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temporary raptures

"and the angel answered and said to her, 'the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.'" luke 1:35

i don't think any of us could imagine how mary must have felt when she heard those words spoken. spoken not by any man but by a messenger from the Almighty Himself. i suspect it must have been a rapturous moment.

that same message is being spoken to us today. the Holy Spirit will come upon us. the power of the highest will overshadow us. and the thing that will be birthed in us is a new creation, destined to mature and become a "son of God." "for it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." heb 2:10

the bride of Christ is entering an unprecedented spiritual season of change. no longer will she just know His way, but she will know Him in His beauty, love Him because of who He is; God Sovereign and Supreme. could these be anything but rapturous moments? while we wait for the "big one", these serve to sustain us until.

“who will ascend the hill of the Lord?” none other

than those who have a pure heart and clean hands. our hearts become pure by the washing of the water of His Word. it is about understanding what He has done on our behalf and keep ourselves spotless.

i know innocence and purity before marriage is considered naive and stupid these days, but there is a godly beauty about preserving one self pure and chaste for that one special one. then to come together in a truly rapturous moment... to really know another even as they have known their own body.

one might ask as nicodemus did, "how can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" luke 4:4 essentially, can one become a virgin again, pure and unstained? that's what it means to be born again. "therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 1 cor 9:22

what matters is what one does with their "second chance." or is it a third or fourth chance or more, and how many more chances can one expect? "He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever." psa 103:9 if today you feel His calling, know the door is still open. "but it has happened to them according to the true proverb: 'a dog returns to his own vomit,' and, 'a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.'" 2 pet 2:22

i beseech you by the mercies of God, do not let that happen to you. "let them return to you, but you must not return to them." jer 15:19 He will come to save

us, but we must come up to where He is, and become one with Him in spiritual union. there are many who have grown weary and strayed from the path of life. "break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness on you." hos 10:12 righteousness and rapturous moments. and soon ... very soon, THE rapture.