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Art Katz Goes Home, on: 2007/6/28 21:51

June 28, 2007 (7:30 PM Central Time)

The Lord took his servant home at 7:20 pm. He went very peacefully. He was surrounded to the last with his family, the Ben Israel family, and faithful friends.

<http://www.benisrael.org/updates/artkatzhealth.html>

Re: Art Katz Goes Home - posted by jordanamo, on: 2007/6/28 22:24

He has gone to such a better place, for which I am glad, but he will be missed so dearly.

'Tis wonderful thinking of his arrival in Heaven right now. What a glorious thing to ponder!

I hope this will inspire a renaissance of Katz.. read his books, writings on his website, and listen to his sermons. This man was unique and walked with God.

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/6/28 22:49

His life and ministry will continue to be a gift from God to His Church.

Lord we thank you for Art Katz's life.

MC

Art Katz Goes Home - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/6/28 23:43

1Sa 20:17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

Re: Art Katz Goes Home - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/6/28 23:48

Quote:

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[Image: <http://www.sermonindex.net/images/icons/katz.gif>]

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<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid=173>

Re: - posted by DezCall (), on: 2007/6/29 4:37

I have been tremendously blessed by this brother. I met him once, in The Netherlands, last year.

It was really humbling to see how this man of God showed up to preach to a bunch of 30 people in a ramshackled building, that didn't have a pulpit or even a decent chair to sit on. He came...and he preached. And to this very day I remember the verses he preached on:

Quote:
-----"Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?" (2 Peter 3:11-12)" (NKJV)

He, among other things, elaborated on the importance of how we live our lives as christians. How we speak with and to each other. To hasten the coming of the Lord, we should pursue to live lives...seeking to please God in every way (Col 1:9-14). Not in our own strength, but by the Holy Spirit that God has given us!

Praise God for this faithful man, who finished the race well (as far as I know).

In Christ,

Paul

Re: Art Katz Goes Home - posted by ZealForTruth, on: 2007/6/29 5:54

There's a great verse I was just reading that came to mind as soon as I saw this thread.

Daniel 12:3 "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Although I don't know Mr. Katz, this verse touched my heart when I read it and I know it rings true for all those that love Jesus!

Another beautiful verse is Psalms 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

May God give us all the strength to live the life of a saint, no matter what cost and what pain we endure - it's nothing compared to what we'll get up there!

Re: - posted by strawrifle (), on: 2007/6/29 6:14

Hi very sad news personally, but I know he's in heaven.. What a giant he was, I recently listened to one of his sermons From Self to Spirit which truly effected me just a stunning preacher...

God bless to his family and friends

andy

Re: - posted by suzy (), on: 2007/6/29 6:21

Thank you Lord for Art Katz; thank you that he is now with you. Thank you for all that you accomplished through his time here on earth.

I pray that you will comfort his family especially at this time. May they know your love surrounding them and helping them in the days that lie ahead as they re-adjust their lives without Art. Thank you that they know that this is a temporary parting, and that we shall all be re-united together one day, to be with you forever.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Jesus Christ has risen from the dead! Hallelujah!

Suzy

Re: Art Katz Goes Home - posted by death2self (), on: 2007/6/29 8:40

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. What a dear brother this man was.... May the Lord lift up his family during this time of sorrow...

Re:, on: 2007/6/29 10:06

His death is gain. For Art ran the race with endurance and finished what the Lord had for him to do. Is there something more wonderful than leaving this world, and being accepted in the Lamb's spotless bride, beloved, as His faithful servant? If there is something that should make us rejoice more than seeing a sinner turn from his evil ways it is seeing the Lord take home His sanctified sons and daughters, who have fought the good fight and overcome this world without soiling their garments. For now they will be always with Him, and dwell with Him in the Heavenly Jerusalem, for ever and ever. What a great place to be!

Art preached on this Himself, on the conclusion of the Book of Revelation, in his sermon: (<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid3347>) Revelation 21: "The City of God". May we too never lose sight of eternity like God's servant Art, and press on even more diligently toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. A great cloud of witnesses beckons us there.

