

## Do You Fear DEATH?

There is a most revealing scripture found within the early part of the epistle written to the “Hebrews.” Some readers of this article might be made of stronger stuff than I am, but I wish that I had benefited from its comfort earlier in my life. It reads:

*“.. ..Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me.”*

*Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”* Hebrews 2:13-15

What a wealth of wonderful information is recorded here. This is a recorded statement of One who although not subject to death - Chose to endure it in one of the most awful ways possible.

- Crucifixion! -

*“Behold, I...”*

WHO are we reading of here?

*“... He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...”* Hebrews 1:3.

I am obviously speaking of Jesus/ Yeshua here, for No One else could or has come close to Him in stature or achievement. There are others who are I know venerated by those of other faiths, but the statements made concerning Yeshua are incomparable, as revealed by these two preceding verses:

*God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.*

This One – The *“the exact representation of His nature,”* and the One who *“upholds all things by the word of His power,”* - Chose to experience Death for us, we read! I don’t think that Christmas carols quite encapsulate the magnitude of His Story, but for some, that is all they have.

For those who are scared to die, this I write to give you Hope!

Since Day One of human history, God has demonstrated that He is and cares intently about us and our future, for as the Psalm 19:1 says:

*The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.*

He will not often intervene in our affairs without invitation. - {Please read our article: *“Why Doesn’t God”* for more on this subject.} Nevertheless, He has spoken to us through word and action!

*Behold, I...*

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”* John 14:6

*Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”* John 8:12

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,*

John 11:25

*Jesus said to them, "**I am** the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. "But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and **I Myself will raise him up on the last day.**" John 6:35-40*

*"After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. John 14:19*

One came as promised and was named "*With us - God:*"

*"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name ImmanuEl..." Isaiah 7:14*

(Please note here, for there is opposition to this statement – That this was to be a sign from God HIMSELF! He sowed Himself within the body of a virgin! How else would such a birth be a sign from God Himself, as promised?)

He came as described above and promised Life! Even life beyond death.

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Just a little under two thousand years ago, there was a Man, and he was praying. He went with His disciples to a place known as the Garden of Gethsemane. This is what he did next:

*And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."*

*He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done." Matthew 26:39& 42*

**When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...**

The Father's will was Done!

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The part of Creation known as humankind, are here defined as "children." We consist of flesh and blood. He doesn't, or at least, he didn't! He partook of our 'lot'! Well let's read concerning it:

*.....Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians. 2:4-11*

*He Himself likewise also partook of the same, {flesh} that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil...*

You see, way back at the dawn of human history, there was in another garden, a tempter! One reads of the first ever encounter with him, in Genesis chapter Three. As I understand it, Adam and Eve were not immortal beings, though the potentiality to receive this was initially at hand from the 'Tree of Life.'

When they yielded to Satan's tempting, they sinned and came {as we all are,} under sin's penalty – Death! He promised a likeness to God, but gave them death in more than one form. And looking around us, we see that it is an untimely death for far too many.

Well how has the death of Yeshua helped? Through Yeshua – All shall be made Alive! Paul / Sha'ul explains this within his writings:

*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned— for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.*

*But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

*So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.*

Romans 5:12-19

That speaks of the value of Yeshua's death, but that is only half of the story. Sha'ul writing to the believers of Corinth says:

*“Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.*

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...” 1 Cor. 15:1-4*

And 1 Cor. 15:22-26 says:

*....as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death.*

*So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 1 Cor. 15:45*

A previous passage quoted spoke of sin, transgression and condemnation. However, it also speaks of the Grace of God and His Gift! The gift of salvation {A Person.} The gift of Life – Eternal Life! Please read through that again {and again.} Dear reader, if these His words, call out to you, then there is that which you must then do! {If needed, we are available through our 'contact us page.'}

*“...He who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes.”  
Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Consider your ways!" Haggai 1:6-7*

*See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 1 John 3:1-3*

*“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9*

*“...to this one I will look,  
To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word. From Isaiah 66:1-2*

*"Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live... Isaiah 55:3*

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."*

*And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, The beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. Revelations. 21:3-7*

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Are you free from the fear of death?  
Or, are you still subject to the slavery of sin,  
And its consequences?

*“... while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.*

*For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

Romans 5:6-10

Daniel was also given the ability to hear the words of God. Here is some of that revealed to him:

*[2] "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. "Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. [4] "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase." [10] "Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand. [13] "...as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age." From Daniel 12.*

I wonder, how many of us will be accounted amongst those “having insight”?

*Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. John 5:25*