

amuse themselves during the ten preceding hours and they fancy that the few last moments will suffice to be occupied with their eternal salvation—What a terrible snare of the devil! what irrational reasoning!

There are two prime reasons which overturn this pretext for delaying conversion. The first is that in no place in scripture is mention made of the eleventh hour for salvation. It proclaims loudly a present salvation, and each of its proclamations imply that it must be *now* or *never*, and scripture cannot contradict itself.

In the passage to which reference is made it is workmen employed in the vineyard that is in view, and not sinners in their sins—It is a householder seeking workmen and not a Saviour seeking sinners (Matt. xx); and a sinful man, as such, cannot be a servant of God. The difference is of all importance.

In the second place, supposing that it is salvation that is in question, who can say that it is not *now* the eleventh hour of his life?

Besides, the fact is that no one had engaged these labourers—they had been all the day doing nothing—and note too that they accept the *first* offer. They do not hesitate a moment, who can say that they had time and time again refused the offer of salvation? Reader, is it not your case? And now coming back to what I said before, God presses souls to decide immediately; and frequently warns them of the consequence of delay. “Son remember that thou in *thy life time* receivedst thy good things * * * but *now* thou art tormented.”

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