

Count your blessings...

For the glory of God, and the spiritual edification of those who read these testimonies

Unforgiven Sins – “O death, where is thy sting”

In John 14:30, Jesus says, “Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. “ What did He mean when He said, “(he) hath nothing in me.”?

These are Unforgiven Sins that we hang on to in our hearts. When satan finds unforgiven sins in our heart, he causes worms to breed; bitterness, self-pity, anger, and other fallen natures are all worms coming from unforgiven sins in our heart.

Dear child of God, it is best to not have any unforgiven sins in your heart. That way, when satan comes to claim you as one of *his* children, he will not be able to find any fault or any such thing that he can claim as his own. Just as Pilate found no fault in Jesus (Luke 23:4,14), satan will not be able to find any fault in you, as we will be found completely transparent.

When we live with unforgiven sins, we do not realise when we have let the worms breed. However, when we come to entering into eternal life (on the deathbed), it is then we realise that we are bitter about many things with this person and that person. If we have unforgiven sins in our heart, then these bitter experiences that have hurt us, will sting us just before we leave this world. Proverbs 23:31,32 *“Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.”* With that sting, we will depart this earth; and with that sting, we will enter eternal hell fire also.

However, if we rid ourselves of unforgiven sins, we root out the cause of bitterness, then we will be able to enter our eternal rest in peace. That is why it is described as a rest, a sleep till Jesus returns, and not as a bitter experience. In fact, for a Christian, death is the sweetest experience because we finally get to see Jesus face to face. It is a separation from man, but an eternal joining to God; a fulfilment of God’s eternal plan for man to abide with Him forever.

This is why St. Paul declares in 1 Corinthians 15:55, *“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”* Why should we leave this world with a sting, with bitterness in our heart? No, let us leave this world with a joy of seeing our Jesus face to face. Many perfected saints that have gone to be the Lord, have departed with such a peace, already seeing the face of Jesus, or Jesus waiting for them, just before the spirit leaves their body. What a beautiful way to join our Jesus for eternity. Let us ensure that we depart this world with such peace and joy in our hearts.

