



## What is the Object of the Gospel Message?

**Acts 5:42:** (NASB) *And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.*



All Christians adhere to the Gospel message that salvation comes only through Jesus. In this program we want to examine just who Jesus was calling to hear him. Was it anyone and everyone or were his messages designed for just a few to respond to, with provisions made for everyone else later? Why did Jesus speak in parables? Why did he, for the most part, limit his teaching to just the Jews? What was the great commission to preach the Gospel to all nations all about? Was it to convert everyone or was it to draw out a comparatively few disciples from all nations?

## What is being a true follower of Jesus all about?

**Matthew 16:21-25:** (NASB) <sup>21</sup>*From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.* <sup>22</sup>*Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to you.* <sup>23</sup>*But he turned and said to Peter, Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.* <sup>24</sup>*Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.* <sup>25</sup>*For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

- According to Jesus, the cost of true Christianity is extremely high!
- Peter did not understand the difference between Jesus preserving his own life and Jesus saving the life of the world. He thought that the right thing for Jesus to do was to save his own life.

**They turned the world upside down! [Holydesperation.com](http://Holydesperation.com)**

- *When I see the church in the New Testament, they didn't have stately buildings, paid evangelists, lots of money and organizations; they couldn't get on TV and beg. But they turned the world upside down! Are you big enough to say, "Lord in this crucial hour in human history, let me fill up the sufferings of Christ!?"*

**Luke 14:25-26:** (NASB) <sup>25</sup>*Now large crowds were going along with him; and he turned and said to them,* <sup>26</sup>*If anyone comes to me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.*

In other words, Jesus and God should be the priority. Jesus himself did not live hating his mother and father, but rather he taught us to put God first and foremost without exception. Everything (and everyone) else is secondary. Our lives are for the purpose of serving God. (That word "hate" used here also can mean "love less.")

**No time to waste living with a Christian spin, [David Platt, RadicalTheBook.com](http://DavidPlatt.com)**

- *If we form Jesus to look like us and be who we want him to be...the reality is we are not worshipping the Jesus of the Bible.*



- *We have a Master who demands radical obedience and a mission that warrants radical urgency!*
- *We do not have time to waste our lives living out a Christian spin on the American dream.*

We agree! We are to form our lives to fit into the footsteps of Jesus. The cost of Christianity is great and extreme. It focuses on living our lives in relation to the will of God through Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:10-14: (NASB) <sup>10</sup>*But you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, <sup>11</sup>persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! <sup>12</sup>Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. <sup>13</sup>But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup>You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them...*

### What was “The Great Commission” all about?

Is our commission to convert the whole world right now?

Matthew 28:18-20: (NASB) <sup>18</sup>*And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

These are Jesus' last words before he ascends to heaven. What do they mean?

Throughout much of Christianity, “coming to Christ” seems to be a simple matter of confession, but is that what this text is looking for?

 **The real questions, *What is the Gospel, Paul Washer***

- *The question is NOT, do you know you are a sinner? It IS, since you have sat under the preaching of the Gospel, has God so worked in your heart that the sin you once loved you now hate?*
- *The question is NOT, do you want to go to heaven? Everybody wants to go to heaven! They just don't want God to be there when they get there! The question is, if the Gospel has been preached to you, has God done such a mighty work in your heart that you now esteem Him worthy above all things?*

Has it transformed you? If becoming a Christian means you have to put everything else behind, what should we collectively as Christians be walking towards - a happier life full of things, or something different?

Luke 24:46-47: (NASB) <sup>46</sup>*and he said to them, Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

Three things are instructed by Jesus as part of this great commission:

1. Make disciples (followers)/teach/preach repentance and remission of sins.
2. Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. Teach Jesus' words.



Jesus instructs, "Make disciples of all nations." But note what he does not say, however. He does not say, "Make all nations my disciples." Is there a difference? We believe there is. He doesn't say that all nations are to be a follower of him. But if Jesus is telling us not to convert everyone, are we then limiting the Gospel of Christ?

Matthew 7:13-14: (NASB) <sup>13</sup>Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

This sounds very limiting...!

**So, is this a contradiction?**

Isaiah 35:8: (NASB) A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander on it.

