**Where is thy sting:**

**Reflection:**

Are you afraid to die? What if the plague comes near your tent? Many are suddenly seriously considering their mortality for perhaps the first time, and they don’t like it, not in the least. And they shouldn’t: it is ugly, it is horrible, it is one of the broken pieces of creation that Christ came to redeem, but do we need to be afraid? Paul doesn’t think so, as he blithely quotes, “*O death where is thy victory, O death where is thy sting?* (I Corinthians 15:55).*”* We shouldn’t like death, but we don’t need to dread it, at least for those who trust in the redemptive work of Christ!

**Let Us Pray:**

Pray for those who are sick and perhaps dying, and for their loved ones. Pray that we discover the Reason why we can rejoice, even in the very face of death. Pray for courage and strength, peace and wisdom in the current crisis, for our leaders, communities, families, and world, that we not react in fear but with boldness and wisdom. Pray that panic and frustration will be replaced by the peace that passes all understanding, as we place our concerns in His capable hands, and even if He does not save us, we can still trust Him.

**Recommended Scripture**:

[Psalm 139](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+139&version=ESV)

[Revelation](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+21&version=ESV) 21:1-8

[I](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians+15&version=ESV) Corinthians 15:42-58

**Recommended Worship:**

[Death Was Arrested](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsMiluCUUI)

[Hope Has a Name](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DohShCMjvXI)

[Living](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f2FXxDVO6w) Hope