What else should I say: the Lord used this man to transform my life, and I cannot imagine where I would be now without the truth Art's messages brought home into my heart. For he was a mouthpiece of the Lord, not seeking the honor or praise of men, and devoid of vain ambition, so even what I say now, all words of praise and thanksgiving, should go to my Heavenly Father. For "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (Js. 1:17). For by God's grace Art did what he did, and even though he accomplished a lot, it wasn't him, but the grace of God that was with him (1 Cor. 15:10)! May God give us the humility to seek Him and be found of Him and to walk humbly with Him the rest of our lives; for brothers and sisters, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. May therefore the Lord of the harvest, who has so graciously determined to use earthly vessels so His work may be made even more glorious, strengthen our weak bodies and work out in and through them His purposes on earth. "To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

In Christ,
Slavyan

Re: Art Katz Goes Home, on: 2007/6/29 14:42

I've only just got to "know" this dear man, through one or two talks downloaded. The one I'm reading at the moment has "knocked my socks off", as a friend from the North of England would say.

The words that came to mind on reading the news was "he being dead yet speaketh" (Hebrews 11:4).

It's fitting that these words should be in the Bible's "roll of honour" of men of faith.

Jeannette

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2007/6/29 16:14

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

As Art was fond of pointing out in his messages, when the church is assembled for worship, all of heaven is with them. The greatest thing we can do to honor our brother's name and message is not simply to speak mere sentimental "Gee, we'll miss him," or "Gee, he made an impact on my life" type stuff. Such our brother would not be interested in. But, what would do his heart good when we gather together with all of heaven as a church to worship, is to embody the apostolic reality of the messages he preached, and to proclaim them with the same authority. That is what all heaven longs to see, for they know very well nothing else will cause the principalities and powers of the air to tremble than this very thing.

And when you get to heaven, let it be noted that brother Katz has stated on a number of occasions that you can come visit him at his mansion. So take him up on that! :)

Re: Speechless - posted by Spitfire, on: 2007/6/29 20:04

Oh! Oh! My heart aches with a strange feeling. My tears roll down in gratitude to God for the life of this dear man of God. I'm telling you people, this man's message has changed me for all eternity! I will never be the same! Praise be to God!

I learned of Art Katz through the audio messages on this website in the fall of 2004. Over the course of a year, I probably listened to at least 100 of Art's messages and some of them I transcribed and listened to 7-10 times. I went to Ben Israel in August '05 for one week of their prophetic conference. I shall never forget...we had gone outside at lunchtime to enjoy the amazing weather. It was a beautiful, sunny day and the temperature was in the 70's. Art had walked over and sat down in an adirondack chair in the sun for a few minutes alone. I was watching him and wanting to introduce myself and thank him for all that he had imparted to my life. I walked over and we talked for maybe 15 minutes. I told him that I had been listening to his messages every day for a year. He said, "Well then, you probably know me better than I do." When it came time for us to go back inside, he stuck his hand up and said, "Would you please pull me up out of this chair?" I tell you, I had tears in my eyes for the privilege of helping this dear man of God to his feet. It felt like a....such a...privilege. That's all I can say.

I loved him and I shall never, never forget him. I know I will often picture that great cloud of witnesses and see Art there cheering us on. If ever I believed that someone went to heaven, it is him. I hope to see him there someday.

Thanks, Art, thank you for all the sacrifices you made and for showing me God, as he, in fact, is. Thank you to everyone at Ben Israel and especially to Art's family. I love you all and I appreciate you so much. Dian.

Re: Art Katz Goes Home - posted by narrowpath, on: 2007/6/29 20:13

Art Katz prophetic message had a profound impact on me. He helped me to awake from my spiritual slumber. I listened to over a hundred of his sermons. I got in touch with Art and drove him around when he was in the UK in spring last year. It was wonderful to spend some time with him. These are very personal and unforgettable memories for me. He has pointed the church towards the time of Jacob's trouble and Israel's ultimate restoration. This is the ultimate display of God's grace, and most Christians do not have the capacity to take it on board. Art is gone home to glory but we must accommodate his message into our eschatology otherwise we will be so offended that we miss God in the end.