So is there a narrow road or a big road? Could there be two different roads to salvation? We will look at this again later in the program.

What is our commission then?

We are told to preach repentance, (compunction, reversal, change of mind) just like John the Baptist. This was a partial work leading up to the remission of sins. Never until Jesus came were both repentance and remission to be preached.

Matthew 3:11: I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

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We are also told to preach the remission (freedom, pardon) of sins through Jesus:

Acts 10:43: To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Belief is more than just saying something. It is living what you say. Jesus and the Apostles spent a lot of time teaching us this. The sermon is our life. Our life should be lived differently than everyone else. Are we living the Christian spin on the American dream, or are we attempting to walk in his footsteps day by day?

Luke 4:18: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...

Jesus is quoting a prophecy from the Old Testament, telling us he was the fulfillment of that prophecy. He did all these things to a degree for his followers, but it wasn't a broad application. What captives did he release? There is much more fulfillment to that prophecy. There is a bigger release.



## Do ALL have an opportunity to truly receive the Gospel?

Luke 13:22-25: (NASB) <sup>22</sup>And he was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, Lord, are there just a few who are being saved? And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, Lord, open up to us! then he will answer and say to you, I do not know where you are from.

This sounds like the Gospel is for a very few. If that's the case, how did Jesus die for the sins of the whole world? How do these fit together?



God is a feeling, Oprah Winfrey on Jesus, [shatterparadigm.blogspot.com](http://shatterparadigm.blogspot.com)

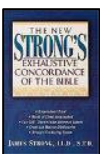
- God, in the essence of all consciousness, isn't something to believe. God is. God is a feeling experience, not a believing experience. If God for you is still about a belief, then it's not truly God.

While explaining the parable of the sower, Jesus gives us some insight into who has opportunity for what:

Matthew 13:19: (NRSV) When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

- If now was the only time for salvation, then why does a simple lack of understanding of the word give Satan the ability to take it away?
- Why is there no rejection of the message given as a reason for being kept in the dark?
- Why is Satan blamed, if in fact these individuals pictured here are given free choice?

Most Christians believe that if you reject Jesus, there is a penalty such as hell-fire. But what about the people that just don't understand Jesus? Are they on the same path as those who out and out reject him? Is that fair and just?



**Understand:** Strong's #4920 suniemi (soon-ee'-ay-mee); to put together, i.e. (mentally) to comprehend; by implication, to act piously: KJV-- consider, understand, be wise.

Ephesians 5:17: (KJV) Wherefore be ye not unwise, but **understanding** <4920> what the will of the Lord is.

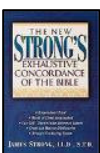
This kind of understanding takes effort!

So, if "missing out" is seemingly so easy, how does that harmonize with the following text?

1 Timothy 2:3-6: (NRSV) <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the **knowledge** <1922> of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all --this was attested at the right time.

God WANTS all men to know His Truth!

**Knowledge:** Strong's #1922. epignwsiv epignosis ep-ig'-no-sis; recognition, i.e. (by implication) full discernment, acknowledgement.





Having a full discernment means you know and understand the workings of something. Are we saying that God wants everyone to be saved, but God doesn't get what He wants? Is God the Almighty? Does He know the beginning from the end? If so, and he desires all men to be saved but knows just a tiny percentage will really get it, why would God want something that He already knows He can't achieve? God wants everyone to come to a full understanding.

2 Peter 3:9: *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

We see that the Scriptures tell us there are two different roads.

Acts 15:14: (NASB) *Simeon (Peter) has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. Why not all the Gentiles?*

There are different parts to Jesus dying for the sins of the whole world. What is the object of the Gospel? So far, we know that it is to call out a people for his name, but where does everyone else fit into this message if it truly is "Good News?"

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- Being a true Christian is hard work; ("*Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.*") That's not a life of leisure.)
- Jesus' great commission was to draw disciples from all nations, not to make all nations his disciples;
- God wants all men to have salvation, yet it seems as though it's too easy to not answer the call.

