

## General Topics :: Message by Art Katz, Please Listen

### Message by Art Katz, Please Listen, on: 2012/4/9 9:34

I am not one to promote a favorite preacher or teacher. I listen to few sermons as I am drawn more to listen to the scriptures. This is no reflection on the quality of good teaching found on this site. This is the way God has wired me.

Yesterday I was drawn to listen to a message by Art Katz entitled The Invisible Cloud of Witnesses. I know Art Katz is one of the featured speakers on this website and his messages are well received. This particular message is taken out of Hebrews 12:1. He speaks of those witnesses who have been persecuted in times past and its message for us today. His challenge is we live in light of eternity.

As I listened to this message I got the impression that Brother Art does not hold to a pretrib rapture. He believes that one can very well be martyred in this day. And this in the west. He is challenging believers to live in light of eternity.

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I was amazed a westerner such as Art Katz would speak on martyrdom. Indeed this is a topic that the western Christian does not want to hear. For that matter this is a topic that Sermon Index does not want to hear. It is far easier to debate control and have correct doctrine than follow Christ, even to death.

Even though this is Art Katz, many of you SI will be offended and turned off. But for you small remnant there is a blessing waiting for you. The message is audible. It was given in France so there is a French interpreter to listen to. It is found in the Art Katz Apostolic Foundation Thread. It is entitled The Invisible Cloud of Witnesses.

I know many will be offended by the message. But for you few with the courage of Christ, this will be a rich blessing for you.

Bearmaster standing down.

### Re: Message by Art Katz, Please Listen - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2012/4/9 9:55

Brother Art Katz has many messages on this subject and needed one in our day seeing it draws closer to the end.

a good listen of several featured speakers on SI compiled into one message on this subject. <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=17113&commentView=itemComments>

### Re: Message by Art Katz, Please Listen - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2012/4/9 10:25

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Magna Carta of Apostolic faith

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=12178>

Martyrdom

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=3644>

Invincible cloud of witnesses

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=10815>

Decade of the ninties

<http://artkatzministries.org/audio-messages/decade-of-the-nineties-2-of-3/>

**Re: , on: 2012/4/9 11:15**

I srand corrected. Evidently this brother has a message of martyrdom to our age. I look forward to hearing mire of him. Thank you for sharing these links.

**Re: - posted by ET101, on: 2012/4/9 12:32**

I'm currently about a third of the way through Art's book 'Apostolic Foundations.' How can I put this? If I had one last post to make on SI before I died, it would be:

Please, whatever you do, read this book!!

**Re: , on: 2012/4/9 13:15**

Thank you, Brother Christian.

Also know what you mean, ET101. We're blessed and grateful to have found Art here on SI years back. Wouldn't have found him otherwise. Very Grateful! One reaches a point in their walk that if they can't find anyone that is going "deeper still", they can get discouraged, lonely and can lead to a sort of spiritual depression. 'Glory to GOD' for what Brother Art left for us. It's such a gift for the serious-minded last days Saints that want to press in further and further, without the limit that others may put on this walk, or race. Amen!, Saints of the Most High and Holy GOD our Saviour. He is worthy of all Praise and Glory.

**Re: , on: 2012/4/9 14:34**

I have listened to the message by Art Katz on Martyrdom. It was the English to Arabic one. Totally incredible, moving, sobering, and convicting. What caught my attention was the brother believes he will be martyred, even by his own people. So what do we know about him. I know he is Jewish. Is he from Israel? Is he Canadian or American? Is he still living?

**Re: , on: 2012/4/9 14:43**

Here you go, Bearmaster ...

<http://artkatzministries.org/about-art-katz/>

Call me 'conspiratorial', but I do believe he was martyred - but I could be wrong of course - I just know that inflicting diseases is possible and has been done for hundreds of yrs.

Thanks for your thoughts for him.

**Re: Message by Art Katz, Please Listen - posted by staff, on: 2012/4/9 18:06**

Hi Bearmaster,

I haven't listened to the sermon yet but will.

The comment below in my opinion is incorrect.

Whether or not the west want an easy way out with a pretrib rapture has no bearing on whether it is pre trib or post trib. The logic that a lot of people use - just because the west want a pretrib rapture must mean that God will do the opposite is not a proper exegesis of the subject. Also there are many Post trib western believers (seemingly the only believers willing to give all) who are chomping at the bit for tribulation but that does mean that they will or will not see tribulation.

