

feb 19

this may be shorter today. i kind of got sidetracked with a neighbor for awhile. but there was something i felt i should be mentioning today. the Lord had me contemplating this morning, the urgency of the hour.

we all just kind of go along in life, expecting tomorrow to be pretty much the same as today was. (kind of like the song, "que sera sera" - what will be will be) i know it is comforting to know that things are pretty much settled; plans may be made and schedules followed. then something happens that shakes our world. maybe a sudden accident or death in the family occurs. whatever it is, things are drastically different and adjustments must be made.

i remember seeing pictures of old pompeii. after the eruption of mount vesuvius, bodies lay covered in ash even while they slept. that kind of reminds me of how Jesus said in luke 17 where two would be in bed, one taken and the other left. a more recent example might be the eruption of mount saint helens. maybe the destruction was not nearly so devastating or unexpected, but certainly a drastic change in lives.

these suddenlies happen all too frequent and many feel a big one is coming. there is only one preparation that can help for those times. whether they be in individual lives or world occurrences, we all need to be prepared to face the One who will judge our lives and how they were lived. this horrible covid pandemic will pale in comparison.

i keep going back to that "clarion call". whether it be a trumpet blown or a summons from our God, will we have our ears alert and listening? if the body of Christ is truly illustrated in the parable of the ten virgins, then a full half will not be ready for Him. many are in a "drifting" mode, just going along: yes i love Jesus, yes He is coming again, but i have things to do. so we put Him on the back burner while we stir the pot demanding attention.

Jesus must never again be put on the back burner. we cannot just hope there will be time for Him, we must make the time. He will not be an after thought. the virgins (believers) who did not have enough oil were not bad people. i can hear them saying, "but this, but that". they were just distracted and busy with the things of this world. it is a powerful weapon in the arsenal of the devil.

so i ask, "will you have enough oil"? in worldly terms, will you have enough gas for the trip you are going on. we need to get the wax out of our ears so we can hear better. if we are not spiritually attuned, we will miss that call to, "come up here". or even more terrifying, to hear the call and not have "enough gas" for the trip.

there are so many today who are feeling this urgency and speaking the warning. even in my own life i can feel God stripping away those things that do not profit. i use to waste so much time on idle tv shows where now, they are preaching or teaching that edifies.

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saying, "the end of the world is coming". i don't want to be, but i will. the end of this age is coming. whether it be ten years from now or this year, it is coming. we are that generation prepared for this time and there is no time to waste. there are millions in the "valley of decision" and their decision is a forever one.

"when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. he heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. but he who takes warning will save his life. but if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand." eze 33:3-6

a stern message from our Lord. we are all set as watchmen. we are all saved by grace and entrusted with His message to share with the ignorant. sin has consequences. evil habits corrupt one until the Holy Spirit can no longer pierce their conscience. or perhaps, will no longer.

i only have one parting thought to everyone. if you do not feel this urgency a lot of others are feeling, spend some time with our Lord. check your relationship with Him. whatever may be coming, in your life or in the world, is there enough oil in your lamp?

so much for shorter. you know me.

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