



## Daily Devotional

Note for 20251007 - 1 John 3 - Arise, Shine

### 1. Opening

(You can Watch this devotional on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/tsot5Vlz0TI>)

How magnificent are the ways of our Lord GOD Almighty. Father of all of us that thirst for His Righteousness to come.

Shall my testimony give you faith? If I speak of things that are of heaven, shall you be able to receive it, even the wonderful things of GOD, and the majesty of His Works? You have heard, "who is man, that You should visit him, that You would think of him?" If I speak of early things, will you hear me then?

This morning, just a few minutes ago before I started writing here, I was awakened by our little Jack Russel Cross gagging, even after she had spent significant time at the Vet. But this message is not about my pet nor of her condition that is still undiagnosed. Man, still guessing, educated guessing, but guessing, nonetheless. No, my testimony is about the time. I had just given her medicine, and as we went back to bed, switched off the lights and I was praying for Jazz and Kellyn and then also her father who is still so unwell, the Lord called me by familiar words, "Come to Me." So, I got up at 3:10 am and made myself some coffee, knowing that it will not just be a few minutes. As I sat down, it was 3:15 am. Then I heard, "John."

## John 3:10-15 KJV

*[10] Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? [11] Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. [12] If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? [13] And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. [14] And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: [15] that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jhn.3.10-15.KJV>

Is it by chance? As I was praying on matters of life and death? Contemplating the situation with Kellyn's dad and our little Jazz, is it coincidence? And, you might notice, that it is indeed 1 John 3:10-15 that is given here as the focus of the note. Not 1 section of scripture, but two sections. And more.

## 2. Scripture Text

### 1 John 3:10-15 KJV

*[10] In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. [11] For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. [12] Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. [13] Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. [14]*

*We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. [15] Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/1jn.3.10-15.KJV>

### 3. Devotional Reflection

What about the Verse of the Day?

Galatians 5:24 KJV

*[24] And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/gal.5.24.KJV>

Now, you might think, how does this tie in? What are the affections of the flesh, because the lust we understand more easily. What does the carnal heart and mind love, hold on to and desire to keep with us more than life? Be that the life of a puppy, or the life of a parent, both belonging to GOD and only lent to us. Though touching on the heavenly already, still am I speaking of the contention that the carnal has with the heavenly things. (To be understood later: We hear of Jerusalem, and we look at a point on a map, with all its buildings in consideration; but GOD looks at Jerusalem as its people, not the buildings. Not to speak of the higher things, and how *"The Greater Jerusalem"* speaks of the children of GOD. Yes, even the believers of the congregations of Jesus Christ, and that future New Jerusalem.) No, we have our carnal concerns after things of the physical, the way of the flesh and the affections of it, not considering the soul, which are the building blocks of that Greater Jerusalem. All of Heaven, all that is of GOD'S creation... It is His, whether we live here or move on, it is in GOD'S hand. Man meddles in everything, even the heavenly things; making requests of GOD for things we do not understand, but by our will, our want, our desire, we trap souls here maybe longer than what they should be, and they suffer for it, so we can be spared a mourning.

God looks at the soul, friends, and the salvation of it. He will try the flesh, if the soul will benefit from it. If man can be brought to see his error and repent before His Throne. We hold on to matters, we should let go of, and leave it in the hands of the Creator. Life is in GOD'S Hand, even His Strong Right Hand, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. How long shall we hold on to what the flesh in the mirror demands of us, in want and need, in affections and lusts? Even, maybe, when it goes against the Will of our Creator? The carnal man loves his life to death, standing in bondage to even the movements of the tummy. We petition GOD for what we want, but what about what GOD wants, that which is best for all souls concerned? That they may be saved, and what brings the pride of man to kneel before the living GOD? Trials and tribulations.

Understanding then this Greater Jerusalem, even the Bride of Christ, read these few verses from Isaiah 60, which I received by a song called "Arise, Shine" based on Isaiah 60, that just happens to be the last song I sent to a friend last night. What awaits Jerusalem, and what is the

heavenly perspective? (And to stay on point with what I received, let's look at just the verses 10-15)

### Isaiah 60:10-15 KJV

*[10] And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. [11] Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. [12] For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. [13] The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. [14] The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. [15] Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/isa.60.10-15.KJV>

Once more, you may ask me, what is the relevance? Verse 13: "...my sanctuary..." Where is GOD'S sanctuary? Is it on the Temple Mount or in mankind? Shall I quote Jesus as he said, "let the dead bury the dead" or "The Kingdom of GOD is in you" or "GOD is a Spirit," which one speaks loudest to you. Or, shall I quote the scripture I sent to a pastor yesterday?

### John 14:23-24 KJV

*[23] Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. [24] He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jhn.14.23-24.KJV>

Arise, Shine. How do we do that without the light of life in us? Who is the Light of Life?

### John 1:4-5, 9-14 KJV

*[4] In him was life; and the life was the light of men. [5] And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

*[9] That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. [10] He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. [11] He came unto his own, and his own received him not. [12] But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: [13] which were born, not of*

*blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. [14] And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jhn.1.4-14.KJV>

I only gave the crucial verses, but read John 1 again, slowly and hear what is written.

We hold on to the carnal, being chained to it, by the carnal affections and lusts. That prevents us from trusting in our Creator. For we hold onto matter that is fleeting, here today and gone tomorrow; neglecting the soul and what is beneficial for the salvation of it.

Whether one is well or ill, alive or dead, it is by the Hand of GOD. There are further matters to this that are too hard to hear for deaf ears. So, I will leave it as an open question, what exists outside the reign of the Creator? Is He not the Most High GOD over all? We say we believe, but we contradict ourselves in our words and deeds. We say one thing, but live another. Mankind are hypocrites, myself included and we all fall short of the Glory of GOD, so by Grace alone are we saved by the Love of GOD. And GOD loves His creation.

### John 3:16 KJV

*[16] For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jhn.3.16.KJV>

## 4. Verse of the Day

From the YouVersion Bible App

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Note on the Verse:

Used in the Note

## 5. Closing Paragraph

When will we start trusting God, that His will is well intentioned towards mankind too. That He wants all to be saved and none to be lost. Yes, He even cares for the birds outside and oversees all the seasons of the earth and man that live upon it.

So, I will pray as Christ taught us to pray, especially in this: "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" pertaining all things, even by the will of GOD that the wicked be separated from the righteous, and that the righteous will receive their reward when Christ returns.

Friends, Isaiah 60 are for "*The Greater Jerusalem*," established by the reign of Jesus Christ. And all those who attend the wedding feast of the Lamb, will see it.

Selah, Shalom.

## 6. Resources

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