

## ***Who raised Jesus? Did He raise Himself?***

It has been said that Christ raised himself from the dead, that He had power to raise Himself. Is it so?

John 10: 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because ***I lay down my life***, that I might take it again. 18 No man ***taketh*** it from me, but I lay it down of myself. **I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.** This commandment have I received of my Father.

Strong's 1849--power.

*ex-oo-see'-ah*

power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases, leave or permission

Note: This word “power” some say it means creative power, then He really didn’t lay it down, so it refers to His ***choice*** to, or not to, carry out the plan of salvation by His crucifixion. The choice of giving up His previous life: omnipresence, position, eternal existence. As Paul might well have returned to his position as a Pharisees, or the Apostles fishermen. The seed sower, The talents raise this question of following on or retuning to ones life before a knowledge of God. ***Mark 13:16; Heb. 10:13; Matt. 19:29; Matt. 16:24.***

Never can ***the cost of our redemption*** be realized until the redeemed shall stand with the Redeemer before the throne of God. Then as the glories of the eternal home burst upon our enraptured senses we shall remember that ***Jesus left all this for us, that He not only became an exile from the heavenly courts, but for us took the risk of failure and eternal loss.*** Then we shall cast our crowns at His feet, and raise the song, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." Rev. 5:12. {DA 131.3}

The rich man is not to glory in his riches. If we fix our affections on worldly things, we fail to exalt Christ. Satan would keep our minds absorbed with the things of this life, that we may lose sight of the highest life; but we cannot afford to yield to his devices. Christ is the source of all temporal, as well as all spiritual blessings. If he has given us riches, it is not that we may claim them as our own.

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.” *Paul counted all things but loss that he might win Christ.* But when the Saviour calls for our possessions and our service, there are many who see they cannot obey God and carry their earthly treasures with them, and they decide to stay by their treasures. *Jesus left all his glory, and became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich. But how few of his professed followers appreciate his great sacrifice! How few are willing to follow his example!* How can those who expect to stand around Christ’s throne, and to be clothed with his righteousness, distrust God, and fear that he will leave them to come to want? Where is their faith? Our Heavenly Father feeds the ravens, and will he not much more feed us? “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” If we had a right view of Christ, we would permit nothing to interpose between ourselves and him. { RH March 15, 1887, par. 16 }

I saw the beauty of Heaven. I heard the angels sing their rapturous songs; I heard them sing praise, honor, and glory, to Jesus. I could then realize something of the wondrous love of the Son of God. *He left all the glory, all the honor he had in Heaven, and was so interested for our salvation that he patiently and meekly bore every indignity and slight that man could heap upon him.* He was wounded, smitten, and bruised; he was stretched on Calvary’s cross and suffered the most agonizing death to save us from death, that his blood might wash us and we be raised up to live with him in the mansions he is preparing for us, enjoy the light and glory of Heaven, and hear the angels sing, and sing with them. { 4bSG 10.3 }

The temptations to which Christ was subjected were a terrible reality. As a free agent He was placed on probation, with liberty to yield to Satan's temptations and work at cross-purposes with God. *If this were not so, if it had not been possible for Him to fall, He could not have been tempted in all points as the human family is tempted.* {3SM 131.3}

Heb. 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, *despising the shame*, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*The plan of redemption was entirely voluntary on the part of our Redeemer, and it is the purpose of Christ that all our benevolence should be freewill offerings.* {3T 413.3}

Note: First lets compare scripture with scripture. The meaning then is that He had the power to choose to die for us or not, to carry forward the plan of salvation. And we to have the power to choose whether to Die to self for Christ as Paul illustrates "I die daily," 1Cor. 15:31 and "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil 2:21

Second, He could not be our Substitute if He did raise himself, for we can not raise ourself, therefore He would not be subject to eternal separation from the Father by death as we are! Giving us an excuse for non compliance.

Heb. 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made *a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death*, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man

Now that we see this Scripture refers to His Choice/Decission.

Now we can see He could use nothing that we cannot.

Can we raise ourselves from the Dead?

