

WE NEVER NEED TO FEAR DEATH – Part 2

*v1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. v2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, v3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. v4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. v5 Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. v6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. v7 We live by faith, not by sight. v8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. v9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. v10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. **2 Corinthians 5:1-10***

I. We never need to fear death because we have a CERTAIN FUTURE.

1. We have a CERTAIN FUTURE because “WE KNOW” about the future – v1 *Now we know... “WE KNOW” about the future, BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE and WE HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN JESUS!!!*
2. We have a CERTAIN FUTURE because “WE HAVE” a “BUILDING” – v1 *we have a building from God... “WE HAVE” a “BUILDING”, BECAUSE JESUS HAS PROMISED TO GIVE US ONE!!!*
John 14:2-3 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. v3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
3. We have a CERTAIN FUTURE because “GOD MADE US” for this purpose – v5 *Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose ...*
GOD DOES NOT FAIL IN ANYTHING HE DOES. HE WILL CARRY YOU ALL THE WAY. HE WILL NEVER LET YOU GO.
Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
4. We have a CERTAIN FUTURE because the HOLY SPIRIT is “GOD’S SECURITY GUARANTEE” regarding the future – v5 *Now it is God ... has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come...*
The Greek, “*ar-hrab-ohn*”, interpreted as “GUARANTEEING” is our English bible has a very interesting background. It literally means “money which in purchases is given as a pledge or downpayment that the full amount will subsequently be paid”

II. We never need to fear death because the FUTURE is BETTER than the PRESENT.

1. The FUTURE is BETTER than the PRESENT because “the PRESENT” is a GROAN – v4 *For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.*
The word translated as “GROAN” literally means “A SIGH”. - Emitting a long, deep audible breath expressing sadness, relief, tiredness, or similar. ughhhhhhhhhh huuuuuuuh mmmmmmmmmmm

LIFE IS HARD!!!! It is a real, as people say in Afrikaans, **A SUKKEL!!!!**

WHY IS LIFE SO DIFFICULT?

- i. **Because we are “BURDENED”** – v4 The word literally means we are carrying a HEAVY WEIGHT. Sometimes the word was use to describe women who were pregnant.
 - a. We are BURDENED with RESPONSIBILITIES.
 - b. We are BURDENED with WORRIES.
 - c. We are BURDENED with ILLNESS.
 - d. We are BURDENED with CARE for OTHERS.
 - e. We are BURDENED with GRIEF and LOSS.

WHY IS LIFE SO DIFFICULT?

- ii. **Because we are “MORTAL” – v4** The word MORTAL means we “are destined to die”!!
 - a. Our MORTALITY makes us realise “TIME IS PASSING”.
 - b. Our MORTALITY makes us question “OUR SIGNIFICANCE”.
 - c. Our MORTALITY makes us ponder “OUR MORALITY”.

- iii. **Because we are “NAKED” – v2** *Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, v3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.*

The word NAKED means “NUDE or UNCLOTHED”

Job faced this in chapter one of the book of JOB. After having lost everything in this world that was considered valuable, property, livestock, servants and even all his children, Job wrote these famous words:

Job 1:20-21 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship v21 and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised."

- a. Our NAKEDNESS makes us realise “NOTHING IS PERMANENT”.
- b. Our NAKEDNESS makes us “DEPEND FULLY ON GOD”.

2. The FUTURE is BETTER than the PRESENT because “the FUTURE” is GLORIOUS –

WHAT MAKES THE FUTURE GLORIOUS?

- i. **Because WE WILL LIVE IN THE ETERNAL. – v1** *we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.*

I HAVE ARRIVED

- ii. **Because GOD PROVIDES EVERYTHING WE NEED – v1** *we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.*

The word literally means “unmanufactured.”

NOTHING IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR GOD.

FOR GOD MIRACLE IS NORMAL

- iii. **Because WE WILL BE COMPLETE. – v3** *because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.*

1 John 3:1-2 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. v2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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