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Jesus said, “If they do not hear (*literally: give audience to*) Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded, even though one rose from the dead.” ⇒ Luke 16:31. Jesus said **what we give audience to HAS THE POWER to destroy persuasion**, even for eternal life! This is our choice and God accepts no excuses ⇒ Romans 1:16-20. **Realize:**

- 1) God gave us sensitivity to Himself; we have the ability to destroy it and go to hell.
- 2) God gave us sensitivity to evangelism; we have the ability to destroy it: we have the ability to neglect telling other people about God and his offer of eternity in heaven. Satan enjoys telling Christians, ‘Relax; evangelism is *not* your gift. God is *love*: He won’t let a little lack of evangelism send anyone to *hell*.’ Remember this: Satan has used partial truths since the Garden of Eden ⇒ Genesis 3:1-19. *Some* people have evangelism as a gift ⇒ Ephesians 4:11 but *all* people are to evangelize ⇒ 2 Timothy 4:5, Mark 16:15.

Satan sells sin using pride: making people feel like *they* know best. Jesus taught us by example that proactively hiding God’s Word in our heart is how to overcome temptation ⇒ Psalm 119:11; Matthew 4:1-11. Our persuasion comes from the audience we choose.

A related argument says, ‘Unreached people groups live and die without ever hearing the Gospel. They won’t go to hell, *right?*’ Besides Romans 1:16-20, the apostle Paul says to live up to the light we *have* so far ⇒ Philippians 3:16 and Solomon says God put eternity in *everyone’s* heart ⇒ Ecclesiastes 3:11. Missionary Don Richardson always found parts of the Gospel when contacting “unreached” people groups; *everyone’s* heart can respond, and God goes to those who have no ability to respond ⇒ 2 Samuel 12:1-23.

Cataclysmic Contempt: WHY IS SHARING THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR ETERNAL LIFE REGARDED SO LIGHTLY by Christians, its very messengers?

Answer: What we give audience to HAS THE POWER to destroy persuasion.

Since even our decision where we will spend eternity is vulnerable to what our free will gives audience to, *so is everything else*: marriage, family, and every big and little thing. This is one *reason why we need* growing and ongoing spiritual discernment in life to examine our hearts and minds... inquiring to see if we have become numb to the things God knows are important. Satan is defeated daily by Christians who live this way.

The same technology used to evangelize the planet in a greater way than Jesus did ⇒ John 14:12 is the same technology used to bombard us with immoral images ⇒ 2 Timothy 3:1. These last days *require* us to control what we give audience to. Satan wants Christians comfortable with sin. Wake up! ***This onslaught is abnormal and it is warfare!***

What this means for my marriage: our spouse is the prize where Satan set his eyes. God gives complete defeat over Satan to couples who give audience to the right places: 1) audience of just our spouse, 2) audience of just God, and 3) audience of spouse and God together. We must not fool ourselves into thinking our marriage is end-times warfare ready if we are not strengthening all three of these strands ⇒ Ecclesiastes 4:12.

REJECT Cataclysmic Contempt, the disregard of important and eternal things that result in catastrophes, like divorce and hell! **TAKE audience seriously!** ♥ Loren Falzone