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## "They Cry for Justice"

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“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, doest thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled” (Rev. 6:9-11).

Let us first take note of a few things for which these martyred

By: Joe Galuszek Isa 40:1-8

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever

Hear the words of the LORD. Comfort my people. God's people need to be comforted. I need to be comforted. There are no words of comfort for unbelievers. None. God's people are not to be berated and beaten down. Here is a comfort. "The glory of the LORD shall be revealed." This is good news, for the glory of the LORD is Jesus Christ. He will be revealed, for the mouth of the

believers did not cry out.

1. They did not cry out against the will of the almighty God, which had determined that they suffer as they had.
2. They did not cry out against that same sovereign will which had determined that their fellow believers, yet on the earth, must endure the same lot.
3. They did not cry out for the mercy of God toward their murderers, who yet dwelt on the earth. They actually cried out for the opposite!

This is a passage of scripture rarely mentioned, from a book of scripture largely used and sadly,

LORD has spoken it.

"What shall I cry? All flesh is grass." All men die. In Adam, all die. Death is common to man even though he does his best to deny and avoid it. "The goodness thereof is as the flower in the field." Great. Flowers do not last as long as grass does. Man's goodness is not too good. The rich young ruler came and called Jesus "good master." Christ replied: "why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God." He does not call Jesus good after that. This  
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largely abused. This book of the "Revelation of Jesus Christ" is used more for speculative fortune telling than for its declaration of the works of God in mercy toward His own and severe justice toward the infidels. Yet these words are of profound importance for the proper perspective of any believer when it comes to suffering. All of mankind knows suffering, and they all suffer under the same sovereign will, but they suffer from two different perspectives. Some will suffer at the hands of infidels because of their union to the truth of God and the hatred of the infidels therewith. This is God's will! Others will suffer for their ill treatment of believers, and even glorified believers "cry out

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with a loud voice” for it to happen. The response of the holy and true God to their cry was not one of rebuke but reward, for they were given, every one of them, whites robes immediately thereafter, and were told to rest! Since their cry was to the **HOLY** God then justice was clearly warranted in light of the crime of the infidels. And since they also cried unto the God of **TRUTH** then we reckon that they were in fact leaning upon the promise of God to do such as this. Is there such a promise? Yes indeed. We are commanded: “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord” (Rom. 12:19). While we are told to show compassion now and provide good even in the face of evil, yet the Lord will one day **REPAY IN VENGEANCE**. This He has promised to do. This is why our compassion is not even to be expected as spiritually beneficial to the enemy but rather it will “heap coals of fire upon his head” (Rom. 12:20). This is a quote from Proverbs 25:21-22 and take note of the Hebrew usage of “coals of fire” as part of God’s divine punishment against David’s enemies, especially Saul (Ps. 18:13). David’s several kindnesses toward Saul, even when Saul was seeking his life, it did prick Saul’s conscience into remorse (I Sam. 26:21-25), but David knew it never actually brought Saul around to God’s way (I Sam. 27:1). While it did prick his conscience it only added

to Saul’s judgement, for he was forsaken of God, sought after the divination of a witch, and unsuccessfully tried to kill himself in a losing battle against the Philistines, succeeding only after being slain by the hand of an Amalekite. While Saul’s evil was overcome by David’s good, Saul was certainly not deeply moved to do the good.

The very truth that God has both willed the ill treatment of His own, for it must be “fulfilled,” and He has promised to deal justly with that ill treatment is solid grounds for every believer today who suffers ill treatment to take a step back if we feel the hand of retribution beginning to raise within us. In our present faulty and sinful condition by nature, we must be ever ready to concede that we do deserve ill treatment at times, and we certainly do not deserve the mercy and free grace God has given us in Christ. Any ill treatment shown us which is truly because of our union and stand for the truth of Christ is God’s business, both in its purpose and punishment due the enemy. Since we are still faulty and sinful we must beware lest we demand vengeance from God for something we wrongly perceived as just done by us. A right action motivated by wrong intentions is no just grounds to stand on while calling for vengeance. Also, good intentions marred by bad actions are likewise slippery ground for a call for vengeance. To suffer for our faults is no glory, it is only when we actually do well that this is so (I Pet. 2:20). Our perception of doing

well may, at times, be clouded by the blinding effects of ego, anger, self pity and so on. This is why we are to take our hands off and lean upon God for all that we have and expect, especially vengeance toward the infidels.

Professed Christianity is shot full of “LUV” promoters who cling to a God dishonoring universalism where the enemy is just another misinformed soul who needs their soul won. Believers are chided and even condemned by such false teachers for having feelings desiring vengeance against those who seriously harm God’s people. If glorified saints are of such feelings then we should have no discomfort at such feelings, only let us take great caution not to act personally in vengeance. This we trust God to fulfill in His own good time! He will avenge the blood of His servants at the hand of the enemy (Rev. 18:20; 19:1-2).

**“There is No Withstanding God”**

By: Walter Pendleton

“**F**ras much then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?” (Acts 11:17).

When God is pleased to work men would do well to stand out of the way. To stand in the way of God’s gracious purpose in Christ toward the elect is to place one’s self in the path of a purpose that cannot be hindered. Men would do well to declare this truth forthright, but alas, many in depraved **No Withstanding...Cont Page 3**

....**No Withstanding (Cont.)** pride think they control the outcome of the grace of God. God uses men in His purpose but men do not determine the outcome of that purpose. When God moves to save, any who would try and withstand God will be dealt with in judgement. When God moves to save, the one moved upon will no longer try to resist for God moves in free grace to circumcise the heart and ear (Acts 7:51, cf. Jer. 31:18-19; Prov. 16:1; Ps. 110:3). Oh that man would respond to this truth, as did that group at Jerusalem, that they would hold their peace and glorify God (Acts 11:18) rather than mock and call it heresy. But let the heathen rage. God will do all His pleasure!

.....**Isa 40 (Cont.)** does not seem very comforting. Grass withers and flowers fade. More good news. The people are grass. All flesh is grass. We cannot avoid death. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom 5:12). Where did the comfort go? Here it is. "The word of our God shall stand forever." The promises of God are forever. He has revealed Himself to His people. Christ is the Good shepherd, who tends His flock perfectly. He gathers the lambs and carries them in His bosom, and gently leads those that are with young (Isa 40:11). The mouth of the LORD has spoken it. It will come to pass. Jesus Christ promised believers eternal life. Our bodies will cease to function, but

that is not the end. We may have to walk to the valley of the shadow of death, but today the thief from the cross is with Him in paradise. Paul said to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. The people are grass; grass dies. Believers will die and then will be with Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord will stand forever. Amen.

## Hebrews 4:12 - 5:9

- 12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
- 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.
- 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet **without** sin.
- 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.
- 1 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained

for men in things *pertain-*  
*ing* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

- 2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.
- 3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.
- 4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as *was* Aaron.
- 5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.
- 6 As he saith also in another *place*, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
- 7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;
- 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;
- 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Hebrews 4:15 The word without from Strong's Concordance

5565 cwriv choris *kho-rece'* from [5561](#); ; adv AV-without 35, beside 3, by itself 1; 39

1) separate, apart

1a) without any

1b) besides

Christ was separate from sin. The word is not sinning which is a verb but sin, which is a noun. Christ was separate from any nature of sin!



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