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get as close and stay as close

"so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us." acts 17:27

do you want to know where the "inner sanctum" is? it is in His presence and it is within you. moises cried out to the Lord, "if Your presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here." exo 33:15 do you know what it means to be cut off from God's presence? just look around at the horrible things done today. then multiply it a thousand times; horrors and evil unimaginable. after all, "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." james 1:17 just try to imagine a world with no goodness in it, no kindness, no love.

yes, one might well call it hell. the great tragedy of it all, hell was not made for mankind. it was made for the rebellious satan and angels that followed. hell had to enlarge itself to accommodate all those who reject the great gift of grace purchased by the blood of Jesus. "for He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 cor 5:21

"if the ax is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength; but wisdom brings success." eccl 10:10 we have to use more strength when we depend on ourselves. all our persuasion and pursuit

is wasted effort. the word of God can pierce places we never could. "for the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." heb 4:14

i have an uncle that i love dearly. if i'm as old as i am, then just imagine how old he is. he has not confessed Jesus as his Lord savior. now the sands of time flow swiftly through the hourglass. talk and persuasion has not gotten the job done. the Holy Spirit must now touch him in ways i cannot. i feel such an urgency for him. in fact, i'm feeling a sense of urgency for us all. even now as we are feeling the full emergence of spring, i am feeling a change of seasons in the spirit. things which must be done, must be done now.

i don't know how things are affecting you now, but i know how they are affecting me. i can no longer watch the television shows i used to tune in regularly. the Holy Spirit in me is uncomfortable with all the ideology they are trying to indoctrinate us with. all i can say is, "if the Holy Spirit is not comfortable somewhere, neither am i."

i would cry out like king david, "take not your Holy Spirit from me." grieving Him would be the last thing i want to do. it is He who chastens me when needed, comforts me when i hurt and ushers me into the very Presence - the holy of holies. the ways of satan, once subtle are now blatant. it has taken years but slowly and surely, our morals have been eaten away. little by

little the unthinkable has become the norm. even heathen countries are displaying more morality than america is now. the innocence i knew as a child will never be known by this generation.

"not that i have already obtained it [this goal of being Christlike] or have already been made perfect, but i actively press on so that i may take hold of that [perfection] for which Christ Jesus took hold of me and made me His own. brothers and sisters, i do not consider that i have made it my own yet; but one thing i do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, i press on toward the goal to win the [heavenly] prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." phil 3:12-14 amp

like the apostle paul, whatever loss i have suffered in life, i count it as rubbish as compared to what i have gained in Christ Jesus. why? that i may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death." i want each of you to know Him that way too. His grace is not in short supply. come and drink freely of the word of life.