

**“Opposition Leads to Rejection -  
*Think About It*”  
Matthew 11: 16-24**

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I am so disciplined  
in my spiritual walk,  
no sin can get me!



**DOUBT**



See to it that no one  
comes short of the  
grace of God; that  
of root of bitterness  
springing up causes  
trouble, and by it  
many be defiled  
Hebrews 12:15



**When in doubt, don't.**

Benjamin Franklin

Verse 16 - 19

**Opposers are critical of Jesus -  
*Faultfinders***

**Fault finders are never satisfied, and always complain**

**Fault finders condemned Jesus for drinking wine**

**What about alcohol and Christians?**

## Consider:

Jesus made real wine at the feast of Cana –  
John 2: 1-11

Paul told Timothy to drink wine for his  
stomach's sake and frequent infirmities –  
1 Timothy 5: 23

*“Give strong drink to him who is perishing,  
and wine to those who are bitter of heart”*  
Proverbs 31: 6

## CONSIDER:

1) The weaker brother – 1 Corinthians 8: 9

You have freedom with this matter, but do not allow your freedom to hinder another

2) Elders – 1 Timothy 3: 3 – *“Not given to wine”*

Does not stay near the wine – not a prohibition

3) Clouded minds are fodder for the demonic; *an enticement for the flesh*



## CONSIDER:

- 4) Principle in Proverbs – *for Kings – Proverbs 31: 4*
- 5) It's personal – *between God and me*
- 6) Who needs wine when you have the Holy Spirit?  
Ephesians 5: 18

## CONCLUSION:

The Bible does not prohibit moderate alcohol consumption, *but it does condemn drunkenness*

**The Bible warns about causing someone to stumble**

Be very careful with the freedom you have – you are a KING after all!

All eyes are on you, Christian, so . . . . .

Colossians 1: 10

**We are here to please God, not the world's faultfinders** *(you can never please a fault finder!)*

Verse 20 - 24

**From invitation to wrath -  
*a ministry change***

The Kingdom rejected will result in God's  
wrath – **JUDGMENT!**

**Judgment because they refused to repent**

**Repent** = “*metanoia*” = change of mind,  
to turn

**Ezekiel 18: 23** expresses the **HEART OF GOD**

**Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?” says the Lord God, “and not that he should turn from his ways and live?**

Ezekiel 18:23 NKJV

**Jesus' Galilean ministry is completed**

**The result of ministry –**

**CRITICAL REJECTION!**



**Matthew 7:13**

**Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate  
and broad is the way that leads to destruction,  
and there are many who go in by it.**

**Do not  
Follow  
Majority  
Follow  
The  
Right  
Way**

**JESUS**



**Matthew 7:13-14 NIV**



The consequence of rejecting is WOE!

Woe = dreadful, wrath, judgment

Why was Jesus rejected?

PRIDE

Pride = self exaltation - *“How great I am!”*

God says, *“How great you aren’t!”*

Sodom's gross wickedness (*homosexuality*)  
was not as bad as the *pride* of Capernaum!

