

CHRIST THE ANTIDOTE REGARDING DEATH

Part 41.

This Wonderful, Higher, Kingdom Way! ***Where A Theocracy Replaces A Democracy!***

The few words below our title may at first seem a little stern, but I can assure you that just the opposite is true as our lover of lovers Christ, is King in this Theocracy. Let us be clear from the outset that this is not intended to portray the original sense of a theocracy where it was a ruling mostly in the outer realm; but let us apply this to *only within*, a ruling concerning our inner selves, our hearts.

To understand a little clearer let us look In the gospel of John we see that Jesus always referred to the Kingdom of God which is within us, it would seem that the gospel of salvation is hardly ever mentioned, we do find it at least once mentioned when He stated that salvation is of the Jews. Jn 4:22. Jesus then mentioned but the hour comes & even now is for some, when the TRUE WORSHIPPERS shall worship the Father in spirit & in truth, FOR THE FATHER SEEKS SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM in a **theocracy** as opposed to a **democracy**. I see the majority of the whole Christian world *so called* in a very similar situation as the people in Samuels day. Back then the people had been used to a **theocracy**, but then unfortunately, self rule became uppermost in their lives & resistance to the rule of God was the order of the day, they desired a king - *a democracy* - as other countries had, & no amount of reasoning by Samuel was able to change their mind. The problem with those in Samuels day was it would seem that the people were not considering that this ruling concerned the state of their heart - *for that was the real intention of a theocracy* - it really concerned the heart condition, this is why it was rejected. I now ask ourselves the question how many of us are really interested in God's complete rule over our lives?

"The woman said to Him, Sir, I see and understand that You are a prophet. 20 Our forefathers worshipped on this mountain, but you [Jews] say that Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary and proper to worship. 21 Jesus said to her, Woman, believe Me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither [merely] in this mountain nor [merely] in Jerusalem. 22 You [Samaritans] do not know what you are worshipping [you worship what you do not comprehend]. We do know what we are worshipping [we worship what we have knowledge of and understand], for [after all] salvation comes from [among] the Jews. 23 A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshippers. 24 God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality). Jn 4:19-23.

The conclusion is that Jesus who was living only in the Most Holy Place, really came with a third sphere or realm - *a state of being He was living & reigning in* - message, Jesus was then living in that realm or state of being that we are now in or pressing into. The book of John I believe was devoted to the message for those who would be willing to embrace & press into, the message of THE MOST HOLY PLACE. That which was to come in the book of Acts was a gradual introduction to the uninitiated Jew & the then ignorant gentile, these were simply not yet ready for the complete *third day* experience, the message in the epistles were mainly for these people, but know this that for the more spiritual, there was written the experience of Paul being caught up into the third heaven - *within himself* - which was more than a clue for many then, & especially for us today. Consider this, that somewhere Jesus had to leave some specific instructions somewhere for those who would be entering into the Third Day experience. Hos 6:2, this is why the book of John was completely devoted to the **kingdom of God** which is within, the thrust of this book was inward & not outward, completely spiritual & not of this OUTER WORLD. For instance the kingdom of God or the **heavenly** kingdom is not up in the sky somewhere, **heaven** is within or **wherever God dwells** *and I will dwell in them & they in me*. This type of thinking that Jesus gives us in the book of John is very different from most of today's so called Christianity. *The ecclesia or the*

church is not a building, it is not in a building, it is only within ourselves we are the *ecclesia*, we are the Church. We are discussing worshipping the Father **in spirit & in truth**. The salvation that is referred to by most Christians today is simply not enough for those who are wanting to fulfil Rom 8: 23.

"And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have and enjoy the first-fruits of the [Holy] Spirit [a foretaste of the blissful things to come] groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies [from sensuality and the grave, which will reveal] our adoption (our manifestation as God's sons)." So the proof of our full son-ship at the time of – *they that are Christ's* – 1Cor 15: 23 will be overcoming the grave or not experiencing the grave as per the Enoch & Elijah types.

