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I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7

Dr. Daniel Fuchs
1911-1988

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From the President

On May 24, 1988, in the early hours of the morning, Dr. Daniel Fuchs, was called home to be with his Lord.

Circulatory problems and diabetes had forced him into the Putnam Hospital Center the previous week where doctors amputated his leg below the knee. Over the weekend he seemed to be recovering comfortably, receiving visitors and family members, then his heart failed.

Daniel was 76 years old, and he served Chosen People Ministries (American Board of Missions to the Jews) for more than 50 years. A faithful missionary, Daniel called on Jewish people, conducted Bible classes, and wrote tracts.

Daniel was interested in photography and began a Camera Club as a way of preaching the Gospel. One young Jewish boy named Al Runge came to faith in Jesus at the age of seven through that Camera Club. Today Reverend Al Runge, pastor of the Christian Missionary Alliance church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, serves on our Board of Directors.

Daniel's zeal was apparent to the Board of Directors of the Mission. Shortly after the death of Dr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn in 1953, Daniel was appointed to be the Missionary Director for ABMJ. (Dr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn was the son of the founder, Rabbi Leopold Cohn.)

As Missionary Director, Daniel saw the ministry grow. He appointed new workers on staff and developed new methods to reach Jewish people with the Gospel. Daniel was always open to new and innovative ways to reach Jewish people with the Gospel.

It was during this time, in 1965, that I joined the staff of Chosen People Ministries (ABMJ). Daniel became my mentor, my friend, as well as my "boss." I'll always remember our many conversations about the ministry. His admonition to me and to others on staff was "You can use Jewish culture as a method of sharing the Gospel, but always be sure you are preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus."

With Daniel's blessing our staff produced such missionary projects as *The Passover*, a special 30-minute documentary for television which presented the Gospel of our Messiah in the Passover.

I still vividly remember my telephone conversation with Daniel after the airing of this first television program—the excitement, the anticipation, as hundreds and thousands of Jewish people requested Gospel materials.

From television programs, we developed full-page newspaper ads. One of those full-page ads showed a photo of a group of Jewish people all smiling. The caption read, "Why Are So Many Jews Smiling Nowadays?" The ad copy told the story of how these Jewish people had come to faith in Jesus.

During those ad campaigns over 500,000 people wrote in for Gospel materials. During this time Daniel encouraged the mission staff to develop Passover services for congregations, Jewish holiday services, Jewish-style worship within the congregations—all proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

God blessed, Jewish people came to faith in their Messiah, and the work continued to grow. Then, in 1971, the Board of Directors appointed Daniel to be the President of the Mission, and the Board appointed me as the Missionary Director.

While Daniel and I had worked together in the past on many projects, now

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SO MANY JEWS ARE WEARING "THAT SMILE" NOWADAYS!

It is true that a person's smile is a mirror of what's going on inside of him. It might be interesting to find out what's behind that smile. As the picture is shown they say in the picture, "Whatever they've got, I want!"

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From television programs like the Passover telecast (left) Dr. Fuchs gave the nod to newspaper ads like the "...Smiling Faces" ad (above). The ad copy described how these Jewish people had come to faith in Jesus. During those ad campaigns 500,000 people wrote in for Gospel materials. Passover banquets (right) also helped reach out to the Jewish community.



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we labored side by side. During these years I really came to know, love, and appreciate Daniel.

Daniel had a great love for our missionary staff and the Jewish people. Like Paul, his "heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved" (Rom. 10:1).

I will always remember the times we traveled together. Often we would have to share a room.

Before the Lord in Prayer

Every night before going to sleep, Daniel would kneel down beside his bed and pray for our missionaries. He would pray for their families, asking God to help them in the difficulties they were facing. He would pray for fruit for the ministry, for the salvation of the Jewish people.

In 1972 Daniel proposed to our Board of Directors that we move our Administrative Headquarters out of New York City. We were located on West 72nd Street.

It seemed as though the then mayor of New York City, John Lindsay, had decided to balance his budget by taxing the administrative work of all religious organizations owning property and doing business in the city.

I recall Daniel telling the Board, "For what we will be forced to pay in real estate taxes we can support several missionaries to preach the Gospel." He recognized that as we moved out of the city into the suburbs, our administrative costs would be cut, allowing us to invest those



CHARLES LEE FEINBERG

Dean Emeritus and Professor of Old Testament
Talbot Theological Seminary, La Mirada, CA

...We were acquainted with him for over fifty years. His was a godly life—clean in word and deed. Certain traits marked his life. He was loyal to the Lord, to the Word of God and to the ministry to the Jews. His love for his wife and children was constant. He was loyal to his friends. Actually, to us, he was more like family than friend. He was well spoken of wherever he was known. His writings were well received. He was sensitive to the needs of others and tender-hearted. He will be missed and his ministry will live on. The old Hebrew saying is true of him: 'The memory of the righteous is a blessing.'

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A Wise Steward

Daniel always sought to be a wise steward of the resources entrusted to us by God. His priority was to invest time and resources into the lives of people.

The Board agreed to the move, and after a prayerful and careful search, we moved our Administrative Headquarters out of New York City to

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.

Daniel knew that this would be a change for the ministry, but he was not afraid of change. He saw it only as a challenge.

During those years in Englewood Cliffs, the ministry continued to expand, adding more workers to areas of the country with growing Jewish populations. We continued to broaden our horizons to reach Jewish people, to find new ways of proclaiming the Gospel message in a Jewish context.

