

Lies Men Want to Believe – Part Seven

"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man."

Genesis 6:3

"He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." **Proverbs 29:1**

You can come to God any time you want is a seventh lie people believe. You find this in all strata of life, but especially among the young. For example, children from believing homes live as they please, knowing that they are breaking biblical commands. For some reason, they are confident that sometime in the future they can come to Christ, and all will be well. **I have heard elderly men living on the threshold of death** tell me that they will accept Christ before they die – just as the thief on the cross did.

Quoting from Isaiah, Paul warns the Corinthians: "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."¹ Salvation is not like a gate that is open at all times and people are free to enter and exit as they please. When God opens the gate and invites a person to enter, if he declines, it may be that God will never again make the offer.

An arrogance underlies this thinking: humans act like God made heaven for people and He is eagerly trying to find people to fill it. **The sovereign election of God and human responsibility is an unsolvable antinomy.** Nevertheless, to assume that His grace means you can presume on His gracious offer, is a sure way to **damn your own soul.**

¹ II Chronicles 6:2