

sep 25

the feast begins

"blow the trumpet in zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; let the Bridegroom go out from His chamber, and the bride from her dressing room." joel 2:15-16

i got up this morning about 3:30 am. i don't know about you but anticipation is getting the best of me. as i readied myself for the day i kept wondering, could this possibly be the day? friends, that's how real out these things are to me. if you really believe something is going to happen you act accordingly. i pray it is a real possibility to you also.

(first let me say, no one can be positive the calendar we go by is a 100% accurate calendar of God's time. we should be alert days and even weeks in either direction of a feast day. we must keep watching each day as it is presented to us, being assured we are definitely "in the season." i guess the real question is: "do you believe it could possibly be this year? that it could be today? "if you will not believe, surely you shall not be established." isa 7:9)

the trumpets of God are sounding throughout our land, and in the whole world. but it is one particular trumpet i am listening for. it is the last trump and the summons of my Lord to come and partake of the wedding nuptials. and the wedding feast will be

spectacular, something beyond our comprehension. the guests will be innumerable.

this is the culmination of what God foresaw in the beginning. His excitement could even exceed my own. i think of our Lord and how He said, "with fervent desire I have desired to eat this passover with you." fervent desire. can you imagine what passion He brings to this event? "the King has brought me into His chambers." sos 1:4 i think of the pomp and ceremony made over the queen of england recently. well, the whole world is getting ready to be under the rule of a new monarch - King Jesus.

oh, how we have waited and endured and hoped and longed and desired for it to come. not just we ourselves, but all those dead and long deceased over these past two thousand years and before. yes, they have surely been with Jesus all this time but i think not in a way they will be in our resurrected bodies.

just think! today could bring the fulfillment of the age of grace. there is always a fulfillment. there must be a fulfillment. "to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." eccl 3:1 some say anticipation is better than the event itself. i do not believe that is possible in this case.

i don't think a dress rehearsal will be required, but certainly we must be dressed. it will be with robes of righteousness flowing with golden strands of mercy acts. i know my lowly spirit may have provided but a single thread in the wedding dress, but all threads are

needed to hold the gown together, every stitch. "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

desire, passion, love, that is the key to everything. it is the key of david. "He who has the key of david, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens." rev 3:7 it is love alone that can open the door of a heart. just as assuredly, it is love alone that will one day close that door, locking out forever those who will not heed the call to embrace it. the door must be closed to separate those who will from those who will not.

it is not our works, wants or wishes that will get us there. it is grace alone. "twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved." i keep falling in love with Jesus over and over again. i love Him for yesterday, today and tomorrow - if there is one. for someday there will be no more tomorrows. there will be only a now - a forever now.

Lord Jesus, i don't know if this will be the year of Your betrothal. i don't know for sure this is the correct day to recognize this feast. i only know for sure You are coming and because of that, i will be here - hoping, waiting, expecting - ready to come running when i hear that "trumpet call." maranatha!