"Christ felt that by sin He was being separated from His Father. The gulf was so broad, so black, so deep, that His spirit shuddered before it. *This agony He must not exert His divine power to escape.* As man He must suffer the consequences of man's sin. As man He must endure the wrath of God against transgression. " {ST, January 15, 1902 par. 2}

John. 5: 19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, *The Son can do nothing of himself*, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

5:30 *I can of mine own self do nothing:* as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and *that I do nothing of myself*; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Not without a struggle could Jesus listen in silence to the arch-deceiver. But the Son of God was not to prove His divinity to Satan, or to explain the reason of His humiliation. By conceding to the demands of the rebel, nothing for the good of man or the glory of God would be gained. Had Christ complied with the suggestion of the enemy, Satan would still have said, Show me a sign that I may believe you to be the Son of God. Evidence would have been worthless to break the power of rebellion in his heart. *And Christ was not to exercise divine power for His own benefit.* He had come to bear trial as we must do, leaving us an example of faith and submission. Neither here nor at any subsequent time in His earthly life did He work a miracle in His own behalf. His wonderful works were all for the good of others. Though Jesus recognized Satan from the beginning, He was not provoked to enter into controversy with him. Strengthened with the memory of the voice from heaven, He rested in His Father's love. He would not parley with temptation. {DA 119.3}

Jesus revealed *no qualities, and exercised no powers, that men may not have* through faith in Him. His perfect humanity is that which all His followers may possess, if they will be in subjection to God as He was. {DA 664.4}

Satan in heaven had hated Christ for His position in the courts of God. He hated Him the more when he himself was dethroned. He hated Him who pledged Himself to redeem a race of sinners. Yet into the world where Satan claimed dominion God permitted His Son to come, a helpless babe, subject to the weakness of humanity. *He permitted Him to meet life's peril in common with every human soul,* to fight the battle *as every child of humanity must fight it,* at the risk of failure and eternal loss. {DA 49.1}

Note: Had He raised Himself from the grave it would've destroyed the plan of salvation—this is a doctrine that bares the marks of satan. Why? because He would not have been subject to eternal separation from God as we are through sin—therefore He could have not had faith, being our example in all things.

The Saviour could not see through the *portals* of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father's acceptance of the sacrifice. *He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their separation was to be eternal.* Christ felt the anguish which the sinner will feel when mercy shall no longer plead for the guilty race. It was the sense of sin, bringing the Father's *wrath* upon Him as man's substitute, that made the cup He drank so bitter, and *broke the heart* of the Son of God. {DA 753:2}

### ***At Least 26 Times the Apostles said, Who raised Jesus?***

1 Cor. 15:13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

15:14 And if Christ be not risen, then [is] our preaching vain, and your faith [is] also vain.

15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of **God that he raised up Christ:** whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

1Thess 1:9 For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true **God;**

1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he **raised from the dead,** [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Note: But notice the Apostles and One who was there, didn't believe Christ raised Himself from the Grave. If Jesus raised himself were true it would make the Apostles false witnesses. Thus destroying faith in the Bible.

Acts. 2:24 Whom **God hath raised up,** having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

2:32 This Jesus **hath God raised up,** whereof we all are witnesses.

3:15 And killed the Prince of life, whom **God hath raised from the dead;** whereof we are witnesses.

3:26 Unto you first **God, having raised up** his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom **God raised from the dead,**

[even] by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

5:30 The **God of our fathers raised up** Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

10:40 Him **God raised up** the third day, and showed him openly;

13:30 But **God raised him from the dead:**

13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, **in that he hath raised up** Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

13:34 And as concerning that **he raised him up from the dead**, [now] no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

13:37 But he, **whom God raised** again, saw no corruption.

17:31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], **in that he hath raised him from the dead.**

Romans. 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead **by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

8:11 But if the Spirit of him **that raised** up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, **he that raised** up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart **that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

1Cor. 6:14 And **God hath both raised** up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

15:15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because **we have testified of God the he raised up Christ:** whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

2Cor. Knowing that he which **raised up** the Lord Jesus **shall** raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present [us] with you.

Gal. 1:1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and

God the Father, who *raised him* from the dead;)

Eph. 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, *when he raised him from the dead*, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places],

Col. 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of God, *who hath raised* him from the dead.

1Thess. 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom *he raised from the dead*, [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

1Peter. 1:21 Who by him do believe in God, *that raised him up from the dead*, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.