**WEDNESDAY MAY 27, 2020 -- COMFORTING SCRIPTURES IN THE TIME OF SORROW-AND BEREAVEMENT**

***Study Scriptures***

**Romans 12:15 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**15**Rejoice with those who rejoice [sharing others’ joy], and weep with those who weep [sharing others’ grief].

**1 Corinthians 15:19-20 Amplified Bible (AMP**)

**19**If we who are [abiding] in Christ have hoped only in this life [and this is all there is], then we are of all people most miserable *and* to be pitied.

**The Order of Resurrection**

**20**But now [as things really are] Christ has *in fact* been raised from the dead, [and He became] the first fruits [that is, the first to be resurrected with an incorruptible, immortal body, foreshadowing the resurrection] of those who have fallen asleep [in death].

**James 4:14 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**14**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+12%3A15%3B+I+COR.+15%3A19-20%3B+James+4%3A14%3B+Psalms+144%3A4%3B+JOB+14%3A1%3B+MATTHEW+9%3A24%3B+LUKE+9%3A28-36%3B+I+THESS.+4%3A17%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A13%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A14%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A15%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A18&version=AMP#fen-AMP-30352a)]Yet you do not know [the least thing] [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+12%3A15%3B+I+COR.+15%3A19-20%3B+James+4%3A14%3B+Psalms+144%3A4%3B+JOB+14%3A1%3B+MATTHEW+9%3A24%3B+LUKE+9%3A28-36%3B+I+THESS.+4%3A17%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A13%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A14%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A15%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A18&version=AMP#fen-AMP-30352b)]about what may happen in your life tomorrow. [What is secure in your life?] You are *merely* a vapor [like a puff of smoke or a wisp of steam from a cooking pot] that is visible for a little while and then vanishes [into thin air].

**Psalm 144:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**4**Man is like a mere breath;  
His days are like a shadow that passes away.

**Job 14:1 Amplified Bible (AMP) Job Speaks of the Finality of Death**

**14**“Man, who is born of a woman,  
Is short-lived and full of turmoil.

**Matthew 9:24 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**24**He said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead, but is sleeping.” And they laughed *and* jeered at Him.

**Luke 9:28-36 Amplified Bible (AMP) The Transfiguration**

**28**Now about eight days after these teachings, He took along Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. **29**As He was praying, the appearance of His face became different [actually transformed], and His clothing *became* white *and* flashing with the brilliance of lightning. **30**And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, **31**who appeared in glory, and were speaking of His departure [from earthly life], which He was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. **32**Now Peter and those who were with him had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory *and* splendor *and* majesty, and the two men who were standing with Him. **33**And as these [men, Moses and Elijah] were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is delightful *and* good for us to be here; we should make three [sacred] tents; one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not realizing what he was saying. **34**But even as he was saying this, a cloud formed and *began* to overshadow them; and they were [greatly] afraid as they entered the cloud. **35**Then [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+12%3A15%3B+I+COR.+15%3A19-20%3B+James+4%3A14%3B+Psalms+144%3A4%3B+JOB+14%3A1%3B+MATTHEW+9%3A24%3B+LUKE+9%3A28-36%3B+I+THESS.+4%3A17%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A13%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A14%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A15%3B+1+Thess.+4%3A18&version=AMP#fen-AMP-25337a)]a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, My Chosen One; listen *and* obey *and* yield to Him!” **36**When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found *there* alone. And they kept silent, and told no one at that time any of the things which they had seen [concerning the divine manifestation].

**1 Thessalonians 4:17 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**17**Then we who are alive and remain [on the earth] will *simultaneously* be caught up (raptured) together with them [the resurrected ones] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord!

**1 Thessalonians 4:13 Amplified Bible (AMP) Those Who Died in Christ**

**13**Now we do not want you to be uninformed, believers, about those who are asleep [in death], so that you will not grieve [for them] as the others do who have no hope [beyond this present life].

**1 Thessalonians 4:14 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**14**For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again [as in fact He did], even so God [in this same way—by raising them from the dead] will bring with Him those [believers] who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

**1 Thessalonians 4:15 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**15**For we say this to you by the Lord’s [own] word, that we who are still alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will in no way precede [into His presence] those [believers] who have fallen asleep [in death].

**1 Thessalonians 4:18 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**18**Therefore comfort *and* encourage one another with these words [concerning our reunion with believers who have died].