



First Light Herald

No More Fear of Death

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John 16:7-11 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.



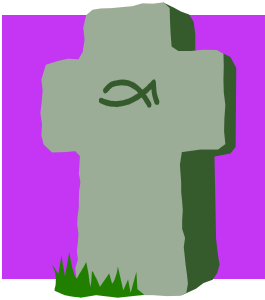
Satan, that old devil has been judged. His days as the one bringing sickness and disease and pain and misery, because of the law of God, are over! In the old covenant he was able to accuse and then bring evil to someone's life because of the law that people were not able to keep. But then our Messiah Jesus came and disarmed him by being able to keep **all the law** perfectly in His flesh and thus did away with the power of the law that the devil used. We must begin to see this operation of God that was accomplished in Jesus almost 2000 years ago. Jesus took away the weapon that the devil had by being a perfect sacrifice according to the law. In short He did everything according to the law for us and died not just for us but **as** us on the cross. People were held in bondage by the devil anytime he wanted to hold them because they were afraid to die, people were afraid of death and all their lifetime they were subject to bondage because the devil had the power of death in the old covenant; but not now. A new and better covenant has been established and it was with Jesus not mankind. The New Covenant is in Jesus blood not the works of the law. People that live by the works of the law live in a curse and are deceived being taught that if they live by the works of the law the devil can't do much to them. That couldn't be further from the truth, in fact it is completely opposite of the truth in the New Covenant. Faith toward a God that is full of grace toward all mankind through Jesus is where the power is **now**. Jesus has been given all power and all authority by what He accomplished and now faith in Him is what saves us and keeps the devil out of our lives. Someone that has received revelation that Jesus is their righteousness causes the evil one not to even be able to touch him. (1 John 3:8)

Special points of interest:

- God hasn't stepped off the throne just because it's chaotic here.
- God is NEVER taken by surprise by what is happening.
- God has warned us about everything we're suffering today. Just take the time to find it in the word!

No More Fear of Death.....continued

*Heb 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that **had** the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*



Death has no hold on those who believe in Christ.

These verses are talking about physical death even though I know I am writing to most people that understand they are going to heaven when they die physically. People of the world that are not in Christ can't even understand they are spiritually dead, but still they are fearful of dying physically. It is very important that we begin to see that Jesus did away with the devil having the power of death. People **were** subject to bondage because of the fear of death, but we should no more fear death physically if we understand what is written here. Jesus took part of being human flesh and blood and through His death He did away with the devil having power. We should be able to live our lives free of any and all fear. The context here in Hebrews 2:14 is flesh and blood death. The word destroy in Greek is *katargeo* ; which means; to cause to be unemployed; bring to naught; make useless. The devil is not what he used to be but he doesn't want us to see that or he will become unemployed and useless in your life against you. Adam could not die physically until he sinned, then after he did sin he died at 930 years old.

1 Cor. 15:56-57 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you see that? Do you understand what is written here? Sin brought death and the law gave it the power to do so. Not in the New Covenant!

Col 2:14-15 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Eph 2:15-16 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

*Gal 3:10-12 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith. And the **law is not of faith:** but, the man that doeth them shall live in them.*



Life in the word.

Can it be any clearer? Faith in the finished work of our Messiah Jesus is where our freedom from the devil is.

When you have died, where is the sickness? How many sick folks are in the cemeteries? Everything ends in death and we all died when we entered into Christ by faith. When the devil comes with sickness to a person which recons himself/herself dead in

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Christ, how sick can that dead person become? Come on! I'm speaking truth here that can free you from all sickness, disease and pain and even mental agony. Isaiah asked a question before he wrote the prophecy about Jesus carrying all our pain and taking all our sickness to the cross in Isaiah 53...He asks "Who will believe our report?" It's time we all begin believing his report and live free from all the devil has to offer.

I will say it again Jesus not only died for us, He also died as us on that cross and we were buried with Him, and now are we raised with Him in resurrection power far above all principalities and powers seated with Him at the right hand of the Father. What does the devil have for you? LIES - ALL LIES

*1 John 4:17-18 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because **as he is, so are we in this world.** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

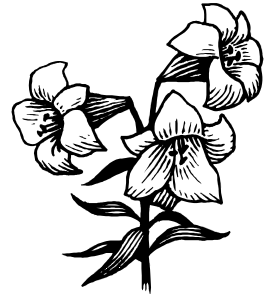
John did not write, "As Jesus is so we must become," No, we are now just as He is in this world. The prince of this world has been judged; powerless, unemployed and useless and our Messiah did the work of defeating him we need to believe only!

