

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS ALONE IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR ETERNAL SALVATION

Hebrews 5:7-9 “During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission. Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered and, once made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him . . . “

According to a Research Lifeway poll, 45% of Americans believe there are many paths to heaven. “Overall, Americans don’t seem too worried about sin or being sent to hell. Two-thirds (67 percent) say most people are basically good, even though everyone sins a little bit.” “Most Americans (71 percent), and in particular Black Protestants (82 percent) and Catholics (87 percent), say people must contribute some effort toward their own salvation. Two thirds (64 percent) say in order to find peace with God, people have to take the first step, and then God responds to them with grace.” (quotes are from the Lifeway poll report)

God does not read poll results. He has clearly said through inspiration and revelation of Biblical writers (the Holy Scriptures) all people sin (Romans 3:23) and the consequence of their sin is eternal death. (Romans 6:23) There is no such thing in God’s sight as little and big sins, all sin is equal. In fact, He says that as soon as you have committed one sin you have broken all of God’s Laws. (James 2:10-20)

In response to the 45% of Americans who say there are many paths to heaven, St. Luke writes in Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else (context of this passage says this is referring to Jesus Christ,) for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” Jesus alone “is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.” (John 14:6) “It is by God’s grace (undeserved love) through God’s gift of faith to you in Jesus you are saved.” (Ephesians 2:8-9) Hebrews 5:9 says, Jesus is the source of your eternal salvation.

Prayer: Thank You, heavenly Father, for Your unconditional loving gift of Your Son Jesus to save me and all people from our sins. Send Your Holy Spirit into my heart

to give me and keep in faith to always believe and trust in Jesus as the only way for me to enter heaven.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.
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