

NO RETURN

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Most of my life, when I would prepare to take a journey, I would purchase my ticket for a round trip. Friends, we are going on a journey one of these days, and we cannot purchase a round-trip ticket. There would be no need for one, because we are not going to return from this journey.

May I ask you, please, "If you are planning on going to Heaven, are you ready to take that trip?" There must be a preparation time of getting ready. If Heaven is to be your destination, you must do several differing things.

The first thing is to be born again. You may ask, "How can this be?" I refer you to a scripture found in John 3:3-7: "Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again.'"

These are the words of our dear Savior telling us what we must do to enter into Heaven. How is it with your soul, friends? Have you repented of your sins and asked God to come into your life?

The enemy of your soul, that old liar Satan, will tell you, "Oh, you have plenty of time." But we do not have any assurance of how much time we have left. Please do not wait until you are lying on what might very well be your death bed, then attempt to make things right with God. In Genesis 6:3, God's Word says: "And the Lord said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever.'" Do not let Satan deceive you. If you do not heed the Spirit when God calls you, and you keep on in your sinful way of living, God says, "My Spirit will not always strive with man."

When your time comes to make that "No Return" trip, will you be prepared to go? Oh, friends, don't delay to make all the necessary preparation!

In Luke 16:19-26 we read: "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'"

So you see, dear friends, from this account found in God's Holy Word, just how impossible it is to return from either Heaven or Hell. Be very sure your preparation is all complete so you will not hear those dreadful words given in Matthew 7:23: "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

I repeat what I said in the beginning of this tract: there is *No Return* from this final journey, so prepare while there is time. We read in Job 16:22: "For when a few years are finished, I shall go the way of no return." Where will your destination be--Heaven or Hell?