The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving and Praise

We are living in uncertain times. Though we as children of God sense that something big is on the horizon, the timing of it remains uncertain. We can be slow to sense the spiritual. We can be too wrapped up in self and in the world we presently live in. Praise God that our Father is LOVE and with His love comes patience. He understands that we are but like the grass of the field, living and thriving one moment and dried up and blown to the four winds the next. Nothing has ever taken Him by surprise. He has every contingency planned for! With that we know we have His grace, His willingness to bless and be involved with us in spite of what we deserve.

Hopefully we all know that God is our Father, and not like any father we may know on earth. He knows our inner self better than we know ourselves. He created the very molecules that make up our physical body. He breathed the first breath of life (His own life's breath) into our natural father Adam. He designed our minds with such intricacy it boggles the scientific mind. The best duplication man can make is nothing compared to the miraculous nature of humankind. With that said, today when things look dark and dreadful I offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving. I am making it a regular practice to offer Him praise and thanksgiving for His work in us through Yeshua/Jesus. To be taken from a captive to death, hell and the grave to a daughter of the Most High goes beyond anything hard I can live through on this planet. To know that God manifested His Son to destroy ALL the works of the adversary gives me more than enough to stop and thank Him.

I don't need a church choir in order to stop what I'm doing and praise Him. I don't need pews softly cushioned to let Him know I appreciate all He has done. The fact that



Freedom from the grave's bold.



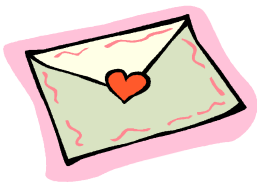
We serve a God who is LOVE!

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I have food in my cupboards, clothes on my back and even a roof over my head is so much more than I deserve, I offer Him all my devotion.

Our Father is not a stone cold, man-made idol. He is a living, breathing, loving, giving, and forgiving Father. He sees my end from my beginning. He cares about the very hairs on my head. I don't have to appease Him by beating my own back or doing endless tasks to "measure up". He only asks that I come to Him, believe that He IS and believe that He is a rewarder of my diligent search for His will and His face. His whole purpose for mankind was to manifest His Son, Yeshua in the flesh so he could destroy the works of Satan. How awesome.

In the midst of each day's work and trials, I want to be careful to stop and thank Him for all He has done and all He shall do. I am so thankful for His love and willingness to call me out from the crowds and adopt me as His own. There simply aren't enough words of praise.



The New Testament is a love letter from the Father to us.

Stop and Smell the Flowers

Testimonies are part of how we overcome the world. There are times when this world seems so real that heaven seems like an impossibility, but let me encourage all of you this place is a mere shadow of what is to come. John in the book of Revelation tells us that we overcome, "By the blood of the lamb, and the word of our testimony, and we love not our lives unto the death." That may sound a bit grim, but it's really how to live. If we realize that it is "Christ in us" which is the hope of glory, we will "step aside" and allow Christ to live through us. We crucify our own plans and act on what we hear from God.

I want to share a testimony of God's supernatural provision when we were in what the world would call a state of lack. Five years ago we were headed to New Mexico following our "normal" teaching schedule. The route was Hobbs, Roswell, Ruidoso-Capitan, Alamogordo and home. We had \$200.00 to make the trip of several days. We were pulling our 27' RV and had our dog, Chorney along for the ride. Along the road Jeff received a call from a brother in Lovington and we made a diversion from our route in order to go to his home. He told Jeff that he had something he HAD to give to Jeff.

When we arrived he handed Jeff seven one hundred dollar bills. Jeff was flustered as he felt the brother needed the money more than we did. His response was, "No brother this is my tithe and God told me to give it to you. You're the apostle in my life and that's where the tithe goes until God says differently".

