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Psalm 150:6





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Every individual's belief about God will one day be personally revealed, *completely*. Scripture says, "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27). Countless millions have already come face-to-face with God. The Bible declares that God is the Eternal Living Creator and the Righteous Judge of the universe. We have each been given the gift of life by God, and each of us is personally accountable to God Himself, for our thoughts, deeds, words and actions. God *alone* knows when each of us will take our final breath, this side of eternity.

### Waking Up on the Other Side

When a person dies, they wake up, so-to-speak, on the other side of eternity. Have you ever wondered what it will be like when you "wake up" on the other side. What will your initial thoughts be the moment after your last breath? For the true biblical Christian, one will immediately be in the presence of the LORD (2 Corinthians 5:6). For those who die *without* Christ, their immediate thoughts are perhaps, "Oh no, *I was wrong*, I rejected Jesus Christ!" According to the Bible, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." (Psalm 14:1-7). Who is God? Jesus Himself declared unto hardhearted humanity, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was [sprang into existence], I am [Eternal God]." (John 8:58). Jesus also declared unto them, "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he [Eternal God], ye shall die in your sins." (John 8:24). Those that reject Messiah Jesus and His way of salvation will simply find out too late that they have subscribed *themselves* to the ultimate horror - eternal damnation.

### For Many it is Already Too Late

Sadly, countless millions of people have already chosen to be *separated* from the loving Creator, *forever*. They have only to face an eternity of shame and everlasting

contempt. "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." (Daniel 12:2-3).

The Bible teaches that the ones that love God will immediately rejoice in the presence of their Savior, Whom they trusted *in*, relied *upon*, and rejoiced *over* in this life; for salvation from sin, salvation from Satan's power, salvation from "the second death," and salvation from eternal banishment from the All-Holy, All-loving and All-righteous God. Those that truly love and serve God know Him personally, and recognize His proven character. "He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he." (Deuteronomy 32:4).

### To Mock God or to Praise Him

Ultimately, a human's thought life conforms to his or her spiritual beliefs, about God, about the universe and about where one will go when they die. In consideration of such things one would do well to remember what happened when the rain drops began to fall upon the mockers that used their last breaths to mock Noah, who was God's mouthpiece for that generation.

*"In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. And they went in*

*unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days." (Genesis 7:11-24).*

### A Different Age, the Same Problem

Today humanity faces the same problem that has plagued the ages. The sins of unbelief in God's promises and the rejection of Jesus Christ hinder the injunction, "[l]et every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." (Psalm 150:6). The nations rage against Jesus, God's Anointed (Psalm 2) mockers mock Him (2 Peter 3), apostate ecumenical Christianity misrepresents Him (Revelation 3:14-22), and the world looks on in disbelief as compromised Christianity embraces theistic evolution, false prophets, Eastern mysticism and New Age/occult practices. The real question today is, "Where will we each be spiritually, when we breathe our last breath on earth?"

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## Dear Friends,

Much good has transpired recently! We continue to do what we can to help those around us, and on the internet too. As always, we thank you for your continued support so that we can do what we do best.

Apart from ministry, the past few months have been especially difficult for me as I have been facing challenges pertaining to my physical health. Ever since I injured my back a couple years ago my body just has not been the same. On some of my early morning Bible study days in San Luis Obispo, it takes me a full two days to recover from simply getting up extra early on Wednesdays. I generally sleep horrible, and on top of this I have had a number of very difficult days where I have experienced extended exhaustion - *for days!* I am somewhat mystified as I have not added extra work to our schedule. Also, over the past two months I have been experiencing much pain in my feet and added pain in my lower lumbar area. My overall physical stamina has reduced dramatically the past couple months and recently I was even relegated to using a walking stick because my feet hurt so much. I am currently scheduled to see two doctors in July, and I sure have a blood test to.

Coupled with financial struggles and the ever present resistance from many Christians to simply hear what ministries like ours have to say about the growing apostasy in the Church, the emotional side of things has been hard. Too many people just don't even seem to care what is going on in the church.

Listening to "popular Christianity" is far more appealing to the masses these days.

My family and I press on day-to-day and the Lord continues to carry us through the good days and hard days of ministry life. We are very blessed as a family and we rejoice that we are able to raise our kids and spend the time with them that we do. They are healthy and strong, full of life and enjoying the ocean more

now too (Jr. Lifeguards, surfing, etc).

Currently my wife and I have been looking into other means of making a living in order to provide more for our family and ministry. My wife has been considering a new occupation and I have asked a few employers in town for work, yet nothing has transpired. We wait on the Lord and trust that He will guide us as we seek to help His people, share His gospel with those around us, and expose deception in the Church. Please do pass on our newsletters to others whom you think may be interested in our work. We will continue on with Spiritual Research Network as well as serving as missionaries with WIN International.

Lastly, in early July we will have a NEW PRINT BOOKLET TRACT published,

entitled *YOGA and Christianity – Are They Compatible?* This new booklet will be available through Lighthouse Trails Publishers.

Thank you for your prayers and support! - Chris Lawson

### THE DAY IS COMING!!!

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

(2 Peter 3:8-12)

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