Missionary Vision Refocused

It was during this time that a group of believers in Japan invited Daniel to visit and minister to them. I remember his excitement as he got off the plane and shared with me a little of his visit.

Later he wrote an article for the *Chosen People* about how his visit to Japan changed his viewpoint of missionary activity. What it did, in effect, was to refocus his vision upon the need to invest in the lives of people.

Daniel would emphasize over and over again that the message of the Gospel in this Age is "to go," while the message in the Kingdom Age is "to come." He would often say that we must not confuse the two.

Revitalized from his trip to Japan,

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DAVID KUCHARSKY

President, The Christian Herald Association

Dr. Daniel Fuchs gave strong leadership to an important part of the Evangelical community. Few people have ever been so committed to the cause of Jewish evangelism. His innovative spirit enabled the ABMJ to maintain its effectiveness amidst opposition and adversity. Because he persevered, great numbers were drawn to the Savior, and many were motivated to maintain a forthright witness. The history of the Church will take ample notice of Dr. Fuchs and his contribution to Christian growth.



Daniel continued to be a mentor, a missionary statesman, helping each of us on staff to keep our eyes focused on the Lord in reaching Jewish people with the Gospel. He continued to invest his time in the lives of people. He was still a missionary at heart.

Daniel inspired us to go forth with the Gospel, seeking to reach all Jews everywhere.

During this time Daniel was also fighting against cancer, diabetes, and heart problems. But he was never discouraged. When he finally had to be hospitalized, it seemed that those who visited him were the ones ministered to.

Daniel was always confident of God's grace, His provision, and His lordship over his life.



SAM NADLER Regional Director
Chosen People Ministries, New York, NY

He was a great encouragement to me. He was the one person that believed that I could be more than I am. He understood my burden for the lost, for my people from a missionary's point of view. He understood my struggle in the New York area from the background of his own experience. He always knew an encouraging thing to say to me. When he said the work is hard but God is enough, I knew he meant it and had experienced it as part of his own ministry.



DR. DOUGLAS MacCORKLE
Former President, Philadelphia College of Bible

From the time we met, many years ago, I saw in Dr. Daniel Fuchs a man in the excellent tradition of the prophet Daniel. He appeared then, and has proved to be since, a servant of Messiah who, like salt, possessed a flavoring which has transformed many lives and attitudes toward our Lord.

Dr. Daniel was a man rich in Scriptures, deeply conditioned in the lore of Israel, warm in conversation, enthusiastic in spirit, centered in Messiah Jesus, grandfatherly in maturity, a great expository writer on spiritual subjects, valiant for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints, and a strong leader in the contemporary cause of Christ. He was a man after God's own heart!

Chairman of the Board

In 1979, Dr. Daniel Fuchs was appointed Chairman of our Board of Directors, and the Board asked that I assume the duties and responsibilities of being President.

As Chairman of the Board, Daniel continued to write for the *Chosen People* magazine and to act as a "behind-the-scenes" editor. He was still involved in mission activities, but not on a day-to-day basis.

Daniel spent his spare time writing books and articles, visiting members of the Chosen People family, and pursuing his PhD studies in history at New York University.

His new position also gave him time to teach at the New York School

of the Bible and to minister and teach at our various Bible studies and congregations. In part, this was preparing him for the time all missionaries hate to see—retirement.

To Orangeburg, New York

During this time we once again relocated our Administrative Headquarters, seeking to follow Daniel's admonition to keep our administrative costs at a minimum. Our office in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, was moved to Orangeburg, New York.

During these years we continued to see our missionary work develop. Jewish believers who had been sent to Bible colleges and seminaries were now returning to join our staff.

New programs were being developed to reach the Jewish people with the Gospel. Also, establishing local Jewish bodies was becoming a way of establishing an indigenous witness to the Jewish people in several American cities.

Retired Yet Active

Then, in 1983, Dr. Daniel Fuchs fully retired from active missionary service. He continued in a volunteer capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors. He continued to volunteer his time in speaking, writing, and visiting with staff members and members of our Chosen People family.

Daniel continued to be a mentor, a missionary statesman, helping each of us on staff—young and old—to keep our eyes focused on the Lord in reaching Jewish people with the Gospel. He continued to invest his time in the lives of people. He was still a missionary at heart.

It was in the same missionary spirit that Daniel enthusiastically endorsed the latest move of our Administrative Headquarters from Orangeburg, New York, to Charlotte, North Carolina.

Daniel recognized the wisdom of this move. Writing last year in the September 1987 issue of the *Chosen*

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DR. CHARLES HALFF

President, The Christian Jew Foundation

I shall always remember Daniel Fuchs and the sweet spirit he manifested when he visited our headquarters in San Antonio. Daniel came from the old school of Jewish evangelism and knew how to get to the Jewish heart. His one consuming passion was to reach our Jewish people with the message of the Gospel. I know that Daniel will have a great reward when he stands before the Judgment Seat of Christ.



DR. DANIEL GOLDBERG Regional Director
Chosen People Ministries, Canoga Park, CA

One of the major impacts Dr. Fuchs made upon my life was how he lived in the light of the soon return of the Lord. I was also impressed by the fact that Dr. Fuchs was a man of discipline. Consistently, morning by morning, he went for his two mile walk to keep physically fit to serve the Lord. He was equally consistent with his time with the Lord in prayer and in the Scriptures. It was the secret of his effectiveness with Chosen People Ministries.



