

The Message from the Top of the Mountain

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It is from the mountain that we get to hear the voice of God. On top of its great peaks, the wind is heard rushing through its valleys, and the echo of the eagles' wings can be heard, as can the voice of God. We have peace on top of the mountain, being closer to the heavens, and often in the Scripture, we read of one even hearing a divine message from the mountain top. It was in the mountains in the land of Moriah where Abraham listened to the voice of an angel from heaven saying on behalf of God, "I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore..." (Gen 22:17 NKJV). Later, it was also from out of a mountain that the LORD called to Moses, and it was from the mountain that he received the handwriting of God. "And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God" (Exodus 31:18).

Today, we still go to the mountain to hear the voice of God. We were told long ago that this would still be the case. The prophecy of the church, the kingdom of God, in Isaiah 2:1-3, calls the house of God "...the mountain of the LORD's house..."

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *That* the mountain of the LORD'S house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:2-3)

Fast forward hundreds of years beyond that of Abraham, Moses, and Isaiah, pausing at the time of the cross. We read of Jesus going to a high place or a mountain for time with the Father or His disciples (Matthew 8:23; Mark 6:46; Luke 6:12; John 6:3). Jesus also said He was to be lifted up by man. "...When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things" (John 8:28). When Jesus was lifted up by man on the cross on Cavalry's hill what was said by the voice of God? Of the several statements our King gave while wearing His crown of thorns, it is in John's account we read, "...It is finished!..." (John 19:30). The will of God was accomplished! Jesus was lifted up on Cavalry and delivered as an offering granting eternal life to all who believe (John 3:14-16), repent (Luke 13:3), confess Him (Luke 12:8-9), are baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38) and continue in faithful obedience to Him (Hebrews 5:9). It is said that beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news (Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:15). This is the message from the top of the mountain today.

Long ago, Abraham said to Isaac, "...My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering" (Genesis 22:8). After the ram caught in the thicket by its horns was delivered, Abraham called the place, "...The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said *to* this day, 'In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided'" (Genesis 22:14). Later when it was our sin being represented on

the mountain God again provided for Himself the lamb (John 1:29,36). The message from the top of the mountain is still, "The-Lord-Will-Provide," and He did!