

Footprints on the sands of Time

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Tell me not in mournful numbers, life is but an empty dream.
For the soul is dead that slumbers, and things are not what they seem.

Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal.
Dust thou art, to dust returnest, was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow, is our destined end or way.
But to strive that each tomorrow, find us farther than today.

Lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime.
And departing leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints that perhaps another, sailing o'er life's solemn main.
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother, seeing shall take heart again.

The Lord Jesus asked, "What shall it profit a man, though he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul. Or, what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" We cannot take anything with us when we leave this life. All we can do is leave an impression of our life behind us. A 'footprint' as Longfellow called it. Most people live such lives, that they leave a good footprint behind them, and they are sadly missed. But others live such lives of selfishness and evil, that no-one wants to remember them.

But, this earthly life we are living, is not all there is to our existence. As Longfellow expressed it, 'Dust thou art, to dust returnest, was not spoken of the soul'. Our soul lives on after our body dies.

Adam and Eve walked and talked with God in the Garden of Eden, and that was God's plan for every one of us. But, when Adam and Eve sinned, they were kicked out of Eden, and separated from God. So, every one of us were born separated from God, and we can live our whole lives separated from Him. And, unless we do something about the sin that separates us, we will die still separated from Him, and go to Hell, and a Godless Eternity.

But, the Bible tells us in Second Peter 3 verse 9, 'God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.' It is not God's desire that any person should go to Hell, because, Hell wasn't created for humans. The Bible tells us, 'Hell was created for the Devil, and his angels. (Demons)'

So, God gives every person the opportunity in their lifetime, to choose where they will spend Eternity; with Him, or without Him. But, unfortunately, too many people never take that opportunity, they never make the choice for themselves, and they lose by default.

Jesus died in our place on Calvary, so God could forgive our sins. As the Bible tells us, 'While we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly.' All we have to do is, confess to Him that we are sinners, ask His forgiveness, and invite Him into our lives. It's as simple as praying, "Lord I confess that I am a sinner. Please forgive my sins, and come into my life, and be my Saviour, and Lord of my life." That's all it takes to take away the sin that separates us from our God.

How can you be sure that your sins are forgiven? First John 1 verse 9 promises, 'If we confess our sins, He (God) is just and faithful to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.' So, if God has forgiven our sins, then we are sinless in His sight. And, if He has cleansed us from all unrighteousness, then we are righteous in His sight, and Eternal life begins for us from that moment, as a Son, or Daughter of God.

If we can all close our eyes, I would like to say the Sinners Prayer, and if anyone isn't a Christian, and you would like to have His forgiveness, and become His Son or Daughter, then please repeat it to Him. The Lord will hear you, and He will do as He has promised.

Let's pray, "Lord Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner. Please forgive me for my sins, and come into my life, and be my Saviour and Lord. I surrender my life to You, from this day forward, in your Service. Amen." It's that simple. So, God bless you all, and if we can do anything to help any of you, then please ask.

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