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Mark 15:16 — King James Version 1611

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature

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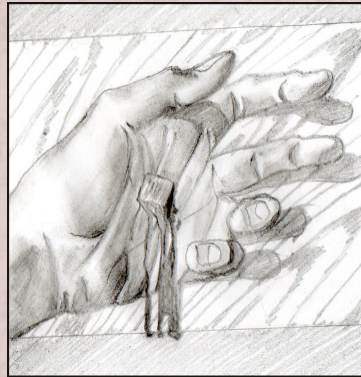
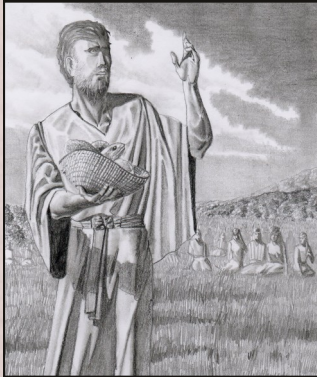
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Jesus in King David's Prophecy

The Psalmist Records the Words That Jesus Would Utter on the Cross

[Psalm 22](#) is David's account of Jesus' personal suffering on the cross, and it holds the prophetic words of Christ thousands of years before the actual crucifixion. You can see that by the fulfilling of the prophecy in the gospel of [John 19:17-30](#), David was very personal about Jesus' death.

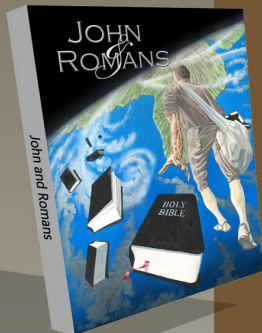


The crucifixion was one of the many Roman designs for a man die a with a painful and long torture. The subject was reared up on a cross and his hands fastened along with his feet so that he would have to continually pull himself up to grasp air. Once he no longer had the energy to do that, he would suffocate. In Jesus' case, the Roman soldiers *nailed* his hands and feet to the cross to further the torture.

Jesus was being punished by the Jewish leaders (Pharisees mostly) for doing good works among the people and the leaders' *allegations* of his blasphemy against their god, whom they claimed was he same as Jesus' God (the same God as their "*fathers*" Abraham and Moses). Jesus repeatedly had told them they didn't know God because He came from God and they rejected Him ([John 8:39-47](#)). The Pharisees and other religious leaders that accused Jesus before the Roman government were basically hypocrites and often compelled the common man to laws that they didn't even keep themselves. They denounced Jesus' love for the poor as expressed by his healing of their diseases, something the Pharisees did not have the ability to do—yet the


Pharisees claimed to be the poor man's liaison to God. The foolishness of the Pharisees was made apparent by Jesus and as a result they hated him with the exception of a few of them who sided with Him like Nicodemus and Joseph. It was the anger that Jesus caused in the Pharisees by his exposing of their sin that provoked them to plan to kill Him, along with their jealousy of his ability to heal. Regardless of their plot against him, Jesus spent 3 years ministering to the poor and the others who would listen, teaching them of the things of the Kingdom of God and Heaven. The common man received him gladly, and he gave them many proverbs, those of which he explained to his apostles.

David, going back in time, was *a man after God's own heart*, and God revealed to him the agony that Christ would have to suffer on the cross. Jesus could have refused the crucifixion as is stated in [Mark 14:36](#), but, because of his love for mankind (who did not often love him back), he agreed to the hideous torture. And because of his work on the cross we now have remission of all of our sins and a way to go to Heaven. All we have to do is *believe in Him* and *ask Him to save us*.



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The Holy Spirit What Did Jesus Leave For Us?

When Jesus was here 2,000 years ago during his ministry in Israel and beyond, he brought the comfort of *God being with us*, otherwise held in the name **Emmanuel** ([Matthew 1:23](#)). There was certain amount of peace to God being among the people in physical form, a tangible God that man could see, hear and talk to. But Jesus promised man something else after he died, another form of Himself that was without physical being but dwelling within us as a *spirit*. When Jesus left us he said he would leave a **Holy Spirit** behind ([John 14](#)).



The Holy spirit that Jesus left us does not have a body, but it is a spirit inside of us if we are saved, and when we come together with it we can feel Jesus' presence ([Matthew 18:20](#)). The Holy Spirit helps us to understand scripture, and it contributes to a continual relationship with the Father and Christ himself as part of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit makes us one with nature, or God's creation, and helps us to understand the creation of God as proof of God's presence.

Nurturing the Holy Spirit means doing the things Jesus commanded us in the Bible to love God and love our brother. *Soul winning* holds a great responsibility to our relationship with the Holy Spirit. When we are not obeying God's commandments, the Holy Spirit is *grieved* and we often feel discouraged as a result. By looking at our errors and making attempts to correct them, we restore the *joy of the Holy Spirit* within us that keeps us with clear conscience with God. It also allows to exhibit the *fruits of the Holy Spirit* ([Galatians 5:22-26](#)). Our prayer time and Bible time and church also nurture the Holy Spirit by giving us communication with God and fellowship with believers.

