

How can you refuse Jesus now

*There's a story old,
That has often been told,
Of how our saviour died,
As they nailed His hands,
He cried they don't understand,
As the blood flowed from His side.*

*How can you refuse Him now,
How can you turn away from His side,
With tears in His eyes, on the cross there He died,
How can you refuse Jesus Now.*

*As he hung there on the tree,
He prayed for you and me,
There was no-one His pain to ease,
Before He died, He faintly cried,
Father forgive them please.*

What will you do with Jesus Christ

*Jesus came unto His own
and His own received Him not
He healed the sick and
He made the blind to see
He made the lame to walk again
And He set the captives free
But they turned their back upon the Lord
And nailed Him to a tree*

*What will you do with Jesus Christ
As He pleads with you today
Will you let Him change your life
Or will you walk away
Will you let Him change your life
Or will you walk away*

*Jesus Christ is still the same
He will do the same for you
The peace He gives is hard to understand
He'll be the kindest truest friend
That you have ever had
Don't crucify the Lord again
Don't turn your back on Him*

*The Lord who died upon the cross
Will come to earth one day
His coming now is even at the door
Will your soul be ready
Will your sins be washed away
OR will He turn His back on you
And say I know you not*

*What will you do with Jesus Christ
As He pleads with you today
Will you let Him change your life
Or will you walk away
Will you let Him change your life
Or will you walk away, don't walk away*

1

*Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all—a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.*

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
From the cross my ransomed soul
Nothing then shall sever.*

2

*Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me.*

3

*Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadow o'er me.*

4

*Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I see my Savior's face,
Leave His presence never.*

I see a crimson stream of blood

*On Cal'vry's hill of sorrow
Where sin's demands were paid,
And rays of hope for tomorrow
Across our path were laid.*

Refrain

*I see a crimson stream of blood,
It flows from Calvary,
Its waves which reach the throne of God,
Are sweeping over me.
Today no condemnation
Abides to turn away
My soul from His salvation,
He's in my heart to stay.*

Refrain

*When gloom and sadness whisper,
"You've sinned—no use to pray,"
I look away to Jesus,
And He tells me to say:*

Refrain

*And when we reach the portal
Where life forever reigns,
The ransomed hosts' grand final
Will be this glad refrain.*

I want to read something here in Hosea 11. I'll read it then I will go over it and expound on it. Starting in the first verse.

Reversal of the Exodus: Return to Egypt and Exile in Assyria

1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

2 As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. *(This is what they evolved into.)*

3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. *(They were completely complacent to what God was doing, when He led them out of Egypt. God was trying to take them to the promise land and all that He asked from them is to praise Him and to trust Him.)*

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them. *(What He is saying here is that He meant it well with those people. He did the best He knew how.)*

5 He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.

6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour *them*, because of their own counsels.

7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt *him*.

(This is what I want to capitalize on: my people are bent to backsliding. God brought them out of Egypt brought them into the promise land where milk and honey flows and they turned their backs on Him and started to worship those stupid Idols, and made those graven images. God tried time and time again to get their attention but they were bent on backsliding and none at all would exalt Him. Here God was lamenting: How shall I give thee up. I can't give you up. I have too much invested in you.)

The Divine Dilemma: Judgment or Mercy?

8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

(If you go look it up in the Bible Admah and Zeboim are the 2 cities right beside Sodom and Gomorrah that got destroyed. They were suburbs to Sodom and Gomorrah and also got destroyed at the destruction. Here God is saying how can I make you as one of them? How can I completely destroy you? God is trying to reason with it. He has done everything He can to try and reason with them to get them to listen to turn from their idolatry.)

9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I *am* God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

God Will Restore the Exiles to Israel

10 They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.

God's Lawsuit against Israel: Breach of Covenant

12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

When you read the whole Chapter you don't quite get the picture but when you zero in on how God is concerned over the backslider. How He has a heart toward those people that go astray.

I was still trucking for Dallas and I was down in Sudbury and I had to wait for an hour to catch up with my log book, because there was a scale just up the road, so I thought I would just go back in the sleeper and pray. So I went back and got on my knees and I started to pray and at that time I was praying for the younger generation that was coming up and the spirit of the Lord came into the sleeper and directed my prayer and He allowed me to see what has been going on. I would say from 60-100 years, in North America and throughout the world, if you have ever seen that picture where it shows the 'broad road and the

narrow road'. I saw that picture in a vision as I was praying, in that vision, I saw a young couple starting out on the narrow road. This young couple very well dressed, the man was clean-cut nicely dressed and the woman had a dress on and the children were well mannered. It was a typical American Family like it used to be: a man and his wife and their 2-3 children that they had.

