

drifting away

"therefore we should be more attentive to what we have heard, lest we drift away." heb 2:1

years ago, i heard the story of a man who went to the beach with his family. he decided to bring a float with him because he wanted to lay on the water and enjoy the summer day at the beach. he proceeded to enter the water, lay on his float, and relax.

this was so relaxing that he lost track of time. after a while, he decided it was time for him to get out and he made his way to the shore of the beach. when he got out of the boat, he was shocked because he couldn't find his family.

he went back to the place he supposedly left them when he entered the water, and they were not there. a small sense of panic set in as he wondered what happened to his family. as he began to look around, he noticed everything looked a little different from the place he had entered the water. when he finally calmed down, he realized he was not in the same location anymore.

the float he was laying on had no anchor and he had drifted far from where he was.

friends, if we don't have an anchor which secures our position, drifting is the natural tendency. your family (the family of God) may be getting farther from you all the time. and what if you can't find your way back and are lost in an ocean of sharks (unbelievers) swimming all around.

"this hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil." heb 6:19 the hope we hold dearly within us serves as that anchor. that anchor remains secured as we regularly enter the "presence" behind the veil.

today's world is a flurry of distractions; anything to keep one busy and their mind off God. while many are blissfully ignorant of the current happenings, other simply ignore them as if that would make them go away.

cnn recently did a story about rapture anxiety. we know we are in "rapture season" but that must not keep us from fulfilling the appointed task our Lord wants done. we must always be looking for His coming even as we minister as He would have us - each one doing their appointed task.

you may ask, "what is my appointed task?" our Lord has succinctly said in several places.

"this is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." john 9:3

"feed My sheep." john 21:17

"a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." john 13:34

"and He said to them, "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." mark 16:15 go into all your world, all those in your realm of influence, doing

what you may - every one doing their part. we are not all called to worldwide ministry. "from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." eph 4:16

don't let yourself "drift away." be persistent in prayer. practiced in patience. perfect in peace. and you too will be in the will of God, "until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." 2 pet 1:19