

## WITH THE END IN VIEW

I had just tried to put myself together from the hurting and harrowing experience of losing Hope Mike Omenka, my best friend, to the cold hands of death. I had resolved to let God console his family members and myself while praying for that comfort and consolation. After the painful moment had fully sank in, I picked up some few lessons aside the fact that this life is just a fleeting moment and everything is just reserved for the day of destruction. Worthy of note among my reflections was the fact that everyone who had a contact and even the briefest of time with Hope Omenka had some level of assurance and comfort in the fact that he lived a very Godly life and had made it at the end.

Everyone has this confidence that he made heaven, no one is in doubt of the manner of life he lived on earth, particularly bearing in mind that he left a deposit on every life that came his way with a concept he named "thick love" with which he used to spread God's teaching of love, which he did, not just in words but in deed. I could go on sharing his life and times but the question is what will be the remark of people that knew you on earth, when your time here is up and you have passed on? Those who barely heard of him, talk less of seeing him have this belief, confidence and genuine hope that he, Hope made heaven, he was practically a living servant of God. At the point of his death he was a pastor of a campus chapel in the northern part of Nigeria and was dedicated in prayer study and Godly living as could be observed.

Dear reader, what will people say of you when you leave the earth? Will there be comfort in the fact that you lived life in a manner that God desires for you, to inherit eternity in heaven? Or will people weep and lament over the fact that there's no assurance of your peace in the after life? Will the words of Apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-17 be your comfort? To wit; "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

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15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The choice is yours while you still live and enjoy God's mercy, but know this that there's no safe place outside God through Christ Jesus our Lord. Give your life to Christ today and remain in Him and avoid regret in this world and in the world to come, avoid hell dear reader. What will be your testimony at the end of time, you can influence it now, say this prayer with me:

Dear Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that I am a sinner, I confess all my sins before You and I ask for your forgiveness. Come into my life today, be my Lord and saviour as I accept that You died for me on the cross and You are the son of God. From today it is forward ever with you and backward never. Thank you for answering my prayer In Jesus name. Amen.

Reader, this is the best thing you've done today if you just prayed that prayer of repentance and rededication. Now we can say you gave your life to Christ and you can be with him forever in a peaceful, beautiful and golden eternity.

God bless you, do not return to your sin but live all your days for God, study the Bible daily, do not neglect to pray always to God and live in His commandments. Live rapturably as the angels are rejoicing because of you right now.

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