

## THE THREE PERSUASIONS

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Rom 8:38 For I am **persuaded**, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2Ti 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am **persuaded** that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

## WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

**Gen 6:3** And the LORD said, **My spirit shall not always strive with man**, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

1. **To launch a spacecraft** into space, there is a window of opportunity and a time frame in which the spacecraft has to be launched to enter into the right orbit. If it does not launch at that particular window of opportunity it misses the opportunity to launch.
2. **There is a window of opportunity for every church to have revival.** There are windows of opportunities for individuals to be saved. When

God shuts the door no man can open. “The night cometh when no man can work.”

3. **Jerusalem’s Window of opportunity:**

Luk 19:41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

Luk 19:42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

Luk 19:43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

Luk 19:44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

**FULLY PERSUADED**

1. **The Apostle Paul:** If ever there was a man fully persuaded, Paul was.

2Co 4:8 *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;

2Co 4:9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

2Co 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2Co 4:11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

2Co 4:12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

2. **Ruth seized her opportunity to become part of the Blood Line of Jesus Christ by marrying Boaz.**

a. **Orpah Missed her door of opportunity.**

Rth 1:14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth cleaved unto her.

Rth 1:16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God:

Rth 1:17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if aught* but death part thee and me.

Rth 1:18 **When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.**

3. Judas kissed the Door of Heaven and ended up in Hell, because he could never come to grips with having a full persuasion.

## ALMOST PERSUADED

### 1. King Agrippa and Paul:

Act 26:24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

Act 26:25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but I speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

Act 26:26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

Act 26:27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

Act 26:28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, **Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.**

Act 26:29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

**(A Tragedy of an Almost)**

2. **Lots Wife:** Right in the middle of Jesus teaching on the second coming he drops this verse as a reminder to all listeners.

Luk 17:31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

Luk 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

Luk 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

- a. Even with angels taking hold of their hands and leading them out of that wicked city. Lot looked back and became a pillar of salt. The Ministry can only take you out of Egypt so far, you must have a full persuasion to not look back.
  - b. You can't be looking back over your shoulder and desiring the things of the world and the sins you left behind. You did not leave anything in the world of any value, quit looking at it!
3. **Demas:** "For Demas hath forsake me, having loved this present world and is departed unto Thessalonica, Only Luke is with me" (2 Timothy 4:10-11).

## **BEYOND PERSUASION**

1. **Esau:** Heb 12:17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.
2. **Cain:** (Gen 4:15-17)

Gen 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

Gen 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Gen 4:13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.

Gen 4:14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

Gen 4:16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

### 3. **The People in the Book of Revelation:**

Rev 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:  
Rev 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

### 4 **The Rich Man in Hell:**

Luk 16:28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Luk 16:29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

Luk 16:30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

Luk 16:31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

### 5. **Let not your Heart be Hardened:**

a. (Psalm 95:7-8) “Today if ye will hear his voice harden not your heart, as in the provocation and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.”

b. (Hebrews 3:13) “But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

