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Martyrs in White

robes seen

Under the Altar

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Martyrs in White Robes seen Under the Altar.

• Revelation 6:9-11: When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. ¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹ Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

It is not necessary to think that only the faithful who had been slain and will be slain are included here, for though the focus of John is upon the martyred, they would be seen amongst the masses of the faithful who had died a natural death also under the altar. The most likely reason the focus is solely upon those who had been slain, is because the martyrs have the fullest outward manifestation of the spirit of devotion to Christ of those who love him more than life itself, but the spirit of such devotion and love has dwelt in the heart of thousands who have never had to die the martyr's death, but would have, had they been called to, for the same devoted spirit and love for Christ lived within their lives.

Legalistic and theological religion without outward evidence manifests a lack of vitality within the faith, even though it embraces the intellect, whereas faith with outward evidence clearly manifests the vitality of a person's faith and its strength of power, for it produces heroism and self-sacrifice in the spirit of those who love their Lord and Saviour, and love not their lives even unto death.

The martyr spirit does not need death to manifest itself, for many die a natural death, who live for Christ's sake, who have never been called to lay down their lives for their Saviour, and these, have loved him as truly as those who have passed away in the cloud of persecution, who have loved not their lives unto the death. The Lord we love, may call us to die for Him, or call us to live for Him. If we faithfully die for him from love, or faithfully live for him from love, neither the one who died or the one who lived will be rewarded above the other, both will be raised together to the highest glory in heaven.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.