

David's Anticipation of the Cross

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

I wonder if you would, please, open your Bible, if you have one, to **Acts chapter 2**. This is the chapter that speaks of that amazing time of the resurrection, where the Lord, having been raised up, received of the Father the promise to send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, and send Him in such a manner that each of those disciples could be filled full of Him.

As a born-again believer, let me ask you, what about your life? Would you say that the explanation of your life on planet earth is the Lord Jesus? Would you see that everything that you have and everything that you are doing, all those loved ones around you, really have all to do with the Lord Jesus? It has to do with what He wants to do through you, to reach out and touch others while there is still time. As a born-again believer, how do you feel about the fact that there will be masses of people who, on that day when the Lord calls out those who love and know Him, will not be called out? Not only are they going to go through horrendous problems here on planet earth of terrible violence and death, and terrible happenings that come down from the heavens itself upon them, but do you realize what else it is going to mean? For ever and ever, then they will be going to live in a lost

eternity, where it is too late to turn to the Lord! That is really Hell, a place prepared for Satan and his fallen angels, but Satan wants to grab and to bring anybody there, because He so hates the Lord. I want to encourage you to see the reason you are here on planet earth. The reason He has given us His precious Holy Spirit is that Christ might be allowed to normally live His life through us and by us, in obedience and faith, following in each direction what He says. That can only happen when we turn, not only daily, but constantly, with availability to Him and take His Word, act upon His Word, and believe Him! This gives us a total concept from heaven with a viewpoint that you cannot explain by attending some soul winning class, where we are all going to try and do this next week. It is only to see it from heaven's point of view, how the soul winning class can literally meet and depend on the Lord in oneness that the Holy Spirit will do that work through them. We are to gossip the Gospel! We are to share the Lord Jesus! That is what it is all about. That is where the emphasis is.

In this section of **Acts chapter 2**, we are going to read in **verse 28** that which really comes from **Psalm 16:8 and 11**.

28 You have made known to me the ways of life: You will enrapture me [diffusing My soul with joy] with and in Your presence.

Peter, as he was speaking on this day of Pentecost from this amazing section of **Joel**, also refers to a section which is speaking about David.

Now, everybody felt highly about David, because David was King David and he had been before the Lord. We read here —

25 For David says in regard to Him, I saw the Lord constantly before me; for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken or overthrown or cast down [from my secure, happy state.]

26 Therefore my heart rejoiced and my tongue exulted exceedingly; moreover, my flesh also will dwell in hope - [will encamp, pitch its tent, dwell in the hope in anticipation of the resurrection]. Then that little verse which is amazing —

27 For You - that is the Lord Jesus - will not abandon my soul, leaving it helpless in Hades (the state of departed spirits) . . .

those who loved the Lord and anticipated His coming before the time of the Cross, before Christ had come to earth. They were anticipating, whereas we who love the Lord Jesus, look back to that time. He knew that as the Lord was going to come, that He would die for his sin, but he also knew . . . **nor let His Holy One see decay or destruction. . .**

You know, I love the oratorio, *The Messiah*, where it says, *Thou wilt not leave my soul in Hell* - in Hades, that means. In other words, he is anticipating just what Jesus did. You remember, He descended into Hell and He brought triumphantly these forth into Heaven. This is the Old Testament of those who looked forward, knowing the resurrection power.

Why is it important to understand? The Lord was liberated from the

pangs of death; it is not possible that death could hold Him. When Jesus died on that Cross, it was not possible that He could be held there, but He, as King, dismissed His own spirit. He said, **It is finished!** “The price is paid for those who anticipated My coming, and, in meeting this day of paying the price of their sin on the Cross, I paid it for those from the past and for those who will come and that includes you!”

What about you, as you look upon that event? Will you say, *Lord Jesus, I need to know You as my personal Savior. I fear death without You. You alone can pay the price to set me free. Therefore, Lord, I receive You into my heart and life.*

In Jesus' Name. Amen.