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Death is the one subject that polite society refuses to discuss. We hide it in hospitals; we cover it with flowers; we speak of it in hushed whispers. We treat death as if it were a medical failure or a tragic accident. Even in the church, we often pray against it with such ferocity that we forget it is actually the gateway to our ultimate reward.

But the Bible takes a very different approach. Scripture does not view the death of a believer as a "tragedy." It views it as a Coronation. Psalm 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants."

For the Christian, death is not a period; it is a comma. It is not an exit; it is an entrance. It is the moment when the heavy tent of the earthly body is folded up so that the building of God, eternal in the heavens, can be inhabited 2 Corinthians 5:1.

Often, before this transition happens, God in His mercy sends signals. He does not always snatch His children away without warning. Just as a mother prepares a child for bed, or a host prepares a guest for departure, the Holy Spirit often begins a process of "weaning" the believer from this life to prepare them for the next.

These signs are not meant to scare you. They are meant to prepare you. If you, or someone you love, is experiencing these shifts, it may be that the King is standing on the porch, ready to welcome you home.

Today, we are going to walk through the 7 Spiritual Signs that the finish line is in sight. We are going to look at the "Thinning of the Veil," the "Surge of Clarity," and the "Spirit of Completion." We are going to demystify the process of dying so that we can face it with the dignity and hope of those who know where they are going.

Number 1: The Thinning of the Veil... Seeing the Unseen

The first and most common sign is a supernatural shift in vision. We live in a world separated from the spiritual realm by a "veil." Usually, this veil is thick. We walk by faith, not by sight. We believe in angels, but we don't see them. We believe in Jesus, but we don't see His face.

However, as a believer approaches the threshold of eternity, the veil begins to thin. It becomes threadbare.

You see this clearly in the death of Stephen, the first martyr. In Acts 7:55, moments before he died,

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"Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God."

He was still physically on earth, but his eyes were already registering the data of Heaven.

It is very common for dying believers to begin to see things that others in the room cannot see.

They might reach out to "grab" something invisible.

They might smile at an empty corner of the room.

They might claim to see a deceased spouse, a parent, or an angel waiting for them.

Medical science calls this "hallucination" caused by hypoxia or medication. But the spiritual consistency of these visions suggests something deeper. They are almost always visions of welcome.

The dying person is not losing their mind; they are gaining their sight. The headlights of the approaching glory are shining through the fog. If you or your loved one begins to interact with the "Cloud of Witnesses," do not correct them. They are simply seeing the welcoming committee.

Number 2: The Supernatural Withdrawal... The World Grows Strangely Dim

There is a beautiful old hymn that says, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus... and the things of earth will grow strangely dim."

One of the clearest signs that God is calling you home is a sudden, profound lack of interest in the things of this world.

Throughout our lives, we are obsessed with the "toys" of earth—our money, our hobbies, our politics, our sports teams, our news. We hold onto these things tightly.

But when the call comes, the grip loosens.

The person who used to check the stock market every day suddenly doesn't care.

The person who loved to argue politics suddenly finds it trivial.

The person who was obsessed with their career suddenly stops talking about it.

This is the Weaning Process.

Just as a child is weaned from milk to solid food, the Holy Spirit weans the soul from the temporary to the eternal.

It is not depression. Depression is a hopelessness about life. This is a detachment from life. It is a sense that "this world is not my home anymore."

The believer begins to look "past" the world. They become quiet, introspective, and distant—not because they are angry, but because they are packing their bags. Their appetite for earth is gone

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because they smell the feast of Heaven.

Number 3: The Spirit of Reconciliation... Closing the Loops

When you are going on a long trip, what do you do? You clean the house. You pay the bills. You make sure the pets are fed. You want to leave with "clean hands."

The same happens spiritually.

When death is near, there is often an urgent, overwhelming desire to Make Peace.

God often grants a window of time for "Terminal Lucidity" or spiritual clarity where the dying person feels compelled to fix broken relationships.

They might call an estranged child.

They might ask for forgiveness for a sin committed 20 years ago.

They might tell someone, "I love you," for the first time in years.

This is the spirit of Jacob in Genesis 49, gathering his sons to bless them and prophesy over them before he "gathered up his feet into the bed and breathed his last."