We would soon realize why God had provided this money as our daughter called and asked us to come to Wyoming and pick up her and our grandson. Her husband was moving them back to Virginia and they needed a place to stay while he set up household. Had our daughter asked a few hours earlier we'd have probably said, "No"



Stop and hear the Father, He may have you smell the roses in your world!

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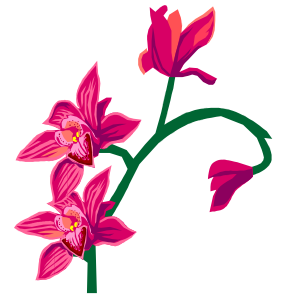
because of lack of funds. God knew our faith wasn't developed enough to commit to driving 1200 miles with no money.

Jeff finished his teaching schedule and then we headed north. We spent a couple days seeing all our family and then headed south. I was oblivious to the money situation and being happy our daughter and grandson were with us, simply got in the Suburban and let Jeff take us to our first stop in Casper. When we arrived in Casper Jeff said, "Be in agreement that we have the funds to get home." I agreed and went into the truck stop for a lunch and bathroom break. I had no idea that Jeff only had \$18.00 of the original \$700.00. It is costly to drive across country in an RV and to also eat out every meal. When I think back now, I know my thrill at the idea of seeing my daughter cleared my mind of any sort of practicality. Of course not knowing what the money situation was back in those days also contributed to my thinking. Jeff was careful not to put too much on my shoulders in the early days of us learning to live day by day by faith.

I blindly expected that we would be cleaning up at the truck stop and then eating lunch there. Outside Jeff was arguing with God. As I mentioned Jeff had \$18.00 in his wallet. He told God "This money is going to have to get my family back to Texas." As he was putting \$18.00 worth of unleaded fuel in the Suburban he heard God say, "You need to stop and smell the flowers." Jeff responded, "Can't you see I am trying to fill our car up and get my family home to Texas?" "All I have is \$18.00 to fill the car and feed my family." Again the Lord said, "You need to stop and smell the flowers." Knowing the Lord's voice and seeing a half whiskey barrel full of flowers he stopped what he was doing. "Ok, he argued but only because I know your voice." He stooped down to smell the pansies and marigolds. When he did he saw a soggy wet wad of cash in the mud just outside the barrel. He put it in his hand and then went back to the car. He refused to look at the money, but as soon as we emerged from the truck stop planted the nasty mess in my hand. I opened it and found four brand new one hundred dollar bills! I was in shock. He recounted our situation and what God had said and then I told him God had given us \$400.00! We were both as excited as a couple of kids after opening a stack of birthday presents. Our daughter just stood there with her mouth open. I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I was really afraid the money was counterfeit. I held my breath when he paid for our lunch and the fuel.

Jeff tells me that it was a bigger miracle to him that we made it home from Wyoming with five people, a huge Suburban and our heavy 27' RV on \$400.00. (Our RV is an Avian made of aluminum and filled with hardwood floors and cabinets).

All I can say is that we all must believe the grace that God provides for us in the days ahead. Like the children of Israel we must lean onto God's generosity and provision and not the arm of the flesh. Because of my ignorance of the situation I didn't sit around and stew about money. I have to sit on thoughts of fear and lack nowadays. Jeff is out of town a lot and I don't travel with him nearly as often. I keep track of the money these days, so I must function purely by faith. Whether he is here or not, God is my peace and my provider.



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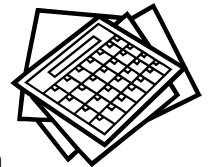
I want to add that just because we are in fulltime ministry doesn't mean we are more qualified for God's provision than anyone else. The tithing believer is just as deserving as the tithing apostle. Now mind you, if you rob God of the tithe you need to get that straightened out first. We see countless people who call themselves tithers, but as soon as God blesses them in big ways they hold back. We then see those same people find themselves in hard situations with their finances. God tithes of heaven to us. He has given us the earnest of our inheritance in giving us the Holy Spirit. How can you rob someone and then expect that same person to bless you? We are in a covenant. Actually we are blessed to be in a covenant that God made with Yeshua/Jesus. To be in Christ makes you a partaker of that covenant. God asks for the tithe as our "earnest" investment in that covenant. We show Him we trust Him with our natural provision when we tithe. He shows us He trusts us with His heavenly treasure when He baptizes us in the precious Holy Spirit. Sure we still sin, but He doesn't extract the Holy Spirit when we do. He merely asks us to confess our sin and then once again we're cleansed of a guilty conscience. God doesn't extract our righteousness but keeps an everlasting supply available!