The Abandonment Of Filling The Earth!

"And blessed be His glorious Name for the eon! The entire earth shall be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen." Psa 72:19. CLV. I feel that it is very significant that it does not say heaven will be filled with believers, but that the ENTIRE EARTH SHALL BE FILLED WITH HIS GLORY. This has yet to come to pass!!

"For evil doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth." Ps 37:9. Webster. Jesus also said that *"the meek shall inherit the" EARTH.* Matt 5:5b.

Now to quote from one who has well written!

"What did Jesus mean when He told His disciples, "Be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven"? (Matt. 5:12.) And why -- only a few verses before -- did Christ say, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth"? (Verse 5.) Do some of the saved -- "the persecuted" (verses 11-12) -- go to heaven to collect their reward, while others -- "the meek" -- inherit the earth? Or did Jesus Christ contradict himself in His very next breath?

The Apostle Peter was inspired to write, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, **reserved in heaven for you**" (1 Pet. 1:3-4). Notice it! The reward of the saved -- the inheritance of true Christians - **is reserved in heaven**. That is where it is kept at this present time.

But do Christians go to heaven to receive their reward? Jesus Christ explained it in the Book of Revelation: "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12). When Christ returns the second time He will bring the reward of the saved with Him! Though now **temporarily reserved in heaven**, - heavenly places - Jesus will bring the reward of the saints (true Christians) that are on this very earth!

Daniel wrote, "And the kingdom and dominion. and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, **shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High**, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. and all dominions shall serve and obey him" (Dan. 7:27).

Jesus **did not say** Christians will inherit their reward in heaven. Rather, the reward – authority, an office of power in the Kingdom of God -- is being temporarily **reserved in heaven** - heavenly places - because that is where Jesus is. But it will be manifest in the earth, where Jesus will reward His saints, in the **Kingdom of God**, - which is both within and without - with positions of ruler-ship and authority over the nations" End quote.

This concept has virtually disappeared from the thinking of the now tradition riddled believers of today. The focus of the early Church was that eventually that man would INHERIT & FILL THE EARTH, but unfortunately the Churchianity of today have abandoned this understanding, & is now focusing on a place called heaven which they believe is their goal but is really not the true concept that Jesus gave us in the book of John. God has a people that are now on earth that are like Moses, David, John the Baptist & Jesus were in their infancy; they are hidden away, protected as it were, where *no sound of the hammer* can intervene & interrupt the preparation that is going on. These are thinking differently & are of a higher

understanding than what is generally perceived, these are of the book of John; "the - **Kingdom of God is within** - persuasion." These are believing as Hosea foretold & pre-warned us, that "*After two days - a day with the Lord is as a thousand years - He will revive us - quicken us, give us life - on the **THIRD DAY He will raise us up that we may live before Him.***" Hosea 6:2, in the very next verse we are told that this "*is as certain as the dawn.*" These people are believing that God in man will be completely victorious & will inherit this earth & will fill it with - *a kind of Himself creatures, in order that to be us* - the many membered body of Christ. James 1:18. Greek Diaglott. Notice that it reads **to be us** & not as us, depicting Christ in His completeness as the manifested sons of God or the Man-child.

The Change In The Time Of Samuel!

The reason that the people used when Israel desired a human King – *a type of democracy* – was that Samuels sons were not walking in the ways of God & were more interested in material gain than in truly serving God, who was then their King. We are reading from I Sam 8:3, in verse 5 we read "***Behold, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint us a king to rule over us like all the other nations.***" this is what they used as an excuse, they were blaming Samuels sons as the reason for their not wanting a Theocracy - *rule of God* - then in verse 7 "*And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken to the voice of the people in all they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not be King over them.*" Then in the rest of the chapter Samuel is told to warn the people of the consequences & the ways that the King would have; once they had obtained their desire. This is all listed in the verses from 10-20. The reason for all of all this was "*That we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.*" Verse 20. Most of us would know the rest of the story found in chapters 8 to 12. Is not this very thing being repeated in that which is now named Christianity that they wish to be like the other nations or – *in other words* – WORLDLY?