DR. LESLIE FLYNN

Pastor, Grace Conservative Baptist Church, Nanuet, NY

Dr. Daniel Fuchs was a man greatly beloved, warm, gregarious, with a broad and friendly smile. Always helpful, he went out of his way to make my trip to Israel enjoyable. Among the other things he gave me a camera, other photographic equipment and hints for taking pictures.

He was an advocate of the local church. He and Muriel attended faithfully when not traveling, invariably commenting kindly on the sermon.

Daniel loved the Lord and worked hard for Him. We shall miss him but we shall see him again.



DR. W.A. CRISWELL

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

Upon many occasions have I been with Daniel Fuchs. Always, without fail, he was a marvelous witness for our Lord.

No Jewish believer in this earth ever magnified our Savior more beautifully and more effectively than Daniel Fuchs.

All of us have lost a great friend and the kingdom of God has lost a great representative in the earth, but is richer in heaven because of his translation.

Daniel will be greatly missed but he will not be forgotten. His legacy of love and faith lives on in the missionaries and staff of Chosen People Ministries.



LARRY JAFFREY Regional Director
Chosen People Ministries, Marshall, VA

From the first time I met him, Dr. Fuchs impressed me as a man who was willing to try something different, something new, if he thought it was God's will. I was present when he made the decision to run the "Smiling Faces" ad and go ahead with the Passover telecast, two rather innovative evangelistic projects that were placed in the mass media, before such things were even considered.



DR. S. MAXWELL CODER
Dean of Education Emeritus / Moody Bible Institute of Chicago

A dearly beloved friend of more than 40 years, Daniel Fuchs to me exemplified a humble devotion to his Lord that set him apart from many other Christian leaders.

When the question was raised at a meeting of prominent conference speakers, "What individual more than any other makes you think of the Lord Jesus Christ?" I had no reservation in replying, "Daniel Fuchs."

I always appreciated his sound wisdom in leadership, complete dedication to serving the Lord Jesus Christ and the warm sincerity of his personality.



DR. JOHN F. WALVOORD
Chancellor, Dallas Theological Seminary

Daniel Fuchs was a great Christian leader with a heart for the people of Israel. He had a deep understanding of the Scriptural promises of Israel and has left a mark that will long be remembered.



DR. RICHARD HALVERSON
Chaplain, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

My admiration of him is beyond verbalization. He was one of the giants, a great inspiration not only in Jewish Christian relations but as a witness to Jesus Christ; a great bridge builder, a very gentle and loving man. I suppose there's no way to measure his influence in movements like Jews for Jesus and Messianic Judaism. His influence really had much to do with their emergence.

People magazine, he said, "This move, by God's grace, will free funds that are now frozen so that we can put the money where our job is—bringing the Gospel to the Jews."

He recognized, as did our Board and all of our staff members, that our Administrative Headquarters does not have to be located in a high-cost area. The administrative functions can be carried out in an area of the country where the cost of living is less than it is in New York.

At the same time, of course, we will have our missionaries in New York, for this is still one of the greatest missionary fields in the world. We want to see Jewish people come to faith in Jesus. We want to see their lives changed. We want to see them living for their Messiah, the Lord Jesus.

Daniel's Legacy

This priority of investing in people is the legacy that Dr. Daniel Fuchs has left to Chosen People Ministries. It is also the challenge and admonition he left to me as well.

As long as we keep our eyes focused on Jesus, our Messiah, and on His love for individuals and their need to accept Him as Messiah and Savior, to grow and be discipled in the Lord, to fellowship with other believers, and to participate in the Gospel ministry, we are fulfilling the Great Commission.

By God's grace, we will continue to go with the Gospel, seeking to reach all Jews everywhere with the Good News of salvation until our Messiah, the Lord Jesus, returns.

Daniel has run the race, he has finished his course, he has heard from the lips of his Savior, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." He has joined that great cloud of witnesses, who, if we could hear, I am sure are cheering us on as we continue to run the race.

Daniel will be greatly missed but he will not be forgotten. His legacy of love and faith lives on in the missionaries and staff of Chosen People Ministries.

DANIEL

Our beloved chairman is remembered as a friend, a teacher, a man who understood children and one who, in all these roles, communicated the love of God.

"He Took Me to Coney Island."

DR. JACK WYRTZEN Founder/Director, Word of Life Fellowship Inc., Schroon Lake, NY 12870



The first time I ever met Dan, he took me to Coney Island, back in the 30's when I was a Christian businessman in downtown N.Y.

There were six of us in the car. Dan said, "Let's pray before we go down the boardwalk for our street meeting."

So we rolled up the windows

and prayed. We were so intent on our prayer that we did not even notice that there was a crowd gathering around. They thought we had died, suffocated or something, in the car and they called a policeman.

The policeman knocked on the window. Dan looked up and the policeman said, "What are you doing?" Dan said, "We're praying." The policeman looked and said, "I can't

believe it." We finished our prayer. We didn't bother going to the boardwalk; we got outside and we had a ready-made street meeting. That was the story of Dan's life.

