

TITLE: FROM THIS DAY FORWARD: I'M ALIVE FOR YOU

TEXT: DEUT.26:18-19

VIEW: MOVIE TRAILER FOR KING ARTHUR: LEGEND OF THE SWORD

THE TRAILER ENDS WITH THE LINE **"SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?"** KING ARTHUR SAYS. **"YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, YOU BECOME A LEGEND."**

THIS ENDING LINE OUGHT TO REMIND US THAT AS CHRISTIANS, WE NEED TO KNOW AND PREPARE FOR HOW OUR STORY IS TOLD. IT SHOULD NOT BE A SURPRISE AS TO HOW WE LIVE, OR THAT IN THE END - WE WIN.

ANOTHER QUOTE FROM THE MOVIE SAYS: **"I AM HERE NOW, FOR YOU CREATED ME AND FOR THAT I BLESS YOU"** – KING ARTHUR. THIS SETS THE STAGE FOR THE TRAILER AND, I BELIEVE, SHOULD EQUALLY SET THE STAGE FOR OUR LIFE. SO, IF YOU ARE STILL WAITING TO KNOW YOUR MISSION IN LIFE, THEN LET THIS QUOTE BEGIN TO CHART YOUR COURSE GOING FORWARD. FOR THE LIFE WE'VE BEEN GIVEN BY GOD, HOWEVER SHORT IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE, CANNOT BE WASTED ON PURELY SELFISH AMBITIONS. OUR LIFE IS TO BE USED FOR THE GLORY OF OUR GOD.

READ: MATTHEW 24:37-44

VS.37-39 "WHEN THE SON OF MAN RETURNS...PEOPLE DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN

VS.40-42 "SO YOU MUST KEEP WATCH! FOR YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT DAY YOUR LORD IS COMING.

VS.43-44 "YOU ALSO MUST BE READY ALL THE TIME, FOR THE SON OF MAN WILL COME WHEN LEAST EXPECTED

READ: MATTHEW 25:1-13

VS.10 "BUT WHILE THEY WERE GONE TO BUY OIL, THE BRIDEGROOM CAME. THEN THOSE WHO WERE READY WENT IN WITH HIM TO THE MARRIAGE FEAST, AND THE DOOR WAS LOCKED.

VS.13 "SO YOU TOO MUST KEEP WATCH! FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW THE DAY OR HOUR OF MY RETURN.

- **GOD DOES NOT WANT US TO CONTINUE MAKING THE SAME MISTAKES**

QUOTE: INSANITY IS DEFINED BY DOING THE SAME THINGS OVER AND OVER AND EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS. – ALBERT EINSTEIN

JOHN 14:6 JESUS SAID, “I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE CAN COME TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.”

GOSPEL: WE MAY KNOW SOME FACTS OF HISTORY, BUT GOD KNOWS THE WAY TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE & HE INVITES US TO COME, FOLLOW & TO LIVE FOR HIM

PSALM 27:8

MY HEART HAS HEARD YOU SAY, “COME AND TALK WITH ME.” AND MY HEART RESPONDS, “LORD, I AM COMING.”

DECLARE: ‘THE RIGHT RESPONSE FOR ME IS TO TURN FROM MY EVIL WAYS AND TO SEEK YOUR FACE, O LORD.’ – ‘FOR I BELIEVE, NOTHING IS GONNA HOLD ME BACK! I’M ALIVE TO LIVE FOR YOU.’

Q: WHAT IF YOU KNEW A SITUATION WOULD REPEAT ITSELF LATER IN LIFE, WOULD YOU AIM TO LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM THE EXPERIENCE? SO THAT NEXT TIME, YOU HANDLE IT WITH A LITTLE MORE SKILL, PATIENCE, OR GRACE, FOR EXAMPLE.

PERSONAL STORY: TICKET AT 4-WAY STOP. NEIGHBOR DIES WITHOUT A WILL. NEIGHBOR BLOCKS MY DRIVEWAY, ETC...

- ANTICIPATED SITUATION/ NATURAL RESPONSE/BIBLICAL RESPONSE

DEUTERONOMY CH.21-26, OVERVIEW:

MOSES SHARES A VARIETY OF WISE GUIDELINES FOR LIFE IN THE PROMISED LAND. HE ANTICIPATES SITUATIONS THAT COULD ARISE TO DISRUPT THE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF ISRAEL’S SOCIETY. IN AREAS AS DIVERSE AS MARRIAGE, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, PURITY, AND TITHING. MOSES GIVES THE ISRAELITES INSTRUCTION ON WHAT SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT BE DONE.

READ DEUT.21:1-9

VS.5 THEN THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS MUST STEP FORWARD AND TO PRONOUNCE BLESSINGS IN THE LORD'S NAME. THEY ARE TO DECIDE ALL LEGAL AND CRIMINAL CASES.

VS.9 BY FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS, YOU WILL DO WHAT IS RIGHT IN THE LORD'S SIGHT AND WILL CLEANSE THE GUILT OF MURDER FROM YOUR COMMUNITY.

READ MATTHEW 25:14-46

VS.29, "TO THOSE WHO USE WELL WHAT THEY ARE GIVEN, EVEN MORE WILL BE GIVEN, AND THEY WILL HAVE AN ABUNDANCE."

VS.31, "BUT WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES IN HIS GLORY, AND ALL THE ANGELS WITH HIM, THEN HE WILL SIT UPON HIS GLORIOUS THRONE.

VS.32, ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE GATHERED IN HIS PRESENCE...

VS 34 "THEN THE KING WILL SAY TO THOSE ON HIS RIGHT, 'COME YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER, INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

ISA.55:13

WHERE THERE WERE THORNS, CYPRESS TREES WILL GROW. WHERE NETTLES GREW, MYRTLES WILL SPROUT UP. THESE EVENTS WILL BRING GREAT HONOR TO THE LORD'S NAME; THEY WILL BE AN EVERLASTING SIGN OF HIS POWER AND LOVE.

- MAY WE TOO BEGIN TO SEE THE GOOD RISE FROM OUR HARSHIPS
- **QUOTE:** WHEN YOU ARE GIVEN LEMONS...MAKE LEMONADE.
- LET US TRULY BELIEVE THAT GOD IS FOR US

ISA.54:17

BUT IN THAT COMING DAY NO WEAPON TURNED AGAINST YOU WILL SUCCEED. YOU WILL SILENCE EVERY VOICE RAISED UP TO ACCUSE YOU. THESE BENEFITS ARE ENJOYED BY THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD; THEIR VINDICATION WILL COME FROM ME. I, THE LORD HAVE SPOKEN.