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Now I saw, upon a time when he was walking in the fields, that he was (as he was wont) reading in his book, and greatly distressed in his mind; and, as he read, he burst out, as he had done before, crying, "What must I do to be saved?" (#Ac 16:30,31)

I saw also that he looked this way and that way, as if he would run; yet he stood still, because (as I perceived) he could not tell which way to go. I looked then, and saw a man named EVANGELIST coming to him, and asked, "Wherefore dost thou cry?" He answered, "Sir, I perceive by the book in my hand that I am condemned to die, and after that to come to Judgment (#Heb 9:27); and I find that I am not willing to do the first (#Job 14:21,22), nor able to do the second" (#Eze 22:14).

Evangelist. Then said EVANGELIST, "Why not willing to die, since this life is attended with so many evils?" The man answered, "Because I fear that this burden that is upon my back will sink me lower than the grave, and I shall fall into Tophet (#Isa 30:33). And, sir, if I be not fit to go to prison, I am not fit, I am sure, to go to Judgment, and from thence to execution; and the thoughts of these things make me cry."

Then said EVANGELIST, "If this be thy condition, why standest thou still?" He answered, "Because I know not where to go." Then he gave him a parchment roll; and there was written within, "Flee from the wrath to come!" (#Mt 3:7).

The man, therefore, read it; and looking upon EVANGELIST very carefully, said, "Whither must I fly?" Then said EVANGELIST, pointing with his finger over a very wide field, "Do you see yonder wicket gate?" (#Mt 7:14) The man said, "No." Then said the other, "Do you see yonder shining light?" (#Ps 119:105 2Pe 1:19) He said, "I think I do." Then said EVANGELIST, "Keep that light in your eye, and go up directly thereto; so shalt thou see the gate; at which, when thou knockest, it shall be told thee what thou shall do."

So I saw in my dream that the man began to run. Now he had not run far from his own door, but his wife and children perceiving it, began to cry after him to return (#Lu 14:26); but the man put his fingers in his ears, and ran on, crying, "Life! life! Eternal life!" So he looked not behind him, but fled towards the middle of the plain (#Ge 19:17).

Ac 16:30,31, Heb 9:27, Job 14:21,22, Eze 22:14, Isa 30:33, Mt 3:7, Mt 7:14, Ps 119:105 2Pe 1:19, Lu 14:26, Ge 19:17

“³⁰ And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."” (Ac 16:30-31 NKJV)

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,” (Heb 9:27 NKJV)

“²¹ His sons come to honor, and he does not know *it*; They are brought low, and he does not perceive *it*. ²² But his flesh will be in pain over it, And his soul will mourn over it.” (Job 14:21-22 NKJV)

““Can your heart endure, or can your hands remain strong, in the days when I shall deal with you? I, the LORD,

have spoken, and will do *it*.” (Eze 22:14 NKJV)

“For Tophet *was* established of old, Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has made *it* deep and large; Its pyre *is* fire with much wood; The breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, Kindles *it*.” (Isa 30:33 NKJV)

“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" (Mt 3:7 NKJV)

““Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find *it*.” (Mt 7:14 NKJV)

“NUN. Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.” (Ps 119:105 NKJV)

“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;” (2Pe 1:19 NKJV)

““If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.” (Lu 14:26 NKJV)

“So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."” (Ge 19:17 NKJV)