

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Cancer

Oh, cancer, who art thou to afflict the flesh and blood of the bodies of the human race, and drain the strength from the greatest of mankind? Yes, ‘tis known from the earliest of human remains preserved in tombs in far off Egypt that you were detected even then.

Even now, in these modern days, thou hast even afflicted the newborn from mother’s womb with thy deadly sting. As thy rebel cells invade with vengeance and deadly force; just as the universe continues on its round rotation by the ordained command of God The Almighty, you deadly foe, cannot go beyond the bounds of HE who alone has declared the end from the beginning of all things, even those things which have not yet come to pass (Isa. 46:10-11).

Come, as thou hast been determined afore to afflict those of Adam’s race. Yet, since The Almighty has granted the wisdom to mortal man to combine the chemistry to attack your dreadful scheme, it shall only accomplish that which God the Father hast determined; whether it be for a season, or to bring us to our mortal end.

These mortal frames, created from the earth’s mere dust, are cursed to be a temporary frame in which the heart, mind and soul shall dwell, until death takes away our breath and stops our heart from its beat. So, fret not those who have been chosen of God to be blessed with an eternal hope; but lean on Jesus’ breast and trust his promises divine, made to such unworthy friends of mine.

We wander through this barren land of sin and sorrow here below, with plans in vain as to how we should go. Yet, in the finality of it all, ‘tis in vain and vexation of the soul.

As time rolls by and age takes its toll, if CANCER be the means, then so shall it be, for if not by thy rebel attacking cells, then another failure of our flesh shall prevail. For no mortal fleshly man shall escape the death determined by God’s predestined and ordained will.

For those chosen, called, ordained, and appointed heirs of free and sovereign grace shall not fear this monster called death, and CANCER with all its power to kill can only do so by God's determined will. We are reminded in scripture so true, fear only HE who can destroy both body and soul. For as these earthen vessels of dust shall end their journey by returning to their created substance. God's chosen children shall be raised with an incorruptible and immortal body likened unto our Saviour's resurrected frame; never to experience pain, suffering, sorrow, tears. For these attributes are only while we are in this journey here below.

Come quickly Oh! Lord Jesus Christ, and deliver your remnant bride from all this devastation, sin and pride. For we are mere Pilgrims, Sojourners and Strangers in this foreign land here on this earthly round. Whatever be our lot to endure in being taken by death's occurrence, may "Christ, my God" be our final word as his angel beckons us home.

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Written on this 17th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2017, by this cancer survivor to-date; for I rest in our God's sovereign love, mercy and grace for what awaits me beyond the grave.