

Our Cries for Help Fall on Deaf Ears!

“¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.” – Luke 15:14-16.

The young man was in dire need for food and was desperate. The scripture stated that he longed for the pigs' food but no one gave him anything. It is suggested that there were other persons employed with him to feed the pigs, but his cries for help fell on deaf ears!

Sin will not only bring me to a state of lack, but at that place of need there is rarely anyone to give me anything. This young man needed help but no one gave him anything. He felt abandoned and alone. His friends - who were plentiful when he was the 'life of the party' and was buying drinks for everyone - could not be found when he needed help.

Matthew Henry writes:

“A sinful state is a state which cannot expect relief from any creature. No men gave unto him; such poor are least pitied. This is the application of the parable, intimated that those who depart from God cannot be helped by any creature. In vain do we cry to the world and to the flesh, those gods we have served; they have that which will poison a soul, but has nothing to give which will feed and nourish it. If thou refuses God's help, whence shall any creature help thee?”

It is only when the sinner reaches a place of hopelessness and despair that he turns and cries out to God for help. The Psalmist reminds us of a faithful, loving and comforting God who always hears our cries for help and saves us in times of troubles:

“Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.”- Psalm 107:19.

God is ready and able to meet our every need, and to deliver us from our troubles.

Heavenly Father,

“You are my God! Hear, O LORD, my cry for help. I have been broken by sin and now there is none but You to save me from my troubles. I thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ – my Redeemer and Deliver. Have mercy upon me, a sinner! In Jesus' mighty name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.”

Memory Verse:

“Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.” - Psalm 107:6

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