If you suddenly feel a pressing need to clear the air, to forgive your enemies, and to make sure everyone is okay—pay attention to that urge. It is the Holy Spirit helping you "settle your accounts" so you can enter eternity without the baggage of bitterness. It is the cleaning of the slate before the final meeting.

Number 4: The "Nunc Dimittis"... The Sense of Completion

In Luke 2, there is an old man named Simeon. He had been promised by God that he would not die until he saw the Messiah. When Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus into the temple, Simeon took Him in his arms and prayed:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace." Luke 2:29.

This prayer is known in Latin as the *Nunc Dimittis*—"Now You Dismiss."

Simeon wasn't suicidal. He was simply Finished.

He knew his assignment was done. He had seen what he needed to see; he had done what he needed to do.

One of the signs that God is calling you home is a deep, internal knowing that "The work is finished."

The ambition fades. The drive to "do one more thing" vanishes.

The Apostle Paul felt this in 2 Timothy 4:7: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I

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have kept the faith."

If you look at your life and feel a sense of satisfied closure—if you feel like the book has been written and there are no more chapters left to add—it may be that the Author is about to type "The End." This is a blessing. It means you are not being cut off in the middle of a sentence; you are completing the story.

Number 5: The Silver Cord Loosens... The Body's Resignation

Ecclesiastes 12 gives a poetic and graphic description of the aging and dying process. It speaks of the day when "the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken."

The "silver cord" is a metaphor for the fragile link between the spirit and the body.

When death is near, you can feel this cord loosening. The body begins to shut down, not just biologically, but spiritually. It stops fighting.

For years, the body fights to live. It fights infection; it fights fatigue. But there comes a moment when the body seems to accept the inevitable.

The appetite disappears completely.

The sleep becomes deeper and longer.

The breathing changes pattern.

But unlike a medical crash, for the believer, this often feels like a Relief.

The Apostle Paul called the body a "tent" 2 Corinthians 5:1. A tent is heavy. It tears. It leaks.

When God is calling you home, the tent starts to collapse, but the occupant inside starts to stand up. You might feel physically weak but spiritually lighter, as if the heavy coat you have been wearing for 70 years is finally slipping off your shoulders.

Number 6: The Vanishing of Fear... The Grace for Dying

This is the most supernatural sign of all.

Human beings are hardwired to fear death. It is our deepest biological instinct to survive. We fear the unknown; we fear the pain; we fear the separation.

But God promises "grace to help in time of need" Hebrews 4:16.

There is a specific grace called Dying Grace. You don't get it when you are healthy. You don't get it when you are 30 and strong. You get it when you need it.

When the moment comes, believers often report that the fear simply evaporates. It is replaced by a

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supernatural peace that surpasses all understanding.

Psalm 23 becomes a reality: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."

If you have spent your whole life terrified of dying, but suddenly you feel a calm acceptance—a feeling of "It's okay, I'm ready"—that is the signature of the Holy Spirit. He is anesthetizing your soul against the sting of death.

Death has lost its sting because Jesus took the poison out of it on the Cross. The fear is gone because the Shepherd is close.

Number 7: The Holy Homesickness... The Desire to Go

Finally, the ultimate sign is a shift in desire. You actually want to go.

In Philippians 1:23, Paul was torn. He said, "I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far."

Notice the word Desire.

It is not just that he was resigned to dying; he preferred it.

When God calls a saint home, He plants a homesickness in their chest. The world starts to feel like a foreign country. You feel like a stranger in a strange land.

You miss the atmosphere of Heaven—even though you haven't been there yet.

You miss Jesus.

You long for the reunion.

It is like being at a party that has gone on too long. The music is too loud, your feet hurt, and you just want to go to your own bed.

When you start looking at the obituary pages with envy rather than fear; when you start praying, "Lord, come quickly," not out of despair but out of excitement—get ready.

The Father is preparing the table. The angels are tuning the harps. The room is ready.

Conclusion

If you recognize these signs in yourself, do not panic. Rejoice.

You are not marching toward a cliff; you are marching toward a coronation.

You are not running out of time; you are running into Eternity.

Death for the believer is not the end of life; it is the end of dying. It is the end of tears, the end of pain, and the end of separation.

If the veil is thinning, if the world is fading, and if the peace is rising—lift up your head.

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Your redemption draws nigh.

The door is opening, and the Father is leaving the porch light on for you.

"Well done, good and faithful servant... Come and share your master's happiness!"