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just what if

"at the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and i have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision." dan 9:23

my heart just keeps going back to remembrance of our Lord and His passion in the garden of gethsemane.

"what! could you not watch with Me one hour?" matt 26:40 friends, we are down to the last hour and again i hear that cry from our Lord. will He find us sleeping as the disciples were? after all, these were the "chosen" of His disciples. Lord, forbid that it be so again.

i know it has been a long time now. we have waited. we have speculated. we have run in haste after some who claimed to have "heard from God." yes, i was with you all when they were saying, "88 reasons why Jesus will come in 88." i was there when all the celestial signs appeared and all the eclipses and blood moons on feast days. after all, do not the scriptures say, "the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord." joel 2:31 i was with you through all those expectations and still we lived to see another day; yet a day still filled with hope. looking on to the next day. hope was not dashed, only delayed. i must add however, never before has my spirit been as excited as now.

i can understand how unbelievers would scoff and say, "where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 2 pet 3:4 perhaps the lukewarm and cold would say so. but Lord, i ask, must even Your bride who sleeps in her wedding dress, awaiting your arrival? perhaps it is destined that we sleep. after all, the scriptures foretell it; both the foolish and the wise.

believe me, i know how the cares of this life and the distractions of the world can divert our attention. yet these are all what we are told we must "overcome." we are the chosen generation; the generation to usher in His second coming. essentially, we are the "john the baptist" of our day. you might ask, "how can that be when no man knows the day or the hour?" even john wondered and had to ask, "are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" matt 11:3

in our day we "know" He is the One, and we know the time is dwindling down; down to the last seconds. we will not be deceived by those claiming to be the Christ but instead keep our eyes on scripture and our hearts warmed by the Holy Spirit, our keeper of truth. we do not "predict" days or hours, but seasons we study. seasons quickly become months. months become weeks. and finally, some day will be the day. why not this day?

do you believe in the 6000 year plan of God for man? i'm not talking about how long the earth has been around or what may have happened before. does God's dealing with man mimic His seven days of creation - two

thousand years without the law, two thousand years under the law, two thousand years of grace, and finally, the one thousand year millennium. all things fall into place for those who believe, while those who doubt remain blinded.

not only are we commanded to watch, we are warned what will happen if we do not watch. "therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you." rev 3:3 flip that scripture around and it will insinuate - if you do watch, you will know. that doesn't mean we all have to agree on a certain day. it means we are busy watching. our eyes are not on a day, but our eyes are on Jesus!

let us each search our hearts. can we truly say we believe His promise and toss each "possibility" casually aside? "and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." john 14:3 we have His promise. now the only question remaining - is it pre-trib or post-trib, and my heart is settled. "for God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 thes 5:9

i know the man's calendar may be off a little here or there, but God's calendar and timing is perfect. that's why my heart will remain "expectant" through mid july on through mid august of this year. soon the earth will give up it's dead, right before it violently erupts under the wrath of God. creation too longs for it's deliverance as well. "what was i, that i could withstand God?" acts 11:17

there is a scripture in isaiah. "we have been with child, we have been in pain; we have, as it were, brought forth wind." isa 26:18 i use to read that scripture as bringing forth nothing. i see it different now. the church is pregnant and the labor pains have intensified. what is the wind it brings forth? it is spirit. "the wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." john 3:8

all i can say is, "God help us if the rapture doesn't happen soon." otherwise christians will be going through much more of the tribulation that i ever believed we would." even now as world war 3 is being earnestly threatened, a seal is about to be broken in heaven unleashing the one who goes forth conquering and to conquer. the earth is now populated at almost four billion and by the fourth seal a fourth of them will be dead.

there will be many, many Christians who will be doing bad things when the rapture happens, but they are still going to be taken up in the twinkling of an eye. (they may be only a wedding guest and not the bride.) that might be unusual to think about, but it's true! thank God we are saved by grace and not by works. works didn't get us saved and works can't keep us out. there are only two sins that will keep you from heaven: blaspheme of the Holy Spirit and the mark of the beast. all other sin is not an eternal issue. you are not going to go to hell because you sin, but you want to go to heaven as close as you can be to God's will for your

life.

there will be many crowns handed out in heaven; perhaps one for those who have "watched" with Him. and yes, a special one for the tribulation saints who will need to endure and give all their all to keep their newly acquired faith. it's not the crown we seek. that's merely one more to cast at His feet in humble recognition. it's the pleasing of our Lord; it's the smile we see on His face.

no, God told none of us this is definitely the day, but the likelihood surrounds us like a light, blinding some while enlightening others. "today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." heb 3:15 i will gladly be a fool for Christ if even one is saved from the wrath to come. already i can hear many of you saying, "not yet, Lord. i have loved ones missing." He will come at His appointed time - regardless. it may take tribulation to bring them to their senses. pray for that. let us continue to look to the sky. look to Jesus!

"watchman, what of the night? the watchman said, the morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come." isa 21:11-12