I pray that other prophets will carry on from what Art has set up. Who is able to pay such a price and endure the rejection by vast parts of the church that he endured? May God raise up some fearless soldiers that can be entrusted with such a message, perhaps from the midst of the sermonindex community?

Isaiah 53

1 Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

narrowpath

Re: Funeral Service for Arthur Katz - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/6/30 0:52

Funeral Service for Arthur Katz

Sunday (July 1st, 2007)

Visitation from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Cease Funeral Home in Bemidji.

Location::

2807 Irvine Avenue NW
Bemidji, MN 56601
(218) 751-9700

Monday (July 2nd, 2007)

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4:00 pm funeral service at the Ben Israel Lodge, followed by a time of fellowship and meal.

Monday Evening

7:00 pm Graveside service and burial at Ben Israel Fellowship.

On behalf of Art's family and Ben Israel, please know that you are all welcome to join us in this final celebration of his life

We are requesting that you notify us via email (bisrael@paulbunyan.net) or telephone (218 335-2562) if you are coming.

Please check the Cease Funeral Home website for an online obituary of Arthur Katz. It will be posted June 30th.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2007/6/30 4:58

He will be missed alot and his insight is like no other. His sermons have affected my life profoundly!
Dom

Re: - posted by Jeppe (), on: 2007/6/30 18:10

From the Benisrael website:

We as a family would first, would like to express from our hearts with great humility, gratitude for the amazing outpouring of love, compassion and support that has been shown to us. It is beyond words or imagination. As Dad put it before he went home and when he was more lucid, "it's amazing, all these people are coming out of the woodwork just for me", he kept telling us to send people home, he felt he did not deserve the attention being poured out. But he was loved and we still love him and you all loved him, and that says more than anything ever could....isn't it true, that"the greatest of these i s love"? What else could we ever ask for?

Thank you for your continued prayers as we get through these next few days. From my heart, I do ask that you remember the Ben Israel Family as well, this is just as hard for all of them as it is for his natural, physical family. I know Papa always has these precious folks here close to his heart. If you could only see what I have seen since Dad became ill last week, you would be so greatly blessed.

Now, for a practical note and maybe a blessing to you...

The original service time information stated that the meal would be before the burial. That has been changed and the meal will now be after the actual burial. If you did not already know, permission is being obtained from the County to designate a part of the land on the farm (Ben Israel property) as a cemetery. Many of you know how much Papa loved to walk, so, we will be taking him for one last walk from the lodge to the farm for his final, earthly resting place. We will be pulling him on a cart. If you would like to be part of that procession and it would in some way it would be significant for you, please just work your way forward and take the place of another who is there, go as you see fit, help is you desire in that way and be blessed!

Sissie

Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2007/6/30 19:09

Have been unsure of what to actually say here, as there was so much to thank the Lord for, in this brother. It is hard to come to terms with speaking of him in the past tense, and even the mere having to replace an "is" with a "was" causes me to ponder his life.

1 Cor 11:1 comes to mind, "Be ye followers of me, as I also am of Christ", and I think the thing that was most significant of Art, was the degree of access that he gave us of his life. Dian has earlier noted of meeting him and his making the comment, "You probably know me better than I know myself", after she told him of the amount of his preaching she had listened to. Art had often said something to the effect of, "I'm not clergy, I'm just Art", and I believed him, every time. This wasn't a mere theatrical device. This placed me alongside of him, and made sure that I didn't put him on a pedestal (although many have accused me of doing so). Art showed me that it wasn't because he was "Art", that he didn't and said all these things, but it was because of God, and I could have access to the same, if I trusted God the same.

He was more of a brother/father, than a preacher, and although I only heard of him three or four years ago, and only met him on one occasion, I feel that I have spent a lifetime under his tutelage. Art has allowed me to see his development into a man of God, from his very conversion (see http://www.benisrael.org/writings/online_books/ben_israel_odyssey_of_a_modern_jew/bi_contents.html) Ben Israel - Odissey of a Modern Jew), right up to his deathbed, and everything in between. And the Lord has left a legacy, such that all can share this experience, even from the grave.

