

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1Corinthians 2:6-9**.
- B. Tonight I would like for you to think of men as a real estate salesman, because I have 2 pieces of property that you might be interested in. I'm not the seller of these places of abode, but can offer them to you just the same.
- C. After I have described them to you please feel free to choose the one you like the most. If you have further questions please see me afterwards.

I. THE FIRST PIECE OF PROPERTY.

- A. As I look into my real estate brochure, I see some information you may be interested in.
- B. **First, the neighborhood.**
It consists of something quite dark, even gloomy. Second Peter 2:4 doesn't think much of this place, calling it a pit.
- C. **Second, the neighbors.**
The folks around you are not all that friendly; they spend most of their time weeping and gnashing their teeth (Mt. 8:12).
- D. **Third, occupation of the people.**
They are busy all the time. They never rest or take a vacation. It would seem that they are in torment all the time (Rev. 20:10).
- E. **Fourth, the weather.**
It is warm all year long, some say it is hot. If you like a very hot and dry climate you will like this place. One resident said it was so dry that even a drop of water would be a welcome thing (Lk. 16:23-24).
- F. **Fifth, the streets.**
They are wide and well-traveled; most easy to find. The old saying of "you can't miss it" is true for almost everyone (Mt. 7:13).
- G. **Sixth, reservations.**
They are required, but you need next to nothing to get one, it is a place prepared for the devil and his angels (Mt. 25:41), but they will allow you to come too!
- H. **Seventh, the cost.**
We always leave that one to last don't we! But this place is amazingly affordable. You need not spend your money, just sin willfully and the wages are paid! See Rom. 6:23; Heb. 10:26-27.
- I. Anyone interested?

II. THE SECOND PIECE OF PROPERTY.

- A. I can tell, some of you are thinking that that didn't interest you. Not really your style. There is however, another place I want to tell you about. Looking again at my real estate brochure...
- B. **First, the neighborhood.**
It has no crime; the streets, parks, rivers, and mansion are all clean. Hope you like Sonshine, because it shines all the time; yet sunburn is not a problem (Rev. 21:23). The gates to the subdivision are never locked (Rev. 21:25-27).
- C. **Second, the neighbors.**
They are the best because there is no death, no crying, no pain, and no mourning; you have the best of neighbors and they never move out (Rev. 21:3-5)!
- D. **Third, occupation of the people.**
Unlike the busyness of the first group, the folks rest from their labors. It is a pleasure palace with a laid back life-style (Rev. 14:13; Heb. 4:9-11).
- E. **Fourth, the weather.**

Ideal! It is so good it is hard to describe (1Cor. 2:6-9). All kinds of things going on; praise groups, heavenly choirs (cherubim and seraphim), etc. All the trees bring forth their fruit all year long (must be the water). Natural healing is the thing--everyone stays healthy with this natural diet (Rev. 22:1-2).

F. Fifth, the streets.

They are strait, not overly traveled. One person told me they were made of pure gold, clear as glass, once you get into the city (Mt. 7:13; Rev. 21:21).

G. Sixth, reservations.

They are required, but new mansions are going up constantly (Jn. 14:2-4). They are undefiled and imperishable for those who desire to come (1Pet. 1:4).

H. Seventh, the cost.

And yes, this is the best part of all! The price for this wonderful place has been paid for! Jesus has paid it with His blood (Ac. 20:28). He asks that all come and partake of this place without cost (Rev. 21:6). He only asks that you live a life faithful to Him, even unto death (Rev. 2:10).

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III. **NOW SOME SERIOUS BUSINESS.**

- A. The above was done "tongue-in-cheek" to approach some very serious matters with a little levity. But one's eternal state is serious business.
- B. Many people in life make the wrong choices:
 - 1. Offer a 3-yr. old a piece of bubble gum or a \$1,000 CD--he'll take the gum.
 - 2. Offer an adult the best house, food, and clothes or a *spotless reputation* and most will choose **the material things**.
 - 3. Offer an adult domination, authority, and dominion or *being free from sin*, and most will choose **the power**.
 - 4. Offer an adult beauty, ability, and intelligence or the peace that passes understanding, and most will choose **the fame and popularity**.
- C. The said conclusion is that when faced with the choice of *heaven* or hell, the vast majority of people pick **hell**!
- D. How foolish to make such a choice when the choice seems so obvious!

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Jesus promises rest, fellowship, no death, no crying, nor mourning in a place void of crime, darkness, sin, and uncleanness. And the majority says--NO!
- B. The price for going to heaven has been paid by Jesus. Respond to his offer of grace and heaven, but giving your life to Him (Rev. 2:10).
- C. Two pieces of property have been referred to you--which one will you choose?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.