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(Gen 24:21) And the man wondering at her held



his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

While we are on this journey, God will prosper us as he did Abraham's servant with Rebekah. We must always expect God's prosperity in every aspect of our journey.

(1 Ki 19:2-8) Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one

of them by to morrow about this time. {3} And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. {4} But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. {5} And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. {6} And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at

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his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. {7} And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. {8} And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

Elijah's journey is recorded in God's Word. He raced on a journey to save his life because Jezebel wanted him dead. This journey took him many places, but before he resigned his care and safety over to God, he literally wanted to die. *Sometimes our journeys are extremely trying, extremely difficult.* But, God still cares for us and knows that we are on a journey. God knows that our final destination comes after our life's

journey. When will we resign our care and safety over to God?

(Jonah 3:3-5) So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. {4} And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. {5} So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

God sent Jonah on a journey, one which Jonah prolonged against God's Will. Do you remember the whale? During this time, God still cared for Jonah and also spared the people of Nineveh. But Jonah had a small problem with what God did.

(Jonah 4:9-11) And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death. {10} Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: {11} And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

Jonah became exceedingly angry that God spared these people. He seemed to never let go of his anger, no matter how much God tried to turn him around. We can choose to make our journey absolutely miserable, or we can choose to make it great. A small thought or action is all that separates you from misery or

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greatness. When will we let go of our angers and start enjoying God's blessings and presence in our lives?

God's Word records many other journeys of great believers.

(Acts 1:12) Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

The Apostles journeyed into Jerusalem to change history on that great day of Pentecost.

(Acts 10:7-9) And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; {8} And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa. {9} On the morrow, as

they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

Cornelius journeyed into eternity when he sent his men to Joppa to visit Peter. This journey became ours.

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When Cornelius' men met Peter, Peter's journey took him into a realm of believing and ministry of which many thought would never happen. The Gentiles became added to the Church! His ministry affects us to this day.

(Acts 22:6) And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come

nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

Paul's journey took him to Damascus, and changed the world forever. *The light that shone about Paul still shines on us to this day.*

(Rom 1:10-11) Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. {11} For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

Paul's journey took him into the heart and lives of all who would believe. His was a journey prospered by the same God who journeys with us according to His love and purpose.

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(Rom 15:20-25) Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: {21} But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand. {22} For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you. {23} But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you; {24} Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company. {25} But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

Paul journeyed for the primary

purpose of declaring God's Word to all those who would hear. His ministry and the greatness of the revelation by way of the revealed Word of God is his legacy.

(Titus 3:12-13) When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter. {13} Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

Titus' journey deeply affected the journeys of others. He made sure of that.

(Eccl 3:10-11) I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. {11} He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the

work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

Our journey has boundaries which we can never break. God knows our lives and our journeys. He has made life something beautiful and able to be managed. *We should spend more time perceiving His beauty set among us.*

(3 John 1:2-6) Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. {3} For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. {4} I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. {5} Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; {6} Which have borne witness of thy

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We are to faithfully help others, brethren and strangers, on their journeys through life. This is one of the great keys to a fantastic journey of prosperity and health. As we help others with their journeys, we will be helping ourselves with ours! This is one tremendous aspect of walking in the truth. This is one of the greatest ways to prove, live and continuously apply the agape characteristics. *If you bring forward believers and strangers on their journeys in a godly way, you SHALL do well.*

Our final destination is called the “new earth.” This new earth will be set among new heavens.

(Isa 65:17) For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

We won't remember the old earth or old heavens. They will never come into our minds. That's the way God wants it and that's the way that it shall be.

(Isa 66:22) For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Once created, the new heavens and new earth shall remain before God. We, and our seed and name shall also remain forever.

(2 Pet 3:13) Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein

dwelleth righteousness.

*We would do well to believe His promise and look for this new heavens and new earth.*

Righteousness will dwell therein.

(Rev 21:1) And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

The first heaven and first earth will pass away. When we see the new heaven and earth, there will be no sea.

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Much love in Christ,

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