

it's a mad, mad, mad, mad world

"we have heard with our ears, o God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old." psalms 44:1

some might remember that being the title of a movie from years ago. i don't remember all that much about the movie, but it was essentially about money and greed. the world we have now entered into goes far beyond such simple sins.

when christianity first began to spread they accused us of turning the world upside down, and we essentially did. the relief that Christ had died to cover all our sins and wrongdoings, redeeming us to God, brought such fervor and eagerness to share the "good news," the unbelieving world was taken aback. unfortunately fervor has since been replaced with complacency.

now the tables are turned. those who love the darkness have noted the dimness of our light and see it as an opportune time to rule instead. what was once considered wrong is now acceptable. what was once hidden in darkness is now being manifest openly. down has become up as wrong has become right. and to the shame of many, they have acquiesced to their deeds. failure to object has allowed their deeds to grow and multiply.

the shame is that many of those now growing up will never have known the world we once did; the innocence we once enjoyed. it is up to us to see that they recall the times of old and what it was like to dwell

in the favor of God. yes, sin was always among us but never before so openly displayed. even now their deeds of darkness are coming to light that their due recompense may be also as well.

they stand in judgement already because of their unbelief. "he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." john 3:18 now, adding to the weight of that judgement, that have heaped up mountainous evil deeds even as they entice others in the same.

yes, it's a mad, mad, mad, mad world and all there actions have not gone unnoticed by God. "and there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." heb 4:13

"when i thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me – until i went into the sanctuary of God; then i understood their end. surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. as a dream when one awakes, so, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image." psa 73:16-20

we weep for the way it was and we weep for the way it is. i think again of the quote by leonard ravenhill. "five minutes inside eternity and we will wish that we had sacrificed more, wept more, grieved more, loved and prayed more, and given more."

of course we know there will be no minutes in eternity but we get the gist. this man had a fervor for God; a fervor that needs to come upon us all. he is also famous for saying, "the greatest miracle that God can do today is to take an unholy man out of an unholy world and make him holy, then put him back into that unholy world and keep him holy in it."

yes, God can do that. He does it everyday as we walk in this unholyest of times. the blood of our Lord Jesus has power to keep us from things and in Him. "then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them." eze 36:25-27

so we look around with wonderment and often bewilderment. relate your memories of how it used to be; times that are no more. stir one another up to good works as we eagerly watch for our redemption, knowing how close it must lie.

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just a notation from yesterday. it seems some thought i meant i was having to move from one house to another physical one. symbolically i was stating that believers were preparing to make the big move to their home in heaven, to reside forever with our Lord. i'm sorry if i spoke too much in symbolism. there will be no need to pack bags. everything will be there waiting for us.

