

We Enter Through the Exit Door

Exodus 17:3 - *And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, “Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”*

Deuteronomy 6:18-23 - 18 Do what is right and good in the Lord’s sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors, 19 thrusting out all your enemies before you, as the Lord said. 20 In the future, when your son asks you, “What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?” 21 tell him: “We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 22 Before our eyes the Lord sent signs and wonders—great and terrible—on Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. 23 But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land he promised on oath to our ancestors.

Deuteronomy 6:24 - And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 9:27-28 - *27 Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the stubbornness of this people, or on their wickedness or their sin, 28 lest the land from which You brought us should say, “Because the Lord was not able to bring them to the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness.”*

Luke 9:30-31 - *And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.*

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When Israel left Egypt, an account of the story was written in a book we have until this day entitled the EXODUS.

- Literally it means THE EXIT.
- THE WAY OUT.
- THE DEPARTURE.
- GOING AWAY.

It was an exit from the bondage and slavery in Egypt.

- The people **cried for such a deliverance** for generations.
- And **Moses** came as their deliverer.

But it was not just an EXIT, and that was all there was to it.

- They would ENTER something else upon EXITING Egypt.
- They were to enter through the exit door.

Many times, their faith failed them, and they complained about leaving Egypt.

Exodus 16:3 - The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by **the Lord’s hand** in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

Numbers 14:2 - All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness!

They knew they indeed did leave Egypt.

- It was an EXODUS to be sure. **An EXIT!!!!**
- They didn’t realize they were to ENTER something else upon Leaving Egypt.

Many looks at Jesus as an EXIT door from the world and the sins of life.

- They do not realize that they will enter through this exit door.
- They consider the life of sin, and the pleasures that do exist in sin...
- They hesitate to use the EXIT DOOR.
- They concentrate upon what they will lose and release.

God is telling us that He brings us out to bring us in!

God will never ask you to release something for which He will not give you a more wonderful, more awesome and fantastic something else in return!

- He brings us out to **BRING US IN!**
- *Israel sinned so greatly in concentrating upon what they left behind.*

The devil makes you concentrate on something that is so foolish and insane and yet succeeds many times.

God told Adam & Eve eat of all the trees of the Garden, except one tree.

- **The serpent gets Eve to question the idea of whether God told them they could indeed eat of all the trees.**
- **She gives him the answer he looked for when she said they indeed can eat all the trees, except for one tree.**
- **He managed to cause her to concentrate on the one thing God forbade and twisted the entire picture to make God look like He was holding back....**
- **A whole world of fruit trees, and one single tree is forbidden!**

Do not concentrate on the leaving behind aspect!

Concentrate on the place to which you are going!

Hebrews 11:13-16 - 13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. 14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore **God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.**

The people who became heroes of faith, and giants in the kingdom of God, were those who refused to remain mindful of the world they left.

- **They kept their eyes focused ahead of them.**
- **It was far off ahead in the future... so far that *it was beyond their mortal lives... they saw them afar off.***
- **They were ON THEIR WAY to a glory that would blow anyone's mortal mind!**

**They would have found a chance to return if they kept their minds on their past!
So will we...**

We would not read of Moses as such a figure in the rollcall of the heroes of faith.

Every one of these people had one common key to their victory.

- They kept their eyes on the prize before them.
- If you want to get to glory one day... take their example.
- Take your mind off of the thoughts of what you left behind, and what it used to be like...
- And look straight ahead at what lies before.
- Forget those things that are behind you.

The sufferings of this life in releasing the world are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us!

- If you're hesitating to let go of the world completely,
- Thinking you'll lack something you presently worked at enjoying,
- Then you need to never forget, WE ENTER THROUGH THE EXIT DOOR.

Forget this business of wanting to make sure you will want His blessings more,

- By holding onto the thing, you refuse to release...
- And at the same time, you test out His blessings.
- That insults God and makes Him out to be one whom you cannot trust.

"Seeing is believing" is a statement made by insulting doubters of God.

After all, Doubting Thomas said He would not believe that Jesus rose from the dead unless he saw the nail prints in his hands.

- Believing will be seeing.
- Jesus said blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

God reserves the BLESSINGS for those who trust Him!

- To such a degree that they do not have to be shown something,
- While they hang onto the world.... Before they will release the world.

