

mar 29

"and do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. the night is far spent, the day is at hand. therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." rom 13:11-12

this was one of the scriptures i was reading yesterday morning. it was about at this point that tears began to fill my eyes and my reading became blurred and reading difficult. i frequently find tears in my eyes as i read His word. there's just so much and it's so beautifully and powerfully put. "it is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. the words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." john 6:63

if we are to put on the "armor of light", we will have to crucify the flesh and make it servant to the spirit. there is a little poem that the Lord gave me years ago. the following was a stanza from it.

there remains a sabbath rest  
that I will lead you to.  
it's where all your works have ended  
and My Spirit dwells in you.

if i were to reword it today i would say "My Spirit 'rules' in you". "this is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," and, "this is the refreshing"; yet they would not hear." isa 28:12

you will never find that complete peace, rest and refreshing until you become like a feather, floating in the breeze the Holy Spirit breathes. i think it was augustine who said, "You have made us for yourself, o Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

restless indeed. restless, blind, timid and yes, ignorant of the ways of God. i think shakespeare once wrote, "there are more things in heaven and earth, horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." except for addressing horatio, i believe that statement could have come from the bible.

the fact is, "those who are in the flesh cannot please God". rom 8:8 we have to change our whole way of thinking as we move from the flesh into the spirit. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways". isa 55:8

"we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 cor 4:18

these words alone will not get us there. it will take dedication, perseverance, boldness and trust in the One who has gone before. i cannot but He can. i still remember a preacher saying from awhile back: "i will finish well because i am determined to finish well". i'm gonna cling as tightly as i can to the Lord Jesus and like Him, keep looking to "the joy that was set before Him". that's not temporary stuff. that's eternal.

and so, i end like i began, with this exhortation.  
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