

it's that time again. aren't we thankful for new days? each day is like a chance of starting over. a new beginning. a chance perhaps do better the things we regret or do make overs. i have always kind of thought of it like a fresh snow covering the ground. everything feels so clean and fresh. we have some ministry partners in kenya and one time i sent them pictures of the snow we had in texas. they had never experienced such a thing and wondered how we survived. God's world is indeed vast and diverse but i really like the seasons. even though the heat of summer dominates more of texas.

for those who are concerned, i still am managing to get some tomato soup and a protein drink down each day. even though there is often coughing and choking, i pray most of it is going to the right place. don't want it building up in the lungs. my strength is not improving but i keep believing for more. please keep up your prayers. we all know God has perfect timing for every thing. now on to better things.

i watched a video the other day expressing concerns about how the euphrates river was beginning to dry up. much like one sees the water levels at hoover dam receding. visibly so. people are having to walk so much farther to draw water. i know revelation 16:12 speaks of the euphrates river drying up to make way for the kings for the kings of the east in the great battle. i know this is not that fulfillment yet but it may be a partial beginning. every thing the word of God has said shall indeed one day come to pass. i just thought that was interesting. just another sign of how close things are.

you know, in revelation 9:16 it talks about the invading army being 200 million in number. who in ancient times could even have conceived of such a number. today, we can certainly see it happening. just goes to show one that God knows the end from the beginning.

i know there are many bible translations and we appreciate them all. if the spirit implied by the translation remains faithful to the text, then the exact words are unimportant. we all love and treasure our versions but other sometimes help us to understand the meaning of a verse better. afraid i'm not one of those who only consider the king james version reliable. also, i really never liked the Holy Spirit referred to as the Holy Ghost. just me. i know the gist is the same but ghost has now perhaps taken on a different meaning to us.

i do not recommend bibles like the jefferson bible where he went through it all and cut out anything that even hinted at the deity of Christ. people think we have always been a christian nation. truth is there were some sinister scheming in our creation. only Godly people kept it restrained and caused our nation to flourish and do much good. still, it is at the roots and i am afraid that it will again rear it's ugly head. even now i see that possibility arising.

the word of God is more than just words. they are spirit. even Jesus said, "the words that I speak to you are spirit and they are life." john 6:63  
sometimes it is so difficult to understand that we no

longer belong to this world even as it forces it's reality upon us. even now we are learning to have our habitation there. learning that the spirit realm is truer and more powerful than the things of this world. the Father is seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and truth. there are more things in heaven and earth than we have yet imagined.

if we truly knew the power of the spirit realm, we would not let the things of this world drag us down so much. if we were convinced in our hearts that what God has said is totally supreme; if one truly believed that as he spoke the word of God, things of this world would have to capitulate. His people would turn the world upside down even as the apostles and believers did. i pray for that spirit to enter each of us and we deepen our walk with God.

oh the unspeakable joy we know as we navigate this narrow path He has set before us. when once our eyes are able to behold Him without death overtaking us, perhaps we will begin to know how holy and righteous He is. i, for one, can't wait. He is more worthy of praise and adoration than we can now know. this life is not just about us.

though God loves and treasures each of us, this life is not just about us. it is about God proving to the devil that He alone is more powerful and worthy and can triumph with people through righteousness alone. the rebellion of the devil will be complete when he is once again set free at the end of a thousand years to tempt us once again. this time it will not just be one man and woman who are tested. it will be millions, perhaps

even billions that say no to the devil and yes to God. the devil will then find his eternal abode in that place of torment.

i don't know why i always go on so long. i just get carried away with my Lord. please forgive me and take what you would receive as truth. always stand firm in your understanding of the bible. let no one lead you astray. not even me. but if you ever feel the conviction of the Holy Spirit, please don't ignore it. error in teaching tries hard to deceive us these days. stop and reexamine yourself and your beliefs. the blessed Holy Spirit will never lead you astray. He will always lift up the Lord Jesus and point you to Him. God bless you all and know that I love and treasure each in my realm. this is the part of the world God has placed me in. That is my realm. like it or not, you are all a part of it.

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