Now to bring this down to where some of us are today. As we have mentioned self rule intervened with the theocracy or *rule of God*. After the Nicene council of 325 AD, many of the original truths of the Apostolic Church were replaced with a much counterfeited gospel - *many are ignorant of this & have swallowed hook line & sinker what they have been told for centuries* - & in type the true Christian beliefs were sadly lost & many truths were so intermingled with error that at times it was hard to tell the difference.

Let us do it our way, we would prefer to do it our way, *we do not desire a divine King any longer* & so democracy replaced theocracy so to speak. Today many are still in the throes of disentangling & sorting themselves out from this deceptive delusion that has been presented as the original gospel but much further from the truth than many are aware of. Incidentally **Christ is still King!!**

Keeping in mind that God does not force His will on anyone, & He allows us the privilege of learning by our mistakes. Some of the consequences that would be reaped on being insistent on having their own way & of serving this desired king were as follows. A tenth of your fields would be taken, a tenth of your vineyards, your orchards, your grain, your flocks etc. & you shall also be his slaves. Does any of this ring any bells in regard as to what is happening in many assemblies today? I know that it does, as for a number of years we had the privilege of overseeing an assembly. How many have been in an assembly where it was not really an option whether on not you gave one tenth of your wages, you were told that it was your duty for the upkeep of the Church building, & O.T scriptures were used such as, *ye are cursed with a curse* if you do not tithe. Interestingly, the only time the word tithe is used is in the N.T is in connection with the Jews paying tithes of mint & cummin. **NOWHERE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WILL YOU FIND ANY SCRIPTURE RELATING TO THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW OF TITHING.** Some may try to make it seem so but in fact they are wresting the scripture to suit their own ends. The true temple of God does not need any financial upkeep as it is a temple not made with hands, **'You are the temple of God.'** Now bear in mind that we are not referring to the giving of good causes both at home & overseas. God is wooing us out of the old system which is patterned after that which has been around for yonk's, & is wanting us to cut our ties move out of the old system & into a Third sphere or realm of understanding

even The Most Holy Place. No church organisation of today can possibly be knowing God in the realm of the secret place of The Most High, we are not saying that there are not some in these organisations that God is drawing out & out they must eventually come out as the true Church is an **organism & not an organisation**. And are we not admonished to worship God in **spirit and in truth**. Keep in mind that what we are saying here is aimed at a system & not at people who Jesus Christ died for. God is not for man made systems, which stem from the flesh & carnality. ***"Whoever finds his [lower] life will lose it [the higher life], and whoever loses his [lower] life on My account will find it [the higher life]."*** Mat 10:39. This text is also applicable to organisations who are fleshly & wish to walk in two camps at the same time. **Flesh & Spirit**. We are warned that one wars against the other.

The Significance Of The Wheat Harvest!

After Saul was chosen King, what Samuel had told the people came to pass & they suffered greatly. Now in most of these wonderful O.T stories we find many types & shadows as the N.T so ably teaches us. With the stories of Saul & David we do not have to dig very deeply to find that Saul is actually a type for the Pentecostal or Holy Place experience & that David represents the Most Holy Place or Tabernacle – *tent or body* - understanding ie *The Tabernacle of David*. To bear this out we see in 1 Sam 12:12b that Samuel is speaking to the people reminding them of their words, ***"No! A king shall reign over us – when the Lord your God was your King!"*** then in verse 17a we read as to the time when Saul was chosen. ***"Is it not the wheat harvest today?"*** If you wish to take a quick look at Ex 34:22. We find more than a clue as to the time of the wheat harvest. To be further convincing I would like to quote from two of my three bible dictionaries as they are all saying the same thing.

In the Zondervan Bible Dictionary under, **Harvest** we read *"The passover came in the season of the barley harvest Ex 23:16. Seven weeks later the time of the wheat harvest occurred, the feast of Pentecost. The feast of Tabernacles was observed in the seventh month which was the period of the fruit harvest."* Ex. 34:22.

