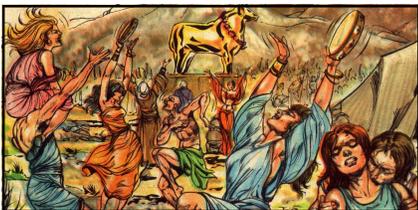


Are you willing to **DIE FOR SINNERS?**

Moses returned to the mount of God make an atonement unto the Lord for the children of Israel, because they had made a golden calf and worshipped it.

When Moses arrived, he said unto the Lord, "Oh, this people have sinned a **GREAT sin, and have made them gods of gold.**



"Yet **NOW**, if Thou wilt **FORGIVE** their sin —; and **IF NOT, BLOT ME**, I pray thee, **OUT OF THY BOOK** which thou hast written.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, **WHOSOEVER hath sinned against Me, HIM will I BLOT OUT OF MY BOOK**" (EXODUS 32:30-33).

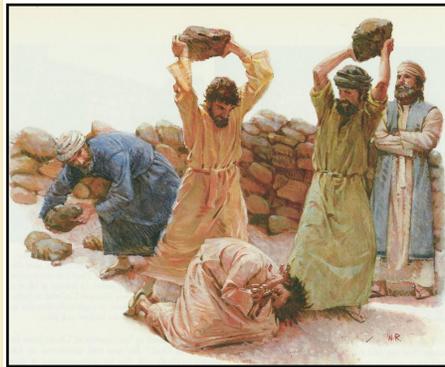
This "**BOOK**" that is spoken of is known as *the Book of Life* (PHILIP. 4:3; REV. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:15; 21:27; 22:19).

Moses wasn't the **ONLY ONE** that asked for forgiveness for the people:



Jesus **DID** while on the cross: "Father, **FORGIVE THEM**; for they **KNOW NOT** what they do" (LUKE 23:34).

Stephen **DID** while being **STONED**: "And he **kneeled down, and cried with a LOUD VOICE, Lord, LAY NOT THIS SIN to their charge. And**



when he had said this, he **FELL ASLEEP**" (ACTS 7:60).

And, the apostle Paul **DID**: "...I could wish that **MYSELF WERE ACCURSED** from Christ for my **BRETHREN**, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (ROMANS 9:3).

But the question is, **WHY** would Moses put **his ETERNITY** in jeopardy to **SAVE** the **SINFUL** and **REBELLIOUS** children of Israel? **WHY** would Stephen, at the point of **DEATH**, **seek forgiveness** for his murderers? And, **WHY** would Paul be willing to be **ACCURSED FROM CHRIST** to save his brethren of Israel?

The answer lies in what our Savior said while on the **CROSS**, "Father, **FORGIVE THEM**; for they **KNOW NOT** what they do" (LUKE 23:34).

If **MANKIND KNEW FOR CERTAIN** the torment and suffering of a **HELL** waiting for them at their death, would he or she **WILLINGLY** reject God and His Son in this life, **KNOWING** they would **GO THERE?**

If they **KNEW FOR CERTAIN** that there was a coming **JUDGMENT**, followed by a sentence of **ETERNAL FIRE** in a lake that burns with fire and brimstone, and the smoke of **THEIR TORMENT** will **RISE UP** forever and ever, would they **WILLINGLY CHOOSE IT?**

The answer is perfectly **CLEAR**: **THEY WOULD NOT CHOOSE THAT FUTURE!**

That is why Jesus said, "...**THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO**" (LUKE 23:34) because if they **DID**, they would **REPENT!** And that is where

CHRISTIANS come in. We are called to **FAITHFULLY** declare the **TRUTH!**

But God's enemy, the **DEVIL**, is in the full-time business of **HIDING the truth** of the gospel from sinners by instructing his "**MINISTERS**" (2 COR. 11:13-15) to handle *the Word of God* deceitfully, effectively **BLINDING** "...the **MINDS** of them which **BELIEVE NOT**, lest the **LIGHT** of the glorious gospel of Christ...should **SHINE** unto them" (2 COR. 4:4).

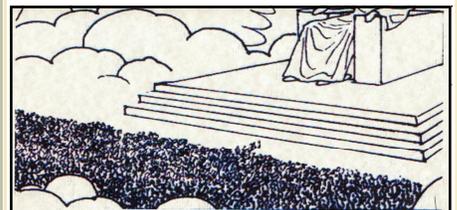
The problem is that **MOST** professing **Christians** **HAVE NOT DONE** what Paul did: "...I count **ALL THINGS [IN THIS WORLD]** but **LOSS** for the **EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE** of Christ Jesus **MY Lord**: for whom I have **SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS**, and do count them but **DUNG**, that I may **WIN** Christ (PHILIPPIANS 3:8).

What have **YOU** suffered the **LOSS** of?

"**GREATER LOVE** hath no man than **THIS**, that a man **LAY DOWN HIS LIFE** for his friends" (JOHN 15:13). "...**WHAT IS YOUR LIFE [IN THIS WORLD?]** It is even as a **VAPOUR**, that appeareth for a **LITTLE TIME**, and then **VANISHETH AWAY**" (JAMES 4:14), *therefore*, "...pass the time of **YOUR SOJOURNING [YOUR FOREIGN RESIDENCE]** here **IN FEAR**" (1 PETER 1:17).

When you come to realize how God has "...**DELIVERED US** from **SO GREAT a death**" (2 COR. 1:10), this **KNOWLEDGE** should inspire you to **REJECT THE PLEASURES** of this world, and **embrace** the **PROMISES** of the world to come!

So, would **YOU** be **WILLING** to offer **YOURSELF A LIVING SACRIFICE** to save others? Are **YOU WILLING** to **SUFFER THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS** as Paul did? Or are you **TOO ASHAMED?**



"Multitudes, multitudes in the **VALLEY OF DECISION**: for the day of the Lord is **NEAR** in the **VALLEY OF DECISION**" (Joel 3:14).