

decision making time ending soon

"to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." eccl 1:10

it's difficult for humans to imagine life without time. it is so critical to every area of our lives, and each have a limited amount of it. animals, precious to be sure, exist without a soul. they have no perception of time - no dread or hope of a tomorrow, only now. but we humans have a soul, a vacuum reserved for God or self. we know dread full well while only the wise have a hope in Christ.

we all have moments in our life, special times; a birth, the death of a loved one, maybe even a marriage - but there always come a deciding moment; a moment that changes everything. abraham had a moment when he offered up his beloved son in pure obedience. esau had a moment when he foolishly sold his birthright for a hungry belly. moses had a moment when he decided to check out the fire burning on the mount of God. all of these were life changing. unfortunately, many don't recognize how important a "moment" can be.

all our lives are a ministry of sorts; to God or self. how's yours going so far? i want to read a short passage from one of my favorite authors, o.s. hawkins.

"an effective ministry of God's word will balance teaching doctrine, correcting false path, and instructing in godly living. some believers overemphasize doctrine: they are doctrinally sound, but living without power. others focus much on reproof or

correction, apparently thinking it is their calling to reprove and correct everyone else. still others concentrate on "instruction in righteousness" 2 tim 3:26 to the exclusion of teaching doctrine, and thus they have no direction in life. an effective christian life is a balanced life, and God's word helps give balance to Ministry and to a person's life. so when you study the bible, do not judge it; it judges you. God's word has withstood the test of time and will be the Book of all books when all others have passed into obscurity."

we must all spend our time here, holding each second as precious and opportunistic. that's how our Lord lived; each moment - each word purposely spoken because He knew the weight of them and how they would be recorded and read down the centuries. our words do not carry such significance, but their importance remains. "but I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment." matt 12:36

Jesus, being God, had many life defining moments. as when He was tempted. Jesus was "showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time." luke 4:5 His victory in that moment led him on to know other moments, some joyful, some painful - all leading to the ultimate moment, our redemption and reconciliation with the Godhead.

there was a generation that lived in the time of Christ's first coming. like joseph, His identity was hidden from His brothers at the time. these were known as biblical times and we are that chosen generation to

live in them once again.

the prophecy: "seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy." dan 9:24

beloved, this is our moment; a moment like no other, a generation like no other. many have made their decision, but know the game isn't over until time's up - then there will be crucial overtime period called the seventieth week. in the game of life one is allowed to switch sides at will if it is genuine. God is so merciful that way. but know this, our choice has consequences. one will lead to a beautiful eternity with our Creator - the other to unimaginable torment and regret. "oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors." psa 73:19

what will you do with your moment and how will your life reflect it? will it be indicative of the light of life? "true faith involves not just knowing Christ, but also developing and maintaining consistency between what we read and our conduct, our words, and our thoughts. faith and works are not contradictory to each other. in fact, in scripture we find them complimenting each other. may your life reflect your faith. make your moment count!