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there is this song that i have playing almost constantly over the last few days. it is "He is able to deliver me" by daystar. they performed it the other day on the show and it blessed me so. what i thought was my nap time turned into a two hour session of worship and praise between me and the Lord. i don't know if i have ever quite felt so much in "The Presence". i can't explain it all, but i really believe He was doing a work in me.

why do we put off these times with Him for something like a mundane television show. a show you will probably not even remember what it was about a week from now, or less. i am not standing in accusation of anyone else. i have been guilty of the same thing too.

just think - a silly program on television or some other futile distraction. we are talking about the One who inhabits eternity, and He wants us there with Him. i don't know about anyone else, but i for one, want to be there.

the prophets of old held His presence close to them. no sacrifice was too great and it often did require much sacrifice. but just look at where they are now. standing in the very presence of the One who asked it of them. do you think they thought it worth it all? i do.

after the prophets and the law, there came our Lord. He came and by His sacrifice He rent the veil covering the holy of holies in half, allowing us all to enter

that presence. it was no longer for the chosen few. it was there for all of us to know. to know and taste that the Lord is good. good and more holy and beautiful than all our imaginings could imagine.

this is what we are setting to the side for a "more convenient" time. i'm telling you there is no more convenient time. the time is now. today is the day of salvation. today is the day to taste for yourselves and see. king david knew that when he penned his psalms, lead by the Holy Spirit. "lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You i wait all the day." psa 25:5 there is no more convenient time than now.

He has revealed His name. it is "I AM". He is all your yesterdays and all the tomorrows you will ever spend. how many of them will be spent seeking to know Him and His ways. i think in eternity we shall all say "not enough".

i so want you to feel the passion and urgency i am. the urgency our Lord is feeling. i can almost hear Him saying, "hurry up. usher them in. soon i am sending my Son to claim His bride." do you think our Lord Jesus is feeling excitement and anticipation. i think He is so ready to reveal all He has been preparing for us.

do you not desire to seek those times where you can almost feel like you could reach out and touch Him? they are there for the asking; there for the seeking. "yet you do not have because you do not ask. you ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may

spend it on your pleasures." james 4:2-3 where does your pleasure lie?

He wants the same passion from us that He spent on us in the garden of gethsemane. it was a passion that drove Him to the cross to obtain it. may that same passion drive you into His presence. there is not just pleasure there. there is protection. there is purpose.

"for my determined purpose is that i may know Him [that i may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that i may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that i may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope] that if possible i may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body]." phil 3:10-11 ampc

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