

# A WORD ON WORSHIP

## REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM JANUARY 26, 2014

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### 2 Corinthians 5:1-3

*“For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.”*



Our culture is fascinated with near death experiences and what happens on the other side of life.

Searching through Amazon.com under the subject of near death will bring up over 102,300 titles currently for sale. I wish I could say it is the fascination of unbelievers, but Christian culture is no different with over 150 titles available on Christianbook.com on the same subject! Why have we been caught up with other people's non-authoritative view of death and what comes next to the exclusion of what God has already revealed to us through His Word?

In 2 Corinthians, Paul speaks of death and dying, not in the sense of martyrdom, but in the sense of the normal aging and dying process of life. Those of us with a number of years behind us (and often with gray hair – or none – to prove it) can readily agree with Paul when he speaks of the gradual, but steady, decline of the physical body. The minute we are born we are on a path that will inevitably lead to our death. For some, it simply comes sooner than for others. But in spite of our “dying by degrees” in the normal aging process, Christians also experience life. As the outer man continues to perish, the inner man is being renewed (given life) day by day. This is not spoken of as maintaining a certain level of spirituality, but of actually growing and increasing in our walk with God.

Actually, the dying process of the body is a welcome thing because we will exchange these mortal bodies for new spiritual bodies which are vastly superior. Our present bodies are a tent while our permanent spiritual bodies are described as a temple. To be at home in this physical body is to be absent from the Lord; to be absent from this physical body is to be at home with the Lord. And so it is that just as Paul did not fear the death by martyrdom or old age, death produces life for the Christian. And thus death is not to be fearfully avoided by living in the safe zone; we can live dangerously for Christ, knowing that death brings life for us when we die, whether as martyrs or due to old age.

The book stores are filled with books telling us heaven is about being with friends and loved ones, rather than on our being with God. Believing husbands will see their believing wives in heaven, but they will not relate to them in marriage as they have done on earth. Heaven is spending eternity in heaven in the presence of God; hell is spending eternity apart from God. That is the main thing. Do not be misled. The fact that others we have loved on earth will be there is “icing on the cake,” but it is not the essence of what heaven is about.

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*Come acknowledge the Lord in our midst*  
**EVERY SUNDAY BEGINNING AT 8:45 A.M.**

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## The Hymns We Sing

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### Take My Life And Let It Be

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/t/a/k/takemyli.htm>  
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I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.”

Romans 12:1

Words: Frances R. Havergal, February 1874:

Music: Hendon, Henri A. C. Malan, 1827; harmony by Lowell Mason, 1841



Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)

“I went for a little visit of five days (to Areley House). There were ten persons in the house, some unconverted and long prayed for, some converted, but not rejoicing Christians. He gave me the prayer, “Lord, give me all in this house!” And He just did. Before I left the house every one had got a blessing. The last night of my visit after I had retired, the governess asked me to go to the two daughters. They were crying; then and there both of them trusted and rejoiced; it was nearly midnight. I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in praise and renewal of my own consecration; and these little couplets formed themselves, and chimed in my heart one after another till they finished with “Ever, Only, ALL for Thee!”

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Take my life, and let it be consecrated,  
 Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them  
 flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the  
 impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and  
 beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always,  
 only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
 messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite  
 would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power  
 as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall  
 be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be  
 Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet  
 its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all  
 for Thee.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

# February 2014

FEBRUARY 2014											
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- Jan. 26 8:45 a.m. Hope & Change God's Way:  
*The Hope of Heaven*
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor Andy Teaching at  
 aWestminster Presbyterian Church  
*How Are We Supposed to Get it All Done?*  
*Intro to Spiritual Gifts*
- Jan. 28 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians; at Kikkert's home
- Jan. 31 No Friday Night Activities- Fifth Friday Night
- Feb. 2 8:45 a.m. Resuming Judges Series: Judges 8:33 to 9:21  
*When God's Judgment is the Government*
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- Feb. 4 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians; at Kikkert's home
- Feb. 7 7:00 p.m. Game Night
- Feb. 9 8:45 a.m. Judges 9:22 to 57: *You Get What You Paid For*
- 10:30 a.m. Sunrise Annual Meeting and Potluck
- Feb. 11 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians; at Kikkert's home
- Feb. 14 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship Valentine Style
- Feb. 16 8:45 a.m. Judges 10:1 to 12:15:  
*Jephthah: Now Why Did I Say That?*
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- Feb. 18 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians; at Kikkert's home
- Feb. 21 Camellia Festival – Temple City Park
- Feb. 22 Camellia Festival and Parade – T.C. Park
- Feb. 23 8:45 a.m. Judges 13:1 to 25: *Sampson's Silver Spoon*
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor Andy Teaching at  
 Westminster Presbyterian Church  
*How Are We Supposed to Get it All Done?*  
*The Nature of Spiritual Gifts*
- 12 Noon Camellia Festival- Temple City Park
- Feb. 25 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians; at Kikkert's home
- Feb. 28 7:00 p.m. Game Night