



THE PROMISE OF AN EMPTY TOMB

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But when the Messiah arrived, high priest of the superior things of this new covenant, he bypassed the old tent and its trappings in this created world and went straight into heaven's "tent"-the true Holy Place-once and for all.

He also bypassed the sacrifices consisting of goat and calf blood, instead using his own blood as the price to set us free once and for all.

Hebrews 9:11-12 (Message)

We were healed before we ever got sick. We were forgiven before we ever sinned. We were restored before we ever fell.

His Primary Revelation To The People Is That He Is The Lord!

What He is saying is that; *I am sovereign, un-restricted. There is nothing outside of My jurisdiction. There's nothing that imposes itself on Me. I don't need anything. I did not create you to have your praise to know that I Am Lord! I did not create you to receive from you, but to give to you because I'm so full, I don't need anything. I don't need you to prove that I exist. I want you to KNOW that I exist!*

There is always a season when we run and find nothing, but that's only because God is about to run and give us everything – exceedingly, abundantly, and above all.

There's Always Going To Be An Empty Tomb Right Before a Filled Upper Room.

There's always a desert before a promise land. There's always a wilderness experience before the execution of ministry, as with Christ. There's always that dark moment before the sun rises.

God Already Ran And Gave You Everything.

God rewards those who run and find nothing, yet continue to believe that there must be something. Even if they have to run again – not think, suspect, or have a feeling, but really, truly know – that's there's something great waiting for them.

We have it all wrong with respect to our lives. It's totally the other way around.

God gave Joseph heaping double portions, triple portions – exceedingly, abundantly, above all portions. Joseph got nothing. Then God gave him everything. God gave him more than he asked for, more than he ever expected.

You are assured of a filled upper room. Assured!

Finishing faith is to rely totally on God and not on yourself!

With this in view we constantly pray for you, that our God may deem and count you worthy of [your] calling and [His] every gracious purpose of goodness, and with power may complete in [your] every particular work of faith (faith which is that leaning of the whole human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness).

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (AMP)

That's having the faith of God in us. The fact that we know it's already done. What we have to do is to accept that, embrace that, and allow that knowledge to lift us and carry us to our destiny.