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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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. . . On the last broadcast I gave a warning which was directed mostly to sinner folks. And in doing so I read some from the 33th chapter of Ezekiel. This is the scripture about a watchman being set upon the wall and how he was required to warn the people of the city of impending dangers. Since there are two classes of people, one of which is the sinner and the other is the saint, perhaps a warning for the righteous would be in order too. Now before I get into this warning for the righteous people let me first show you how a sinner can be made a saint by giving heed to the warnings of the word. Ez. 33:15, 16 puts it this way, "If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him; he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live."

Don't think for a moment that your problems, your trials, and the complications of life are over just because you accept the Lord. Far from it, friends. This is really when your battles begin.

And now the warning for the righteous. I Cor. 10:12 and 13 has this to say, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Did you notice that part which said "let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall"? In case someone comes up with the theory that 'it is impossible for a righteous person to be lost' it might be well that we consider that statement. I would say, yes it is impossible for a righteous person to be

lost as long as he is righteous. But once he errs from the truth and turns to his sins again he is worse off than he was before. Listen to this scripture from II Pet. 2:21, 22. Now bear in mind that this is coming from the scriptures. I quote, "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." Isn't that a pitiful condition? If it were impossible for one to fall from grace or to turn from righteousness then would this scripture have been necessary? I would say no. For we notice here that this person is in a worse condition when he turns from the truth than he was before he knew it.