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Matthew 16:21 - Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection - 21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

While atop the mount of Transfiguration, as Jesus shone in glory, Moses and Elijah appeared in glory with Him.

They spoke to Jesus specifically about HIS DECEASE. (His Death)

- DECEASE is from the *Latin word DECESSUS*, which means A GOING AWAY.
- The Greek word translated as DECEASE is EXODUS!
- *Jesus was going to EXIT this world.*
- *He was going to leave the world.*
- *He was going away. Exiting.*

That is what DEATH was rendered as in His own words.

It was the very thing that Peter rebuked him for Matthew 16:22-23

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "**Get behind me, Satan!** You are a stumbling block to me; **you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.**"

Peter rebuked Him because Peter did not realize that **WE ENTER THROUGH THE EXIT DOOR.**

- Peter simply thought of being with Jesus.
- He thought of the suffering and agony of Jesus' death.

Peter was too earthly minded to see any heavenly good.

If we do not grasp a revelation of **ENTERING THROUGH THE EXIT DOOR**, *then we will be like Peter.*

Jesus referred to Peter as SATAN, the adversary and offence to Jesus.

- In other words,

If you cannot see beyond just leaving some world behind -
Then you will be a resistor of the things and the cause of God.

While you hesitate about releasing the world,

- And remain seated on your fence
- Between totally getting into the world
- And totally serving God

YOU ARE A HINDRANCE TO GOD.

The ironic thing about it all, is that since you see nothing beyond THIS WORLD

- As you hesitate to release this world, blinded to anything BEYOND
- You will find NOTHING but suffering after you leave this world in death..

Matthew 16:25 - *For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*

- *If we seek to hold onto this life, we will lose it forever,*
- But if we release this life we will find it again for eternity.

In fact, Jesus said that after rebuking Peter for his resistance against thoughts of his death in *Matthew 16*.

Take Up the Cross and Follow ME – Matthew 16:24 - *Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

After Hebrews 11 lists heroes of faith, telling us they refused to even consider the world from which they left, we read chapter 12 say:

Hebrews 12:2 - *Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

WE ENTER THROUGH THE EXIT DOOR - *We receive great joy and pleasure when we release the pleasures of sins of this world.*

It's not just an EXIT - 2 Corinthians 6:17 - *Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.”*

- When we leave the world, Jesus receives us.

You cannot know Him and how wonderful He is until you let go of the world.

- His DEATH was an EXODUS.
- His departure was an EXIT.

And when we are baptized into Jesus we are baptized into His death.
Nobody on earth could relate to Jesus about what He was about to experience.

Jesus even urged the disciples in the Garden to pray with Him about the death He would experience.

- But they slept in that Garden
- They slept when Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus about that death.
- They could never relate to it.

Whenever He spoke of *His death and resurrection,*

- *Peter only thought of his death,* and they never understood those words.
- Nobody in this world could relate.

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His Death Is an Exit - Baptism into Jesus is baptism into HIS DEATH.

- INTO implies a door.

Luke 9:31 - who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease (departure) which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

- His DEATH was called THE EXIT (in Luke 9.)
- You enter the world of the Kingdom of God when you pass through the doorway of His death.

You will have to let go of some pleasures of this life, but HE BRINGS YOU OUT TO BRING YOU IN!

You ENTER through the EXIT DOOR.

- *Don't be like the Hebrews who died and never entered the land of Canaan.*
- *Don't keep your mind on where he brought you from.*
- *All who thought back to Egypt never made it into Canaan.*

CLOSE: We Enter Through the Exit Door

Go through the EXIT DOOR IN FAITH!

When those heroes died, the bible says in Heb 11 they DIED IN FAITH!

- Their deaths were EXITS through which they ENTERED.
- Heb 11 mentions their EXIT deaths as ENTRANCES
- Then follows in Heb 12 with the greatest of all,
- Jesus, who for the joy set before Him, as well, endured the agony of the EXIT.

Obviously, the JOY SET BEFORE HIM was greater than the suffering.

- Not worthy to be compared!

Repentance is DYING to this world and turning away from it.

- It's releasing this world and the pleasures of sin.
- It's an about-face.
- But WE ENTER through this EXIT DOOR.

Except we REPENT, we will perish.

Unless you look at the EXIT DOOR as the ENTRANCE into something far greater

You will one day have no joy that you ironically try to maintain as you refuse to let go of this world and live for Jesus.

Let go and let God have His wonderful way...