

Confidence to be Present with Our Master when we Die

2 Cor 4:8-10 — He went through some hard times. So did the first edah. They went through some hard, perplexing times. We go through things. We can't say that we go through things of this nature as recorded in 2 Cor 4:8-10. Maybe we haven't been tested yet as we should.

2 Cor 5:7,8 — We are confident that if we died right now we'd be present with Yahshua.

Verse 9 — To be pleasing to Yahshua is his whole ambition.

Verse 10 — We will be judged according to our attitudes, motives, and thought patterns we have every day. We will be judged for the complaint that's in our heart, murmuring, accusations against brothers which we don't express. We'll be judged for all the things the enemy puts in our hearts that we don't express.

Lk 16:22 — One beggar is telling the other beggar where the bread is. We are beggars. This beggar here in that story, this poor man, was taken away by angels when he died. When a person dies there are many angels, not just one, to protect him from getting into the wrong hands. When you die you should have confidence to be with Yahshua. Like when Paul died, he had confidence to be present with Yahshua. We have to be confident that we go through those things like Paul did with a good attitude. Paul was perplexed, but he was not in despair. Whatever came upon him, he always countered it with something else. If he had been in despair he wouldn't have had any confidence.

This brigade of angels took Lazarus to Abraham's bosom in Hades, in Sheol where there was hope. All the people who were faithful, who died before Yahshua, were waiting in Hades, in Abraham's bosom, in hope.

The rich man died. He had a nice funeral. He lifted up his eyes in Hades. He had acute awareness and understanding. He had this all along, but he took pride in his glory.

Verses 23,24 — Then he started crying out, but too late.

If we don't have that confidence and if we die, we will not be present with our Master Yahshua. As soon as a person dies angels come to protect this person from getting into the wrong hands. There is a battle going on, there are angelic powers around us.

I want to be ushered into the presence of Yahshua. That's what we all want.

We have to pay for complaints, criticism, obstinacy, bad attitudes, and despair — all the things Paul never succumbed to. He had a voice and a Savior to protect him. If we use our privileges and rights we will not succumb either. Some countries never use their rights, and they come under tyranny after some time, like the First Church. They came under the pope and the bishops. They were being oppressed; they lost their confidence; they lost their house.

When those died who were overcome they went into death. They are still there today. Only those who overcame, who had confidence, are with Messiah today. The faithful people in the Old Covenant who went to death were waiting for the resurrection. They certainly had hope like Lazarus had. Abraham and Eliyah and Enoch didn't go to heaven. They went to death until Yahshua came. He took that train of captives and led them into heaven with Him. Now if we die, since Yahshua came, we go right into heaven if we have a good conscience, if we have praise and confidence.

We can't give thanks if there is sin. If there is complaint in the heart there is no thanksgiving — only pretended thanksgiving. Praise and thanksgiving comes from a good conscience. Prayers can't be heard unless there is thanksgiving.

Sin is knowing the right thing to do and not doing it. The day will come when we will do what we need to do, that is, to go to our Master before we stumble.

Let's come together and give thanks. He hears our supplications, prayers, intercessions, if it's accompanied by thanks, if we give thanks, have thanksgiving. If there is no praise, there is no confidence. If there is no outspokenness, there is no confidence.

Deliver me from hidden sin. Not that I'm hiding it. Why is it hidden? "Reveal it to me" (Eph 3:12). That's our outspokenness. In *His faith*, not *our faith* — *His faith*. If I don't judge myself I am going to be judged. "Reveal this to me. I don't want to be judged." *Hidden sin* means

the things that are off in us that we don't even realize about ourselves. If we don't see it, a spiritual brother will come and tell us. "Hey, I see this." If that doesn't happen we will be going to pay in death for our unconfessed sins. This is not eternal death. But we will have to go to a temporal death. We will be judged for our attitudes and motives.