



## Lesson Nine

(Covering Chapters Nine & Ten in the book)

# The Destructive Influence of O.S.A.S. and Accursed!

Months ago, I became seriously concerned and burdened because of the false religions in our world.

I had read statistics that said there were OVER ONE BILLION Roman Catholics in the world. There are OVER ONE BILLION Muslims in the world. Over one billion people live in the Nation of India, and the overwhelming majority of them are of the HINDU religion.

In case you have not yet figured it out, the statistics I have just given account for OVER ONE-HALF of the people of this earth. Add to those numbers the people in various false cults.

After seriously praying for these people a number of months, God began to reveal to me that one of the MOST DESTRUCTIVE and HARMFUL teachings in our world is the teaching of Once Saved Always Saved (OSAS). Those who teach this doctrine believe in Unconditional Eternal Security.

Those who teach Once Saved Always Saved are very adamant that if a person has known saving faith FOR EVEN A TINY PART OF TIME, they can never be lost. In fact, they teach that even if you have CHANGED YOUR MIND, and do not want to go to Heaven, you must go anyway.

Let me qualify the following teaching in this LESSON by saying that I have known many Unconditional Eternal Security People who are very GOOD, SINCERE, HONEST upright people of high character who live exemplary lives. It is NOT THE PEOPLE who are bad, it is the doctrine they teach that brings RUIN TO MANY SOULS.

To teach that men CAN SIN any type of sin and they CANNOT lose their salvation causes those who do not have high character standards to be extremely loose in their lifestyle.

The author has personally heard OSAS teachers tell people they can COMMIT SUICIDE and God will surely take them to Heaven if they were now, or ever had been a believer.

*Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

**1 John 3:15**

He has also listened as callers called radio talk shows to express their concern

about a loved one who died a homosexual, only to be asked if their loved one was a believer. When they answered, “Yes, ” they were told **not to worry** because that homosexual family member **WAS NOW IN HEAVEN.**

Are we really to believe that God has Christian homosexuals, Christian drunkards, Christian bank robbers, Christian murderers, etc.? God plainly tells us in His Word that people who do such things **will not** go to Heaven.

[9] *Know ye not that the unrighteous **SHALL NOT** inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,*

[10] *Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.* **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

[19] *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*

[20] *Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*

[21] *Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **THEY WHICH DO SUCH THINGS shall NOT** inherit the kingdom of God.* **Galatians 5:19-21**

[7] *He that **OVERCOMETH** shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

[8] *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have **their part** in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

**Revelation 21:7-8**

Shall we believe God, or shall we believe those who teach Once Saved Always Saved?

*God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.*

**Romans 3:4**

The amazing result of the Once Saved Always Saved doctrine is that it eventually leads its teachers into making **FOOLISH** statements and claims. For instance, one prominent advocate of this doctrine quoted Romans 8:28.

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* **Romans 8:28**

After quoting the above scripture he made the claim, that **EVEN SIN** worked for good for the believer. Any serious student of the Bible knows that sin is destructive. Sin is why Jesus had to go to the cross.

*Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that **DOETH EVIL IS GOOD** in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?* **Malachi 2:17**

Teachers of OSAS teach that God **CAN OVERLOOK** sin in the lives of those who have been saved, and even **BLESS THEM** in their sins. Why would God **BLESS THAT** which sent His Son to the cross?

In chapters two and three of the Book of Revelation we see the true attitude of our Lord toward sin. **God hates sin**, and He certainly **did not** send His Son to die a horrible death on the cross in order to allow sinful people to go to Heaven. Let's look at some of His words.

*[4] Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.*

*[5] Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and **repent**, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will **REMOVE** thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.* **Revelation 2:4-5**

*[14] But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.*

*[15] So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.*

*[16] **REPENT; OR ELSE** I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.* **Revelation 2:14-16**

*[20] Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.*

*[21] And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.*

*[22] Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.*

*[23] And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.* **Revelation 2:20-23**

*[15] I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.*

*[16] So then because thou art **LUKEWARM**, and neither cold nor hot, I will **SPUE THEE OUT** of my mouth.*

*[17] Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*

*[18] I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

*[19] As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and **repent**.*

**Revelation 3:15-19**

What we see in the preceding Scripture passages is **NOT ONLY THE SIN**, but the false doctrine that had come into the church less than **50 YEARS** after Pentecost. The dangerous doctrine of Once Saved Always Saved was introduced into the church about 400 years after Pentecost by one of the most famous and influential **Roman Catholics** in history, Augustine. And it is Augustine who had such profound influence upon John Calvin and what he believed. Many of the OSAS believers consider

themselves to be Calvinists.

Augustine was no ordinary Roman Catholic. He was responsible for much of what the Roman Catholic Church believes and practices today. Augustine was one of the first to place the **AUTHORITY** of **TRADITION** as **EQUAL** to the Bible. These traditions include **infant baptism**, **PURGATORY**, **worship of MARY**, and other false doctrines.

