

sep 26

the feast continues

"and at midnight a cry was heard: 'behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'" matt 25:6

this is now the second day of the feast and my rising was at 3:00 a.m. this morning. expectancy - it is still possible for this to be the "set time." am i disappointed i have to be here another day? yes and no. it is another day of anticipation and perhaps more souls will be redeemed and rescued from the horrible time to come. yea! there's still time.

you know, there was a moment yesterday when i really wondered. it was raining fairly hard while the sun continued to shine brightly. suddenly the rain stopped and i could see a gentle rustling of the wind in the treetops and i wondered - could this be it Lord?

i remember in 1995 there was a great revival in brownsville, located in the panhandle of florida. a worship song became very anointed and it was marvelous - called "mercy seat." for those wishing to hear the song and see the words, go to youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0mShZN9meA> it is worth watching and listening to again.

yes, come running to the mercy seat. if believers are still here, there's still time for unbelievers to reach that mercy seat. cry out to God and lay yourself bare before Him. He knows it all already. "there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are

naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." heb 4:13

i still can't help myself in thinking, "this year could be the year." i'm certainly not claiming to know the day or the hour - but the season - we are certainly in it. and we are told we should know the seasons. there were so many who did not recognize the time of His first visitation. we know a second coming is soon when every eye shall see Him - but how many will recognize our Lord calling for us before that? will they just hear a sudden thunderbolt or a rustling of the wind in the trees? there will be a secret gathering of believers.

"for as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left." matt 24:38-40

these are not merely idle words spoken by our Lord. they are a stern warning of how things will be. there is coming a "suddenly." i am still hopeful it will be today. i don't know how the world will explain our disappearance but certainly the world will provide an explanation. otherwise, there would surely be a massive opening of eyes to the reality of God - of a heaven and a hell.

i want to ask each one of you sincerely - do you know if you will be taken or left? i had a good friend

write me yesterday that she was glad to receive my email today because it meant i was still here and she had not missed it. (just a little tidbit to everyone - i have some of these emails written ahead and set to send at a certain time ... so?) but back to the point. i remember when i was like that - calling around to see if others were still here. now i am only concerned as to whether i am still here or not. we must each be persuaded in our own hearts - that i am His and He will not leave without me.

the tribulation is unlocked the moment the rapture occurs. look around at what is going on in the world. it's getting darker and darker as evil has it's day. it's not just one thing. it's a convergence of things (a word i've been hearing a lot of lately). the word says that unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved. that's how bad it's going to get. just how bad it will get before our Lord retrieves us? i don't know. many have already suffered much for His name. some are suffering worse than others. just because some may be living at ease doesn't mean someone else is also. people are saying we will soon be looking back at these times as the "good times."

this is an opportune time to reach out and help someone else. i know we can't all physically reach into many areas, but we can pray and offer aid and support to others where and when we can. this is a time to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal." matt 6:20

Lord, even as my eyes are looking up in expectation,

let me not fail to see the needs of one standing close.
i want You to come so much. i want this to be the day
of your calling ... but if not. i will never give up
believing You are coming and that You're coming for me.
as i now head into my prayer time, my closing, as
always, will be - come Lord Jesus come. maranatha!
always maranatha!