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first of all let me address the email yesterday. in the first line i said "another tear has passed". i think most of you know i meant to say year instead of tear. i always read these emails at least a couple times for spelling and such before i send them. i know it's easy to read what you meant to write instead of what you really wrote. my first thought was that it was a mistake, but on reflection i wondering if it was not God taking control of the moment.

i know a lot of us have had many tears from last year. whether they were from physical or mental attacks; whether they were over loved ones, friends or country. whatever their source or outcome, most of us have had reason to have our heart moved towards tears.

the question is, "were these tears God has collected and saved or were they deserved tears"? there are tears that are precious to Him and there are tears we bring upon ourselves.

none of us know what this year will bring. if one is really watching, they know the end is drawing near and difficult times will increase. this is inevitable as our Lord's return draws near. we all must decide where our confidence lies. "these things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. in the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." john 16:33

so if tears are to come this year, what will they be shed for? will they be worldly tears or heavenly

tears? "i mean, brethren, the appointed time has been winding down and it has grown very short. from now on, let even ... those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, and those who use this world as not misusing it. for the form of this world is passing away." 1 cor 7:29-31

this the apostle paul spoke two thousand years ago. how much more relevant and urgent do you think it is now? so let not your tears be wasted on a world that must pass away. let them be pools of refreshing for fellow brethren. let them be springs that serve to water the faith of those lingering in doubt and unbelief. these are the tears precious to our Lord.

"You number and record my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle – are they not in Your book? then shall my enemies turn back in the day that i cry out; this i know, for God is for me. in God, whose word i praise, in the Lord, whose word i praise, in God have i put my trust and confident reliance; i will not be afraid. what can man do to me?" psa 56:8-11

so whatever this coming year brings, let go forth confident and faithful as He who called us was faithful. "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." 2 cor 6:10 let us keep our eyes on the prize; an eternity with our Lord.

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