

When someone knows the truth but chooses not to follow it, when a person constantly hears messages like “Turn from sin,” “Give your life to Jesus,” and “This world is coming to an end,”—yet still remains unmoved—such a person is walking in the path of **spiritual lostness**. The signs of the end times, as spoken by the Lord Jesus, are all around us: the rise of plagues and diseases, people becoming lovers of pleasure and money rather than lovers of God, rumors of wars, false prophets, the gospel being preached worldwide, and the fig tree (Israel) blossoming again (Matthew 24:3-14; Luke 21:29-31).

Despite all these fulfilled signs, many people continue living as though nothing is happening. Even among those who call themselves Christians, there is a failure to realize we are living in the final hours—what the Bible calls the *last days*. They know the truth, but they refuse to act on it spiritually. They hear the gospel but consider it a message only for the “desperate,” the so-called “born-again radicals.” They say things like, “I will change someday,” “I will repent eventually.” Meanwhile, they continue to indulge in sin: watching pornography, committing fornication, and other acts they know are wrong. Deep down, they know they are lost—but they continue down that path, forgetting that **being lost carries a price**.

And that price is not just eternal damnation in hell—it begins even in

this life.

Before a person ends up in hell, God often removes His presence from their life. **To be abandoned by the world is one thing—but to be abandoned by God is the worst possible condition.** When God departs from a soul, that soul becomes open to the invasion of evil spirits. The result? The level of wickedness in that person's life increases dramatically.

For example, someone who begins with sexual immorality might not stop at heterosexual sin but may begin to desire same-sex relationships, or even unnatural affections toward animals or objects. This is **part of the judgment**—the consequence of suppressing the truth and rejecting God's call to repentance.

**Biblical Foundation**

*Romans 1:26-27 (NIV):*

“Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

Notice the phrase: “*received in themselves the due penalty for their error.*” This is the **wage** of lostness. People who end up in deep perversion did not start there; they began by rejecting God’s truth, suppressing conviction, and ignoring the Holy Spirit’s call to repentance.

**Continuing in Rebellion Leads to More Depravity**

*Romans 1:28-32 (NIV):*

“Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity... They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful... Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”

The pattern is clear: rejecting God leads to being handed over to a depraved mind. When conviction fades, sin escalates.

**But There Is Hope in Christ**

Yet, in spite of how far one may have gone in sin, **Jesus Christ offers mercy** to all who repent sincerely. He died and shed His blood to cleanse even the vilest sinner. If we turn to Him today, no matter our past, He will forgive us and make us new.

*Isaiah 1:18 (NIV):*

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.”

*2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV):*

“If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

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## **A Call to Repentance**

If today you want to give your life to Jesus, this is the wisest decision you can ever make. You won't regret it—many of us made that same decision and have never looked back.

Take a few moments to separate yourself, kneel down, and speak to God from your heart using the prayer below:

**PRAYER OF REPENTANCE:**

*“Heavenly Father, I come before You today, acknowledging that I am a sinner in need of Your mercy. I have done many wrong things and deserve judgment. But I believe that You are a God of compassion, showing mercy to thousands who love You. I ask You today to forgive all my sins.*

*I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, and I believe that He died and rose again for my salvation. Wash me now with the precious blood of Jesus and make me a new creation. From this day forward, I give You my life. Thank You, Jesus, for accepting and forgiving me. Amen.”*

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## **Next Steps After Repentance**

If you prayed that prayer sincerely:

- **Start living out your repentance** by turning away from the sinful habits and lifestyle you used to follow.

- **Find a Bible-believing church** where you can grow with others in truth and worship in Spirit.
  - **Get baptized**—in water by immersion and in the name of **Jesus Christ** (Acts 2:38)—for the forgiveness of your sins.
  - Begin reading the Bible daily and praying regularly. God will guide the rest of your journey.
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**God bless you.**

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