

christmas eve

"you also be patient. establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand." james 5:8

perhaps one of the most exciting parts of christmas is it's anticipation. i remember my times as a youth and what i felt. christmas was coming and it meant all kinds of new treasures to be discovered. such joy and excitement still fills the heart of children at this time of year. and for us adults, we get to feel the pleasure of giving. after all, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." acts 20:35

i wonder how many of us regard the arrival of our soon coming Lord with as much anticipation. has complacency numbed our excitement or do we anticipate it as a christmas like none other? our King is coming - and yes, it could be tomorrow or even today. and oh, the presents which await us. "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 cor 2:9 but do you love Him for the gifts or for His self? after all, He is the greatest gift of all.

has anticipation conquered your heart as His appearing nears? "finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." 2 tim 4:8

oh how i want you to love His appearing. this is not some "santa claus" we are looking for but the Lord of Lords Himself. it is not some transitory gift He's

bringing, whose glitter will dim with time. it is not a celebratory meal we shall experience but a great wedding feast.

let us herald His second coming as they did His first. anticipate it as the greatest of wonders it is.

"then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. 'they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, on the day that I make them My jewels. and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.'" mal 3:16-17

let no one take Christ out of Christmas!

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soon and very soon we're going to see the Lord!