The Universal Bible Dictionary reads under **Pentecost**, *"The Hebrews call this solemn festival the Feast of Weeks, because it was kept seven weeks after the Passover. The offerings consisted of the firsts of the wheat harvest, which was then completed."* The point that we are making is that the time that Saul was chosen was at the time of the **wheat harvest** which was a Pentecostal festival. Definitely no coincidence.

If Saul was a type of Pentecost then how is this significant to us today? Most pentecostal people feel that this blessing is the A all, & B all, when a number of times we are told plainly that this experience is the **foretaste** or down payment for that which is to come, furthermore we are admonished that Pentecost is the **hope** of glory, we are not told that it is the glory but the hope, which is quite a different thing.

Interestingly we also find that the bread in the Holy Place/Pentecost was made & eaten with *leaven*, which in the N.T in this case equates to sin & false doctrine.

"To the next day after the seventh Sabbath you shall number fifty days. - Feast of Pentecost - And you shall offer a new food offering to Jehovah. 17 You shall bring out of your homes two wave loaves of two-tenth parts. They shall be of fine flour. They shall be baked with leaven, first-fruits to Jehovah." Lev. 23:16-17. MKJV.

Why were these instructions given? To show the imperfection of Pentecost – *part law, part grace* - of which Saul was a very real part & type, he was changed into a new man, prophesied & yet he exploited the people, he loved God & yet he tried a number of times to kill the man of God, David; he fought for God & yet he would not obey God – *the event of the Amalekites* - & he even wanted to have his own son killed because he ate some honey when he was weak. Unfortunately one of his last acts was to seek the Witch of Endor & as we carry that typology over to much of what we see today, it reminds me very much of 2Thess 2:8-12, we might notice that the last few words in this reading were - *but took pleasure in unrighteousness* - which sadly, many leaders are not taking a stand against & are excusing all manner of ungodliness. I am sorry & it hurts me to say it, this realm in which many live is full of inconsistencies &

even though there are some very sincere people who accomplish great things in this way; the required end that our great God has in mind is that of – *overcoming death, the last enemy* – Rom 8:21-23, & will only be accomplished in a higher sphere namely Ps 91:1. For the sake of your own relationship with God take a good look at the so called Pentecost of today. On the other hand the real thing & not the counterfeit is ordained of God & is a very real part of our experience, but *even so*, to some the spirit is saying, ***come up higher I am showing you a better way.***

Come up! There Is A Higher Way!

The question is what is my desire? *The rule of a Saul or the rule of a David? Democracy or Theocracy? Imperfection or Perfection? Pentecost or Tabernacles? Dying & Waiting or Living & Creating?*

Truth Is Strength And Will Always Win!

Many as yet have not realised it, but as light swallows up darkness, so revealed truth eventually swallows up that which is lagging behind. A most interesting verse is found in 2Sam.3:1. ***"There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker."*** Amp. The Holy Place experience must give way to the Most Holy Place way, & it happens simply by one hearing, obeying, **arising & coming up Higher.**

An Ensign Coupled With Hissing!

The following is a prophecy given to Israel in the days of Isaiah, as with most prophecies they are at least twofold, & many have a deep significance to us today & even into the future. It would need much time & many pages to expound all that this prophecy holds point for point, both for then & for now, so we will suffice with the few simpler & very applicable points for today.

"And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from afar, and will hiss to them from the end of the earth: and behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:" Isa 5:26. Webster. The real implication of ENSIGN, is a sign or a standard. With the word hissed the amplified adds - *as bees are hissed from their hives*. In STRONGS we are told. A primitive root; properly to *be shrill*, that is, to whistle or *hiss* : - hiss. In other words God is going to whistle, hiss or call a people into a higher way of thinking, even into the understanding of the Most Holy Place. Who are these that God is hissing into a higher realm of thinking? In verse 20, we read of those *"who put good for evil, darkness for light, 21, those who are wise in their own eyes, 23, which justify the wicked for reward & take away the righteousness of the righteous from him, 24, they have cast away the the law of the Lord & despised the Holy One of Israel. 25b, For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still."* Then in the very next verse 26 we read the above. Oh friends here we see the wonderful love & mercy of God in action. These are those who God is calling. Allow me to insert the following from the English Standard Version.