### Why would Jesus teach in parables?

Matthew 13:10-12: (NASB) <sup>10</sup>*And the disciples came and said to him, Why do you speak to them in parables? <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered them, To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. <sup>12</sup>For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.*

**Jesus introduces an "us versus them" concept and now explains his "strategy" through a prophecy:**

Matthew 13:13-15: (NASB) <sup>13</sup>*Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. <sup>14</sup>In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, You will keep on hearing, but will not understand. You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; <sup>15</sup>For the heart of this people has become dull, With their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.*

**Jesus continues by explaining just how privileged his followers are:**

Matthew 13:16-17: (NASB) <sup>16</sup>*But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. <sup>17</sup>For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.*

Even righteous men don't go to heaven? Is Jesus being so selective that only a few receive salvation or is there another piece that needs to be put into place?



Also review: [Matthew 24:14](#), [John 18:37](#), [2 Corinthians 4:4](#),  
[Revelation 20:2](#), [Isaiah 35:9](#)

))) **There can't be just one way, Oprah Winfrey on Jesus, [shatterparadigm.blogspot.com](#)**

- *Oprah: One of the mistakes that humans make is believing there is only one way to live and we don't accept that there are diverse ways of being in the world. There are millions of ways to be a human being.*
- *Interviewer: ...then how do you please God?*
- *Oprah: ...and many paths to what you call God. Her path might be something else and when she gets there, she might call it "the light." But her loving and her kindness and generosity - if it brings her to the same point that it brings you, it doesn't matter if she called it God along the way or not.*
- *Interviewer: That sounds great on the onset, but if you really look at both sides, what about Jesus?*
- *Oprah: There couldn't possibly be just one way. What about Jesus?*

That's a legitimate issue - what do you do with all of those other people, the billions that have sought after righteousness but did not come to God through Christ? Is there some kind of salvation for them? When, where and how?

We believe it is *all* about Jesus.

Isaiah 6:8-10: (KJV) <sup>8</sup>Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. <sup>9</sup>And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. <sup>10</sup>Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Jesus "volunteers" for the job and is given instructions.

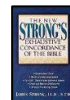
This prophecy and Jesus' fulfillment of it clearly state that Jesus' purpose is to leave his listeners in an unconverted and sinful state. Why would Jesus do that if he came to save the whole world?

### Is salvation really available to ALL?

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**Knowledge: Strongs #1922 full discernment.**



))) **Christ Consciousness, Oprah Winfrey on Jesus, [shatterparadigm.blogspot.com](#)**

- *I'm Christian, too...Up until then (when she read a certain book) I thought Jesus came, died on the cross, that Jesus' being here was about his death and dying on the cross, when it was really about him coming to show us how to do it, how to be, to show us the Christ consciousness that he had and that that consciousness abides with all of us.*



We agree that Jesus showed us how to live, but it was all about his dying on the cross or else there would be no hope, no salvation, no anything. Our opinion is that Oprah does not want to leave all these people out in the cold, but the right way to find out what happens to them is to go through the Scriptures.

Luke 19:8-10: (NASB) <sup>8</sup>Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much. <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

### What was lost? Paradise on earth!

Genesis 3:22-24: (NASB) <sup>22</sup>Then the LORD God said, Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever <sup>23</sup>therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup>So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

If you go back to that which is lost, you are going back to a perfect earth, not heaven. Heaven wasn't even offered until Jesus opened up another, higher way. But we can't forget the perfect earth that was lost. Perhaps that is the destination of the rest of the people! There are many prophecies that talk about a restored earth. (Please refer to the Bonus Material at the end of this Full Edition of CQRewind.) Now there is an open door for the "everybody else."

 **Anyone can go to heaven, Billy Graham interview with Robert Schuler**

- *I think that everybody that loves Christ or knows Christ, whether they are conscious of it or not, are members of the body of Christ. God is calling people out of the world for His name, whether the Muslim world or the Buddhist world or the Christian world or are non-believers, they are members of the body - they may not even know the name of Jesus, but they know in their heart that they need something that they don't have and they turn to the only light that they have and I think they are going to be with us in heaven.*

What do you do with all the "good" people? Why did Jesus tell us to pick up our cross and follow him if in fact "general goodness" is the answer?

Romans 5:18-19: (NASB) <sup>18</sup>So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. <sup>19</sup>For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous.

