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Isaiah 45:20-25    Ezekiel 12:21-28

## **A Sermon for Young People** by Charles Spurgeon

Would you not think that everyone would delight to hear the message of salvation?

Yet how many excuses people make for rejecting God's love.

For example, Ezekiel 12:27 "The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off" – not for right now!

### **1. You cannot afford to wait.**

- Even if God spares you until old age, how short life is, how quickly gone!

-We cannot guarantee even tomorrow, death could be very near.

-Let these warnings lead you to decision.

-The time is short; hasten to the Saviour.

-Jesus Christ is coming to judge the world, we know not when.

-Listen to His Word "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." Matthew 24:44

### **2. The Gospel has as much to do with your present as with your future.**

-God made you – do you serve Him?

-God sent the word of His gospel to you – have you received it?

-If not, can it be right to continue to wrong your God and grieve His matchless love?

-How eager God is to forgive us – may this make us fly into His tender arms!

-God is a just God, He records our every sin, and will surely punish us for them.

-What danger we are in if we remain an enemy to Him.

-But there is immediate pardon for all those sins if you will believe in Jesus.

-Do not be content to live another hour without accepting the salvation He purchased with so great a cost, but presents to us freely.

-Do not think that He may only be found after living a long life of seeking Him – Whosoever looks to Jesus at this very moment shall have his sins forgiven.

-The gospel brings present pardon, present regeneration, present adoption, present access to God, present peace, present help in time of trouble, wisdom for your way, strength for your conflict, comfort for your sorrow.

### **3. The gospel is filled with glorious hopes for the future.**

-Grace has the power to preserve us from much sin, which would otherwise bring us much sorrow.

-We cannot trust our own hearts to keep us from sin; we need the power of the Holy Spirit, Who will dwell in us when we believe in Jesus.

-With the grace of God in our heart, we will be prepared for whatever is to come in our future, and will be useful in God's Kingdom.

-See how precious your life is, and how important to use it well, and lay hold of pardon and grace.

-If your heart is given to Christ, you need not tremble about the end of life – you may look forward to it with hope!

-Look unto Him and be saved, for He is God and beside Him there is none else. Isaiah 45:22