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Time Enough?

A man dreamed he saw Satan on his throne with his evil spirits gathered around him. Suddenly the question was asked by their master, "Who will go forth to ruin souls on earth?" Readily one responded, "I will. I'll tell them there is no God."

"That will not do," Satan returned gloomily. **"Men know there is a God. Sometimes they deny it to their fellow-men; but deep in their hearts they know they must face Him some day.** They may try to stifle the thought, but when sickness or death comes, it isn't easy to do so. That story will not ruin them!" Again he repeated, "Who will go forth to ruin souls?"

"I will," a second spirit replied. "I'll tell them that there is a God, but that He is a just and a holy God, and **they are too bad to come to Him.**" "That won't do," repeated Satan. "Their very need will drive them to Him. Besides, **they have only to read the Bible and see how God invites sinners to come to Him and receive everlasting life.** I want something more clever!"

Once more the dreamer heard the terrible question ring through the courts of darkness, "Who will go forth to ruin souls?" "I will," a third spirit responded. **"I'll tell them there is a God! I will let them hear the Gospel as often as they like. I will not hinder them!"** "But how will that ruin them?" Satan asked impatiently. "I'll tell them that is all true, but," he added, with a look of fiendish malice, **"I'll tell them there is time enough to accept God's offer."** A murmur of applause passed through the caverns of despair. "Go forth," said the Prince of Darkness, "you will be successful!" So he went forth and has **deluded thousands** who having passed unexpectedly into eternity were unprepared because they **believed they had time enough!**

The Bible declares, **"Now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation"** (2 Cor. 6:2).

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