

SPIRITUAL DESTINY

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 anything 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 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:

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. The KEY words are "**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 absolutely 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 it”. 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 to walk in a manner that is inclusive of 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.

Job had the revelation for God had already declared it, prepared it and 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 in body, our physical members would not be active. Similarly, we that are crucified in Christ should no longer be able to offend the Lord by living in the flesh. Is there any resistance from a dead man? No! For the inner man (that is crucified to the flesh) seeks only to hear the directives of the Spirit.

GAL 2:20 **I am crucified with Christ:** nevertheless **I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2 COR 6:9 **As unknown, and yet well known;** as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; ¹⁰As sorrowful, yet always 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.

Those who recognize that special call to serve God beyond the local church should have a broad knowledge of the Word of God; for it is His Word that we should minister and impart into the body of Christ. One of our mandates should be to believe God to give us as many of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit as possible. Some will become Apostles and Prophets to mature the body of Christ. Their words will become the sure “word of the Lord”. Isaiah 50:4 says ...“that I should know how to speak a word in season”.