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"He Admitted He Was Wrong"

ROY SCHWARCZ Regional Director, Chicago, Chosen People Ministries



Dr. Fuchs was always real. He readily confessed his mistakes and would ask the Lord to overrule those mistakes. However, the greatest remembrance I have of Dr. Fuchs has to do with the first congregation Chosen People Ministries planted in 1978—the Olive Tree Congregation in Chicago. There was a great deal of pressure against the founding of a Jewish Christian church. We felt that the concept of church planting was clearly biblical and wanted to establish sound Bible-based congregations. Dr. Fuchs was initially opposed, but allowed us to attempt what he thought was not possible. Three years later, he blessed the God of

Israel and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ when he saw the fruit of the Olive Tree Congregation. It was in fact the Bible-based, independent church that was preaching and teaching and making disciples of both Jews and Gentiles. Dr. Fuchs had the courage to allow us to do something he did not personally agree with and then admit that he was wrong. When the majority of those of his peers felt that his initial reaction was absolutely correct, he risked their censure and their rebuke because he trusted God. That will always be an inspiration to me. As a result, we have planted a lot of congregations that are leading both Jews and Gentiles to the Lord and grounding them in a solid Biblical-basis of the Word.



The Olive Tree Congregation stands for their first group picture, 1978.



DR. LOUIS GOLDBERG Chairman
Jewish Studies Dept., Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL

How can I begin to say how much Daniel meant to me and my wife personally? Across the years he has truly exhibited the character of Daniel of the Scriptures. I have always felt that when God made the prophet Daniel, He threw away the mold. But certainly, Daniel Fuchs walked in the footsteps of his namesake.

He came once to the Moody Bible Institute to address the missions conference. I will never forget his message. It wasn't so much the content as it was the character that shone through his tent of skin and made its impact on faculty and student body. Here was a man who walked with the Lord and could communicate the love and graciousness that should characterize every servant of God.



Benjie's First Babysitter

JONATHAN SINGER
Editor, Creative Director
The Chosen People Magazine



It was November, 1979, our daughter was three, our son Benjie was just eight weeks old and my body, on the brink of another deadline, decided to get pneumonia. Only no one including the doctors knew it was pneumonia. For the first 24 hours as I literally developed the pneumonia before their eyes my only symptom was agonizing and unexplainable chest pain. All the doctors could do was put me in the intensive care unit and watch me. As soon as Daniel found out, he drove down to my house. He came up the front step, rang the bell and pressed a \$100 bill into my wife's hand. Then he offered to drive my wife, baby in arms, to the hospital. When they arrived at the hospital there were already too many visitors in the intensive care unit—and only one more person was allowed in. I don't suppose Daniel deliberated long before his next move. He took my son in his arms and sent my wife in to see me. Passersby probably mistook the smiling man pacing back and forth and cradling the newborn for just another happy grandfather. But nine years later I still marvel at how a great man like Daniel humbled himself and became Benjie's first babysitter.

"He Forgot Good Things About Himself"

MOISHE ROSEN, Jews for Jesus
San Francisco, CA



Over 30 years ago, a young man named Moishe Rosen came to faith through the witness of our worker in Denver, Hanna Wago. Almost immediately, as a young missionary with the American Board of Missions to the Jews (Chosen People Ministries), Moishe came under the tutelage of Dr. Daniel Fuchs. Moishe shares this incident from his early ministry.

I was young, 25 years old, and I was failing in the work. But I didn't know that I was failing. I didn't have enough experience to do the work well. Particularly, I didn't know how to organize myself; I didn't know how to schedule the day. Daniel came out and stayed in my home ten days. He slept on the couch and for him this was very difficult to do because he was a very private person. But he went with me every day to see what I did and he helped me build a schedule that I was able to live with and it became the foundation of my ministry.

Daniel was a person who would

forget good things about himself. Like one time we were sitting around 72nd Street (ABMJ's New York office) and he said "Well, I was never really a missionary in the sense that you guys are" and I said "wait a minute. I remember on our boat ride when you sat down and you were talking to Arnold Fruchtenbaum's* father. You were playing chess with him, do you re-

member? And he was telling you that religion was nonsense. He was a very good chess player and you not only beat him, you stood for the gospel and you were giving him Scriptures from memory." He said, "oh yeah, I forgot about that."

*Arnold Fruchtenbaum, president of Ariel Ministries, found the Lord through ABMJ's children's work.

"Look Dad, No Hair!"