It has to be scriptural. On this subject there are 2 main views and both sides put up strong scriptural arguments.

I lean away from a post trib view because of this scripture

Luke 17:26-30:

"And as it was in the days of Noe, (Noah) so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

As for Martyrdom, it is folly to become a martyr if that is not what God has for your life. If Art Katz goes and preaches in Tehran without the Lords say so then this is folly. The disciples counted themselves blessed to suffer and so should we but we should go as directed.

Also may I add that the suggestion that the offended (the ones that don't agree with a particular point of view whether it is Art Katz or my view) are somehow without the courage of Christ is just name calling in my opinion. Let's be fair there are not two classes of Christians in this world only one.

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Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by lylewise, on: 2012/4/9 20:57**

Art is not a stand alone. Corrie Ten Boom seems to have held to the understanding that it is naive that the saints will be withhelld from persecution.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2012/4/9 21:16**

Quote:

What caught my attention was the brother believes he will be martyred, even by his own people. So what fo we know about him. I know he is Jewish. I s he from Israel? Is he Canadian or American? Is he still living?

Art died back in 2007 surrounded by friends and family at the Ben Israel fellowship in his bed. He had a very rare and p ainful medical condition that ultimately took his life. I forget the exact nature or name of the disease. But it was a lung is sue of some sort that greatly reduced his oxygen levels, and the ability of his body to function. If you listen to his sermo ns with a sense of history, you will notice that his voice changes greatly over the years. Compare a sermon from the 19 70's to something in 2005. His voice changes more than what can be ascribed to just old age. It was ultimately his dise ase catching up to him. You might say it slowly suffocated him.

**Re: , on: 2012/4/10 2:23**

He got sick in 2005 and was later diagnosed with polyarteritis nodosa , then later they were told that it was some 'uniden tified form' of vasculitis but then back to PAN. An autoimmune disease that causes inflammation of the arteries and organ damage because of that - the cause of that disease is unknown but The LORD knows the mystery behind these diseas es and Art knows now.

eta - this was the announcement from the Ben Israel's update page that day ...

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.

**Re: , on: 2012/4/10 9:04**

It is sad in one sense this servant has departed to be with the Lord. But in another and greater sense we rejoice he is in the literal presence of Christ. Art's ministry to us will surely live on in his messages. And for sure, Brother Art, will contin ue to speak to us from heaven. I look forward to listening to more of his messages.

**Re: Staff, on: 2012/4/10 9:27**

Greetings brother,

I think Lylewise best expressed after your post what I was trying to convey. So I will not go back and rehash. It was not my intention to namecall or insult. A lot of good and godly people hold to both views of the rapture.

But I do think Cory Ten Boon and Art Katz are trying to call the western church to the reality we will be persecuted and p ossibly give our lives for Christ. Persecution of Christ followers is not limited to what we call the 10/40 window. On a pe rsonal level Paul said those who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. So even in the west, ones w alk with Jesus will invite persecution. Tragically this persecution can often come from other believers.

Brother wish you blessings of Jesus. Whatever our rapture views may be, we all agree the best view is Jesus.

Kindest sincerity,

Bearmaster.

**Re: Saints, on: 2012/4/10 10:28**

Brother Hmmhmm posted a link earlier in this thread to an SI compilation, To Live Is Christ. It is a compilation of SI archived messages on martyrdom which includes Art Katz. This is not gloom stuff but good soul filling protein. I found tears streaming down my eyes but then in the next instant shouting Hallelujah to God. This is good stuff!!!!

I found myself asking, why is this stuff not being preached in our churches. I feel like the scribe who found the Torah which had not been read in several years..

The compilation is only 30 or so minutes but WOW. To coin a word from our charismatic friends this stuff is annointed. If you have not listened to this or even if you have do please listen to it again. It will blow you away. But do have a box of tissues standing by.

Again great stuff to take you into the throne room.

Bearmaster.

**Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2012/4/10 11:17**

bearmaster

In the compilation are snippets from these sermons if you desire to "feed" more on this subject, I share because these have had through the years been messages that had an impact on my sojourn.

The Theology of Martyrdom by Dean Taylor

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=15168&commentView=itemComments>

Truth, Love, and Self-Sacrifice - the Weapons of Christ and the Christian by Josef Tson

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=11444&commentView=itemComments>

Zac Poonen excerpts are from his series called  
From Babylon to Jerusalem (also available on SI)  
[http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/from\\_babylon\\_to\\_jerusalem.php](http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/from_babylon_to_jerusalem.php)

From Babylon to Jerusalem don't know exactly which but in the book of DANIEL and ZECHARIAH. It is worth going through them all. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

**Re: , on: 2012/4/10 18:41**

hmmhmm posted: a good listen of several featured speakers on SI compiled into one message on this subject. <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=17113&commentView=itemComments>

You're right, bearmaster - this is excellent - very much so.

