

feb 24

it seems the world is in turmoil again. no, not again, but still. we have been forewarned about these days and we do well to recognize things as they occur. i can just hear people saying, this is no different than how things have always been. there have always been wars and disputes. there have always been tyrants and those who lusted for power.

the thing is, it is not just one of the signs we are witnessing. it is the culmination of them all. we can now understand how it would be possible for people not be able to buy or sell without authorization. we now see lawlessness abounding and our youth in rebellion. just this morning i was reading that an amazing 64% of men in their thirties have criminal records.

we see the turmoil coming upon the earth with increasing frequency. can the signs in the heaven be far behind? i believe many have occurred already in the blood moons awhile back and more will surely follow. people may scoff at these visible things, but i believe there is more hidden and yet to be revealed. wonders just awaiting.

i don't say any of this to bring fear into people's hearts, although the bible tells us that in the last days men's hearts will fail them because of things coming upon the earth. i had a friend write me awhile back. i now quote verbatim. "i don't follow or practice any form of religion, and neither does my husband. i can't imagine aligning myself with a religion that is just not a safe space for my kids."

i would never disclose anything that would reveal one's identity, but i wonder, how many people are there out there with this opinion? the bible says, "multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." joel 3:14 i have a special word for this friend and anyone else with her opinion. there is only one real "safe space". that is in the arms of our creator. that is in the name of Jesus.

years ago, in my early excursion into the deeper things of God, i was sitting in on a deliverance session. (yes, i believe deliverance is the children's bread, even now.) as we got deeper into the session, it suddenly came to me (discernment) to ask if this woman had an abortion. to my surprise, she admitted she had. the other minister with me then proceeded to bind that baby to the kingdom of God and break curses off it and all such. i did not agree. that unborn baby was already "long time" safe in their Father's arms. it was this woman who had the abortion which needed help now.

if you want a safe space for your child, there is no safer space; born or unborn. i feel the Lord wants me to share this. there are so many people out there who don't come to the Lord because they don't feel they are "good enough". maybe they think they need to "clean up their act" a little first. friends, none of us are ever good enough. as the prophet isaiah said, even in the best of us, "we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags". isa 64:6

the devil is a shrewd enemy. he would be happy for us to believe either way; that we are good enough on our own, or that we could never be good enough to be accepted. yes, our God is holy beyond all we could comprehend. our Lord spoke truth again when He said, "no one is good but One, that is, God." matt 19:17 and yes, He hates sin with a passion, but He loves His creation.

what one is really saying when they declare themselves unworthy; they are saying the blood of Jesus isn't enough. it might be enough for others, but not for me. if that were true, the slave trader john newton could never have penned the song "amazing grace".

i remember a story about a man who would not come to Christ because he wouldn't believe a man like hitler could be saved by a simple prayer. indeed hitler's name has been forever linked to evil. but hasn't judas' also? was there hope for either? i know some may disagree with me, but i believe there was. from the cross, in the midst of His suffering, Jesus forgave even those who ridiculed and laughed as He relinquished His spirit.

judas turned our Lord in. peter denied Him not once, but three times. in matt 27:4 judas, before he killed himself, said, "i have sinned by betraying innocent blood." peter wept bitterly and repented to His risen Lord. could judas have done the same if he had lived to see it? he did not wait to see.

it's not a matter of guilt, but of heart. if one is

sorry because they did something they know was wrong and will now have to pay for it? i think the focus is still on them and their well being. compare that to the truly repentant heart which comes and cries, "my God, what have i done. please forgive me".

is the blood He shed not then enough for that one? i for one, will never diminish it's power. from His very lips i now recite, "now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? but for this purpose I came to this hour." john 12:27 He is and will always "be enough". yes, more than enough.

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