JOHN BELL Vice President, Missionary Director, Chosen People Ministries

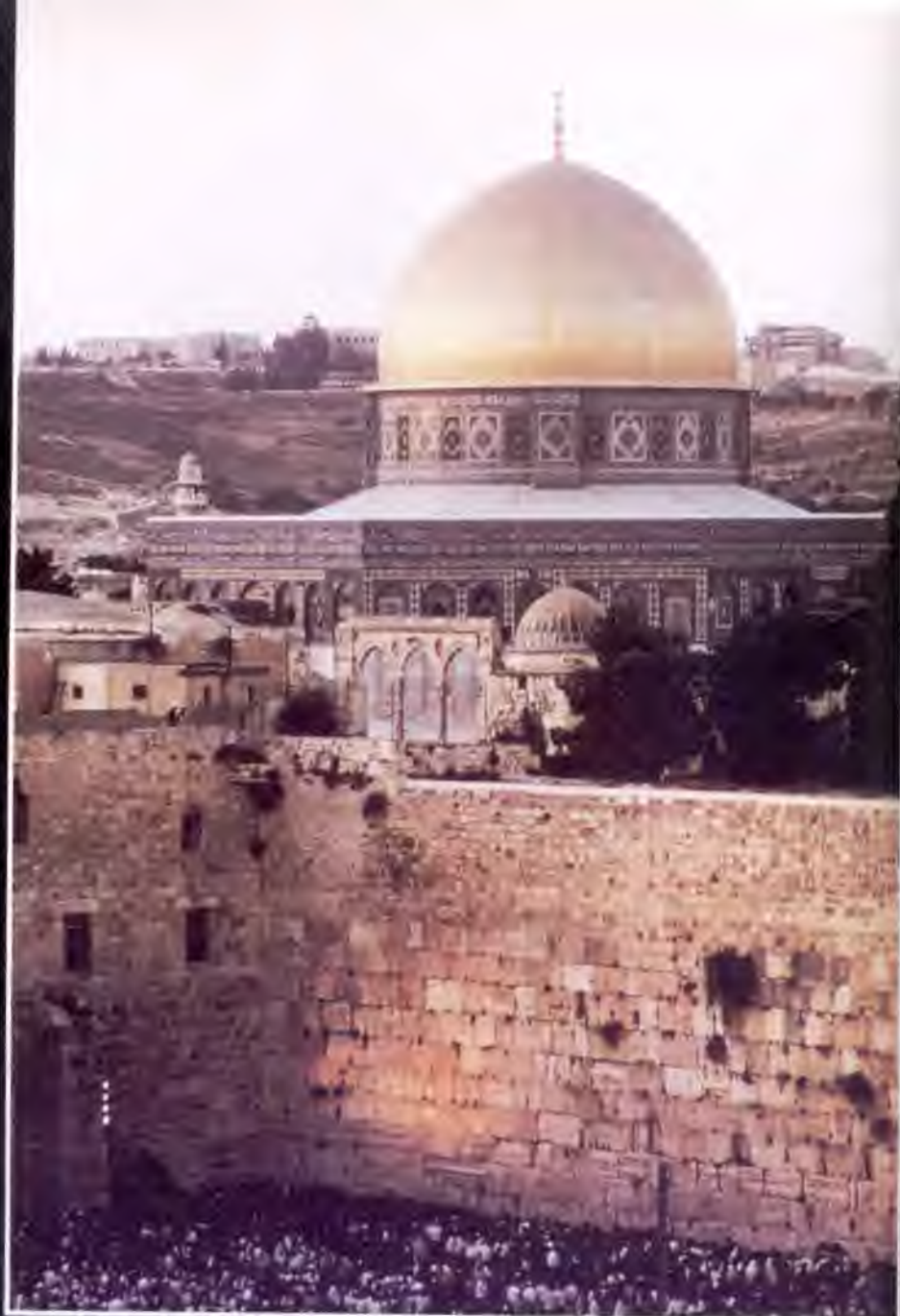


About 12 years ago when I was just starting out with the ministry I had to go to the airport and pick up Dr. Fuchs and Harold Sevener.

Our two children were in the back of our station wagon. Linda and I were in the front seat and Daniel and Harold were in the middle seat. As we were driving from the airport to the mission my son Joshua, 2, began to take a pretty intense interest in the top of Daniel's bare head. As Josh crept closer and closer to Daniel I tried to signal him through the rear view mirror to sit down and be still. Here I was a young missionary meeting the chairman of the board and the president for the first time! Josh was getting closer and closer practically breathing on Daniel's head and Daniel seemed to be getting nervous. Finally Josh takes his finger and puts it right in the middle of Daniel's head and says to me: "Look Dad, nothing there." I cringed and wondered how Daniel would react. But he

just burst out laughing. I was relieved and impressed that this great man didn't take himself too seriously and he certainly understood children.







*The earth is the Lord's
and the fulness thereof*

(Psalm 24:1)

The Dr. Daniel Fuchs Memorial Fund

In light of Dr. Fuchs' burden for New York City, Chosen People Ministries has established the Daniel Fuchs Memorial Fund. Dr. Fuchs was born in New York City, received his education, came to faith and began his ministry on the streets of New York. His love and concern for the Jewish people of this great city will continue through this special memorial fund.

Any gift designated to the "Dr. Fuchs Memorial Fund" will be allocated toward the recruitment, training and support of new missionaries

and the printing of new literature for the purpose of sharing the Gospel with the Jewish people of New York City.

Gifts may be addressed to: *The Dr. Daniel Fuchs Memorial Fund, 1300 Cross Beam Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217.*

A New Address for Chosen People Ministries

During the month of July, 1988, Chosen People Ministries will be moving to Charlotte, NC. If you have already addressed mail to or for-

warded a donation to our ministry at our old address, it will still reach us. If in future months you inadvertently send mail to our old address it will still be forwarded. Our new address is:

CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES
1300 Cross Beam Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina 28217

In view of the sudden homegoing of Dr. Fuchs, our Midyear Report and the September issue of the Chosen People magazine will carry all the details of our move. Have a safe and blessed summer.

Now in one volume, the story of God's prophetic calendar from Passover to Tabernacles by Dr. Daniel Fuchs

ISRAEL'S HOLY DAYS

IN TYPE & PROPHECY

By Dr. Daniel Fuchs

A rich, rewarding study awaits the believer who undertakes even a cursory examination of Israel's Holy Days. How much more rewarding is such a study when guided by a seasoned, knowledgeable guide.

Drawing from his many years as author, teacher, and Hebrew Christian, Fuchs leads the reader through a fascinating story of God's sacred calendar.