**Re: Heart is Challenged, on: 2012/4/11 15:33**

I have only listened to 4 messages by Art Katz but my heart has been challenged. The last message of One Thing You Still Lack was very penetrating. We may think that giving all for Jesus is laying aside the things of this world. But when Art speaks of having to put a beloved pet to death to follow Christ, this really puts ones heart bare before Christ. We find ourselves trembling. Then asking what is God asking me to lay on the altar to follow him.

With Abraham it was his son. With Jesus his life. With Art his German shepherd. What will it be for me? ???

I have noticed some threads have been started over whether we can lose our salvation. Perhaps after listening to One Thing You Still Lack you find yourself asking as I did, Have I ever entered into salvation?

Bearmaster standing down in some soul searching.

**Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2012/4/11 16:13**

bearmaster

fellow moderator and brother Paul West said one time that listening to brother Art is like willingly lay down on an operation table under the doctors knife...(I massacred his quote since he is more gifted with words than me) but I have found it to be true, it is impossible to listen to Gods word preached with a prophetic edge and go away unaffected by it.

The message One thing you lack touches on the very inner core of our human nature, and the words of our Lord "go sell all your possessions and come follow me" are heavy words, the spiritual meaning of this is tremendous and should help us focus on living eternally NOW.

the sacrifice is different for all of us, the question is dare we pray God to reveal it to us? its a dangerous prayer that could cost us everything, but we know it is worth it eternally.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2012/4/11 17:48**

Hi Bearmaster,

I wasn't insulted or thought that was your intention. Giving your life for Christ is what all Christians must want to attain. It may involve death by Martyrdom.

The view point of Sister Corrie and Brother Art is that we will go through the Great Tribulation. This view rightly or wrongly does mean a message of get ready to be persecuted soon. There were times in Paul's life when he was persecuted and times when he wasn't.

We have to be ready to be persecuted but this may or may not be the Great Tribulation. In my opinion not.

The problem is that both pre and post rapture Christians believe that the end is very near, so the post view believes that the future persecution will be the great trib and that the pre won't be ready. But you can be a pre tribber and be ready for persecution. One view believes that we won't be present for the tribulation and the other believes we will but protected through the tribulation. So we should not be ready for persecution because of the great tribulation but because we should be just ready for persecution if it is that fully possible,

Yours In Christ, Staff

**Re: The Nagna Carta of Apostolic Faith, on: 2012/4/13 13:04**

I am finding that it is a scary thing to listen to Art Katz. While others debate whether you can lose your salvation I find myself wondering have I entered it. It is easy to go along my religious way thinking I have arrived. I hold the right doctrine. I am in the word and prayer. I have a prayer ministry. Then I listen to this brother and find I am nowhere where I need to be with Christ.

It is scary. I am convicted. But as King Jimmy said you listen to this brother and all other preachers aren't the same. If you have not done so, these are some good messages that Hmmhmm have linked here. You will be laid low. But something in your heart will want more of this teaching. Truly protein for the soul.

Bearmaster

**Re: , on: 2012/4/13 13:10**

In The Magna Carts of Apostolic Faith Art Katz is describing what an apostolic assembly is and its effects on the kingdom of darkness.

After listening to this one must ask, is my church truly apostolic? He is also describing what would move Israel to salvation. The answer may surprise you.

Bearmaster

**Re: , on: 2012/4/13 13:23**

You've brought sunshine to my Friday, Bearmaster.  
Love does rejoice at the truth.  
Blessings in Christ.

**Re: Message by Art Katz, Please Listen - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2012/4/13 14:30**

I am glad you found the riches of art bearmaster, as brother kingjimmy said once one finds him the others are not the same... lately I have been taking the bus to work and by this opportunity I can listen to sermons on the way.

For three days I have listened to the same message, there is so MUCH in these it is impossible, at least for me to digest it all in one hearing.

I strongly recommend this one, it's a prophetic cry to our generation.

The radical kingdom part 1

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=21343&commentView=itemComments>

**Re: Hmmhmm, on: 2012/4/13 14:49**

Thank you brother. I will surely listen to it.