

Death Of The Righteous

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"... Let me die the death of the righteous,
And let my end be like his!" Numbers 23:10.

Death is the end of every living being and all things. Every mortal whether he likes it or not will one day taste death in one way or another.

Death is sure!

It is interesting, if not funny, that this unavoidable "friend" of mankind is the most feared by man. A mention of his name make man jiltery. Man does not want to hear his name at all. Not only this, the first judgement to be pronounced or easily pronounced on another man by his fellow man is "death". Any form of mistake by another man calls for his death. A man does fear death but wants him for another person. What a rhetoric of life! A man once killed another man for wounds inflicted on him. No record of any rift between them.

That is man for you!

Unlike any other fellow, the righteous does not fear death at all. He sees death as the gate way to eternal rest. He has come to fall in love with death because he has known the one who has "the keys of death and of Hades." Revelation 1:18. He is bold and confident that Christ the living Lord is alive and on his side. So he has nothing to fear in death.

The opening quotation of this piece says a lot about the enviable position of the righteous at last and at death. An unbeliever desired this.

So the end of the righteous is sweet.

What brings about this? Fine! It is because he has been reconciled back to his God through His son, Jesus Christ, who has the final authority over Death, the fear of so many men can not do anything to the righteous without Christ's authority.

Not only this, the righteous does not fear death because he prepares daily to go home. Each minutes of his life is spent in preparing for his return to meet and be with his Lord who has assured him thus, "if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself ; that where I am, there you may be also.

And where I go you know, and the way you know."John 14:3-4.

Do you know what? The death of the righteous is, many times, to prevent him from pending evil. Instead of allowing him to experience any evil, the righteous Lord may take him home to be with Him.

Let me not fail to state here that, many times, the righteous are gathered together in the same place. There is a burring place of rest for them. They are brought together. Hear the words of Jacob when he was about to breath his last in Genesis 49:

29 "I am to be gathered to my people ; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite"...

30 a possession for a burial place.

31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac and Rebecca his wife, and there I buried Leah."

As soon as he finished commanding his sons to gather him with his fathers, he breathed his last. His children mourned for him.

" Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad,... they mourned there with a great and very solemn lamentation. " Gen 50:10.

That is the death and burial of the righteous for you!

Death of the righteous leaves a vacuum very (if possible) difficult to fill"

Why?

He lived a life of great benefits to people of his generation. He has written his name on the tablets of people's heart indelibly. His departure is a deadly blow to those around him. They miss him a lot. After

his departure, they still talk and remember him daily. It becomes too difficult for his people to forget him. So he departed to everybody's sorrow.

Beloved reader, have you carefully read through this piece? Do you at anytime think about death? What is your impression about him?

Are you prepared for it or not? Do you think anyone will mourn if you depart today? Do you have any relationship with the only and holy One who has the keys of Death and Hades? He is Jesus Christ invite Him to become the Lord and savior of your life today and forever. Stay blessed and prepared for the imminent coming of the Lord.