

Solution to Study 0002

Scripture Text: Hosea 6:1-3

“Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.” (New King James Version)

“The people say, "Let's return to the LORD! He has hurt us, but he will be sure to heal us; he has wounded us, but he will bandage our wounds, won't he? In two or three days he will revive us, and we will live in his presence. Let us try to know the LORD. He will come to us as surely as the day dawns, as surely as the spring rains fall upon the earth.””
(Good News Bible)

One of the key words/phrases of our scripture text is heeding the call or invitation to return to God. In life, we are bombarded with invitations or calls to one thing or another. Our response to those invitations usually is indicative of what will ultimately become of us.

The numerous scripture verses provided below were given to aid you in your study, to determine the kinds of invitations that we usually receive, and which ones we really do heed.

Genesis 3:1-9; 11:1-9; 37:18-20; 39:7-10; Exodus 3:10; 24:12; 32:26; Numbers 22:6-7; Nehemiah 6:2-19; Proverbs 1:10-19; 7:6-27; 9:1-6, 13-18; Isaiah 1:18-20; 55:1-3; Matthew 11:28-30; 19:21; 22:1-14; Luke 19:1-6; John 1:45-46; 4:28-30; 7:37-39; Revelation 4:1; 22:17.

Assignment

Read through the scriptures above, and answer the following questions; and then arrive at the conclusion, all below.

- [A] From the above scriptures, please identify the following:
- a. What kind of invitation is being extended?
 - b. Who is doing the inviting?
 - c. To what is a person being invited?
 - d. Which invitations should we honour?

Scripture	Kind of invitation	Who is inviting	To what are we being invited	Do we honour or not
<i>Genesis 3:1-9</i>	Evil	Satan/serpent	Disobedience	Don't Honour
<i>Genesis 11:1-9</i>	Evil	Men	Fame	Don't Honour
<i>Genesis 37:18-20</i>	Evil	Joseph's brothers	Murder	Don't Honour
<i>Genesis 39:7-10</i>	Evil	Potiphar's Wife	Sexual immorality	Don't Honour
<i>Exodus 3:10</i>	Godly	God	Ministry	Honour
<i>Exodus 24:12</i>	Godly	God	Receive instruction	Honour
<i>Exodus 32:26</i>	Godly	Moses	To the side of God	Honour
<i>Numbers 22:6-7</i>	Evil	Balak	To curse God's people	Don't Honour
<i>Nehemiah 6:2-19</i>	Evil	Sanballat, Tobias, & co.	A conference aimed at distracting from God's work	Don't Honour
<i>Proverbs 1:10-19</i>	Evil	Friends/Peers	To commit crimes	Don't Honour
<i>Proverbs 7: 6-27</i>	Evil	A harlot	To sexual immorality	Don't Honour
<i>Proverbs 9:1-6</i>	Godly	Wisdom	To forsake foolishness	Honour
<i>Proverbs 9:13-18</i>	Evil	A foolish woman	To immorality	Don't Honour
<i>Isaiah 1:18-20</i>	Godly	God	To reason together	Honour
<i>Isaiah 55:1-3</i>	Godly	God	To receive divine blessings	Honour
<i>Matthew 11:28-30</i>	Godly	Jesus	To rest	Honour
<i>Matthew 19:21</i>	Godly	Jesus	To eternal life	Honour
<i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>	Godly	God	To the wedding feast of the Lamb	Honour
<i>Luke 19:1-6</i>	Godly	Jesus	To dine in your house	Honour
<i>John 1:45-46</i>	Godly	Philip	To come and meet with Jesus	Honour
<i>John 4:28-30</i>	Godly	A woman not considered much	To meet with Jesus	Honour
<i>John 7:37-39</i>	Godly	Jesus	To receive the Holy Spirit	Honour
<i>Revelation 4:1</i>	Godly	The Resurrected Jesus	To see future things	Honour
<i>Revelation 22:17</i>	Godly	The Holy Spirit & The Resurrected Jesus	To eternal life	Honour

[B] Categorize the invitations based on:

a. Who is doing the inviting?

- Satan
- God
- Man

b. What the invitations lead to?

- Life
- Death

[C] Is any invitation being extended to you? Which one(s)? what is your response?

(each individual is expected to examine himself or herself to see which kinds of invitations they have been receiving, and which ones they have been responding to. Are you honouring godly invitations?)

Conclusion *(Please fill in the blanks to arrive at the conclusion of this week's study)*

An invitation by God always leads to life. Every invitation by Satan never leads to life.

An invitation by man may however, lead to life or death; so be careful which invitation by man you honour.