"He will raise a signal for nations far away, and whistle for them from the ends of the earth; and behold, quickly, speedily they come!" Isa 5:26. ESV. Behold quickly, speedily they come. Wonderful.

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious." Isa 11:10. This rest is the true *millennial seventh Sabbath day rest*.

"All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifts up an ensign on the mountains; and when he blows a trumpet, hear." Isa 18:3. The following verse in the Amplified stresses both the words **look & hear**.

"All you inhabitants of the world, you who dwell on the earth, when a signal - ensign - is raised on the mountains--look! When a trumpet is blown--hear! " Isa 18:3. Amp. Here we are told when God raises a signal we are both to **look & hear!** What or who are the ensign? They are a people, God's

chosen elect, even the many membered body of Christ yes even the uncontaminated Man-child. Uncontaminated with the *in part, the Saul, the democratic, the imperfect, the pentecostal lesser way*. Keep in mind that whenever we go **higher** there is always a price to pay, revelation never comes cheaply. Even though this is more than likely to be for the future, I also see some of it happening in part right now. Is not God whistling, hissing or trumpeting a further message now? The spirit is right now drawing many into a higher realm of thinking, even the Most Holy Place & these who God is choosing as His elect are destined to be a part of the Man-child company. Rev 12:5.

*["In regards to the above thought that revelation never comes cheaply. I am reminded of the story of William Booth Clibborn the grandson of William Booth of Salvation Army fame. William Clibborn who resided in the USA was a wonderful pentecostal preacher, came into a **higher** revelation of the truth of the fullness of God in Christ, known as the **oneness** message. Previous to this he had established the Glad Tidings Tabernacle in Brisbane. He was so zealous with the glory of this truth that he decided to share this with his friends in the U.S.A & also with his beloved brothers, & sisters in Australia, but unfortunately some of the leaders who disagreed with our bro William, sowed much seed of opposition before he arrived & the stories that were thrown out of proportion that greeted him you would hardly imagine. One minute this man was popular in their eyes, but when the adversary became active, anything that had previously perhaps slightly offended some was added to, & all sorts of stories were magnified & taken out of proportion. Unfortunately our dear bro received a closed door to the very assembly that he had founded. I repeat, revelation never comes cheaply there is always a price to pay, especially with those who do not understand. Many think that they have it all & anything that differs to their own particular way of thinking is considered heresy. If these people had been truly spiritual & they thought he was off beam they ought to have applied Gal 6:1, to the situation instead of being so ready to condemn."]* Incidentally if you are not aware of it William Booth Clibborn was responsible for writing the words of that wonderful song, "DOWN FROM HIS GLORY."

To Come Up Higher Is Now More Than Ever, The Cry Of The Spirit! The Spirit Is Wanting Our Full Attention!

Walking constantly in the Spirit is both of the heart & mind & keeping constantly at one *within* at this time would be a very good investment for any ambitious *son of God*, this encourages a *faith* walk & anything to promote the great cause of Christ & of our becoming manifest sons of God would certainly be profitable to any of us.

"[Urged on] by faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went forth to a place which he was destined to receive as an inheritance; and he went, although he did not know or trouble his mind about where he was to go." Heb 11:8. Amp.

