

# Mark 10:27

by Chuck Smith

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*The door to the Kingdom of God is wide open, but it's possible to be lost after coming close to salvation if we're not careful.*

**Scripture:** Mark 10:27, John 12:42

**Topics:** "Salvation", "Commitment to Faith"

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## Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the peril of coming close to salvation without fully committing to it, using the examples of the rich young ruler and the scribe who both approached the kingdom of God but ultimately fell short. He highlights that while the door to the kingdom is wide open through the messages of John the Baptist and Jesus, many factors can bring individuals close to salvation, such as knowledge, a teachable spirit, and the influence of godly parents. However, he warns that it is possible to be lost even after coming within a step of heaven, as seen in the rich young ruler's attachment to wealth and the scribe's refusal to act on his knowledge. The sermon serves as a reminder of the importance of genuine faith and action in the journey toward salvation.

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## Transcript

"GOING BY GATE OF HEAVEN TO STOP IN HELL"

I. TWO WHO CAME CLOSE TO SALVATION.

A. Rich young ruler.

B. Scribe.

II. DOOR TO KINGDOM OF GOD WIDE OPEN.

A. John the Baptist's message.

B. Jesus' message.

III. SOME COME NEARER THAN OTHERS TO ENTERING. MANY THINGS HELP TO BRING THEM CLOSE.

A. Knowledge.

- B. A teachable spirit.
- C. Influence of Godly parents.
- D. Messages from faithful preachers.
  - 1. Radio, T.V., etc.
- E. Prayers of Believers.
- F. Great hymn.
- G. Some providence of God.

- 1. David lost son.
- 2. Nebuchadazzar lost mind.

#### IV. POSSIBLE TO BE LOST AFTER COMING WITHIN ONE STEP OF HEAVEN.

- A. Rich young ruler's heart set on money.
- B. Wise scribe knew what he ought to do but refused to do it.
- C. John 12:42,43 Many rulers believed but failed to confess.
- D. Luke 13:24-27.
- E. Foolish virgins could have secured oil within one step turned away forever.

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