

good morning dear friends. this is the day the Lord has made. let us rejoice and be glad in it. let us not dwell on things that would weigh us down. let us glory in the fact that He is our Lord and we may rest peaceful in His embrace. has He not said He will never leave or forsake us? And God cannot lie. Just His utterance of it makes it so.

i often wonder if anyone would miss my daily emails. perhaps i am too wordy or too dogmatic in my beliefs. since i get so little feedback, it often makes me wonder. wonder whether my words are encouraging or just another email to view and delete. it is just my belief that we all need to be aware of the times we are living in. so much is happening around us. even in the spirit realm one can feel that things are active. and when the spirit realm is moving, then reactions will be manifesting in the natural.

in addition to all the things man is doing, signs and fearsome acts will be taking place in nature. it is a clear warning to all that are watching and anticipating His soon return. anticipation. can there be a more exciting word. indeed our great hope is something to be excited about. even as we know this age is quickly coming to a close, we eagerly await that glorious age to come. in the natural, anticipation is usually more rewarding than the fulfillment of something. i do not think that will be the case in this instance.

oh the joy set before us. to have our precious Lord take His place of preeminence in all things. where sin and and death are beneath His feet. all the hatred and

lawlessness will be conquered. do you know the antichrist is most often referred to as the man of lawlessness? not just man's law but also God's law. acceptance and acknowledgment of or Lord's truth will inevitably rule the day. the lawlessness we are seeing in today's world is evidence the antichrist spirit is rising and he will soon make his appearance.

when i see the hatred of all that is good and decent in some of the faces of people, my heart aches for them. many are young people who know so little of the world. but our only weapon must be the word of our God and the blood of the lamb. it must be love that overcomes their rabid hatred. it must be light that shines in the darkness. can you be that source of love even as another is brutalizing you? it is our calling to be like Jesus. we must offer the love of God whether they accept it or not. it is not our job to decide for another whether they are worthy or not. just to offer it and let them see it in us.

just yesterday there was a school shooting in mansfield. not far from my house. as always, it dominated the news. it turns out it was a young back boy who had been bullied. he felt alone as he withstood forces coming against him. i suppose he saw this as his justified response of self defense. the trouble is, this was his reaction in anger and fear. both overcome by our Lord. he had no knowledge how to wage his battle in the spirit. oh how our children need Christ and we must be their teachers. the government is now trying to take them from us. forget the village. we are to train up a child in the way he should go. live a godly example to your child.

that is why forgiveness is needed. not just that we have to forgive to be forgiven. it is us taking on the most desirable attribute of Christ. it is dressing us in preparation for our marriage. we are being transformed by the renewing of our mind to prove the will of God. it is His love that we exhibit. although we hate the devil, we love the person. love and want the best for them and we have the secret of what the best is. it is that we must offer them. not just a response of the hatred they exhibit.

enough words for today. i pray each thought will bring something good in you. if something peaks you're interest, chew on it. digest it and let it have it's good work. let it become part of you and just toss the rest. i pray you find something in my writings that lead you closer in your walk with Jesus. it is my only desire to encourage. just remember. there is one mediator between God and man; the man Christ Jesus. i pray you love Him as i do. it's all about Him.

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