Abraham came out from the Ur of the Chaldees, - *the above is a skeleton of the Gen account* - if we know the story he was told to come out alone, Gen 12:1, Acts 7:2-4. - *are we not admonished by Jesus more than once, to leave our father & mother* - but circumstances prevailed & unfortunately not only his father Terah came, Lot his nephew came also, when God tells us to come **out** of our former country, environment & *way of thinking* He means it. Why; because He is a hard dictator wanting His own way? No!! He wants only the best for us. Any of the old country or way of thinking will only hinder us. Abraham's walk & success could have been much more successful, easier & quicker if he had but come out from the old country ALONE & left **ALL** without any hindrances whatsoever. This was a walk of faith. As with ourselves, in this experience that Abraham had is a perfect analogy for us today. We have a country, the country of our origin, SPIRIT, it is far different to our former country, which was our now flesh experience before we were enlightened. The outer, visual, fleshly, carnal, religious, Babylonian, spiritual democracy, the rule of a Saul, the imperfection or the *in part*, and as we march on by faith we are trading the old for, *the rule of a David, a heart inspired Theocracy, Tabernacles, Perfection, the Most Holy Place, even the man-child*. Let our eye be SINGLE, a double minded person is unstable in all their

ways. The place that Abraham was destined to inherit was a higher city, a celestial city or goal, even though He was going forward. Actually to us today it is both backward as well as forward & upward **or higher** for it is that which we had in the very beginning **our true identity** which is only within us, which is automatically coupled with *the redemption of our bodies from sensuality & the grave*. We need the two intermingled even as one & this will not come unless our EYE BE SINGLE.

"[Prompted] by faith he dwelt as a temporary resident in the land which was designated in the promise [of God, though he was like a stranger] in a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs with him of the same promise." Heb 11:9 Amp. [Gen. 12:1-8.]

As Abraham we need to be dwelling as a temporary resident in the land that we have been called out of. What is that land? Are we still dwelling in that which we have been called out of? Is the past Geshur *in-part* country that Absalom was brought out of by Joab still a part of our vocabulary & experience. Abraham considered that he was a like a **stranger** to this country, he regarded it as a **strange country**. Have we come to this place yet? To come to this **high place** we need to have Abraham to our father, we need to have Enoch as our friend, we need to have an Elijah as our ideal, we need to have the **Jesus Christ** of THE MOST HOLY PLACE as our **perfection**.

"He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb.12:2b Amp. .

"THE LORD (God) says to my Lord (the Messiah), - He that is within you - Sit at My right hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool. Ps. 110:1 We are invited to sit at His right hand Rev 3:21, & our adversaries will be our footstool, but there is a price to pay!! OUR ALL!! Incidentally the right hand, does not mean right as in right & left, but is an ancient way of describing the POWER OF GOD.

"And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came, they might have had opportunity to return." Heb 11:15. Part of the meaning of the word mindful. From Strong's *From a derivative of G3420; to exercise memory, that is, recollect; also to rehearse: - make mention, be mindful, remember.*

We are to seek the *Heavenly country of our true identity*, within & realise that we are not part of the old country in that we have a different origin & no longer recognise the old country, but are in the throes of fully realising by faith that we really are by origin only from a higher realm, even the realm of a celestial source. Not **mind-full** of what they had come from but were full of the expectation of where they were going. They confessed that they were strangers & pilgrims on this earth. ***"They both confessed & embraced!"*** They sought the place of their nativity. They declared plainly that they seek a country & if they had been **mind-full** would have returned or might have had opportunity to have returned, but were so filled with the expectation of where they were going, that their **MINDS** were not **FULL** of the old to have wanted to return. They were **filled** with the expectation of things that were to come. Heb 11:13-19. We are what our **mind is full of**. We need to have a FULL MIND or be MINDFUL of the Most Holy Place experience, & nothing else. If we have our **minds full** of that which is not the message of the now like as not we will stay right there. The coming of the Lord will happen SUDDENLY.

"And, if, indeed, they remembered that from which they came out, they might have had occasion to go back." Heb 11:15. CLV. So whilst we are remembering that which we should have left behind there is a good chance that we will have occasion to stay there, for as we think we are, & what we think, WE ARE!! But as one has said *"we are persuaded of better things for you!!"*

"Do not be surprised and wonder at this, for the time is coming when all those who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, And they shall come out--those who have practised doing good [will come out] to the resurrection of [new] life, and those who have done evil will be raised for judgement – *krisis*, in which the true unadulterated meaning is a turning point - [raised to meet their sentence]." Joh 5:28-29.

