

Tomorrow is Always a Day Away

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As the story goes, the devil called an emergency meeting in hell. The agenda: how to increase the number of people going to hell. One demon offered, "Let me launch an all-out attack on people's belief in the Bible and in Jesus as the Son of God. Before I'm finished, they won't trust either one, and hell will be full." The devil was impressed and released the demon to launch his doubt offensive. After awhile, Satan reconvened his council of senior demons. He wasn't pleased. The number of people coming to hell was only slightly up. "This isn't working! We need a better idea."

Demon two offered a plan he believed to be foolproof. "I will launch an all-out campaign to convince people it's too hard and they'll have to give up too much to follow Jesus." Satan was fascinated and wished the demon great success.

It didn't happen. Traffic coming into hell did increase some, but not nearly enough to satisfy the devil. He wanted many more.

The other demons were afraid to offer a plan for fear of failure and the devil's displeasure, except one. Demon three asked Satan for permission to launch a top secret strategy - one which he would only reveal after the results were in. The devil was skeptical, but since nothing else was working, he let demon three put his secret plan into action.

Within weeks, the floodgates opened. More people were ending up in hell than any of the demons had ever seen. Satan convened his demon council to find out what this strategy was that was working so well. The third demon explained: "I actually told people they do need Jesus and that they should give Him their life, but I tell them to come to Jesus...tomorrow."

Many people have gone to hell because of "tomorrow". "I know I should open my heart to Jesus. I'll get right with Him - tomorrow."

Tomorrow may be too late. As the Scriptures remind us, "Now is now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2) When a rescuer extends his hand to you in a burning or collapsed building, you grab it. You don't wait.

Jesus is extending His rescuing hand to you today, even as you are reading this article. Your chance to live is now. He is the tug you feel in your heart. None of your reasons for waiting are worth risking the consequences. Now is the day of salvation. God said it. Don't risk it. Our rescue happens when we grab our Rescuer with both hands and say, "I'm totally depending on You. My life is in Your hands."

If they could, many people on the other side of eternity would tell us, "Don't wait for tomorrow." For them, tomorrow never came.