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first let me say, i know everyone is tired of hearing of doom and gloom. i don't want to be that one that everyone sees coming and runs the other way. i don't think anyone wants to be that person. it's just the times we are living in and no one profits by playing ostrich and hiding their head for protection while the majority of their body remains exposed. maybe not the best illustration, but the best one i can think of.

is it best to live with an expectation of what might be coming or not? that certainly doesn't mean we should live in fear, but would fear be greater if something took us unaware? "but take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand." mark 13:23 things that are coming will come anyway. some may be thwarted by earnest prayer while others may come. this is a lawless and perverse world now reigning and when actions bring results, often the unrighteous are not the only ones to suffer.

i am not a prophet and never claimed to be. i do know the Spirit that lives in me and it is that which now disturbs me. i feel something really big is going to happen this year; perhaps in another part of the world but perhaps in the states. really the best thing one may do in preparation is to make sure their connection with God. then the Holy Spirit will be there to lead us each as we should progress.

there have been many believers saying the Lord would be revealing things to His people this year. if we feel the Holy Spirit is showing us something, surely it is

not so we can just think about it and keep it to our self. a message or a warning is not for the one alone, but for the body as a whole. "i believed and therefore i spoke." 2 cor 4:13

the perfect christian would do all those things to bible urges us to do. walk in the Spirit. pray without ceasing. set aside that sin which does so easily beset us. of course we all know the weakness of the flesh. even when Jesus was in the garden preparing for the task before Him, He returned several times to find His disciples sleeping instead of watching. "the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." matt 26:41

God has a purpose and a plan. there is a designated part for everyone. are you ready to play your part? the thing that comes to mind is a Broadway play and it's cast. the more prominent players usually have an understudy ready to step in if something should prevent them from fulfilling their part.

i believe God has understudies too. if one does not fulfill their part, then God has someone who will. i pray we will all be like the prophet isaiah. "then i said, "here am i! send me." isa 6:8 if we are ready and willing, He will make us able. we must believe that as we step out in faith.

yes, faith. faith in what He did and faith in what He said. we know, without faith, it is impossible to please God. "did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" john 11:40 we believe and we shall see. this is my statement of

faith!

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