As they started on their journey towards the heavenly city everything looked good and as they journeyed I saw how their dress code started to change. The woman started wearing pants and they started to look around. As they came near that city, it was no more that clean-cut American Family, and then what happened was I saw people that were on the narrow road would go on over to the other side. What they were doing is they were going out for a one night fling. That is what you see in America this guy wants to go down to the strip joint, and take a prostitute out because it looked attractive when he was on the narrow side. All that stuff looked so attractive and he went out for a fling and he found out that it is not as enjoyable as he had thought. It's satan's way of luring people in: with these strip joints and with that life-style. When they first started out it was a good American family but now things started to deteriorate.

First, as I said, it was undressing and then this pornography. These people got curious and went over to the broad way. I saw all this as if I was watching a film. The Lord was showing me something: these people that went out on this one night fling found out that there is no

fun in it, there is nothing there; it is a delusion. So after that, they wanted to get back onto that narrow road again and then I saw how some of them made it halfway across and there came a hand and yanked them back again, which was the devil, blackmailing them: Oh the Lord does not love you anymore; you did the unpardonable sin. Telling them that they are lost now and that they are finished, and these people were drawn back defeated until they had no more of a desire to even serve the Lord anymore.

That is how the devil does it. It bothered me so much that I was wondering if there would be a way that I could somehow talk to these people that God has a heart for the backslider. When you've backslidden God has not discarded you, HE still loves you. I have had many experiences with the backslider. I was out in Albuquerque New Mexico and the Lord was dealing with me. I was at a Pentecostal tent meeting and every week they had different speakers come in and that one night they had one from Texas and he had a message about the backslider and he spoke a whole hour on how God feels about the backslider. If you really feel the heartbeat of God - He is saying: *how can I let you go, how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.*

It really spoke to me when he talked on the backslider, I had just came out of a backslidden state, and I got a tape from the sermon and about a year later the Lord got me to take it to Johnny from OakBluff Colony. I

drove down there and had a visit with him and give him the tape letting him know that he a backslider. The Lord has let me see over the years His heart towards the backslider, He has not discarded them, you can always come back.

We were talking yesterday on the Vow of a Nazarite. In the Old Testament, you did not have to be a Levite to serve the Lord. When making a vow to become a Nazarite to serve the Lord, all that they had to do is sustain from certain restrictions such as: drinking no wine, eating no grapes, letting their hair grow, and not to go near a dead person. All they had to do is abide by those restrictions, and they would be a servant to the living God, they would no more be out here for themselves, instead, they would be sold out the Lord. Anytime they would break that vow, for an example, going near a dead man or drink strong drink, that vow would be broken, and they could renew their Nazarite vow, all they would have to do was follow the rules and meet the conditions to renew those vows.

Just because he broke those vows does not mean that you were lost they could still get back in again and follow the Lord, and this is what the Lord has been dealing with me this past weekend: no matter what you do you can still go back to the Lord if you truly repent, and that is if you are not playing the game.

When a person truly repents, like the Bible says, when a person lives a wicked life and at the end of his life gives his life over to the Lord, the Lord will accept him. With God, the door is wide open. It is up to you and me

what we do with that opportunity, and for the backslider, it's the same thing.

When I saw that vision the devil would not let them go back to serving the Lord. All one has to do is break out of that. What the devil is trying, is telling people that they are lost, and that God does not love them anymore, you did the unpardonable thing, and he is very successful because I saw it in that vision, how they would try to go back to serve the Lord and this invisible hand would yank them back, terrorizing them: you are no good. My heart when out and I prayed Lord what could I say and do and I knew that there are a lot of people in this truth that are backslidden. They go to church but they are not living the life, God knows what they do in secret.

Anyway, there was some meeting down at Fairhope at the end of '07 into '08 around New Year. On the way down the Lord put this experience on my heart and the Lord wanted me to share it with the people there. I said, surely Lord there is nobody there in that congregation that does that, and that is caught up in that kind of a lifestyle.

On Saturday night, I was called on if I have a song on my heart to share. So I went up and I shared this experience that I had about the backslider, and I let them know that the Lord wanted me to share it with the people there. The Lord let me know that it is not only physical adultery but spiritual adultery that is going on: messing with different religions. There is only one faith, there is only one truth. The minute you water-down truth it is no longer truth anymore. The minute you believe that the 2 days are

done, that is the same as messing with the things on the broad way leading to Hell. It is like going for a one-night fling, and believing we are in the 3rd day; it's all the same thing because the Lord let me know that it is not only physically it is spiritually.

Anyway, I went up and I testify, and I sang that song, "What will you do with Jesus Christ as He pleads with you today". I don't think that there was one person in that meeting that was there that did not go up for prayer after the service. I was just obedient to the Lord because that is what the Lord moved on me to do. The Lord has a heart for the backsliders.

