

jan 23

i was thinking about what the Lord might have me to say today. i was having one of those mornings when it seems like everything is going through your mind. all of them trying to distract from concentrating on the Lord.

let me say a little bit about my mornings, if you will bear with me. these are my times with my Jesus. they are hardly ever times of intense prayer and intercession, although those have certainly occurred. it is just a time of thinking about Him; of trying to imagine all that He is and how magnificent He is. it's is more or less a conversation with Him. telling Him those things that are on my mind and listening to what might be on His.

i don't say that i am doing it all correctly. i well remember those days of intense prayer on my knees before Him. and yes, those times when knees were not enough. i would grovel face down on the floor before Him and still did not think it was a low enough position to worship Him from (the dirt of the earth would have been better). but He is a merciful and loving God and understands what our state may be. He knows i can no longer spend those times in positional prayer to Him. because He longs so much for that fellowship, He meets us where He can. mine is now laying in the bed; awakened early by His presence and calling out to Him. He always answers. He's always there.

so today, i think about the well known verse in

ecclesiastes. "to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven". eccl 3:1 He then proceeds to list the various times. check it out. one of them in verse seven is "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak". now is our time to speak; of His worthiness and the amazing grace He offers.

the bible says, "behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 cor 6:2 there is no longer occasion to "put it off for a more convenient time". even as the Lord once wept over jerusalem, He now weeps over mankind. "how often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" matt 23:37

we are reminded the second verse in ecclesiastes also says there is, "a time to be born, and a time to die". the beginning of life is full of hope and possibilities, at least for most of us. maybe one can not always influence how life begins. we can all influence how it ends. definitely not when, but definitely how. will it be full of hope and possibilities or will it be full of dread and despair? the difference lies in Jesus.

i want to write a brief message i received in my email this morning. it was from pastor jimmy evans whom i like and believes also the end is near.

"There are plenty of end-times signs converging in our world right now. People have been talking about the return of Jesus for generations, but something really unique is happening today. I think even people who

don't know the Lord are talking like the world is about to reach 'closing time.'

I believe it, and one specific sign that stands out to me is the sign of apostasy. People are abandoning the truth of the gospel, denying essential Christian doctrine, and falling away from the faith."

i urge those who believe to not grow weary because lawlessness abounds. to those who don't believe, i pray the things coming upon the earth will drive you to the only refuge there is; the arms of Jesus Christ.

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