

Death and Life of the Prophet

martyrs

Matters of the Heart

Ezekiel 3:10;13,14 ¹⁰ Moreover he said unto me, **Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears...** ¹³ I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing. ¹⁴ So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and **I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit;** but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

Spirit of Prophecy

Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony (*martyria*) of Jesus: worship (*proskuneo*) God: for the **testimony (*martyria*) of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

Will of the Father

John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 5:35 But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, **bear witness (*martyeō*)** of me, that the Father hath sent me.

Not My Own

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to **testify (*diamartyromai*)** the gospel of the grace of God.

Decrease

John 3:29-30;33 ²⁹ He that hath the bride (church) is the bridegroom (Jesus): but the friend (prophet) of the bridegroom (Jesus), which **standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's (Jesus) voice:** this my joy therefore is fulfilled. ³⁰ **He must increase (*auxano*), but I must decrease (*elatto*)...** ³³ He that hath **received his testimony (*martyria*) hath set to his seal that God is true.** ³⁴ For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

Dead Seeds

1 Corinthians 15:36 *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Clouds and Darkness

Exodus 20:21-22 ²¹ And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the **thick darkness where God was.** ²² And the **LORD said unto Moses,** Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen **that I have talked with you from heaven.**

1 Kings 8:12 Then spake Solomon, **The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.**

Psalm 97:2 **Clouds and darkness** are round about him: **righteousness** and **judgment** are the habitation of his throne.

The Prophets

- **Noah**

Hebrews 11:7 **By faith** Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Luke 17:25-27 ²⁵ But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation. ²⁶ **And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.** ²⁷ They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

- **Moses**

Exodus 4:10-17 ¹⁰ And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. ¹¹ And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? ¹² Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. ¹³ And he said, **O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.** ¹⁴ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵ And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. ¹⁶ **And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people:** and he shall be, *even* he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. ¹⁷ And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

Exodus 14:19-20 ¹⁹ And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the **pillar of the cloud** went from before their face, and stood behind them:

²⁰ And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a **cloud and darkness to them,** but it gave **light by night to these:** so that the one came not near the other all the night.

- **Daniel**

Daniel 6:7; 10 ⁷ All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask

a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.¹⁰ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he **kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforesaid.**

Daniel 6:23²³ Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he **believed** (*aman*) in his God.

- **Jeremiah**

Jeremiah 1:4-10⁴ Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,⁵ Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.⁶ Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.⁷ But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.⁸ Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.⁹ Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.¹⁰ See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, *to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.*

Jeremiah 20:7-15⁷ O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.⁸ For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.⁹ Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. **But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones,** and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.¹⁰ For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, *say they,* and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, *saying,* Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.¹² But, O LORD of hosts, **that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart,** let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

- **Jonah**

Jonah 2:1-9¹ Then Jonah **prayed** (*pālal*) unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,² And said, I **cried** (*qārā*) by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; **out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.**³ For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.⁴ Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.⁵ The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.⁶ I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.⁷ **When my soul fainted** (*ātap*) **within me I remembered the LORD:** and my prayer (*tēpilla*) came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.⁸ They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.⁹ But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

Jonah 3:10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

Jonah 4:1-3 ¹ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. ² And he prayed (pālal) unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country?* Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. ³ Therefore now, **O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.**

- Jesus

Matthew 27:45-51 ⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? ...⁵⁰ Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. ⁵¹ And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Matthew 28:6 He is not here: for he is risen...

Two Witnesses (*martys*)

Revelation 11:3-13 ³ And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. ⁴ These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. ⁵ And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. ⁶ These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. ⁷ And when they shall have finished their **testimony** (*martyria*), the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. ⁸ And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. ⁹ And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. ¹⁰ And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. ¹¹ And after three days and an half the **Spirit of life from God** entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. ¹² And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. ¹³ And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.