*The many are made righteous.* That doesn't mean that they go to heaven, but we believe it relates back to those Old Testament prophecies of restoring what was originally lost.

There are two parts of salvation that are beginning to unfold.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20: (NASB) <sup>17</sup>Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. <sup>18</sup>Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup>namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.



<sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The reconciliation is that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. All are going to be coming under Christ...but when? We are representatives of Christ.

1 John 2:2: (NASB) *and he himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.*

The whole world is part of this propitiation, but they aren't given the heavenly promise. What is it that they get? Heaven is available but for a select few - *narrow is the way*. And yet there is a lot of scriptural evidence that there is hope for the "everybody else" if they are not part of that.

### What happens to those who are NOT converted before they die?

Yet, Jesus himself tells us of a future for the "unrighteous." Jesus saves the world in two stages: The true Christians first and the rest of the world second.

John 5:28-29: (NASB) <sup>28</sup>*Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, <sup>29</sup>and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.*

The resurrection of life is that narrow way Jesus described. But what about those resurrected to judgment?

Acts 24:14-15: (NASB) <sup>14</sup>*But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets; <sup>15</sup>having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.*

1 Timothy 5:24-25: (NASB) <sup>24</sup>*The sins of some men are quite evident, going before them to judgment; for others, their sins follow after. <sup>25</sup>Likewise also, deeds that are good are quite evident, and those which are otherwise cannot be concealed.*

There are two parts: Some men's sins *go before to judgment* (true followers of Christ) and others *follow after* (for those who haven't accepted Christ now). Heaven is for the true, dedicated follower of Christ.

Romans 8:21: (NASB) *...that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

The creation - the world at large - will be set free from their slavery and will get life again. Jesus is to restore that which was lost. A slave set free goes back to what they had. Man had and lost everlasting life on earth. These scriptures show a special heavenly calling for the true Christians contrasted with those that come up afterwards. Jesus sacrificed his life and was glorified. He calls out *a people for his name* so that we can be *ministers of reconciliation*. In the resurrection of judgment, there is a reconciliation process that takes place. That is where those true followers of Christ come into play. They are given a special privilege, but that is earned by walking in Jesus' footsteps so that you can be a blessing to the whole world of mankind. God's plan is magnificent!





Isaiah 35:8: (NASB) *A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander on it.*

This is not for the follower of Christ, because the follower had to walk in the narrow way. This Isaiah scripture is for the "everybody else."

**Here is a prophetic look at the future environment of those who are blessed:**

Matthew 6:9-10: (NRSV) *<sup>9</sup>Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

Why does Jesus pray for God's will to be done on earth? Because it will happen!

Daniel 2:44: (NRSV) *And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever;*

Where does this permanent kingdom take place? Not in heaven but on earth!

Habakkuk 2:14: (KJV) *For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

The object is for us to be followers of Christ, to be examples, to be ministers of reconciliation so that in the Day of Judgment we can play a part in blessing the whole world.

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Notice here, the description of Jesus' followers - as a priesthood - the question is, a priesthood to whom? The answer is, to those who are blessed!

1 Peter 2:7-12: (NRSV) *<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner, <sup>8</sup>and A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall. They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup>Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.*

**The righteous judgment of those who are blessed:**

Hebrews 9:27: *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the **judgment** <2920>.*

Hebrews 4:12-13: (ASV) *<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and*



*marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*

The resurrected will be judged... on what basis?

- The words you have spoken,
- The actions you have done,
- The reactions you have had,
- The works you have accomplished,
- The thoughts you have entertained,
- The deeds of your might, and
- The example of your life.

Daniel 7:13-14: (NRSV) <sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Jeremiah 31:29-34: (NRSV) <sup>29</sup>In those days they shall no longer say: The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. <sup>30</sup>But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. <sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, Know the LORD, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**A prophetic look at the future environment of those who are blessed:**

Psalms 22:27: *All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.*

Psalms 86:9: *All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.*

Isaiah 11:9: *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Zechariah 14:9: *And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.*

Revelation 11:15: *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

Psalms 145:9-13: (NRSV) <sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. <sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. <sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, <sup>12</sup>to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.