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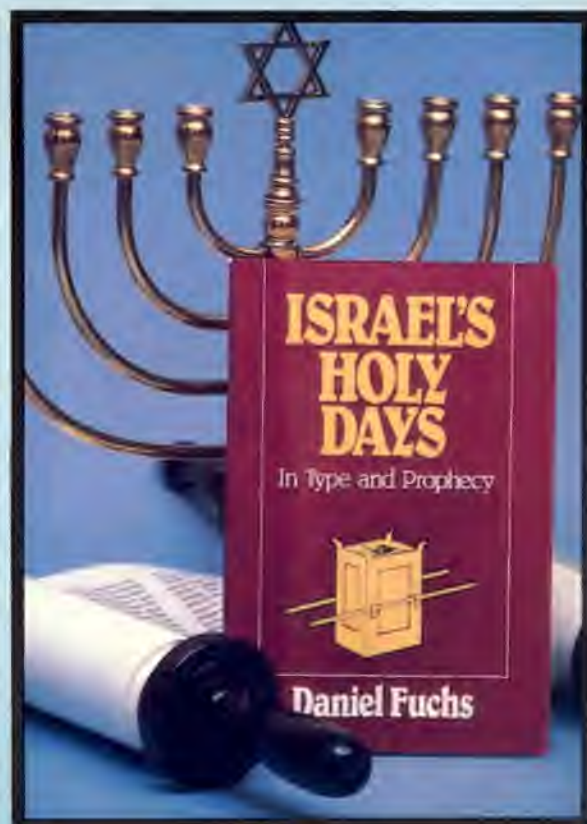
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*In Recognition
Of The Faithful Service Of
Dr. Daniel Fuchs*

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Fuchs has been an honored member of the Board of Directors of Chosen People Ministries, Inc. (American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc.) since January 1957, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fuchs has served as Chairman of the Board since 1977, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fuchs came to faith in Jesus through Chosen People Ministries, he being the second generation in his family to accept Jesus as Messiah and Saviour, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fuchs served Chosen People Ministries for over 50 years, fulfilling at various times the positions of missionary, author, editor, conference speaker, missionary director, executive director, president, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fuchs had a genuine love for his Jewish people, and a desire to see them accept Jesus as their Messiah and Saviour, and

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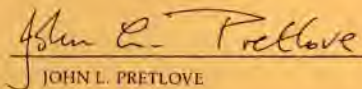
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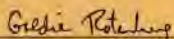
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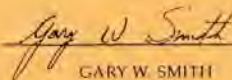
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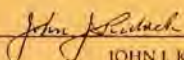
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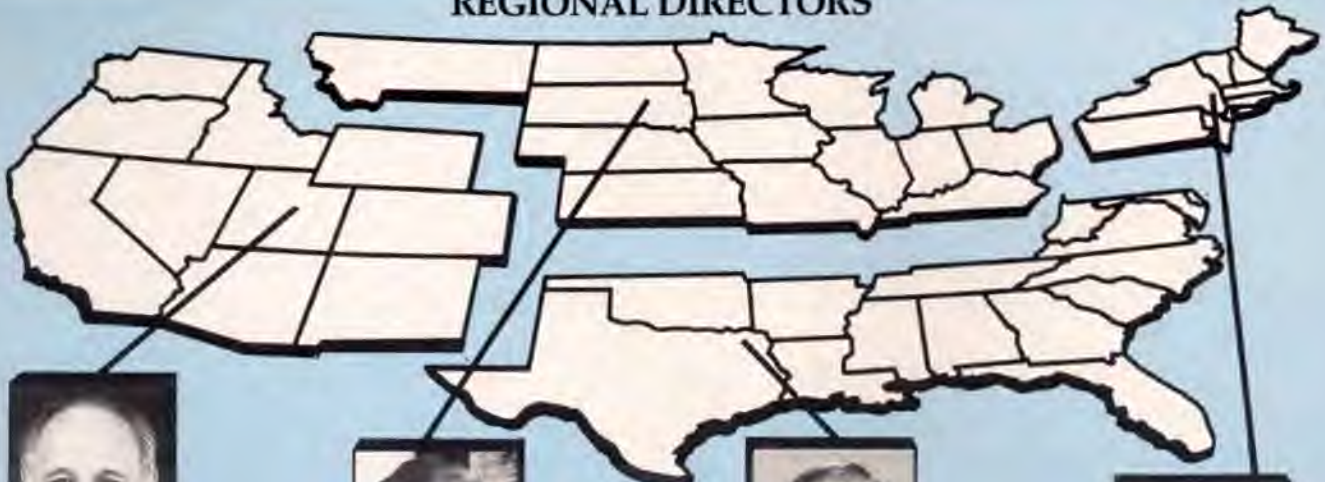
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THE DEAD IN CHRIST

The death of a loved one is a great trial of our faith. Such a trial not only tests our faith, but by God's grace, it can strengthen and sustain it.

BY DR. DANIEL FUCHS

Some years back Dr. Fuchs authored a tract titled "The Dead In Christ." Now as Daniel has indeed joined "that great cloud of witnesses" we think of his wife Muriel, sons John and David and the rest of the Fuchs family and offer Daniel's own explanation for the hope that we will one day be reunited with him.

"If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord" (Rev. 14:13).

