

it's a treasure hunt - are you hunting

"again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." matt 13:45

the treasure we seek cannot be bought with money. it must be bought with love. Jesus said, "he who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." matt 10:37

yes, our Lord wants all of you. if that love be strong enough, it will compel your deeds to follow - your obedience, your sacrifice of service, your desire to please Him for that is now your purpose, to take up your cross and follow Him - wherever it takes you.

and believe me, it will take you to heights nothing in this world can compare with. you will learn to joy in the fellowship of His sufferings, thus experiencing a taste of the glories reserved for those who love Him. "but as it is written: '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

"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death." phil 3:10 such love will ensure the resurrection from the dead and, if perchance, a trumpet should blow and a summons ensue, our door shall not lead through death. we will go from anemic life to

vibrant life.

and once again we come back to the rapture. if our hearts already be raptured, are we not just waiting on our bodies to follow. as i have noted before, He has placed rapture in my heart and only He can remove it. we know we are of that generation that shall never taste death. we have His promise; our blessed hope. "and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." john 14:3 we will be with Him forever!

i still really believe it might be this year, but if it be one more year my heart will still cling to that hope. beyond that, only His purpose may keep me here for my desire to be with Him will have uncontrollably surpassed all else.

read again of the glories awaiting us and ask if you could choose different.

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"now i saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. also there was no more sea. then i, john, saw the holy city, new jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. and i heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

then He who sat on the throne said, 'behold, I make all things new.' and He said to me, "write, for these words are true and faithful.'

and He said to me, 'it is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. he who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son." rev 21:1-7

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just what is the treasure we seek? our Lord foremost, but along with Him comes the innocence we lost in the garden. as a newborn child we were amazed at the wonders our Father had prepared for us. don't you long to view again everything through the innocence of those eyes filled with wonder and amazement? i think our Lord wants that for us and the new jerusalem will furnish it in abundance.

i often think of israel and how the Father loved them in their innocence; how they laughed and played and joyed in the life He had granted; how king david danced before Him. their hearts were pure and their worship reflected it, right up to the point where satan deceived them again. God wants them to know Him in a new way - grace and truth over jot and tittle. their joy once temporal shall then be everlasting.

some believe they have found their treasure and stopped looking, but who can know the unsearchable riches of Christ? and if our feet have grown accustomed to the gold we stroll on has it lost its true value?

desirous hearts continue to search for more. their attitude is - that i may know Him. king david cried out. "one thing i have desired of the Lord, that will i seek: that i may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple. " psalms 27:4 to KNOW Christ is the treasure.

yes, i search for more of my Lord and love for my Lord drives me to love each of you as well. it makes me to pour out my heart in hopes that some word or phrase would become a compelling force in you too; that your love would engender a search of your own; a search birthing a love and praise worthy of Him.