



DEVOTIONAL 4

IF THIS TABERNACLE WERE DISSOLVED - MY BODY OF GLORY

GREETINGS

The Lord bless you, my brethren; we place this precious morning into the hands of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

PRAYER

Father, we long for Jesus's coming,
Your little flock longs for Your coming, Lord,
The one who is gazing through the lattice.
We are immersed in the river
And in the daydream of Your presence,
We are waiting in Your patience, Lord,
So that You may come for Your Church.
Hallelujah.

PRAISE/WORSHIP

My brethren, I invite you to praise the King of kings with gladness and joy with the worship song, "I will come so soon."

BIBLE READING

My brethren, I want you to open your Bibles in 2 Corinthians 5:1 (KJV):

¹For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

TEACHING

The name of this devotional is "If This Tabernacle Were Dissolved - My Body of Glory."

In this verse, 2 Corinthians 5:1, the apostle Paul speaks of the believer's physical body, which he calls the "earthly house" and "tabernacle." We know this because earlier, in 2 Corinthians



4:16, the apostle says, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward *man* is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day."

The outward man is the physical body where the inward man dwells, which is our soul and spirit. The apostle Paul affirms that we should not lose heart or faint because even if we have sufferings, even if we have tribulations, afflictions, and even if we have wear and tear of the physical body due to sickness and old age, our inward man is renewed day by day, our inward man is renewed by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us because we have been born again in Christ Jesus, our inward man is renewed by the Word of God that must dwell abundantly in our hearts, in our minds, in our spirits. Our inward man is renewed because we are sanctified more every day by the power of the Spirit.

The apostle Paul continues by saying in 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 the following: "¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal."

What is this far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory?

This far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory saturates our whole being when we no longer look at the things which are seen. These things belong to this Earth full of sin and death, full of vanity, the temporary and ephemeral things of this world. We experience this far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory when we look at the things which are not seen, that is, the eternal things, the things that we hope for, and of which we have the firm conviction that they are real and that we will soon see them in person because we now believe them by faith. The apostle Paul then said that one of these things which are not seen and which are eternal is the building, a house not made with human hands but an eternal dwelling place in the Heavens. A question arises: What is this eternal dwelling?

If Paul is saying that this dwelling place, which is our present corruptible physical body, is going to be dissolved, then that building, that house not made with hands, which is eternal, refers to our glorified body, our quickened body, our transformed body, our body in the likeness of the glory of the body of our Lord Jesus Christ; we will receive very soon on the day of the Rapture this body. Hallelujah! This body of humiliation will be transformed into a body of honor; this body of weakness will be transformed into a body of power (Philippians 3:21); this body of corruption will become an incorruptible body; this mortal body will be transformed into an immortal body (1 Corinthians 15:53-54).



1 Corinthians 15:42 says, "So also is the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption." And 1 Corinthians 15 verse 43 says: "It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power."

However, beloved brethren, for this powerful event to take place, we must sow a holy body; that is, we must be born again in Christ, cleansed by His precious blood, sanctified by the Holy Spirit, cleansed by the Word of God, and we must be filled with the Word of God that is incorruptible.

Ephesians 2:20-22 says:

²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

²²in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, your body will be sown as the bare grain that will be clothed of glory if this dwelling place that you now have, which is physically corruptible, is filled with eternity, is filled with the Holy Spirit, is filled with the incorruptible, eternal, glorious Word of God; if you are filled with holiness, and you are a holy temple in the Lord, on the day of the Rapture so that you can see the face of your King.

TIME OF THINKING

Because of this mighty blessing that is at the doors, beloved brethren, the Lord tells you to groan, to cry out, to be clothed with the heavenly habitation, with the body of glory; the Lord tells us through the apostle Paul, in 2 Corinthians 5:2, "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,"

I ask you, beloved brethren: Are you groaning for the glorified body? Are you crying out to be clothed with the heavenly habitation? Are you abiding in holiness? Are you filling yourself with the incorruptible Word of God? Are you living in it? Be holy! Pray for the coming of the Lord! Since the King will come soon and will give you the incorruptible crown of glory.



PRAYER

My brethren, let us pray:

Father, I thank you, Lord

Thank you for this Word of power and authority

Thank you because your Holy Spirit makes a fence of fire in the lives of my brethren.

O Lord, minister to my brothers and sisters all day long,
wherever they are.

Lord, give them joy,

The joy that You gave us since you took us out
from darkness to Your marvelous light

The Joy of Salvation

And thank you, O Lord, for all the promises

And for that inheritance that You have reserved for us

In the city of the New Jerusalem

Remain blameless, keep sanctifying Yourself, my brethren, and watch and wait for Christ
with faith, fire, and love. The Lord is coming soon. Maranatha!