

understand what God is doing and why, we can rejoice instead, and trust that God always does what is best. Just as scripture tells us, "The Lord.... healeth the stroke of the wound."

In Isaiah 30:26 God tells us "Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound." This verse reminds us what the new Heaven and Earth will be like in that the moon will be brighter and the sun will put forth even more light and that we will have no more sorrow, and that every wound we ever felt would be healed.

It is important that we teach those around us about the eternity God promises us and that our natural death, the end of our terrestrial body, is just the beginning of a new life with our Heavenly Father. Our soul lives on and if we remain faithful to God's statutes, we will be given a new celestial body when we enter God's new Heaven and Earth. Therefore while we may grieve deeply when a loved one leaves this earth through death, we must trust that we will see them again in the new Heaven and Earth.

God has only good in mind for us and when we trust in His decisions we please Him. But we also gain the blessing of a peaceful heart. The first death as the Bible calls it is but a transition into eternity. It is the second death which we seek to avoid as this is the final separation of good from evil when all evil is cast into the Lake of Fire with Satan never again to be free and never again to know God.

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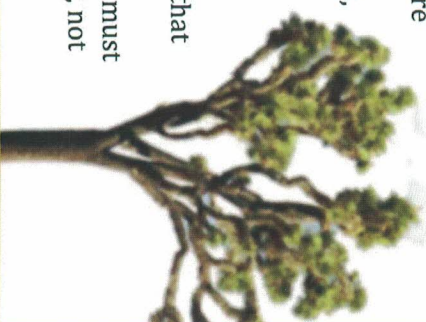
Our Heavenly Father tells us that scripture has been inspired by the Holy Spirit and is therefore God's irrefutable word which has been provided for our instruction. He tells us that scripture is a mystery to some (2 Corinthians 3:14, Ephesians 6:19) and a revelation to those who seek to learn of Him. (Matthew 13:11, Luke 24:45)

Therefore, as children of God we believe that every word of scripture is the word of God; we believe that it is a benefit to us and can teach us thus help us navigate through our life here on earth. The words of scripture teach, rebuke, and comfort. They bring us insight into God's plan of salvation and how God works to separate good from evil so that our future will be blessed and secure.

Sometimes however, we come across an area of scripture which makes us wonder why God gave us those words and how we should apply them to our life. However, scripture

also teaches us that to understand such passages, we must ask God to open our hearts and minds and help us find the answer to this question. God gives us the promise that if we seek, we shall find...

but also warns us that we must seek through a pure heart, not



with a heart which doubts and desires to disprove God's words.

One such area of scripture which many of us have questioned is the account of what God asked Joshua to do when sent to conquer the various cities of the Promised Land. Joshua was told to kill...sometimes only the male inhabitants, sometimes however to also kill the women and children... and often to also kill every animal. For many of us it is almost painful to read many times over in scripture words such as: "...utterly destroyed...man and woman...young and old..." (Joshua 6:21)

We can also read in Numbers 24:17 the words: "...destroy all the children of Seth..." And in Deuteronomy 20:16, "...save alive nothing that breatheth." And then we can also read the account of the flood when so many men, women and children were destroyed by God...and that He regretted His action. Since such overall destruction is difficult for us to understand we might ask the question: Why was it necessary for so many to die under these circumstances?

As we seek to unravel this mystery, we begin to formulate an answer which is truly a miracle of our faith and opens our eyes to the future and the grace which God plans for us. Despite what we think is right or wrong, despite the experience we gather from being on this earth for a certain number of years, the answer explains how God protects us. God looks after all of us...all of mankind... and sometimes this must occur through the destruction of evil.

To increase our understanding of this phenomenon, we must look at what God tells us about inherited sin, and about the efforts scripture describes about how God has kept His people as free of sin as possible. The answer also lies in what scripture teaches us about the work of Satan and his fallen angels and their ability to bring about a spiritual invasion of our souls. Further, we must understand

that God comforts us by explaining what He provides for those souls who have either fallen to sin or have inherited the proclivity to do so.

These revelations help us understand why a baby might die, or why a child is taken from us. It shows us that God arranges all things for our benefit and for the benefit of developing a people who understand that they must acknowledge sin, have remorse for their sins, actively seek the forgiveness of sin, and wish to sin no more so that they can be reconciled with God.

2 Peter 3:9 tells us, "The Lord is...not willing that any should perish, but that all shall come to repentance." 1 Peter 3:19-20 further explains that Christ "preached unto the spirits in prisons...:...from the days of Noah." God also shows us that without this help, so many more would fall to sin and would not have remorse for that sin and therefore never seek to be reconciled.

When Joshua was to enter certain cities, God told him who to kill and who to spare. But when Joshua disobeyed God and allowed the inhabitants of the city to remain despite God's instruction to kill them, we are told in Judges 1:28 and in Judges 2:2,3 11,13 that in time these few original inhabitants "infected" the Israelites in such a way that they eventually forsook God. This account is provided to us in scripture to teach us how powerful sin is and what will happen when sin is allowed to infiltrate the hearts and minds of the children of God. Thus we must watch for sin, identify it accurately, acknowledge it as displeasing to God, have remorse for it, desire to be free of it, and seek the forgiveness of that sin.

Interestingly, Isaiah 14:21 tells us that God actually prepared "slaughter" for those children whose forefathers sinned so that they could not fill the cities with that same sin. These words can seem terribly cruel until we look at the big picture and understand that God loves these souls as well and

has made provision for them. God fully understands the power Satan exercised over them and in Isaiah 14:25 explains how Satan will be dealt with and that the yoke Satan placed on these children will "depart from their shoulders". In Isaiah 14:32 God goes on to tell us that we can trust that this yoke of sin will be removed. And in Isaiah 30:19 God promises that He will "heal the wounds" which this yoke created.

These passages though explaining how God dealt with sin before Christ's sacrifice which freed us from sin, gives us a greater insight into death. They open our understanding about why we must accept God's decisions even when they seem harsh. They help us accept the loss of a loved one when we ourselves cannot understand this action. We must also realize that sometimes God is trying to tell us that we cannot know what terrible influence the yoke of inherited sin has on a soul or what will occur in the future, but that He does know this. He protects us and those we love by how He deals with what Satan has created.

God is not only protecting us, but protecting our loved ones from spiritual damage. God is telling us that during the thousand years of peace all will understand and bow to His perfect will. God understands sin and is stronger than sin. He can protect us more effectively than allowing that soul to struggle in the net which Satan may have or will throw around them. This means that we have to trust God in every decision He makes about life and death.

God protected the lineage from which Christ would come. He protected that lineage from the overwhelming sin which Satan desired to bring to God's people to thwart the grace which Christ's sacrifice would provide. Our Heavenly Father wishes to protect us as well.

It may seem harsh to us as we grieve with the loss of someone we love and grieve to see children perish. It may seem difficult to ponder why God instructed Joshua to do what he did. But when we