

Genesis 50:24-25: ²⁴ And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely VISIT you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ²⁵ And Joseph took an oath of the Children of Israel, saying, God will surely VISIT you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

- 1. The fulfillment of this prophecy came in *Exodus 13:19:* And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the Children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.
- 2. Exodus 3:16: Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:
- 3. Ruth 1:6: Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.
- 4. *Job 7:17-18:* ¹⁷ What is man, that Thou shouldest magnify him? and that Thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? ¹⁸ And that **Thou shouldest visit him every morning**, and try him every moment?

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5. Job 10:12: Thou hast granted me life and favour, and Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

- 6. 1 Samuel 2:21: And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.
- 7. **Psalms 106:4:** Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people: **O visit me with Thy salvation**;
- 8. Jeremiah 23:2: Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed My people; Ye have scattered My flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.
- 9. **Zechariah 10:3:** Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for **the LORD of Hosts hath visited His flock** the house of Judah, and hath made them as His goodly horse in the battle.
- 10. Luke 1:68: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people.
- 11. **Luke 1:78:** Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high **hath visited us**.
- 12. Luke 7:16: And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited His people.
- 13. Acts 15:14: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His Name.

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(This verse has reference to *Acts 10:1-2:* ¹ There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, ² devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

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14. **Luke 19:44b:** The Lord Jesus lamented over those who refused the aid of their Messiah by saying: *Thou knewest not the day of Thy visitation*.

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15. But once I pass this way and then . . . no more.

Just once ... and then the silent door swings on its hinges.

Opens . . . closes . . . and no more I pass this way again.

So while I may with all my might

I will give sweet comfort and delight

To all I meet upon the Pilgrim way

For no man travels twice this great highway

That leads through darkness up to the light,

Through night to eternal day.

16. Some of you will say to me, 'But I have no time to visit, no time to pray with those who are in trouble and distress. I have no time to come to church.' You have no time for God is what you are really saying. For God commissions us to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

James 1:27:

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the

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fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Jesus said in *Matthew 25:36, 43:*

³⁶ Naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, **and ye visited Me:** I was in prison, and ye came unto Me.

Matthew 25:43:

⁴³ I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in: naked, and ye clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and **ye visited Me not**.

17. We may not have time to visit with Jesus, but we surely have plenty of time for ourselves. We eat, talk, socialize, go out pleasure seeking, and go to amusement centers and other places with selfish ambitions. Yet we say we have no time for the Lord's work which is for the building up of His Kingdom? Why, those words would surely mock us on the Judgment Day. What will Jesus have to say to us? I now have no time for you? That is too scary to even think about. So, a word to the wise is sufficient.

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