The world lives by the arm of the flesh. They must work, sweat and earn whatever they have. They hope for luck to win, but also fear bad luck is just around the corner. We on the other hand we are supposed to remember that God paves His streets with pure gold and makes gates from pearls. The foundation of His holy city is made of the finest gemstones. God owns the cattle on a thousand hills. He owns the hills as well. He is able to make and remake entire worlds!

We trust that this testimony will encourage you to put your trust in God for your financial situation. Those who do will find themselves thinking more about God and less about money. We've lived both ways. We were in the world as young people. We lived paycheck to paycheck. We used credit cards until we were up to our eyeballs in debt. After we had been born again we continued in a like fashion, but one day we began to see what God said in His word. We found the word had answers to our financial situation. As we slowly began to put into application what we saw in the word, God was able to prosper us. He had been willing all the while, but we weren't in line for His provision.

Worry does you now good. It makes your belly churn, keeps you up at night and makes you old before your time. Trusting God and doing what He instructs is the "Only way to fly." We love flying above the world's mess.

What to Do in Perilous Times



Folks let's face it. We are intimidated by the Philistines. We are like David's brothers and sisters in the face of Goliath and his army, but is that what God expects from us? Where is our faith in God in these tough times? Several times when the Lord was addressing his disciples he asked them, "Where is your faith".

We've grown lazy in our faith. We don't take the time to get in the word, fast and pray. We let someone do the work and then we read his or her book and think that's going to please God. God is a God of the individual. He wants a personal relationship with us. He isn't pleased when one man does all the work and the rest just sit on their "hinnies". If Christianity was merely a horde of people who were members of a club all it would require is membership, but we must be IN CHRIST and that is done one human at a time. I can't believe for you and get you to heaven any more than I can eat food and you be strengthened.

God likened the word to seed. Now mind you seed does go into the ground and seem to die and remain dormant for a period of time, but eventually (if it has been fertilized and the seed is alive) we expect the seed to send out a sprout. All of us who claim faith in God should have some evidence we trust in Him.

In Paul's letter to Timothy he warns him that in the last days perilous times will come. He then gives real practical instructions about what Timothy could do and what the believers in the last day should do.

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2 Timothy 3 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Janes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. 10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, 11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

If you understand this, that a day with the Lord is as or like a thousand years and a thousand years like a day. The timing of God won't be a complete mystery to you. We are in the sixth day of recorded history. We are in the 5769th biblical year (if the Hebrew calendars are accurate). Remember, God told Adam, "In the day you eat of this you shall die." Adam died at 930 years of age. He died in the first day. At the end of the "fourth" day the Lord came and paid the price for sin. Paul and Timothy lived in the end of "fourth" day as well as part of the "fifth" day. Here we are in the "sixth" day. The "seventh" day or the Sabbath day will be the millennial reign when Yeshua/Jesus the Christ the Messiah will sit on his earthly throne and rule with an iron rod! So when you read, "in the last days" you can understand God is sending us clues as to when to expect certain things. Also when you read "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy", you will see that this speaks of the millennial reign of our Lord.

The word is always our answer. First we have the bread of the written word and then we have the bread that came down from heaven, Yeshua/Jesus. He speaks only the perfect will of God to us know. We must learn to live by the bread of the written word and the bread of the living word. What will be the end result?

2 Timothy 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

You may be tempted to worry, fear and be full of anxiety, but don't. Keep the word going in you, pray in the spirit and do what you hear the Lord tell you to do. Keep your mind stayed on Him and you'll be kept in PERFECT peace. In Hebrew it's "shalom, shalom"; and means to have nothing missing and nothing broken! If everything is supplied and nothing is broken we should be like David against the uncircumcised Goliath. We should be like Elijah against the 450 prophets of Baal! We should be like Joshua and Caleb at Jericho! Read, hear and do! Go in and possess what the Lord lived for, died for and supplies for us every single day.

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Jeff's April 2009 Schedule

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