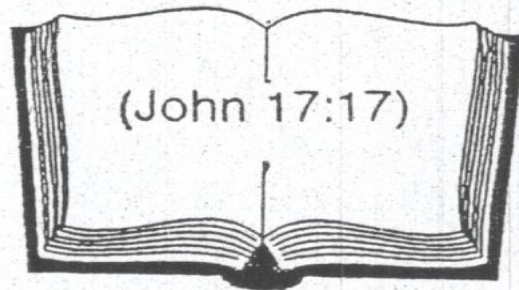


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"A DEADLY CANCER"

We read in the bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Gen. 1:26) And all things that are in heaven and earth (including man). God's purpose for creating man was for man to have domination over the earth: vs. 28. God in His great wisdom, to complete man's happiness, took a rib from the man and made him a woman or an help "meet" for him. (Gen. 2:21) Inasmuch, He (God) was the creator, man needed some means of being reminded that he was not the creator of things, but the inheritor or caretaker. So then, God gave a command. "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, --- the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: --- thou shalt surely die." (Gen. 2:16-17)

It was not too long that the man disregarded the order of Almighty God in eating of the tree he was told not to. (Gen. 3:6) As a result of Adam's transgression (sin), he was driven out of the beautiful, happy home, into a world of thorns and thistles, fear, hopelessness, helplessness and death which does not end it all. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27) So you see, we've inherited from Adam that DEADLY CANCER called SIN. And there is no man-made cure for it. From Adam to our day, man has been trying to turn this world back to a paradise, and has failed; and will continue to fail because he

is dealing with the problems and left the cause undone. So the problems are mounting up daily.

My friend, it is not by changing kings, Presidents, Prime Ministers and Legislators that we'll bring peace to the world. For thousands of years these changes are taking place and no better is being gained, but worse. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (II Tim. 3:13)

Is there any hope for man? Thanks be to the All-merciful, loving God in sending His dear son to die, to bring back man to his relationship with his Creator; "For God so love the world, that He gave His only begotten son; that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish (die forever) but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) As man's problem is the result of sin in his heart that can not be taken away by any one except Jesus Christ, the Son of God; "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (Heb. 9:28)

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (I Peter 2:24) So it is left to every man individually to recognize he is lost and doomed for destruction, until he confesses, forsake his sins, and begin to walk in the light of God's words. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15) Notice what God said to Israel and He is saying the same to the world today. You are included, reader.

If you do not listen unto the voice of the Lord thy God; to do all His commandments, all these curses (sufferings) shall

come upon thee. "The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a --- extreme burning." (Deu. 28:15,22) These are the results of the "Cancer" called SIN for which there is no cure, except a turning away from your rebellions against God's word. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3,5)

"The Lord is --- not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9) If the Lord is speaking to you today, harden not your heart, but confess and forsake your sins, and be saved. Amen!

DO BELIEVERS GO TO HEAVEN AFTER DEATH?

This is a very important question. We must give it serious thought because our salvation depends on the truth. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." (John 8:32)

Perhaps many do not realize that the word "heaven" in the Bible does not always mean the site of God's throne. Three "heavens" are mentioned in the scriptures. One is the site of God's throne where no man (this includes Enoch and Elijah) has ascended, except Jesus.

I pray God, you take the words of Jesus for it! In 33 A.D., Jesus said, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." (John 3:13) The heaven of God's throne is the third heaven, where Jesus is now. (See Mark 16:19) The second heaven is outer space, where the Sun, Moon, and Stars are. "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven, --- to give light upon the earth: And God made two great lights; --- He made the stars also. And God set

them in the firmament of the heaven." (Gen. 1:14-17; Psa. 8:3) The first heaven is the atmosphere where we have winds and clouds. "Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven." (Gen. 27:28; see also Deut. 33:13,28; Gen. 2:20; Psa. 14:2 and 104:12)

It is hereby proven that there is more than one heaven; so then, in which one of these heavens are the dead saints? And those who die today and hereafter, where will they be going? In as much Jesus said when He was on earth, "No man is in heaven," it is absolutely clear that none of the prophets, from Moses to Malachi is in heaven. Therefore, the doctrine of believers going to heaven after death, is a new lie by the same devil who told Eve in the garden that God has not spoken the truth. If she ate of the fruit she would be as God and shall not surely die. (Gen. 3:4-5) Let us hear Jesus' own words in the New Testament, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." (John 5:28-29) Is it not clear to you what Jesus is saying here? The good and the bad are in the graves and shall remain there until His second coming. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; "For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." (I Cor. 15:52) Notice we shall be recompensed at the resurrection of the just (Luke 14:14), not at death!.

