

... in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. **Acts 10:35**

## Store In My Heart Psalms 119:161

Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of your words.

This verse brings to my mind Daniel and his three friends. It also reminds me of Mordecai. These captive Israelites were certainly oppressed by leaders in the country where they were taken. I wonder if they recalled the words of the Psalmist as they dealt with those difficult situations. It is certain that they were familiar with the Word.

We would do well to keep this verse, as well as the many others like it, in our mind as we deal with others. The Psalmist gives us an image of one who does not fear what may happen to him in this life because he has placed trust in God through the Word. No matter the status of those who would cause us trouble here, we know that God is the only one that matters in the end. Men will fail us, but God is always ready to lead us home. Stay near Him!



# One Way To Heaven

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Acts chapter four is about the courage of the Lord's apostles as they stood for the truth about Jesus. The chapter opens with the Jewish sect of the Sadducees being disturbed over the preaching of the apostles. They proclaimed that Jesus was raised from the dead. Since the Sadducees did not believe in resurrection they were upset by the apostles' preaching.

At the same time, we notice that the number of the disciples has grown to be about 5,000 men (**Acts 4:4**). The fact that so many Jews were going over to Jesus was further upsetting to the Jewish leaders. They arrested the apostles (Peter and John) and called them to give account for their preaching and for the healing of the lame man in chapter three.

They wanted to know, *"By what power or by what name have you done this?"* (**Acts 4:7**). Peter gave a Holy Spirit inspired answer. *"Let it be known to you all, and to all the people Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands before you whole"* (**Acts 4:10**). The Jewish leaders had the power to punish Peter and John, yet the apostles stood firm on their testimony.

God's men went even further in proclaiming Jesus to be the *"rejected stone,"* thus fulfilling the prophetic word of **Psalms 118:22**. And then, they proclaimed what is the primary thought of today's offering, *"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"* (**Acts 4:12**).

The Jewish leaders must have been dumbfounded by this claim, just as many people today find it shocking. Can it be true

that there is only one way to heaven? Indeed, it is true. Jesus Himself personally made the same declaration in **John 14:6**, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me."* *"No one..."* said Jesus. *"No other name..."* said Peter. There is no mistaking what the Bible says. Jesus is the only way!

Yet this truth is not palatable to most people. Celebs like Steve Harvey and Oprah Winfrey are famous for saying things like, "There cannot possibly be just one way." Some folks give Oprah a pass, thinking she has been misunderstood. Please Google "Oprah one way" to get the truth on that. Modern Americans are much quicker to listen to Oprah or Steve than they are to listen to Jesus or Peter. The reason is obvious. "Many ways" makes no demand on me!

Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, the one prophesied in the Old Testament, the one who died for our sins and was raised from the dead for our justification. No one else! Only Jesus. That teaching is offensive to a world that does not want to serve God. The world does not want to hear it--and even much of so-called "Christendom" does not accept it.

One of the marks of a Kingdom Leader is that he accepts whatever Jesus said. Jesus is the only one who ever came down from heaven; we must believe Him. Faced with the threat of punishment, the two apostles--Peter and John--courageously spoke the truth. They stood where Kingdom Leaders today must stand.

Do not waver. Do not compromise. Be firm. Speak as the Bible speaks. I hope you have the conviction to do so. Tragically, many do not.

(This article is from a weekly email I get from Max Dawson that is focused on helping develop leaders for the Lord's people, but as with this one, many of them will benefit all Christians. There is a great deal of good material available for our consideration if we will only look for it instead of following the distractions of the world. Study Carefully. DLH)

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## For Our Information

**Jim Soliday's** doctor adjusted dosage on BP meds. **Sue Soliday** continues physical therapy for her lymphedema.

**Stanley Hurst's** knee surgery has been postponed.

**Vickie McNees** has a referral appointment with an arthritis Dr.

**John LaValla** is wearing a heart monitor for a few weeks.

The **Rigsbys** are in Washington state for work/vacation. The **Solidays** leave Saturday for 2 weeks in Indiana. The **Hursts** are out of town. The **Keisler's** are returning from their cruise.

Sunday Evening – **Isaiah 23** Wednesday – **1John 5**