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a perfect storm

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as we look around at what's happening one might say it is finally happening - the perfect storm. some might call it convergence. there is always anguish when a new dispensation of time approaches. adam tasted sin and so began the fall. the jewish people lingered in the desert for forty years and then the law was given. Christ came to die and redeem us and the age of grace was birthed. now, soon, the age of grace will be closing with a tribulation such as the world has never known. then we will enter into our sabbath rest, a thousand year reign of Christ, then, an eternity in His presence.

scripture says, "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." eph 2:10 God, who knows the end from the beginning, has created each of us uniquely for a purpose. He doesn't create evil but He has foreknowledge of who will turn to evil.

God's beautiful, magnificent creation - created perfect in His image; body, soul and spirit. we walk a the body dominated by the soul with influence by the spirit. the soul is comprised of our mind, will and emotions. it can choose to be either good or bad depending on which spirit they lean towards. the body

can only hold it's breath for so long and then it has to breathe; breathe in the life of the spirit or die. whichever spirit the soul chooses to breathe in, is continually transforming the soul into it's own essence, be it good or evil.

life is an adventure. a great adventure. (even though it doesn't begin to compare to the adventure to come.) life can be hard at times but nothing is without purpose. we need to have gratitude as our attitude. believers must trust and obey. if we're going to be truly grateful, we have to be grateful for everything and know there is a purpose, a lesson, a desired outcome, coming at the end of whatever the trial may be. God on the mountain is still God in the valleys.

"to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." eccl 3:1 we may not know the purpose but if we walk in love, we will surely fulfill our purpose and ultimately, His will. i have heard stories where people have died and gone to heaven and were told they must come back. it was not their time. they had a purpose remaining to be fulfilled.

friends, the perfect storm is upon us and fear seeks to strike the hearts of all living things. i would only say to you what God says to you. "do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." matt 10:28

i want to quote an excerpt from a speech by a great american.

"well, i don't know what will happen now. we've got some difficult days ahead. but it doesn't matter with me now. because i've been to the mountaintop. and i don't mind. like anybody, i would like to live a long life. longevity has its place. but i'm not concerned about that now. i just want to do God's will. and He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. and i've looked over. and i've seen the promised land. i may not get there with you. but i want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the promised land. so i'm happy tonight. i'm not worried about anything. i'm not fearing any man. mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord." - martin luther king, jr. august 28, 1963

i will finish out with the scripture i began with.
"when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you - then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me." prov 1:27

they will not find Him because in their confusion and terror, they won't know where to look for Him; not because He isn't listening. i see only two things the blood of Jesus will not cover: blasphemy of the Holy Spirit and the mark of the beast. all other sins are like putty in His hands; just a soul, asking to be molded into something beautiful. rewards may well be lost but the soul can be saved. "if anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire." 1 cor 3:15

don't wait for the fear and confusion grip your soul.

build a relationship with Jesus now. we may have to be in the storm but the storm doesn't have to be in us. our Lord once spoke to a raging storm, "peace, be still." He can calm the storm in us with a simple question the disciples once asked. "teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" mark 4:38 yes, He cares! maranatha!