**R974 Rumination for Sept. 24, 2023**

The **T**heme: **There is None…** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *As it is written,* ***There is none*** *righteous, no, not one:* Rom. 3:10

The **T**hots:

1. **The All-embracing Nature of the Statement –**
2. The **P**rinciple of Sin – *There is none righteous, no, not one* Rom. 3:10
3. There is no Righteousness from Birth – Psa. 51:5

*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

1. There is no Righteousness in Life – Rom. 3:23

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

1. There is no Righteousness in Man – I Jn. 1:8, 9

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,*

*He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1. It covers all **S**tages of life – children, teens, adults.
2. It covers all **S**ocieties of Life – rich, poor, high, low, etc.
3. It covers all **S**ections of Life – Jews and Gentiles.
4. The **P**ractice of Sin *– there is none that doeth good, no, not one.* Rom. 3:12
5. The **C**onviction –

*If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.* I Jn. 1:10

1. The **C**hallenge *– Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?* Pro. 20:9
2. Sin **B**egins with the **D**evil. Jn. 8:44

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.*

*When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

1. Sin **B**rings about **D**eath. Rom. 6:23

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1. Sin **B**etrays Self and **B**rings about **D**efeat. Rom. 7:24, 25

*O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

1. **The Announced Exclusiveness of God’s Salvation.** **Acts 4:12**
*Neither is there salvation in any other:* ***for there is none*** *other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*
2. “Jesus” is the Only Divinely **R**ecognised Name. Mt. 1:21

 *She shall bring forth a son…thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins*

1. Because the **S**ource is Divine – *He*
2. Because the **S**alvation is Outlined – *shall save*
3. Because the **S**cope is Defined – *His people*

 Cf. Acts 4:12 – i.) Salvation is in no other.

 ii.) Salvation is in no other name –

 Matt. 24:4-5 *– And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.*

 *For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

1. It is the Only Divinely **R**edeeming Name –

*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* Rom. 10:13

1. The Condition of the **S**tate of Man. Isa. 64:7

*And* ***there is none*** *that calleth upon Thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of Thee:*

*for Thou hast hid Thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.*

1. The Condition for the **S**alvation of Man. Rom. 10:13

*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

1. It is the Only Divinely **R**espected Name. Phil. 2:9-11

 **B**ecause it **B**elongs to the Person…

1. Who has met God’s **D**emands – *obedient*. 2:8

*And…He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

1. Who has met with and Conquered **D**eath. 2:8, 9

*And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death,*

*even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name*

*which is above every name:*

1. From Whom His enemies will meet their **D**efeat. 2:10-11

*At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Blessèd Savior, while we gather In Thy precious name,*

*Help us all to lift our voices In the glad acclaim.*

*Thou alone are good and holy,* ***There is none*** *like Thee;*

 *Now and evermore exalted, Lord, Thy name shalt be.* Fanny Crosby,

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 974**

1. Let us recollect what happened at Sodom and Gomorrah when God destroyed the two cities completely. Consider the negotiation Abraham made with God to save the inhabitants therein.

Abraham negotiated with God thus: -

**Genesis 18:23-24, NKJV –**

*23 Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there were* ***fifty****/* ***forty and five/ forty/ thirty/ twenty****/* ***ten*** *righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?*

*And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom* ***fifty****/* ***forty and five/ forty/ thirty/ twenty****/* ***ten*** *righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.*

At the end, Abraham could not find, apart from him and his family, even ten righteous people in the city to justify the Lord not destroying the city –

Romans 3:10 - *As it is written,* ***There is none******righteous, no, not one:***

Compare

Psalm 14:1 - *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have*

 *done abominable works,* ***there is none*** *that doeth good.*

Psalm 14:3 - *They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy:* ***there is none***

*that doeth good, no, not one*.

Is it surprising that at the end of the negotiation, *the LORD went His way, as soon as He had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place*

Then God poured down His judgment…

Genesis 19:24 *- The LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;*

Is today’s society heading for the same conditions in Sodom and Gomorrah? **REFLECT**

1. However, there is still one more of Man’s indifference to consider.

There is this one sphere and condition where there is ***none difference*** with regard to sin and the Bible makes it very clear, as:

1. **Romans 3:9 – *No, in no wise****: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles,*

***that they are all under sin***

1. Romans 3:10 **–** *As it is written,* ***There is******none righteous,*** *no, not one:*
2. Romans 3:11 **– *There is******none that understandeth****, there is* ***none that seeketh after God.***
3. Romans 3:12 **–** ***There is******none that doeth good****, no, not one*.
4. Romans 3:18 **–** ***There is******no fear of God*** *before their eyes.*
5. Romans 3:20 **–** *By the deeds of the law* ***there shall******no flesh be justified*** *in His sight:*
6. Romans 3:22 **–** *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all*

*and upon all them that believe:* ***for there is no difference:***

**Romans 3:23** - ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God****;*

Do you accept this conclusion in the light of what is happening in our society now? **REFLECT**

However, in spite of this, the Day of God’s Grace has not ended. He still waits for sinners to **R**epent and to **R**eturn to Him. And if they do, He will **R**estore their **R**elationship with Him. Hence, the sinner still has the opportunity to be **R**econciled to Him today.

*There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus–*

*No, not one! no, not one!*

*None else could heal all our soul's diseases–*

*No, not one! no, not one!*

Refrain: *Jesus knows all about our struggles,*

*He will guide till the day is done;*

*There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus–*

 *No, not one! no, not one!* Johnson Oatman

**Points To Ponder: There is none** **R**ighteous! Nor is there any other **R**edemer except Jesus!