The death of a loved one is a great trial of our faith. Such a trial not only tests our faith, but by God's grace, it can strengthen and sustain it. At such a time when one's heart is burdened by sorrow, the words of man, no matter how sincere and tenderly expressed, seem shallow.

It is then that our Lord proves that He is not only "acquainted with grief," but also that "he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows" (Isa. 53:3, 4). It is then that His name Emmanuel (God with us) becomes a comforting reality.

The fear of death is normal and instinctive, added to

which is the natural fear of the unknown. And death to us who are alive is unknown, but it is not unknown to our Lord!

When our sight is dimmed by tears, we can place our hands in His. As He leads and guides us, we are comforted by the words of the psalmist, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me" (Ps. 23:4).

There is a great distinction between natural sorrow and hopeless grief. The instructed child of God may sorrow, but he does not grieve. He does not grieve because he has the assurance that the Lord Jesus Christ has borne his griefs.

He may sorrow greatly, but even that is different from the intense and long-continued suffering of grief. He sorrows not "as others which have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13).

When he understands what the Scriptures teach about the dead in Christ, he is able to realize that he sorrows for himself, and not perhaps so much for his departed loved one. Realizing this, he can avail himself of the healing balm which our Lord's presence provides. Thus, the homegoing of a loved one will not only test our faith, it can strengthen it.

When Does Eternal Life Begin?

In order for us to understand what the Scriptures teach about death, there is a simple elementary truth about eternal life which must be recognized and emphasized. The truth is axiomatic and self-evident. Namely, eternal life does not begin when we die, nor does it begin at our resurrection. Eternal life begins the moment we accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior:

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:
and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life;
but the wrath of God abideth on him (Jn. 3:36).

This is simple, elementary truth. Eternal life is not only for the future after our earthly pilgrimage is finished. It is also the immediate, temporal possession of the believer.

Three Facets of Eternal Life

With this truth in mind, it will help our understanding to distinguish between three different facets of eternal life. Rather than use theological terms which may be confusing, we will describe them by comparing the adjectives *good*, *better*, *best*.

First Facet: Living in Christ Here on earth our present life in the Lord Jesus is essentially the *good* life. We describe it this way in spite of the fact that each of us goes through periods of trial and tribulation. Even these periods are not only eased but sanctified by our Lord, who said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

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During the first facet of eternal life, even great tribulation is beneficial:

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us (Rom. 5:3-5).

This facet of eternal life is so *good* that even the Scriptures abound with descriptions about the blessedness of those who die in the Lord. Many fear to go through the valley of the shadow of death even though that is the *better* facet of eternal life.

Second Facet: Dead in Christ The second facet of eternal life is the blessed existence of "the dead in Christ." Of this facet we shall use the Scriptural term *better*—"to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" (Phil. 1:23).

This facet is not merely *better*; it is "*far better*." But *far better* is not the *best*. When a loved one dies in the Lord, his body is buried, but his soul and spirit are with the Lord. In other words, he and his body are separate. Theologians define this as "the disembodied state of the soul."

Third Facet: Resurrection of the Body This disembodied state will not always be! Our faith in the Lord Jesus embraces not merely the eternity of the soul (paganism also does that), it promises the resurrection of the body. This is the *best*.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." The New Testament describes their glory as being "with Christ." Before the incarnation, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord, the Old Testament had a term that was frequently used to describe this state of the righteous dead, namely, "gathered to his people."

Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. And his sons Isaac and

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Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite (Gen. 25:8, 9).

Observe carefully how simple and clear are the statements:

1. Abraham gave up the ghost (literally, breathed out) and died.
2. He was gathered to his people.
3. He was buried.

A casual reader might equate Abraham's being gathered to his people with his burial, but this would not be true. Abraham's people were buried in Chaldea; Abraham was buried more than five hundred miles away. Therefore the term *gathered to his people* does not refer to his burial.

Life After Death in the Old Testament

Concerning the gathering or assembling after death of the souls of the Old Testament believers, we have a statement of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself which not only explains but clarifies the condition of the departed dead both saved and unsaved.

In the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel by Luke, our Lord tells of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus. The beggar died and was carried into Abraham's bosom. The rich man died and his body was buried. He found himself in hell (Greek: *Hades*; Hebrew: *Sheol*).

Since his body was buried, he was now in a disembodied state. Even though he was apart from the body, the rich man was in a place of torment. He was there, not because he was rich. Abraham was also rich, but Abraham accepted God's righteousness by faith. Evidently this man had trusted in his riches.

The rich man looked up and saw Abraham afar off and the beggar Lazarus in his bosom. All three were in Hades, but Lazarus and Abraham were in a separate place from the rich man.

Abraham and Lazarus were in a place of rest and comfort. The rich man was in a condition of torment. They were separated by a great gulf.

Since Abraham's body had been buried in the Cave of Machpelah, and he is now seen in Hades, he was therefore apart from his body. Thus when Abraham was "gathered to his people," he survived the death of his body and was gathered or assembled with the souls of other righteous people.

Where Is Hades Located?

With reference to the location of Hades, our Lord said, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights *in the heart of the earth*" (Mt. 12:40).

Concerning this experience of the Messiah, the psalmist prophesied: "Thou wilt not leave my soul in

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The Apostle Peter clarifies this when, on the Day of Pentecost, he refers to Psalm 16:



For David speaketh concerning him . . . Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption (Acts 2:25, 27).

Putting these verses together we can come to only one conclusion; namely, that our Lord taught that the place of the departed dead, Hades, was located in the heart of the earth.

