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i am reminded this morning something i heard steven quayle say. he's the guy who is big into the teaching about the nephilim and all the giants of the bible and various unexplained things. i'm not necessarily a follower or a denier. i know he has been accused of many things, but when can that not be said of a follower of Jesus? he explores areas that others are afraid to discuss.

i say all this just as a brief introduction. anyway, i heard him say. "tears are the ink in the book of life". this statement struck me. it made me wonder how many lines my tears have written. we are not to live in a constant state of tears. there must also be those times of refreshing. what does the word say? "to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven". eccl 3:1

there is a time and place for everything. we know our tears should not be shed out of fear. but if tears are our ink, what are we writing? is it for the sin and evil dominating our world? is it for the sorrow we feel, knowing what people are doing to themselves? is it from hearing His name blasphemed and His people tormented? is it for that lost loved one that we are interceding for?

to be much for God, we must be much with God. Jesus, that lone figure in the wilderness, knew strong crying, along with tears. can one be moved with compassion and not know tears? jeremiah was a sobbing saint. Jesus wept! so did paul. so did john.

if we are to spend our tears, now is the time. "and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." rev 21:4 yes, if there remains ink to be written in our book, now is the time it must be. and yes, Jesus was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief". isa 53:3

God will be the joy that fills our heart. He will be our refuge of peace. "in the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." john 16:33

it is a privilege to join in the heartaches of our Lord. to share the burdens He felt as He walked among us. there is a scripture which has always baffled me in the bible. "i now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church." col 1:24 we know there was nothing "lacking" in the afflictions of Christ.

i think a better wording might be that He is allowing us to share in His sufferings. we enter into His love and feelings for a world gone astray. a world full of deniers and lovers of self and darkness. a world where lawlessness and deception run wild. as we share in His sorrows and sufferings, we are being transformed into His very image. He is allowing His bride to be clothed in righteous acts.

there is an old song lyrics i remember. "now is the

time if you're gonna serve Him." i might also add, now is the time if we are to add any lines to His book of life. perhaps we need to revisit those times of old. they were times of prayer and fasting. times of weeping and intercession. don't turn away from such things. embrace them if God lays them upon you.

they were also times of glorious healings and magnificent deliverances. they knew the fellowship of His sufferings. they also knew His power and glory. and yes, i believe the latter rain will be more glorious than the former.

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