

Death — Man's Plight

It is so easy to start talking about carnal things when we gather together here and are greeting one another — and pretty soon you are joking around...or having an elders meeting.

Nahaliel — I want to repent. It's easy when we come here to get distracted. I know I prepared myself to come here and offer myself and to affirm my peace with my brothers and hear the voice of our Master in my heart — not to start talking about watchmen or about going to Curitiba or anything. Otherwise it becomes like a little church social meeting. But this is not our purpose in coming together here. We are here to do His purpose, not looking to the right or the left.

Yael — We have to be obedient through thankfulness, not because of fear of discipline. Because that is just covering our hearts with hypocrisy. I need to be purified. I don't want to be afraid of discipline.

Kepha — Really, we didn't deserve anything but the lake of fire, but He gave us salvation. Man was so precious to our Father — the greatest thing He made in those six days. He didn't want him to be lost. He provided salvation for us. If we trust in Him, one day we are going to spend eternity with Him. He is going to be there waiting for us.

Man's plight is death. He cannot live long — only a few short years. That is man's plight. It is the facts of life. And God hates that. *Man* brought it upon himself. And we inherited it. Every day people die. Everyone finds themselves in that same situation. How many people die every day? Everyone dies. For 6000 years everyone has been dying. And our Father would not be so concerned about it if you just went into oblivion, into a state of rest. He might not have been moved as much to rescue man out of that. But He knows what death is and so He came, in His Son. He took death on Himself so we don't have to experience it. Because He sees what happens to a man after he dies — it is not like sleep. A man in death is more acutely aware of everything he has done wrong in his life than he has ever been in his whole life. God is tired of people dying; He doesn't want it anymore. He *knows* what is ahead of all of us if we are not obeying the Son of God — and He came here on earth in order *to be obeyed*. Those who obey (the good news) Him will continue to live and those who do not obey will continue to die. He is the Messiah, the Son of God. He came into the Jews and they rejected Him. But to all those who received Him, He gave them the gift of eternal life.

When you talk to people about death they don't want to hear it because they want to hang onto their lives. The message of good news is nothing to all but a *few* of them, who fear death. But only a fool believes that death is not fearful. Because everyone has it in their heart that they are eternal beings. Man *knows* he is not going into oblivion, for eternal death, continual suffering, is waiting for him. So our Father saw our plight. He wanted to do something about it. So He sent His son to rescue us from it and that is the whole story and now we are so thankful. *God* could not even express it on paper how awful death is. We are fortunate enough to be able to receive eternal life. But a fool who is richly deserving of death, says in their heart that there is no God. Their actions say it. They don't have to say it with their mouth — they say it in their heart and it shows in their actions. A fool is the worst name you can call someone. I'm thankful I am rescued from the state of death. It is simple — He rescued us from death. If you don't know what death is, you cannot be saved (Heb 2:15). He came to rescue those who were held in slavery by the fear of death. If you have guilt it means you are fearful of death. If you are not fearful of death you don't know that you have guilt (Isa 38:11 — # 2309 "the state of the dead = world"; Eph 2:1,5,12; Jn 5:24; Col 1:13; Gal 4:4; "age world order — death"; Acts 2:40).