

AND GOD SAYS . . .

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The sudden death of Whitney Mouston shocked America. I watched a short clip of the funeral service. One of the speakers was Kevin Costner. His accolade to Whitney was concluded with the words, “You’ll be good enough,” referencing her fears of being good enough to be cast with Kevin in the film, “The body guard” and applying it to her as she sings before the heavenly Father. He said, “You’ll be good enough.”

First of all, let me clarify that I do not know what Whitney believed or professed to believe so I not commenting on her eternal state. Secondly, I know that Kevin was not speaking of the basis of Whitney’s faith or even his own, but of Whitney’s top performances. However, I do know that a lot of people believe that if they are good enough they will go to heaven when they die. It is to this popular misconception that I speak.

What does it mean to be good enough? Who is good enough? Where is the bar set? Who sets it? Is it set at one sin? Or two? Or three? Or is one type of sin acceptable while another is not?

The bible teaches that God does not grade on a curve. He grades on the basis of His standard of His holiness. That is why he declares that “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Romans 6:23 then informs us that the “wages of sin is death.” This is very ominous sounding and gives little reason for hope.

But God is a God of hope, as well as love and mercy. Even though we are all sinners, He took it upon Himself to provide for our salvation. He sent His Son, who was without sin, to die in our place as sinners so that, through His Son, He can extend mercy to us to save us from our sins. Jesus thus becomes our hope, as well as God’s demonstration of love to us and the basis for God to grant us mercy so that we can be saved. He is only waiting for you to ask Him to do so. Why not ask Him now?