There is a preaching compilation on this site, called <http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid6567>) Everyone needs to do nursery where a lady speaks of how all these great men of God talk about their life as if they have it all together and just popped out that way. This accusation could never be leveled at Art. I will be forever grateful for what the Lord has done in me through this vessel, and feel that any attempt to express my gratitude will be left lacking, including these words.

:cry:

Re: Art Katz Goes Home - posted by jarona (), on: 2007/7/4 21:37

Praise the Most High!

Art goes home - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/7/4 22:47

Bless you Aaron, much similar sentiments that I haven't yet been able to ... codify.

Re:, on: 2007/7/4 23:15

Thank you Aaron and others who have posted messages from Brother Katz since I found SI.

I lifted this prayer from Chpt. 18 of his book that Aaron posted, just as I found it.

"Ô GOD OF MY FATHERS ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB. THE GOD OF MY OWN SAVIOR, JESHUA. I HAND MYSELF OVER TO YOU NOW. I SURRENDER ALL. TAKE ME AS I AM AND MAKE ME WHAT I OUGHT TO BE. FOR THE SAKE OF THY GLORY ALONE, SO HELP ME GOD.Ô"

Arthur Katz

I have to tell you, that I've been around the block with far too many Ministries when first coming to Christianity and then looking on the internet in '02.

So by time I had found SI, I said many times to many people, "I only like dead authors, because they've stood the test of time."

Little did I ever imagine that Art Katz would join my list of Authors that I can say I now trust.

GJN, I believe his nickname is, prayed that others would take up for Art and his words & his type ministry.

Well, I feel those here who exemplify Christ to me, who have recommended Art's writings, are doing just that.

Thank you!

My grandmother was from a persecuted Jewish family in Russia and her parents got up enough to just send her and her brother here, out of ten children via a boat from Austria to N.Y., Ellis Island. She was only 14 and lost her brother when the boat landed here. She was all alone with a foreign tongue, but she had a strength, that I'm not sure where she got it from, except maybe from the persecution.

She later met and married a wonderful Italian man and she spoke fluent English and Italian, long before I was born.

I didn't know this until she was gone. She raised me for 10 years and I didn't know.

She was ashamed of being both from Russia and of being Jewish and afraid to tell us all. Even her own children didn't know ... but they suspected, but kept it quiet also and some of that shame was passed a little bit to them, except 2 married Jewish spouses.

Later I moved to a town when I was a young teenager, that was predominately Jewish. I felt very left out from their crowd and it made me feel hurt.

But the day after I was officially saved, I woke up with such a love for the Jewish people, that Only God could have done that to me. It was my first morning born-again and the thought wasn't even on my mind, but the LORD put it there very strongly.

It was years later that I found out about the very grandmother who raised me those years and would sing Yiddish songs and tell me she learned them from a family who took her in from Ellis Island.

Thank you SI people, for all you've done for me and so many others.

You've helped me along the way to find myself and to still have the chance to grow all the more, together with you and all that is provided here. My prayers have always and always will be for this ministry and its members. Thank you so very -very much. I have far to go.

Sincerely,
Annie

Re: - posted by crucified, on: 2007/7/11 23:37

The Lord has greatly blessed me by directing me to the epochal ministry of Brother Art Katz through Sermon Index. For the last several years He has had me devouring his messages almost daily. The only way to describe the impact on my life is one word = REALITY. I had the great privilege of speaking to Bro. Art over the phone several times in the weeks and months preceding his homegoing, and I can testify to the depth of humility, gentleness and graciousness that exuded from the man in the midst of deep suffering. When I thanked him with tears for his tremendous contributions to my own life and to the Body over the past 40 something years, he simply said that it had been his great privilege to serve the One who alone was worthy to receive All Glory. This was truly a bondservant of great stature brethren. This was a beloved son, hear ye him!