God *hates* pride! – Proverbs 6: 16-17

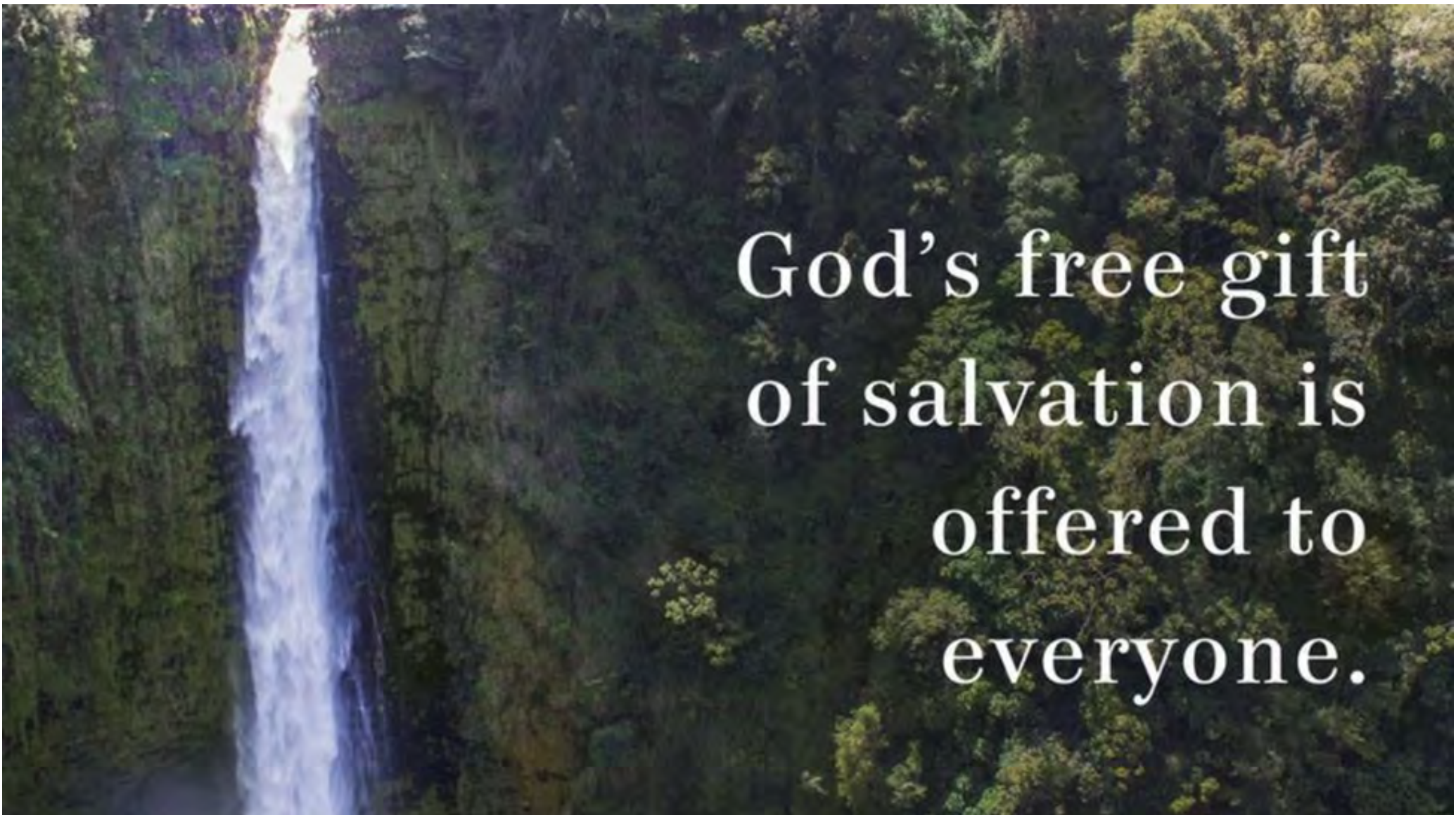
A man in a grey suit and blindfold stands on the edge of a grey rock. He is leaning forward with his right leg raised and his arms outstretched, appearing to be in a precarious or falling position. The background is a blue sky with white clouds.

# Pride Goes Before the Fall

Esther 5:9-14

**CLOSING:** *Think About It*

**THINK ABOUT IT** – Jesus' warning is a grace  
warning  
There is a last, last chance!

A tall waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff in a lush green forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, surrounded by dense green foliage. The scene is captured from a slightly elevated angle, showing the top of the waterfall where it begins to descend.

God's free gift  
of salvation is  
offered to  
everyone.

**THINK ABOUT IT** – Pride is the root of all sin

**THINK ABOUT IT** – A declining, dead nation extols pride

**THINK ABOUT IT** – The Bible speaks of levels of punishment in hell

**THINK ABOUT IT** – All humans have a conscience

**THINK ABOUT IT** – God has written His Law on the hearts of every man. Mankind knows right from wrong

**Romans 2: 15 - NO EXCUSES!!**

**THINK ABOUT IT** – Judgment is sure!

We will all be judged thoroughly  
and completely

**THINK ABOUT IT** – The Holy Spirit to you and me  
**2 Timothy 2: 24-26**

**THINK ABOUT IT** – What you have just heard is all  
true!

This week . . . . ***THINK ABOUT IT!***

Truth