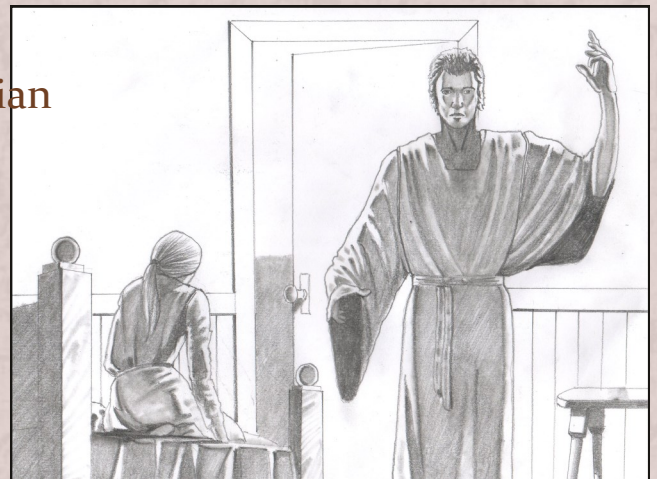
Anticipation of Heaven God's Promise to the Born-Again Christian

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him ([1 Corinthians 2:9](#)).

At some point in everyone's life, we come to a realization that this life is infinite and we have to contend with the concept of **death**. This idea usually doesn't occur often to a child unless he witnesses the death of a loved one or has a fatal illness. Mankind is finite in this body, and we often expect to live no longer than 70-80 years, the average life span. The way with which we handle the reality of death is a good indication of our relationship with God and our actual faith in what we believe. It is one thing to *say* that we are content and happy that we will be going to Heaven, it is another thing to actually *have faith in it*.

To the born-again Christian (the believer), Heaven is a promise that God gave us when Jesus died on the cross, and before that when the eyes of God's people anticipated that day on the cross. Either way, with the crucifixion came the promise of Heaven for those who believed on Him. If you are not sure what it means to be born-again, you may look at the many tracts I have designed on [kjvbibletracts.net](#). What does the promise of Heaven mean to the believer?

Heaven can only be obtained after death, but that doesn't justify

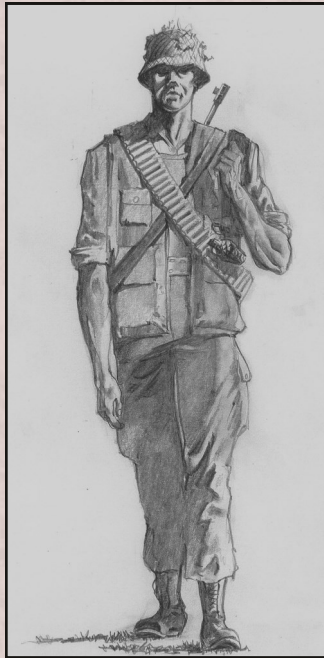


suicide. God will take us at the appointed time, and quite possibly he has a provision for a euthanasia if our soul and body is being tormented. The martyrs may not have felt any pain before they died, and God took them to avoid prolonged suffering. But other times people do suffer. Death then is a graduation, and it becomes something good to us—it is welcome knowing we are in God's plan. Death is followed by Heaven for the believer; therefore, *all* of our pain and problems in life are taken away by it, and there will never be another wicked life like this for all of eternity. Revelation describes Heaven (the Kingdom of God to be established on the earth and the Kingdom of Heaven up above) like this: [Revelation 21:1-8](#), and [Revelation 22:1-5](#).

War Series: Iraq

The Iraq War started on March 20, 2003, 2 years after the bombing of the Twin Towers in New York City by Al-Queda forces led by Osama Bin Laden. Regulations were posed on the Iraq government prior to the war to eliminate their weapons of mass destruction because they posed a threat to US and UK security. When Iraq failed to produce evidence of this agreement, the war was instigated.

The war started with an invasion of Iraq by the United States, the United Kingdom and smaller forces by several other countries. An insurgency then developed to oppose the coalition and newly forming Iraq government. This insurgency continues today and has caused thousands of fatalities.



Iraq government human rights abuses and a US attempt to spread democracy were other reasons why the US got into the war. Saddam Hussein was accused of being part of the Al-Queda party who is believed to be responsible for the bombing of the Twin Towers. The other new Iraqi Government executed Hussein.

In February 2009, President Barak Obama began an 18-month withdrawal of combat forces from Iraq. Obama then declared on August 13, 2010 that all combat in Iraq was ended. The remaining 50,000 troops in Iraq were left for non-combat operations. For a complete survey of the war go to Wikipedia.



Psalm 71: God's Care For Us In Old Age

It is very common for a young man to feel invincible in his youth, and he fails to understand the frailty and helplessness of old age. But it is a fact that if we do not die before we get old, we are going to deteriorate, and our bodies are rotting all the more each day. That is the result of the institution of death that came from the sin in the Garden of Eden where at one time Adam and Eve, as well as all of us, were suppose to live forever in youth.

If a man spends his life trying to obey God, he leaves behind a sweet savor in God's nose as he gets older into the years where someone else will gird him ([John 21:18](#)). Money does not guarantee sound health. Although it can contribute to good doctors and good food, there are still some things that money can not buy. The God that created the universe is the same God that can help a man on his bed of languishing ([Psalm 41:3](#)). Your relationship with God in your old age of stoic sternness about the bitterness of life ([Ecclesiastes Chapter 1](#)) will have a great deal to do with your joy in your elderly years and how well God takes care of you. Nurturing the Holy Spirit from

the time of a man's youth puts him in bracket in his helpless old age where God carries him in his arms. As the psalmist says, "Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth" ([Psalm 71:9](#)).

Many, many old people are forgotten about in their elderly years. Sometimes even family members do not heed to the call of the elderly, and many elderly do not have family members to take care of them. The result is nursing homes where people are *paid* to care about he old folks. Many nursing homes do not love the elderly, but they can only follow protocol to care of them. In one's old age, love does matter, and many poor old people fail to get love. One can only hope that God will provide for an old person and the system is set on helping them.

A man's younger years need to be spent serving God so that he is in a place to be blessed in his old age. Time spent by a young person with the elderly is reciprocated by God.



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