

SERVING AS SONS

ROM 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us?** ³²He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? ³³Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth. ³⁴Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

³⁵**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

- a) All of God's children have been given the same spiritual opportunities.
- b) Christ is making intercession for us.
- c) There is no possibility of spiritual separation.

GEN 22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, **and hast not withheld thy son**, thine only *son*:

¹⁷**That in blessing I will bless thee**, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven,

These scriptures show us:

1. The Father's love.
2. The son's obedience.

ROM 8:37 Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through him that loved us.

God gives the abilities to overcome. Key words: "through Him"

ROM 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paul was not given to inner conflict. He was confident... "I am persuaded"

JOB 28:28 And unto man he said, Behold, **the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom**; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

Many men run when confronted with natural fear. But, it is wisdom to embrace the "fear of the Lord".

Like the prophets of old we must "behold". The prophets "SAW" or "beheld" the

heavenly things. To “fear” is to “love” the Lord and His heavenly things.

EX 33:14 And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest. ¹⁵And he said unto him, **If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence.** ¹⁶For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? *is it* not in that thou goest with us? **so shall we be separated, I and thy people**, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

The one important difference was God’s presence. Moses didn’t want to leave without it. It was the one thing that separated God’s people from the rest of the world. Those who know God, know never to leave His presence.

JOB 28:23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

JOB 28:27 Then did he see it, and **declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.**

God has declared it....prepared itand searched it out.

ROM 6:10 For in that he died, **he died unto sin once**: but in that he liveth, **he liveth unto God.** ¹¹Likewise **reckon** ye also **yourselves** to be **dead** indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. ¹³Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: **but yield yourselves unto God**, as those that are alive from the dead, and **your members *as* instruments of righteousness** unto God.

If we were dead, our members would not offend the Lord.

Dead men automatically yield. You can do what you want with the dead. There is no resistance.

2 COR 6:9 **As unknown, and yet well known**; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; ¹⁰**As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.**

2 COR 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but **our sufficiency *is* of God**; ⁶Who also **hath made us able ministers** of the new testament;

REV 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, **for the word of God**, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹Saying, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, **What thou seest**, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches

John did not consider himself an outcast. He was a “companion in tribulation”. His immediate destiny was clear, get into the spirit, obey the Lord and “write the heavenly vision”, hence “the book of revelation”, the greatest heavenly vision in church history. God’s ways were certainly higher than John’s ways.

When God is within it is not possible to be an outcast!

ISA 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. ⁹For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **my ways higher than your ways**, and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: ¹¹**So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and **it shall prosper** *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

EZE 3:1 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; **eat this roll**, and go speak unto the house of Israel. ²So **I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll**. ³And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. **Then did I eat it ; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness**

EZE 3:27 But **when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth**, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they *are* a rebellious house.

When we believe we have a spiritual destiny we will allow God to gift our lives as He did others in Bible times. We should believe God to use us in all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we give ourselves to the ministry, God is able to raise up Apostles and Prophets to mature the body of Christ. Our words will become the sure “word of the Lord”. Some will even dedicate themselves to the ministry and see similar miracles to the great men of the Bible. We will become miracle workers in the harvest fields of the nations.