Amp. The word tomb is from the word *minemeion*, A place of remembrance. From *G3419. & 20; a remembrance, that is, cenotaph (place of interment): - grave, sepulchre, tomb.* Incidentally our English word *crisis* is a derivative of the Greek word *krisis* which incorporates, a turning point in a disease & indicates either imminent recovery or death, or *a turning point* in the course of anything. One has very kindly written that the word *damnation* as the translation of *krisis* in the KJV "to put it mildly is a little more than slightly overstressed."

"And they shall come out--those who have practised doing good [will come out] to the resurrection of [new] life," Jn 5:29a. The word resurrection here is from the word *anastasis* not only does it mean a *raising from the dead* but also a *standing up again*, it also means ***a recovery of spiritual truth***, which is to those now being **resurrected** or raised to life again with revealed truth. The dead who have been locked up in tradition & unbelief are recovering & resurrecting from their ignorance

Now to quote from one who has well written many years ago on this very verse. *"Behold I say, The hour has come; the dead will hear the voice of man, & live, because the son of man is son of God. You men of Israel, hear! You live in death; you are locked up within the tomb. There is no deeper death than ignorance & unbelief. But all will some day hear the voice of God made plain by the voice of man & live. You all will know that you are sons of God, & by the sacred Word, may do the works of God."*

I feel that right now a slightly different exposition in expression & outlook from Des Walter, would at this time greatly help with our theme. Quote. :-

I And My Father Are One!

"There is no mention of a high fence around the Garden of Eden preventing those on the outside from returning whenever they chose. What kept man from returning was his submission to another authority. Our English Bible says the Lord God 'drove' out the Man, as if some force was used; this is not true. In the derivation of the Hebrew word used here we find the word describing a farmer driving the cattle to pasture, & also of a tree putting forth fruit. So we are not to consider this to be evidence of an angry God.

We follow the journey of the first earth man created in Christ Jesus from Genesis 1:26, to his being brought forth as a manifestation of that first man with a body made from the dust of the earth. And the breath of God was breathed into his nostrils, in Gen 2:7. This creature now stands as the first earth man – Adam complete with a physical body – but his essential being is still 'spirit' living in a body. This is the man who was placed in the Garden of Eden to guard it & keep it, this man being representative of all mankind. Whatever befalls this single man affects all humanity. Only one issue could radically change man's relationship with God, & that is disobedience. God said.

"You may eat of the fruit of all the trees in the Garden but there is one tree I do not want you to eat the fruit of; that tree which is the the knowledge of good & evil. To eat of that fruit will cause death, which will break our relationship, & I do not want to lose you." (My translation.)

Failure to obey the voice of God is the only issue that will affect our relationship with God. This is the same for us today. The Kingdom of God requires only one thing for us to enjoy the provision & blessings of the Garden of Eden today. But we choose what we want to eat, where we want to go, & to do what we want to do. If we were subject to the voice of God within us today we would never be sick, & we would not grow old, & we would live forever. Did not Jesus declare that if we HEAR His word & believe into the Father that sent him, we would have everlasting LIFE, & would never come into condemnation but would have passed from DEATH UNTO LIFE. John 5:24.

Christians tell the world that they have eternal LIFE, but every last one to this day has eventually died. This becomes a contradiction that makes the world laugh at Christianity. But the Christian replies,

"But after I die I will go to heaven where I will live for ever." So the entrance into eternal life is THROUGH DEATH, but that denies the Gospel that is preached for John said, "For God so loved the world that whoever believed in Him SHALL NOT PERISH (DIE) but HAS everlasting LIFE."

It is interesting to note how many times God liberated Israel from slavery & bondage to her enemies. And we are not that different from Israel. In Rom 3:23, Paul declares,

"All have sinned (missed the mark) and have come short of the Glory of God."
But the good news is,

"For the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the Law of sin & death."
Rom 8:2.

