

## Reading the Last Will and Testament

A group of impeccably dressed figures gathered at a mysterious cold, decaying mansion. Each, upon hearing about the passing of the Testator, decided they each should be part of this reading, there might be something in it for them. Some knew the Testator more than the others; some lived their lives following the Testator closely, like a good friend. Others were mere acquaintances having only heard about the Testator; not really knowing if the Testator were real or a fable. However, each one gathered as storm clouds darkened the sky thereby creating ominous shadows that gave an air of urgency and gloom of the pending event.

“I want to thank each of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to come this evening. As you are all aware, the Testator has passed, therefore, it is time to read the Will. I trust you all are comfortable. Especially, since comfort might not be maintained.”

Silence was deafening as the Testator’s attorney greeted the assembly. Each wondered if the sacrifice of time would be worth the investment each had in the Testator.

“If you all are ready, we can get down to business. That is the business of this Will. I previously stated the Testator has passed on. I am certain you all wonder how the Testator came to be and now has passed. Thank you for your curiosity. I hoped we could recognize the Testator for the contribution it has made to humanity. You see the Testator came as a result of man’s sin. God gave the Testator, or more specifically the Law, to Moses so the people would understand the deficiency each of them had. The Testator demanded sacrifice for breaking fellowship. The sacrifices seemed insatiable. The people remained in a constant state of deficit.”

The people shrank remembering falling short of the standards the Testator placed upon them. There was wonderment as to the future without the Testator’s constant reminder of the inadequacies of the people. The people wondered if hope and change would prevail. They had never known anything but the Testator. They had felt slaves to the Law.

“You might ask how it is that the Testator passed. It is because a new Testator has taken its place. The old Testator, the Law, has been fulfilled. However, it was fulfilled by the new Testator, who gave his life that there would be a New Testament. Once a Testator has passed away, the Testament cannot be revised or revoked but must remain in full force. The sacrifice made by the second Testator was perfect, offering his own blood as payment of all sin for all time. There is hope and change through this Testator, Jesus Christ, in that he finished the plan of redemption unto perfect and whole salvation eternally.”

The people were stunned; all the hope and change they desired. They asked if there was another way, but the attorney assured them that the acceptance of the sacrifice of the Testator believing in Jesus as God's holy son was the only way. The New Testament fulfilled all the requirements of the Old Testament thus the demise of the Testator.