

jul 20

it's time to get drunk

"eat, o friends! drink, yes, drink deeply, o beloved ones!" song of sol 5:1

WHAT - you say. have i gone crazy, encouraging everyone to drink, even to the point of drunkenness. that's exactly what they accused them of when the Holy Spirit was poured out and they began to speak and proclaim the glories of Jesus to everyone in their hearing. but they were not drunk with the old wine of intoxication. they were drunk with the new wine of the Spirit of God. now as the feast of wine quickly approaches, let us all drink deeply from the new wine. the Lord has prepared new wine skins for us and it will not burst.

i would never encourage someone to partake of intoxication that would rob them of their sense and reason; rob them of their moral aptitude to discern good and evil, the wise and foolish. that was a demon my own father had to struggle with his whole life. he would be a normal, caring spouse and father for long periods of time, but when the desire overtook him he would get falling down drunk, sometimes for a weeks at a time.

"and do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit" eph 5:18 sobering times are coming and we need to get drunk in the spirit. we need His warmth and guidance. if you have partaken of the gift of tongues, use it

frequently; "building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit." jude 1:20 if you have not, listen closely to that "still small voice" which guides us all.

i believe, even now, a mighty broom is sweeping the earth. don't you love it when you feel you have really heard from the Spirit? it's a confirmation of kinds that you're where you are and doing what you're supposed to be doing. there is no more comfortable seat in the house than the word of God.

i recently had that happen to me. my prayer time is always followed by a reading of His word. i always do something from the new testament, the old testament and then from psalms. anyway, i was in my morning prayers and suddenly i started thinking, there is a sweeping coming. i really didn't think much of it at the time, but then it came time to open the word.

i mean, honestly, how often do you think one might come across the word "sweep" out of all the passages and possibilities written? the translation i use - the new king james - only records it as being used four times, and my daily reading just "happened" to be one of them. so i really perked up and felt it might be God and not just my "cleaning house" spirit (which i hate to do).

the scripture that gripped me was isa 14:23 "'I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,' says the Lord of hosts." coincidentally (or is it), this happens to be the chapter in isaiah that speaks of lucifer's fall from heaven. a broom that will sweep those into the kingdom that are His and have procrastinated way too

long. i don't know if that will come through shaking, conviction or desperation. only He knows what will get your attention, but get it He will. for He is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." 2v pet 3:9

Jesus said, "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours." john 17:9 for a long time (and even now) many are praying for their country. is the time now so short that our attention should be shifted to the individual? "'even if these three men, noah, daniel, and job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,' says the Lord God." eze 14:14

the "bewildered" must not perish with those who, "loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." john 3:19 we must fight the devil and his evil schemes tooth and nail. pray the Holy Spirit to deal again with their heart and bring ministers of the truth across their path. bind the blinders the enemy would cover their understanding with.

yes, let us sweep the house until we find the lost. did He not also give us this parable? "or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?" luke 15:8 the Lord will be doing a final sweep of those who will respond to His call.

it is high time for us to awake out of our sleep and slumber. it's time to drink of the new wine. "drink, yes, drink deeply, o beloved ones!" song of sol 5:1 drink so there is enough oil and wine to last us until

we drink it again, new with our Lord in the Father's house.