

## *The Mustard Seed Advent, 29-Oct-2011*

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### ***Believest Thou This, the Passing of a Friend***

Dear Brethren,

After our recent, Friday-night study, at 11: 17 PM Est., 10-28-11, I received a call from Amanda Thomas, the daughter of sister Marilyn (Lyn) Thomas. She informed me that, earlier that day, at 10:00am, her mother, after admitting herself to the hospital for chest pains, did not survive a heart attack and passed from life to death. Sadly, I was not made aware of her pains and could not correspondingly pray to the Father in the name of Christ, for her healing.

Sister Lyn (12-14-1953 to 10-28-2011) was survived by two children, Lawsey and Amanda Thomas and six grandchildren. Lynn was in her mid-50s. She and I met at my first, field seminar in Suitland Maryland, in 2006. Since then she gladly received the literature and read some of it. Her association with this work led to a major rift between her and her former Female-Holy-Spirit teaching, Branch-Davidian associated and religious friend. Many began to shun her for her courageous stand. It became apparent that she was under much stress because of this for she had some major doctrinal challenges to surmount as she sought to descend from that “Sycamore tree”. One doctrine that I can expressly remember was that of *The Name of the Lord* for she was thoroughly, yet incorrectly, trained by the Branch to uplift the currently considered, proper rendition of the Hebrew language as a medium to pacify the Lord’s demands for communion with Him. Of recent vintage, her contact with this office, perhaps due to her illness, was sporadic; thus, I cannot now know if she had learned to pray in the name of —not Yahweh, Yashua, or Yah, but — Christ, the name that He has scripturally identified for Himself. Lyn has been very ill since even before I first met her, and only the Lord who knows the heart, the tongue, and the hands of man, can account for her absence from the living now.

Vinnette and I considered Lyn a friend; although others in this message were, in recent times, in more direct communion with her. Nonetheless, we are comforted by the Lord’s word in this regard when His friend, Lazarus also passed into the grave. Lazarus, though not a disciple, also was closely connected with the Lord’s work and evoked much sadness when he died. The Lord said, “...**he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, Believest thou this?**” The best that I can discern, Lyn now meets the first aspect of this criterion. She at least believed the distinction between Christ and Jesus. Those of us who continue in the Lord’s word, must rest assured, fully, that as we advance in His word and embrace all that it defines, those who “liveth and believeth in (Him)”, can look forward to Lyn’s soon emergence in the special resurrection as did Jesus’ friend Lazarus likewise emerge.

Remarkably, for this region of the country, this is a cold and snowy day, but even in this mid-autumn date, we dispel the gloom and anticipate the warmth which tomorrow promises.

May the Lord extend comforts to the family of Sister Lyn Thomas, her friends, and neighbors.

Sincerely,

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