The next spring Convention Brother Davis preached a message on The Vow of a Nazarite. It was a masterpiece, and there was my message that I had prayed to the Lord that there would be someone that would preach on that very subject. He painted a wonderful picture that no matter how far you strayed and stray from the Lord you can always come back. He always has His arms wide open. I have had many experiences of how the Lord has led me to go and speak to people that have backslidden.

Like I have mentioned that Johnny from Oak Bluff. He used to be on fire for the Lord and then he started to compromise with these preachers. The Lord moved on me to go and give him this message that I had gotten from this preacher in Texas. I was on my way to Winnipeg at that time there was already that split: Gib and Oiler factions and it was a no-no for me to go down to Oak Bluff, but I said to the Lord that I will go down. It was around 3 o'clock

he was just home having coffee when I walked in. He was surprised to see me and I let him know I had something to give him about the backslider, and I let him know that the Lord wants him to come and work for Him. We had some coffee and a short conversation and I left. When I left I could see his life, what God will one day require of him because God had to give him so much understanding of His Word, but he compromised with these preachers and that made his life null and void, and he had the influence of a lot of young people at that time. He had a lot of charisma, but because he compromised it made him ineffective, and the Lord let me see what is going to happen, he is going to be responsible for all these young people if he does not repent. I think I cried, all the way from Morris to Winnipeg, because I saw if that man does not repent the tremendous penalty he will someday have to pay, for not doing what the Lord wanted him to do.

The other experience I had: I went with Joe Waldner down to New Mexico, we checked in at the Super 8 Motel. We were on the 2nd floor. We got there about 8 in the evening and there was a guy out in the lobby walking back and forth. All-day long the Lord had been dealing with me on the backslider and I did not know why He was dealing with me on that all day long, and here was this guy going back and forth, he had one of those big bottles of beer. So, Joe, he called him into the room we were in, and they had a beer and in the mean-time, the Lord was dealing with me on the backslider, so I asked him if he knows the Lord. They were drinking their beer and I was trying to preach to

him. I asked him over and over if he knows the Lord and he said to me: I used to; I used to know the Lord, my mom was always praying for me. I said to him: so you are the reason why the Lord has been dealing with me on the backslider all day. I just unloaded on him how much the Lord loves the backslider. How HE hasn't given up on the Backslider and how His heart is bent and bleeding for the backslider to come back. I told him it's not lost you can come back anytime, and you could see the tears rolling up in his eyes and he left his beer and went back to his room. I imagine he went back to cry out to the Lord because it moved him so much.

For me to just go and talk to someone about the backslider out of season would not have done anything, but you see the Lord was working on both ends all day, knowing that we would meet. He went back and forth in that lobby like he was on a spring, he would go down 5 doors and up 5 doors again and again until Joe called him in. This is how the Lord does things, He knew He had dealt with me on the backslider all day and I was just waiting to unload on him about the backslider. I just did my part and I don't know what he did when he went back to his room.

I know what the heart of the Lord is towards the backslider, I'm not just saying it. I see it in the scripture and when I heard that man preach from Texas, how God's heart is towards the backslider it confirmed it all the more.

Like I said, the experience that I had down in Sudbury when I went back to the sleeper to pray, and I saw how

this young couple and how Satan with all his traps and lures, such as pornography, how he would entice people to go to the road to hell and they found out that it's not that much fun and that there is nothing in it. It's all vanity and how they wanted to go back and serve the Lord again and the devil would yank them back. How he would tell them that the Lord doesn't love them anymore, but it's all a lie, the Lord Loves the Backslider. When you read Hosea and feel God's heartbeat: *How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.*

He is looking for every excuse He could find not to destroy them. He is waiting for them to give Him a little something a 5% thing just something to work with. Israel was so stiff-headed. Like it says here, they were just bent on ticking the Lord off. The Lord healed them and they took everything for granted. He brought them out of Egypt and they soon forgot about it. They forgot the rough times that they had back in Egypt and they wanted to go back to Egypt. *When Israel was a child, then I loved him and called my son out of Egypt. As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.*

That is what they evolve to worshipping a calf and graven images and eventually, they wanted to go back to Egypt. Then eventually the Assyrians became their King simply because they did not recognize what the Lord meant for them.

Like the American dream, all God wanted for them was for them to live in a land of plenty, of peace and safety. All they would have had to do is stay away from this idolatry. God would have given them an expected end, but you see they were always looking for an excuse to tick God off.

That is the way it is today, with the dark cloud coming over America. I don't know the direction that it is going to go. With Canada, this Trudeau guy is worst than his dad was. People have taken things for granted; they have fallen into a backslider state. They have fallen for the strip joint. If you drive through Toronto there is just about a strip joint on every block, and that is what the land has become, a filth in the eyes of God. I don't know how far God is going to let this thing go before He is going to bring judgement on the land. I really have no vision for Canada, I just have to believe that God had North America honed out for Himself. What HE is going to do with all that filth that is coming in I don't know. I know for America He has a plan according to George Washington's vision. I know that there will be bloodshed and I know that there will be some in Canada too. Simply because the people have taken this land of opportunity for granted. How many people can you find that are grateful to God: very few. They do this tattoo thing and follow that stream of corruption. It is not very often that you see decent people anymore. There are very few people that are decently dressed anymore.

