

## The Promise of God's Deliverance – Part 2

### Escape Through Death

10/25/23

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Recently – began a new series – God's Deliverance – 5 Parts
- Title – The Promise of God's Deliverance – Part 2  
Escape Through Death
- History of these presentations
  - The first time – sermon on 7/25/98
  - In 2009 – I gave a 5-part Bible study series
  - Between 2000 & 2017 – I presented the subject to 30 congregations
  - In 2020 – I gave a 5-part sermon series
- Comment – While the 5 main points are the same, I have changed some of the scriptures on the handout – and the extemporaneous comments are certainly different

1 Cor. 10:13

God is faithful

- Not tempted above what you are able
- Will make a way of escape
- That you may be able to bear it

Part 1 – Escape Through Dramatic Miracle

Part 2 – Escape Through Death

Part 3 – Escape Through Hiding

Part 4 – Escape Through Leaving

Part 5 – Escape Through Coping

- “Escape Through Death” – we are NOT talking about suicide
- Suicide = you doing it to yourself – or you orchestrating it to happen
- We are talking about Natural, Accidental or Violent
  - Natural – course of nature; from natural causes (age or disease)
  - Accidental
  - Violent

- I will give you my conclusion first
- Paul's approach about life and death

Phil. 1:21

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to live is Christ and to die is gain

a desire to depart and to be with Christ (which is far better)

to stay alive – more needful for you

- It is “normal” to feel exceedingly sorrowful and deeply distressed  
The Son of God experienced sorrow – and He committed NO sin
  
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| Matt. 26:37 | the Son of God began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed  |
| 38          | He said: “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death”  |
| 39          | He talked to the Father   |
| Luke 22:43  | an angel appeared to Him from heaven – strengthening Him  |
| John 18:37  | for this cause I was born and for this cause I have come into the world – to<br>bear witness to the truth |
  
  - Biblical examples – people who have overcome strong discouragement

Num. 11:11-15	Moses – “please kill me here and now”
1 Kings 19:4	Elijah – “it is enough” – “take my life”
Job 3:1-26	Job – opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth
Jer. 20:14-18	Jeremiah – “cursed be the day I was born”
Jonah 4:3	Jonah – “please take my life, for it is better for me to die than to live”
  
  - The Lord turns bad things into good

Gen. 50:20	you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good
Psalm 18:28	You will light my lamp – the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness
Isaiah 57:1	the righteous is taken away from evil
  
  - Two tremendous powers – the Spirit of the man – the Spirit of God

Psalm 8:3-8	lower than angels – dominion over the physical creation
1 Cor. 2:11	the spirit of the man – the Spirit of God
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- Paul’s understanding – about life and death

1 Cor. 15:18	“fallen asleep in Christ”
50-54	corruption puts on incorruption – mortal puts on immortality
2 Cor. 4:16	outward perishes – inward is renewed daily
17	light affliction – for a moment
18	contrast – temporary and eternal
1 Thes. 4:13	“fallen asleep”
16-17	the dead in Christ will rise first – then, those who are alive
2 Tim. 4:6-7	knew his death was near – good fight, finished the race, kept the faith
8	awaiting crown of righteousness – given to all who love Lord’s appearing
Phil. 1:21	to live is Christ and to die is gain
23	a desire to depart and to be with Christ – (which is far better)
24	to stay alive – more needful for you