

God's Dwelling Place

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

I just trust today that you are rejoicing to understand that the One who has risen from the dead is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself! Oh, may it be that your heart is open to hear Him from His Word, speaking to you, because He loves you and He knows just the situation you are in.

You know, in **Acts 7**, the story of Stephen shows he was the first martyr that is recorded in the New Testament. It says there -

55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God. Did you know that God has

a dwelling place in Heaven? It is the place of power, the place of acceptance, the place of authority and it is from there that Christ exercises His divine prerogatives. May it be that we understand that this risen Lord Jesus Christ is the One who is having us to look to Him today in the situation in which you find yourself. It might be that your situation is not as bad as Stephen's was for he was being stoned to death and with his final breath, he called unto the Lord. Looking up,

as he saw the people around, he realized they didn't even know what they were doing. They weren't doing it, as it were, deliberately to him; it was the inspiration of Satan hating the very life of Christ that was radiantly being shown forth through Stephen, who fully knew Christ and wanted to be committed in every detail of what he did. Therefore, it caused that irritation of the people. They did not like what Stephen proclaimed from the Word of God; he pointed to the risen Lord; he pointed to Him in power and authority. It is so easy to be overwhelmed by the circumstances around us - perhaps domestically; perhaps nationally; perhaps just in the routine of the little day in the world in which we live. Somehow, people become very big and they are overwhelming us. Look up and see Jesus Christ, our risen Lord Jesus, is there in the heavenlies and He is seated high in that heavenly place of the throne!

You know, it was the Apostle Paul, when he preached at Antioch on justification by faith, said, as recorded in **Acts 13** -

30 But God raised him from the dead:

31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who were his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he

hath raised up Jesus again . . . He is alive! He raised Him from the dead. Why do we live as if He hasn't been risen? You know, it is so exciting to me to see that He's promised us in **Psalm 16:11 - Thou wilt show me the path of life, in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.** This is our Lord speaking forth prophetically of what would happen. He is in the heavenlies, and in Christ Jesus is where you and I can live and reign.

Let's talk about your circumstances in relation to how the Lord has placed you, knowing every minute of your day, allowing that things seem so hopeless perhaps for you. Have you ever thought why this is so? It is because God says that when you are in Christ Jesus, your life is hid with Him in God. He is wanting that you allow Him to take over.

It is this resurrection power that can turn the situation around, as you call upon Him and see that His authority is above all the satanic hoards coming against you. Therefore, you can be in triumph!

There have been people who have been in prison and everything has been against them. They have been persecuted; they have been in such a state that they can hardly say the name, *Jesus*, but the Lord, by His Spirit, has encouraged them to behold Him in their heart to know He has gotten the victory! He is the One who is in all authority over every other authority and power in heaven and earth. Therefore, would you just say to the Lord - *Lord, in this overwhelming situation that You know all about . . . you can see I can hardly talk to You; I can*

*hardly pray; I can hardly cope, Lord! Lord, I pour it at your feet just now.
In the Name of Jesus, may Your authority, may Your victory, may Your
power be so obvious to this situation that I can literally stand back and
laugh with joy! The Lord He is God and He's going to take over!*

We do want to help you. We are here for you spiritually and we want to encourage you that you write. In Jesus' Name, we want to praise God that the Lord is our Victor and He is going to come forth in ways you never imagined for His glory through you.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.