THE GREAT ESCAPE Part 2

Hebrews 2:3 KJV 1900

³ How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

Again, how shall we ESCAPE (i.e. avoid judgment, curse) if we neglect "so great salvation?"

Someone might say, "I'm not sure I need to escape judgment. I haven't done anything wrong." First, the Bible says "All have sinned." Second, you don't have to do anything particularly wrong to experience judgment. We don't only experience judgment because of *our* sin. Sometimes we experience judgment because of someone else's sin!

Regardless of the reason for judgment, there's only ONE way to escape judgment—trust in the salvation of God!

Not everyone believes this. Some believe that it's possible to escape judgment by faithfully practicing their religion (Christianity or some other religion). Others believe they can escape judgment by being careful and taking the necessary precautions.

Luke 21:36 KJV 1900

³⁶ Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

This verse tells us that we must be "counted worthy to escape." In other words, we must DO something to escape. Furthermore, we are told to "pray" as a reminder that we need HELP doing this!

With that said, I would like to share with you a dream I received from my nephew Julian. (I'm only going to share a portion of it. Also, there are certain individual's names mentioned in this dream. However, the participants are just ACTORS! This dream is no reflection on them.)

"I was in my MOTHER'S HOUSE with my three cousins—Luke, Alasane and Joshua. It was SUNDAY MORNING and we were trying to WAKE UP and get my mother DRESSED for church. I couldn't find her anything to wear, but LUKE and JOSHUA put something together for her."

In this dream, Julian's "mom" represents those in *religion*. Religion is a kind of *mother*.

Galatians 1:13, 15 KJV 1900

¹³ For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: ¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,

In the dream, *Luke* and *Joshua* both play a prominent role in helping the *mother* to "wake up" and get "dressed"!

The name "Luke" means *light*, while the name "Joshua" means *Jesus* or salvation. Again, both are needed to help the Church wake up and get dressed!

Romans 13:11-12, 14 KJV 1900

¹¹ And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. ¹⁴ But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

Notice how being clothed in Jesus (or the *light*) helps to protect us and allows us to escape judgment. (This is implied by the word *armor* in **verse 12**!)

"Shortly after this, I LEFT my mother's house."

Notice, it was Julian (not his mother) that left (escaped) the house.

"Julian" is a Roman name that means **son of Jove**. (The Romans believed *Jove*, or *Jupiter*, was the *king of the gods*.) **Julian** represents **the sons of God**. Therefore, only the *sons of God* will escape!

- 1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3 KJV 1900
- ² For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. ³ For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

First, I want to point out that the judgment of God is here described as the 'day of the Lord.' (Remember, in the dream everyone was trying to wake up and get dressed because it was "Sunday morning." The phrase "Sunday morning" represents the 'Lord's day' or the day of judgment!)

- 1 Thessalonians 5:4, 5 ASV
- ⁴ But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: ⁵ for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness;

Notice how only the "sons" will be able to escape. The reason they will escape is not just because they are sons. It's because they are "sons of light" (i.e. clothed in light)!

- 1 Thessalonians 5:8 KJV 1900
- ⁸ But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

"Next, I was in a CAR with my friend JAZMYN headed to DETROIT. There we witnessed a POLICE CHASE that didn't affect us because we were UNDER A BRIDGE."

The name **Jazmyn** means **gift from God** (or grace). Also, "Detroit" is situated between Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie. Therefore, it represents a *strait* or *narrow place* (or a place of *trouble*)!

This is confirmed by the fact they witnessed a "police chase" in the city. A **police chase** represents judgment or a time when the law is pursuing after men! Surprisingly, Julian was kept safe from this judgment. He was given grace (Jazmyn) that carried him "under the bridge" (to a secret place).

Revelation 12:12, 14 KJV 1900

¹² Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. ¹⁴ And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

"After this, I was WALKING in FLINT to my old friend FAITH'S house."

"Walking to Faith's house" represents a walk of faith. However, notice where this walk of faith takes place—in *Flint*.

"Flint" is an Old English word that was often used as a nickname for **someone** with a hard heart. Therefore, we're often forced to walk out our faith among the hard-hearted.

1 Peter 4:3, 4 KJV 1900

³ For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: ⁴ Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*:

"I was just TWO HOUSES down from Faith's house when DESTINY, her sister, showed up riding on a BIKE and headed in the opposite direction out of the neighborhood."

As we get closer to our destination, we are sometimes presented with an *alternate* destiny. When this 'destiny' appears it will seem more *appealing* than our present path! (As a result, people will often trade their foot trail for a bike path!) The only problem, however, is that this alternate "destiny" is a work of the flesh.

In the dream, the **bike** being ridden by "Destiny" represents a work of the flesh, because bikes are powered by our own strength or *legs*!

Psalm 147:10 KJV 1900

¹⁰ He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

(Incidentally, Abraham was presented with an *alternate* "destiny" in the person of Ishmael. But, this too was a *work of the flesh*!)

"Destiny had on what looked like a BACKPACK. I asked her how come she was not traveling by CAR, but she just MOCKED me and giggled."

Backpacks represent man's attempt to **save his life** (i.e. have something in reserve in case of an emergency). Every "son" must learn to walk without a backpack.

Matthew 10:5, 9-10 KJV 1900

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: ⁹ Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, ¹⁰ Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

In this case, a "scrip" is similar to a backpack!

Matthew 10:10 CEB

¹⁰ Don't take a backpack for the road or two shirts or sandals or a walking stick.

"When I finally arrived at Faith's house, she was WAITING FOR ME in the CAR. She told me to get in the PASSENGER seat."

It's always better to travel by faith because EVENTUALLY faith will bring you to grace (car), which will *fast track* you to your destination.

"The car was A LITTLE MESSY, but I could still SIT down COMFORTABLY."

Remember, everything doesn't have to be *in order* (all our questions answered) to trust in God!

Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV 1900

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths.

"As we started down the road, we started heading in THE DIRECTION DESTINY WAS GOING."

Traveling by faith doesn't mean that we have to go in a different direction. Sometimes it simply means that God wants us traveling by a different means! ("Delight thyself in the Lord, he will give you the desires of your heart.")

"As we passed Destiny, I noticed a police OFFICER just three houses up. He was pointing his gun at us. But, FAITH drove past the officer SLOWLY and he NEVER FIRED his gun. He DROPPED IT as we drove by!"

The "officer" in the dream represents those who are sent to administer judgment or the curse.

However, no officer will be able to bring judgment ("shoot") against those in faith!

Romans 8:33 KJV 1900

³³ Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.