[16] *And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city.*

[17] *And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the Lord: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.*

[18] *And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.*

[19] *But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the Lord: they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.* **Joshua 6:16-19**

Accursed: Hebrew: Cherem—Devoted to destruction.

When such a curse was pronounced on a city it meant that **ALL** the persons, animals, treasures, etc. that would ordinarily be **TAKEN** and **KEPT** by the conquerors were to be **COMPLETELY BURNED** in the fire or **CONSECRATED** to the sanctuary of the Lord.

Joshua pronounced this ban on Jericho, a great and wealthy city, evidently by divine decree from God. The severity of the doom that came to all violators is illustrated in the punishment of Achan.

[1] *But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the **ACCURSED** thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the **accursed** thing: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel.*

[10] *And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?*

[11] *Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the **accursed** thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.*

[12] *Therefore the children of Israel **COULD NOT** stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, **BECAUSE** they were **ACCURSED**: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the **accursed** from among you.*

[13] *Up, sanctify the people, and say, **SANCTIFY YOURSELVES** against to morrow: for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, There is an **accursed thing** in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye **take away** the **accursed** thing from among you.*

[14] *In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which the Lord taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the Lord shall take shall come by households; and the*

household which the Lord shall take shall come man by man.

[15] *And it shall be, that he that is taken with the **accursed** thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.* **Joshua 7:1, 10-15**

Over and over we see the word **accursed** appear in chapter seven of the Book of Joshua. This was no **LITTLE MATTER** to God. One of the most **DIFFICULT** lessons we **MUST LEARN** if we are to be successful in our walk with God is to realize that God **SAYS** what He means, and **MEANS** what He says.

Remember, God pronounced judgment upon Jericho. He said it was **accursed** in Joshua 6:17. In verse 18, He said those who partook of the **accursed** would become **accursed** themselves. Let's look at the man, Achan who partook of the **accursed**. He became **accursed** himself.

[20] *And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:*

[21] *When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.*

[22] *So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it.*

[23] *And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the Lord.*

[24] *And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.*

[25] *And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the Lord shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.* **Joshua 7:20-25**

Let's look into this word **accursed** in the New Testament. To pronounce someone **accursed** was a **DREADFUL** thing. It was a **PRACTICE** among the Jews to call Jesus **anathema**, or **accursed**. The early practice among heathen persecutors was to **FORCE** believers to call Jesus **accursed**.

*Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.* **1 Corinthians 12:3**

The Apostle Paul was so burdened for his Jewish brethren and kinsman that he uttered the following.

[1] *I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,*

[2] *That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.*

[3] *For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:* **Romans 9:1-3**

This statement by Paul shows his ALMOST willingness to be cursed, NOT its necessity. Remember, it was PAUL who wrote that those who TWISTED THE TRUTH of the scriptures were headed for an awful judgment.

[8] *But though we, OR AN ANGEL from heaven, preach **any other gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **let him be accursed**.*

[9] *As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach **any other gospel** unto you than that ye have received, **let him be ACCURSED**.* Galatians 1:8-9

There is no COMPROMISE here. There is no SOFTNESS here. Those who preach ANY OTHER GOSPEL than Paul preached are headed for separation from God.

Please note that Paul has NEVER preached anything EVEN CLOSELY resembling unconditional eternal security. No! Never!! In fact, NEITHER did any of the other authors of the Bible. To think that he did is frantic grasping for comfort by those who want to preach a SOOTHING message to those WHO WILL NOT give up sin.

For those who would quote from Romans 8:38, 39, to prove that a saved person can never be lost, let them not wrest these verses from their setting. Paul goes to great lengths to prove he is writing to those who **walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit**. (Romans 8:1)

He has also emphasized that he is writing to people who **are not carnally minded** (Romans 8:6-13), and to those who are **more than conquerors** (8:37). Let us not deceive ourselves by wresting scriptures to our own destruction.

[15] *And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;*

[16] *As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.* 2 Peter 3:15-16

The doctrine and teaching of unconditional eternal security was basically unknown until **the church was about 400 years old**. Unconditional **Eternal Security can be traced** to one single individual, Augustine, **the Roman Catholic bishop**.

John Calvin, whom many are following today, and relying on his once saved always saved doctrine, was a devoted follower of many of Augustine's doctrines. However, Calvin drew from a BADLY POLLUTED stream when he embraced and propagated the teachings of Augustine.

It has been pointed out that Augustine was a great influence in the Roman Catholic church to embrace the teachings of INFANT BAPTISM for regeneration, purgatory, salvation in the Roman Catholic church alone through its sacraments, Mary worship, etc. Add to these the persecution of those who reject Catholic dogmas.

Those who preach and teach unconditional eternal security are SOONER or LATER brought into an **indefensible, unreasonable position** that will cause them to make wild, erratic statements and claims.