Like when I saw that vision on that road, on the onset they were very well dressed people. The man had a very

nice suit on and the children were respectable to their parents, and the woman had a dress on. Where can you see that now, you see the opposite; you can see how society has deteriorated, and the further up the road they went the dress code started to change and eventually they ended up doing this fling thing crossing over to that road to hell and continued on that roller coaster.

That is what I've seen where America is going, and then the Lord comes along and lets me see how His heart is kindled towards these kinds of people. You don't have to go down that path. Anytime you are serious with the Lord He is going to get you through that, sure you are going to have to fight the devil off because you have served him, but you just have to be determined that that is what you are going to do.

This is what the Lord has been dealing with me on. I wish I had that message: The vow of a Nazarite. Faith Assembly after that split they took all these messages off. It is disgraceful what they did after that split just because people did not worship them. There was some good message on there, because these ministers back there when Brother Jackson was still here they were anointed just like Brother Jackson. They preached good messages. When Brother Jackson left God was giving everyone a-free-for-all; testing everybody.

I don't know why the Lord dealt with me so intensely all week on the backslider, but like I said before the Lord let me know that it is not only physically it's spiritually. Anything but the truth is spiritual adultery. There is only

one faith and one baptism and there is only one God, and there is only one truth. The minute you start watering down truth it is not truth anymore. You cannot tell people that we are in the 3rd day: It is not truth anymore. Mark Levin has taught me a lot: sometimes you have to sit back and be rational. One day I heard Mark Levin say: whatever you do don't lose your principles don't lose your integrity. Sometimes you just have to look at reality.

What I want to say is this if you have strayed you can always come back to that Word. I believe what we see is spot on: We see a rapture after the 2 prophets are killed because it's a principle of God. I don't what to go into it now, but God will never abandon his principles; He abides by them.

I'm not saying everything that I would like to say about the Backslider, but all I can say is the experiences that I've had over the years. God's heart is towards the Backslider. There is hope for everybody. There are no restrictions whatsoever. You can go and read, 'The Vow of a Nazarite. If he messed up he could renew his vows anytime. God has the door open, it is just a Godly principle that He is not willing that any should perish. Sure, if you stay the course and you can always be sensitive and put in a little bit of an effort to stay on course. There is a bigger reward for it, but if you do rear off course you can always come back: you just purpose in your heart you are going to repent and face up and acknowledge it and if you do that you can start all over again, but you see that Nazarite once he broke that vow, he could not just bull his way back

in again he had to go through the ceremony. He had to go through whatever he had to go through to establish that vow again and that is the way it is today.

God gave the Israelites the types and shadow for us today. You can't just mess up and say we are in the 3rd day and then expect to be part of the truth: you can't. You have to go through a certain procedure: you have to own up and admit that you made a mistake, you have to repent and repent simply means you own up and you don't care what people say do or think, and you don't care who finds out about it.

Like the vow of a Nazarite when he broke his vow and in order to renew his vow he had to shave his head and once he did that everyone could see it, but what he did in private nobody saw, and there are some things that you can make right in private, but when God exposes you, you have to make things public. If you get up in the pulpit and say things that are not true that affects a lot of people and you have to get up and retract that.

Like Russel Davis he believes that the 2 days are done, (the two represent the 2000 years of Grace to the gentiles and they are not done yet, they are done when the week of Daniel starts, the week of Daniel are the 7 years that are still allotted to the Jews), he has to publicly announce that he has discarded that idea, and until he does he can go through whatever motion he wants, he is not going to go anywhere because he is disconnected from that vine. I know from myself that there are certain things that God requires of you to do to make things right.

If you get up in the pulpit and say things that are not right, you have to publicly retract it; like the vow of a Nazarite, he had to go through the ceremony.

There is hope for the backslider. God does not ask very much from us. He is so fair and so honest and so true. That's all He asks is for us to just look towards the heavenly with an honest grateful heart, and appreciate the things that He does for us on a daily basis. Amen.

*Reach out and touch the Lord
As He goes by
You'll find He is not too busy
To hear your heart's cry
He is passing by this moment
Your needs He'll supply
Reach out and touch the Lord
As He walks by*

*They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary;
They will walk and not faint.
Teach me, Lord; teach me, Lord, to wait.*

*But until then my heart will go on singing
Until then with joy I'll carry on
Until the day my eyes behold that city
Until the day God calls me home*