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rapture weary or rapture ready

"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." mal 3:16

do you know God is listening in? He's listening to what occupies our thoughts and desires and watching what actions accompany them. His book is being written and records made for judgements and rewards.

i know all our lives are busy but do you really want the witness that you were too busy for the Lord? believe me when i say i now regret the intimacy i forsook with the Lord during my working life. thankfully old age rescued me from a demise full of regret. i now live as the apostle paul did. "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, i press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." phil 3:13-14

speaking of that "upward calling" we have been doing a lot of watching and listening around here for that "call" lately. in fact, we have been doing so much of it that many are growing weary. but dear brothers and sisters, i beseech you, do not let that weariness turn into mocking. we know unbelievers are mocking saying, "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

i can see that being the attitude of those at His first coming. all things were continuing as usual when suddenly their visitation occurred, and they missed it altogether. they ended up crucifying the Lord of Glory; i.e., their Creator.

i can see that happening a second time with many. they aren't looking for the intimate retrieval of His beloved and might well be doomed to endure much regret at missing the wedding feast. then they will be sentenced to wait for His arrival in glory. "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their Master, when He will return from the wedding, that when He comes and knocks they may open to Him immediately. blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching." luke 12:36-37 yes, they will be watching then, even though the wedding will have transpired. remember the saying, always the bridesmaid and never the bride?

and so, i ask again. are you going to allow yourself to grow weary at such a time as this? "for yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." heb 10:37-38

do you know there is much reward for those who please Him? of course, the main reward we seek is God Himself (His presence), but remember His promise, "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" rom 8:32 has He not already said it was the

Father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom?

"and what I say to you, I say to all: watch!" mark 13:37 we will wait until the end of time if we must, but we know the end of time itself draws near. therefore we have hope to bear our future. "for what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?" 1 thes 2:19 let hope be the staff we lean on and praise be the horse we ride into glory.

yes, dear brothers and sisters, our fellow companions on this rugged road of testing with us and some do grow weary. but it is each of you being there with us as we finish our race that makes our cup run over. without each of you our joy would be quieted. so stir up your souls to the glory awaiting our future. lift up the hands that hang down. lift up the voice now still. put on your garment of praise for the spirit of weariness. let the joy of the Lord strengthen us and those around us.

"Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty. neither do i concern myself with great matters, nor with things too profound for me. surely i have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me."psa 131:1-2

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am." john 17:23 Lord, that is our desire as well... to be with you. isn't that where we all long to be? where He is. we know this is the final generation. all the signs are present and now,

even the earth itself groans for His coming. all the chess pieces (nations and souls) are now strategically placed on the board. all we need now is patience and faith to see our blessed hope manifested.

Lord, we know our times are in Your hand and we are content with that. but could You please just check Your watch again? let tarry time be over. we anxiously await Your call!