

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 90:3 - "You turn man to destruction, / And say, 'Return, O children of men.'"

Because of man's sin in Genesis 3, the curse resides upon the entire universe. Part of that curse for man is found in Ge 3:19 - "You are of dust and to dust you shall return [turn back]." The word "destruction" here is literally the word for "crushed matter" or "pulverization." Also, the phrase "children of men" is perhaps better translated "sons of Adam." Just as Adam literally was from the dust and returned to it, we likewise will return to dust. What's the point? The point is that God is in charge and sets the limits of everything, including man; man isn't that powerful. And God is going to put us all returning to dust again.

All of mankind is under God's decree of death, and we can't escape it. No one gets out live, unless Jesus returns.

Psalm 49 is God's right instruction for us in a Psalm about death. It says there more than once that even man who is honored, is like the domesticated cattle that perish. In Lewisburg, WV, there is the Lewisburg Meat Packing Corporation, and it's located right beside the biggest, most lush 500 acres of property for cattle that you've ever seen. What's the point? Those domesticated cattle are destined to die. And man is destined to die as well. For many of us, even our deaths are going to be unpleasant experiences through cancer, heart attack, stroke, or a slow decline. It's not something that we like to admit, but it's a fact none-the-less.

So, we must face the fact: we are going to die; God is greater than all; I am limited.

But also remember this of what God says in Psalm 103 that "He remembers our frame that we are dust." We should be thankful that our God is mindful of us still in our very limited frames.

It reminds us of Hebrew 4 where it says that Jesus lived and walked in this life in flesh just like we did, and He is mindful of what we go through. So, let's approach the throne of grace to find mercy and help in our times of need. You need God's help to make it today? There's an answer: run to Jesus in prayer, and He'll help you, because He knows exactly what it is like to be in our human skin.

But there's another aspect of being dust. God promises to resurrect a Christian's dust to make a whole body again. Christian have eternal life and will live forever with the Lord in a glorified body. May we be mindful of these things today.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.