

O LORD GOD MY FATHER

My Testimony
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O LORD God my Father, Thou didst deliver me, thou didst deliver me from so great a death. Years spent I in vain, without hope, without God in the world.

Wandered I did to and fro; seeking, searching for that I knew not, All the ways I've trodden have lead me to my start. I still found not what I sought.

I delighted my soul in things of the world: the lust of the flesh, eyes, and pride of life: yet soon learned I that the pleasure of sin waxed old, and I was left wanting.

Oh! Get thee out, get thee out of thy country: for there thou shalt find thy exceeding great reward. All my life searched I for truth, for deliverance from the bondage I was in, yet I found it not.

Little did I know that I would find my soul's desiring in a foreign land. In a land where the end is known from the beginning; where crooked ways are made straight, where Light shines out of darkness, and the darkness comprehends it not, where truth makes free, where death brings life, where there's hope: this is Jerusalem.

On that glorious day I heard a voice, saying, Come! Come! Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and ye shall find rest unto your souls! For I have come for thee, I have heard thy crying, I have seen thy tears, I have known thee from the womb, and now I have come for thy words...

I assure thee, he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from thee, but when thou didst cry unto him, he heard...

And after that voice said these things, immediately men liken unto me came and took him away. There they sore abused him, spit on him, mocked him, stript him. Yet he openeth not his mouth. They beat him, scourged him, and just as Isaac carried the wood to the mount, so did this man carry wood to the mount in the land of Moriah to his certain death.

My God, My God he cried, why hast thou forsaken me! Why art thou so far from the words of my roaring! Forsaken by all he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.

Why did such an one die! Why would God allow such a thing! To die such a death having lived such an life! I said within myself, When will there be deliverance in our world! When shall things be right again! When shall we know peace!

How long O LORD, O how long? Where art thou? Dost thou not see what goes on in the earth? The evil that prevails amongst the sons of men? The evil that was done to this man, How canst thou refrain thyself? Was not this he that was to redeem Israel? Would not he defeat our enemies that we might serve thee all the days of our life without fear? O LORD where is thy salvation?

Then I remembered this man's words, how he spoke of this day, the day of his death. He said it behooved him to suffer and to die and to rise again. He said if he would be lifted up, he would draw all men unto himself. Then I heard the voice of the prophets which have been since the world began. They all cried with the loudest of voices, WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT! AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED? He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, with his stripes we are healed.

The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of my people was he stricken. For we have said, Messiah would be cut off, but not for himself. It pleased the LORD to bruise him and put him to grief: for God made his soul an offering for sin.

The man that hung naked on a cross before me so marred more than any of the sons of men, was what he said he was, what John said he was: the LAMB OF GOD which taketh away the sin of the world.

As I sat beneath the cross weeping, my cogitations overwhelmed me. Was this he? Was this the one that we have waited for? God had promised to raise up a deliverer, God promised to ransom us from the power of the grave and death. By what means? By what cost?

Then I heard a terrible voice speaking, as the sound of many waters and I was sore afraid. I fell to the ground as a dead man. The voice said,

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED. HEAR YE ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. I HAVE GIVEN MY BEST, I HAVE GIVEN MY ALL, I HAVE GIVEN MY SON TO ATONE FOR YOU ALL. BY WHAT MEANS YOU ASK, AND BY WHAT COST? BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB, BY THE DEATH OF MY SON. IT IS FINISHED HE SAID! SIN IS PAID FOR AT ONCE. MY WRATH IS APPEASED FOR I SEE THE BLOOD. COME UNTO ME AND BE YE SAVED ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH FOR I AM GOD AND THERE IS NONE ELSE. REPENT OF THY SINS AND PUT FAITH IN MY SON, AND I WILL FORGIVE AND SEE YOU AS SON. ETERNAL LIFE I HAVE PROMISED, ETERNAL LIFE I WILL GIVE; TO AS MANY THAT SHALL TRUST HIM, SHALL IN MY PRESENCE DAILY LIVE.

After these things I arose and lo, the rich man's tomb where they buried him was empty. And the angel of the LORD descended from heaven saying: Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen as he said. I ran to tell the rest and there Jesus was. He showed us his hands and his feet: we knew it was the LORD.

Jesus said, These are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. And as he blessed us, he was carried up into heaven. What God has promised unto our fathers, he has so fulfilled unto us, sending Jesus Christ to bless us by the remission and utter forgiveness of our sins. One day he will come again and fight against those that come against Israel and save Jacob from his time of trouble. He will destroy the devil and those that love wickedness. Then shall all nations flow unto the throne in Jerusalem and worship the LORD of hosts from generation to generation. The wolf shall dwell with a lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion together: They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

God will appear on earth to reign! And there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor any more pain: for the former things shall be passed away. We shall be God's people, and he will be our God and he shall reign for ever, even for ever and ever. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: and we shall see his face, and his names shall be in our foreheads.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Behold I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Surely, I come quickly.

Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus.