

## REMINDERS ABOUT GOD'S DELIVERANCE

Escape Through Death  
11/28/20

- \* Topic -- Reminders About God's Deliverance
- \* History of this presentation
  - The first time -- sermon on 7/25/98
  - In 2008 -- 2 separate sermons -- (April and July)
  - In 2009 -- I gave a 5-part Bible study series
  - Between 2000 & 2017 -- presented to 30 congregations
- \* 1 Corinthians 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
- \* 5 Specific Methods of Deliverance

1. Escape Through Dramatic Miracle
2. Escape Through Death

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### \* Foundational verses

Eccles. 3:2            a time to be born -- a time to die  
Eccles. 9:11        time and chance happen to them all  
                    12        for man also does not know his time  
Isaiah 57:1        righteous people die -- the righteous are taken  
                                 away from the evil to come -- blessing from  
                                 God

### \* How does God view life?

James 4:14        what is your life? -- it is a vapor that appears for  
a little time and then vanishes away  
2 Cor. 4:16        outward perishes -- inward is renewed daily  
                    17        light affliction -- for a moment  
                    18        contrast -- temporary and eternal

### \* How does God view death?

1 Cor. 15:18        "fallen asleep in Christ"  
                    50        flesh & blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God  
                    51        we shall all be changed  
                    52        raised incorruptible  
                    53        corruptible must put on incorruption -- mortal  
                                 must put on immortality  
                    54        death is swallowed up in victory  
1 Thes. 4:13        not want you to be ignorant concerning those who  
have fallen "asleep"  
                    15        those alive -- will not precede those asleep  
                    16-17 first, dead in Christ -- then, those alive

\*God instructs people to live

Deut. 30:19           choose life -- that you & your seed may live  
John 10:10           might have life -- have it more abundantly  
Rom. 12:1-2           a living sacrifice

\*     Examples of Overcoming Discouragement

Num. 11:15           Moses -- while complaining to God  
1 Kings 19:4           Elijah -- after being threatened by Jezebel  
Job 3:1-12           Job -- cursed the day he was born  
Jer. 20:14-18          Jeremiah -- cursed the day he was born  
Jonah 4:3            Jonah -- was angry when Nineveh repented  
John 12:23           the hour is come -- Son of man to be glorified  
          27          "My soul is troubled" -- "should I ask the Father to  
save Me from this hour?" -- "for this cause I came unto this hour"

\*     Martyrdom -- (Violence Against Disciples)

Mark 6:17-27           John the Baptist -- beheaded  
John 18:37            "to this end was I born" -- "for this cause, I came  
                          into the world"  
Acts 7:54-60           Stephen -- stoned  
Acts 12:2             James (John's brother) -- by Herod with sword  
Heb. 11:36-37          some -- sawn asunder -- slain with the sword  
Rev. 6:9-11           some -- slain for the word of God  
Rev. 20:4             some -- beheaded  
                          for the witness to Jesus  
                          for the word of God  
                          did not worship the beast or his image  
                          did not receive his mark

\*     The Son of God -- His Approach Toward Martyrdom

Matt. 26:37           He began to be sorrowful and heavy  
          38          "exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death"  
          39          heartfelt prayer  
          42          a second time -- heartfelt prayer

\*     Paul -- His Approach Toward Death

Phil. 1:21           to live is Christ and to die is gain  
          23          having a desire to depart and to be with Christ --  
                          which is far better  
          24          to stay alive -- more needful for you  
2 Tim. 4:6-7          knew his death was near -- continued obeying  
          8          awaiting a crown of righteousness -- Paul and all who  
                          love Christ's appearing