Does it make sense to you? After a believer dies, goes to heaven, enjoy all the blessings possible in the presence of the Heavenly Father, the Son, and the Holy Angels; then Jesus comes back the second time, raises the same believer, change him from mortal to immortal, and take him back to heaven

where he was a number of years. It may make sense to some as it did to Eve; "Ye shall not surely die;" but it is not the truth. Therefore, it is to be refused. Listen to the information given in Job 14:10-14. "But man dieth, --- yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? So man lieth down, and riseth not: --- nor be raised out of their sleep. O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, --- until thy wrath be past, --- and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." It was revealed to Job by the Holy Ghost that happiness does not come after death but at the second coming of Jesus Christ. Thus he said, "So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more." (vs. 12) The Holy Ghost also revealed to Peter in Acts 3:20-21; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

My friend, the time will come when the heavens will hold Jesus no longer and you must face Him in judgment whether you die or live. So decide today, for Jesus said, "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3,5)

DO THE SAINTS GO TO HEAVEN AT THE ADVENT OF CHRIST?

The believers' place of happiness does not depend on where he believes he will be, but on God's will and promises to His people. Many believe in going to heaven by reading John 14:1-3, and say that Jesus is in heaven preparing mansions for us, and will come back to take us to these mansions in heaven.

Let us examine this text carefully. "I go to prepare a place for you." (verse 2, last part) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (verse 3) Nowhere in this text shows that Jesus will take the saints back to heaven. Compare John 14:3 with Proverbs 10:30. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." (Matt. 5:5) Notice in the book of Rev. 20:6, which reads, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection:" this takes place at Jesus' second coming. In I Thess. 4:16, "the dead in Christ shall rise first." On such the Second Death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. Then look up Revelation 5:9-10, "And hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." Compare Rev. 20:6 with Rev. 5:10; one says we shall reign as priests with God and Christ a thousand years, the other says we shall be kings and priests unto our God and we shall reign on the earth. So, no contradiction is there? One text show the length of time we will reign and the other show the place. Alleluia! The next text that is used by many to prove that Christ will take us to heaven at His second coming is: I Thess. 4:16-17. So let us prayerfully examine this text, especially verse 17: "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up --- to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

We shall be caught up to the first heaven (atmosphere). The verse left us right there in the atmosphere and so shall we ever be with the Lord. The question is: Where do we go from there? Does the Bible have the answer? In the gospel of Luke, chapter 1:32-33; the angel said unto Mary, "And the Lord God shall give unto him (Jesus) the throne of his father

David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (see Daniel 2:44; 7:27)

The prophet Daniel, saw the second coming of Christ to take over the kingdom. "I saw in the night vision, and behold; one like the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven. And there was given Him dominion and glory and a kingdom." This kingdom will be established by Jesus himself in Mt. Zion, Jerusalem. Jesus will come right in the midst of the battle of Armageddon. (See Joel 3:11-17; Rev. 16:16, 19:11-18)

The reason the saints will be caught up to meet the Lord in the atmospherical heaven, it is to fulfill Zech. 14:1-5; "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, --- For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; --- Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, --- And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; --- And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; ---and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one." (verse 9)

Friend of mine, you may want to believe that it doesn't matter where you will be when Jesus comes so long as you're with Him, but it makes a great difference in what you believe and teach to what Jesus taught. Beware lest you call Jesus a liar and a deceiver and bring damnation upon yourself. Thus sayeth the Holy Ghost, "As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be

understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." (II Peter 3:16)

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:17)

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