No man can ever free himself, but the Christ of our true identity who dwells in us, has the power to liberate us. There is not a person on this earth that God does not love equally with His Son Jesus Christ. When Jesus Christ went to Calvary's cross, no one was excluded from the blessing & benefits that His death accomplished for all mankind. What was accomplished there in His death, was pictured in the deliverance of all of Israel from the Pharaoh of Egypt on the night of the Passover.

The primary transgression of mankind is our failure to recognise our true identity as the children of God & to honour our responsibility towards God & our Father to love & obey. Our sins & transgressions were not just forgiven; they were expunged completely.

"There is therefore no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." Rom 8:1a.

That includes every person on the earth, for we were all created in Him. Beloved these things are plain to see but we have chosen to consider that God is angry with us so we will have a reason to ignore the truth. Many people would rather believe that God has literally cast us out of the Garden of Eden because of 'sin', finding satisfaction in their sorry plight for which they blame God." -: Unquote.

The Rule Of God Over Our Hearts!

Some may not agree that a theocracy could apply as one ruling the heart today, but consider this even though we are now son's, even friends, there is a flip side to this. Yes Jesus did say I have called you friends! He also said if you love me you will keep my commandments! According to Ephesians Paul more than implied that we are also to be a love slave of Jesus Christ, who is both our creator & redeemer! I will cite two references.

"not with eye-slavery, as man pleaser's, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the soul," Eph 6:6. CLV. The KJV uses the word servants. In the following the Amp interprets the same word as *bond servants*.

"Paul and Timothy, bond servants - slaves - of Christ Jesus (the Messiah), to all the saints (God's consecrated people) in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the bishops (overseers) and deacons (assistants):" Php 1:1. AMP. In both cases these words are from *doulos* which means slave, sense of *subjection* or *subserviency*: - bond, (man), servant. This also enhances the thought of a theocracy of the heart, we are *bond servants*, *love slaves* to His rule or *theocracy* within us.

Is It A Healing I Need, Or Do I Need To Be Made Whole?

It has been said recently!! Too many want to be healed; But how many want to be made WHOLE? This thought would incorporate many aspects one of which the following could apply.

An Interesting Excerpt!

This is something that was shared a while back by one of our Kingdom writers. I thought that it may be of help to some of us, I know that I received something from it. I think that most of us have not yet passed the stage that we cannot go a little lower to come up a little higher. Quote :-

"As I said, everyone is entitled to their own view and opinion. God forbid, we get into that old Pharisaical trap, of one has to be right and one has to be wrong - Isn't that Babel ?

I think that in resorting to the 'Contest and Competition' stance, we are missing the very point the Spirit is trying to make in our day.

And as I have often said, 'I have no need or desire to impose my views on anyone'.

And to do so, would be to grieve the Spirit of Respect and True Liberty.

But all is OK, because what I believe the Spirit is looking for, are those precious souls who have actually gotten beyond this point." -: Unquote.

"The tragedy is that our attention centres on what people are not, rather than on what they are and who they might become." Fran Dyer.

I myself found this quite encouraging & enlightening, I hope that you do too!

Again A Repetition Of A Voice From The Past!

*Irenaeus: 130 to about 200 A.D. " Bishop of Lyons. His nearness to the apostles makes his testimony most interesting. Irenaeus did not believe evil would last forever. In his treatise *Against Heretics*, he wrote in Book 111, chap. 23, §6:"¹*

"Wherefore also He drove him (Adam) out of Paradise, and removed him far from the tree of life, not because He envied him the tree of life, as some dare to assert, but because He pitied him and desired that he should not continue always a sinner, and that the sin which surrounded him should not be immortal, and the evil interminable and irremediable." --- Irenaeus.² Rom 8:20-21. AMP.

My deepest love & many, many blessings to you all in Christ Jesus.

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If we have been prone to human error in this article it is not purposely, & I trust that a little kindness would allow for any fault, & that we will consider & imbibe the better or spiritual part of that which is presented & intended. RWK..