

the Lord kind of scolded me yesterday. i felt in my email that i was attempting to write more as a teacher instead of just sharing things the Lord was showing me.

when i strain to get a message across, i should know it is not right. i do not want to be looked upon like that. i am one of the most unqualified of all to teach. neither do i feel that is what He is wanting me to do. just share the love and conviction and urgency that is piercing my heart. i don't know how the writing was received. i just know how i felt about writing it and the scolding i felt.

i also wish to correct something i said the day before (nov 17). i said "we are in a two thousand year relay race and the final baton has been passed to us. will you stumble and fall before you reach the finish line?" i want to emphasis that i was speaking just as strongly to the church as a whole, and not only the individual. hopefully this will ease my spirit and i can now get back to the task He wants of me.

i heard an interesting analogy by a favorite teacher yesterday. when you're speaking these truths forth, the conviction and the urgency of the hour, one often feels like an umbrella salesman in the middle of the dessert. but the time is quickly coming when the umbrellas can't be produced fast enough. "'behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, 'when the plowman shall overtake the reaper.'" amos 9:13

it's kind of like the scripture in isa 4:1 "and in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread, and wear our own

apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach." i don't know what the scholars say about this verse, but it means this to me.

the man is the person who is knowledgeable in the the word of God and knows the truth. the women represent the masses that will come running. they are ignorant in these things but are wanting to learn. they are willing to sacrifice all they have to just be around the one where they can hear and learn the truth. to have their "reproach" taken away; their guilt. will you be ready to be the man if they come running to you?

i am moved again to emphasis the urgency of the hour. i don't know if you have noticed, but the day is far spent and the shades are being drawn as the night approaches. "but know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." 2 tim 3:1-4

i don't believe anyone really knows how the end times deception will begin it's reign. will it be aliens arriving with offers to solve all our problems? will it be the arrogance of man, seeking a way to eternal life without God? i only know it will be desirable and greatly deceptive.

here is a youtube video of one man's idea of the times we are living in. well worth watching to the end in my

opinion. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MA9j0gFm9EM&t=12s> are we really living in a "matrix" without Jesus. the things which are now being done openly are miniscule compared to the things which are done in secret.

you know, when i began this writing, i didn't think i was supposed to say this. now i am not sure. Lord, if it is error, let it fall on deaf ears, but if needed truth, let it penetrate hearts.

i had a couple of "mini" dreams last night. in one, my hand slipped and hit my forehead and left a mark on it. it was just a small black square box. the thing is, i felt as though something else was guiding my hand. with that introduction, i quote you this scripture: "to the others He said in my hearing, 'go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary.'" eze 9:5-6

maybe you didn't realize there was another mark other than the mark of the beast. scripture clearly states otherwise. there is a seal of God that protects His obedient ones. before the sinners can be judged, judgement will begin at His sanctuary. there will be a cleansing and a purging.

in the second "mini" dream, i was getting up hurriedly from a chair and i tripped and caused the one seated behind me to fall also. i have never claimed to be one who interrupts dreams, but to me this means that my

carelessness and hurriedness was the cause of someone else also falling. perhaps my rushing, even to get works done for God, was not listening to the Holy Spirit. He has a perfect timing for all things.

this may not be scripture, but it still speaks truth. "don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. don't walk behind me, I may not lead. just walk beside me and be my friend." we don't want to get ahead of Jesus but we certainly don't want to get behind. "to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." ecc 3:1

years ago there was a lady who visited our church. she was quite gifted and had a word to speak to many people. i always felt i wasn't special; always sat on the back row of the church; always surprised when someone i didn't know recognized me. this is true in all my life. i just don't feel like i'm memorable.

just a side note here. i remember a time visiting another church where my friend went. as usual, i was on the back row, worshiping my God during the singing. when the service was over, my friend came over and greeted me and we proceeded to go out to lunch together. anyway, the point is, later my friend told me the worship leader had seen her go over to me and asked if she had known me. she said she had been watching me during the singing, being inspired by my worship. when my friend told me, i was taken aback. it was not just that i had been stood out or that i was ashamed of my worship. i just felt that it was a private time between me and my Lord, and someone had intruded. don't know why i told that. maybe it was

for someone.

anyway, back to topic and the lady who visited our church. as i said, she had words for many; prophecies you might say. one day in church our paths just happened to cross. we stopped and greeted each other with a hug. then as she started to walk away, she suddenly turned as if she was going to say something. after a few seconds, she turned back around and walked on. i can't tell you the number of times that has crossed my mind. was it something she saw that was going to happen? was it something she saw that might have been? i don't know if it was good or bad. guess i will now have to wait until heaven to ask that question.

do you understand now about walking beside? that one moment has driven me so much. would i have tried to rush ahead of God to make something happen. would a word of failure have caused me to give up on God altogether? so i have attempted to make sure it was not failure she saw. perhaps it was to drive me along; to keep me seeking diligently? we must all only follow His leading, being patient and satisfied He is doing His work. "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." phil 1:6

i'm sorry i went so long today. i know it may not be all inspired by God, but it is the inspiration i am feeling. i believe something good may be gleaned from anything if one is looking. water pored on concrete will just flow off. water poured on dry soil will be readily absorbed. which are you?

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