From Hades to Heaven

When our Savior rose from the dead, it is evident that He took with Him up to heaven the souls of those who, though they had dwelt in that part of Hades called Abraham's bosom and Paradise, were nevertheless captives of death.

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive (Eph. 4:8).

This passage literally reads, "When he ascended on high, he led a multitude of captives." From whence did He lead them? The answer is found in the next verses which are parenthetical.

(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things) (Eph. 4:9, 10).

Our Lord descended "into the lower parts of the earth." From Hades he took up those who had been the captives of death, such as Abraham and all of the Old Testament righteous ones who believed God's promises concerning the coming of the Messiah.

They had believed God, and like Abraham, their "faith is counted for righteousness" (Rom. 4:5). So much for those who were "gathered to his people." They are now located in the same place as those blessed ones who have died in Christ.

"Absent from the Body"

The Christian who dies is described as "dead in Christ" (1 Thess. 4:16). As Christ rose from the dead, the one who now dies now lives in Him. At death the believer as a personal soul goes out of the body.

"Absent from the body" is the secret of death. "The body without the spirit is dead" (Jas. 6:26). In Scripture the body is compared to "an earthly house," "a tent," "a tabernacle." Just as a tenant is a distinct entity from a house, a tent, or a tabernacle, so is the soul of a believer distinct from his body. The body is said to be the clothing of the soul:

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be

found naked . . . not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon (2 Cor. 5:2-4).

When the believer in the Lord Jesus dies, at the same time he is taken from the body, he departs to be with Christ.

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be

Daniel's last sermon was at his home church in Ridgefield, Connecticut on Sunday, May 17. Standing in the pulpit he was in terrific pain but insisted on preaching one of his favorite themes: the resurrection. His message that day was very much like the one he gave in the June 1963 edition of the Chosen People. In that issue he described the different ways the Messiah resurrected children, especially the "young man" of Luke 7:14 whose bier the Lord only needed to touch. In the young man's resurrection Daniel saw his own and proceeded to share his testimony.

On March 10, 1930 I went to the old headquarters building at 27 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn. I didn't want to hear the Gospel, I went to see a girl. I thought that I was too smart to believe that there was a God or that the Bible was the Word of God or that the Lord Jesus Christ was the Son of God. After all, I was a freshman and the only one who knew more than a freshman was a sophomore. The speaker arose to preach, "If we know everything that everybody in the world knows we still know only a drop in the bucket compared to what we don't know," was the opening sentence — and I could not answer it! Later that night I cursed the speaker to his face and went home "to sleep it off." The pride of mind was the bier which was carrying me to a Christless eternity: the son of the widow from Brooklyn was being buried. Thank God, the Lord Jesus Christ "touched the bier." On the way to my room I had to pass my mother's room and her door was open, she was on her knees praying. "And he that was dead sat up and began to speak." Before I was able to sleep that night my experience was, "And he delivered him to his mother" (Luke 7:15).

absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8).

Wipe your tear-filled eyes, ye who sorrow. Your loved one is *with the Lord!* If we had only these three words for comfort, what light they shed upon the believer's life beyond the grave!

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Just before our Lord went to Calvary, He told His disciples that He was going to heaven to prepare a home for them. He said, "In my Father's house are many mansions [dwelling places]: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (Jn. 14:2).

Our Lord Has Prepared a "City" for His Own

The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews tells us that the place our Lord has prepared for His own is a city. "He hath prepared for them a city" (Heb. 11:16). He also tells us about the foundation of the city: "A city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10).

The Apostle John gives us a fuller description. It is a city with a jasper wall, gates of pearl, streets of transparent gold, a city where there is no night (Rev. 21:18, 21, 25). To be *with Christ* is to be with Him in that city.

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Abundant Comfort

There are many questions which we ask as we lay the body of a loved one at rest. For some of the answers we must wait, but there is enough divine revelation to provide abundant comfort.

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He who made the world in six days has now had nineteen hundred years to prepare this home. This we know: They are at rest and they are in His presence.

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. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God (1 Cor. 2:9, 10).

The departed dead are conscious. Abraham had conversation with the rich man. We have good reason to believe that "the dead in Christ" are intensely interested in their loved ones on earth. Certainly the unrighteous rich man was interested, for he said to Abraham:

I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment (Lk. 16:27, 28).

To show that the dead in Christ are aware of events on earth and retain their interest in earthly affairs, we refer to Revelation 6:10, 11:

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on earth?

If we would only realize the blessedness of those who die in the Lord, we would also realize that to wish them back here on earth is not a sign of love for them; it is utter selfishness on our part.

The Lord Jesus Had a Body—So Shall We

The condition of those who are dead in Christ is *far better*, but it is not the *best*. They are now clothed in white robes, but they are still disembodied.

A human being needs to be embodied. The *best* way to be embodied is to have a body like the Lord Jesus Christ. Such is the promise of the Lord for all who put their trust in Him. It will take place at our Lord's coming, and at that time He will raise the bodies of the believers.

The bodies will be the same but with splendid additions; they will be glorified and immortal.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (1 Cor. 15:51, 52).

But we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is (1 Jn. 3:2).

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the *dead in Christ shall rise first*; Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together *with them* in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

This is that blessed hope: We shall see Him, we shall be like Him, just as our loved ones who are "dead in Christ" shall see Him and be like Him. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18).

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