

## “IS THERE NO BALM IN GILEAD?” (2)

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**The Great Physician’s Remedy for Sin.** *“When Jesus heard that, He said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.’”* {Matthew 9:12} Sadly, complete obedience to God and His will has never been popular with the majority of the world’s people—especially the so-called religious people. Yet, God’s word is quite clear on the subject—just listen:

*” Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”* {Matthew 7:13,14}

Jesus understood that the majority would seek out broad ways that would be less-confining and more-appealing than the narrow way that leads to life. God’s terms and conditions seem **NARROW** to those who seek salvation on their own terms. Yes, they understand that they are sick and in need of help, but they are unwilling to follow His instructions and take what He prescribes.

*“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”* {Matthew 7:21-23} Think carefully about the implications of Jesus’ statement. What will those who call themselves healers say when they stand before Him? What about all those who prophesied in His name prophesies that did not come true? What about the mega-rich TV evangelists who provide laundry lists of their global accomplishments? It’s probably safe to say that on that day, they will be willing to trade the riches they extracted from the gullible listeners they misled for another opportunity to be saved from Hell’s eternal fires! That fateful day will be very sad.

**To Whom Can We Turn if Not the Great Physician.** *“Then Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you also want to go away?’ But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’” {John 6:67,68}* Jesus came to this sinful world to save the lost {*Luke 19:10*}. He brought with Him the only remedy for our greatest problem—condemnation from sin’s guilt. God sent His Son into the world to help those who were willing to respond to His plea. *“And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.” {Revelation 22:17}* He came to help lost souls who were blinded by sin {*Luke 4:18*}. His invitation, He offered to all: *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” {Matthew 11:28-30}* This Great Physician is never too busy, and He’s always willing to aid sinners.

Do you want to die in your sins? Do you really want to spend eternity separated from God? Would you rather have a home with the devil and His angels than an eternal home in heaven? Why would you desire such a place, knowing how much better it will be with God? It sounds like a no-brainer.

There is “**balm in Gilead.**” God’s Son offers it through His word. Why not apply this balm to your sin-stained soul before it’s too late? \*\*\*