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## Excerpt From the Intoduction of "God Forgives Sinners" By W.E. Best

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“Sinners are at enmity with God, whose name is “holy and reverend” (Ps. 111:9). As omnipotence is the power of God’s attributes, holiness is their beauty. Holiness is self-affirming purity. God’s omnipotence declares Him mighty, and His holiness declares Him glorious. Just as the sun’s loss of light would cause it to lose its heat and quickening virtue, God’s loss of holiness would cause Him to lose His quickening power. Sinners want God to satisfy their lusts on earth; they would dethrone God and degrade His character. God, however, surrenders to no one.

Holiness is God’s chief

By: Joe Galuszek Isa 46:1-11

Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my p l e a s u r e .

Hearken to the Lord. This instruction is given to the house of Jacob and the house of Israel. This message is to those who have been born of the LORD. There was no house of Israel until God made Israel. The children of the LORD are just that, His children. How? They

attribute, and it can never be attained by any man. (Who can equal God?) God’s love is important, but that is not His fundamental attribute. Love requires a standard, and its standard is holiness. God’s love is regulated not by sentiment but by principle. Grace reigns not at the expense of righteousness but through righteousness (Rom. 5:21). God’s love never conflicts with His holiness.

God is the God of order. There is order in the Godhead, in salvation, and in service. Order in the Godhead is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. That order does not imply, however, that the character of the Father is greater than that of

are born of Him. The new birth is of God even in the Old Testament. The birth is not the end of the work of the Lord. I have made you; I will bear you, and I will deliver you. Salvation is of the LORD. This is the One who saw them polluted in their own blood (Ezek 16:6). They were sitting in their own death. They were not looking for the LORD. The LORD found them, and they were dead. Finding them there, still in their own blood, the LORD Isa 46 cont. Page 2

either the Son or the Holy Spirit. Order in the Godhead is revealed in authority. The Father so loved His own elect among sinners that He sent His Son into the world—Jesus Christ came. The Lord Jesus Christ ascended after His death and resurrection and sent the Holy Spirit—the Holy Spirit came. The One sent was not less in character but in authority. The Father planned salvation for the elect in eternity past; the Son purchased the elect’s salvation two thousand years ago when He died on the cross; the Holy Spirit applies the salvation that the Father planned and the Son purchased to the hearts of the elect in time.

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application of salvation to the elect: first comes regeneration, then conversion. Regeneration, which comes from God alone, occurs when the Holy Spirit enters the heart of an individual sinner and gives him a desire for spiritual things. Regeneration is identical in every individual; conversion experiences, however, vary.

There is order also in the true conversion experience of a man who has been regenerated. His mind, emotions, and will are affected. His regeneration by the Spirit of God gives him a disposition for the things of God. When such a person hears the gospel proclaimed, his mind is set in motion. He hears and understands. In this way, the intellectual part of man is engaged in a true conversion experience. His God-imparted, inward disposition enables him to recognize truth when he hears it (John 10:4, 5), and he responds to that truth.

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said unto them live. They lived. God has promised deliverance to His people. No matter how old or infirm, Christ will deliver His people which the Father gave to Him. The salvation of God is complete salvation. The word of the Lord stands secure, to His people and to His enemies. He is the Just God and The Savior. The Lord Jesus Christ is God and there is none else.

How do we know He will not change His mind? How do we know that He will

deliver? From the beginning, He has declared the end. He has sworn, by Himself; the word went out from His mouth in righteousness and will not return. The LORD has already declared the end. He knows how this life that we live is to turn out. There are those who say that God determined the end but not how we get there. That is foolishness, for there is no control of the end without control of the middle. "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps" (Prov 16:9). "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD" (Prov 16:33). "The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD" (Prov 16:1). This does not sound like the God of all glory has taken a 'hands-off approach'. He has given birth to His people and will deliver them. He saves and keeps them by His power. All things work together for good for these that love the Lord Jesus Christ. He has the power. He is power. He is LORD.

**Proverbs 18: 1-18, 19 1-9**

- 1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddeth with all wisdom.
- 2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.
- 3 When the wicked

cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

- 4 The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.
- 5 *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.
- 6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.
- 7 A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.
- 8 The words of a talebearer *are as* wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.
- 9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.
- 10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
- 11 The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.
- 12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.
- 13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it*, *it is* folly and shame unto him.
- 14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit

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who can bear?

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

17 *He that is* first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

1 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

2 Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth.

3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, *yet* they *are* wanting *to him*.

8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.

**Lord In Thy Presence**  
**Page 45 Old School Hymnal**

**V1. Lord, in feeble aim,  
Thy presence  
here we undertake to  
meet: May we do,  
in Thee be glorify Thy  
found! O**

**make the  
place di-  
vinely sweet,  
And let Thy  
grace a-  
bound.**

**V2. With har-  
mony Thy  
servants  
bless That  
we may own  
to Thee How  
good, how  
sweet, how  
pleasant 'tis  
When breth-  
ren all a-gree**

**V3. May Zi-  
on's good be  
kept in view,  
And bless our  
feeble aim,  
That all we  
undertake to  
do, May glo-  
rify Thy  
name.**



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