well-pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

When the Lord Jesus spoke those urgent words in our verse, he was proclaiming the glorious gospel ("good news"), a message of hope, to a humanity lost and ruined by sin.

Specifically, the only way that a person can be in God's heaven, is through repentance of sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as being "my sin-bearer."

He was telling people that forgiveness of sins, peace with God, and eternal life was freely available to everyone regardless of creed, colour, or custom.

That invitation is still available to you now, dear soul.

Like then, all you have to do to escape the judgment of God in the lake of fire is to confess your sinful condition before God and accept the Lord Jesus as your personal saviour.

The Lord Jesus was crucified and died upon the cross of Calvary so you would not have to suffer in hell for your sins.

Currently, your sins are keeping you out of heaven. This doesn't have to be the case; read 2 Corinthians 5:21.

His purpose in coming to this world, was to die in order to save you personally from your sins. All you have to do is believe it.

But sadly, like our picture illustrates, the sun has set on many lives already-people who have turned down the Saviour's invitation are needlessly languishing in the fires of hell this very moment.

Friend, the sunshine of God's love could be setting on your life even as you are reading this passage.

God expects you to make the most out of the opportunities He gives you to be saved.

This could be your last opportunity to be saved from your sins. You could die at any moment and miss out on salvation.

All hope would then be lost forever. The eternal welfare of your never-dying soul is at stake.

As our verse says, repent of your sins and trust Christ for salvation now before it is forever too late!

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