

our midnight is almost over

"and at midnight a cry was heard: 'behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'" matt 25:6

midnight is defined as the middle of the night, a period of intense darkness or gloom. it also represents the transition of time from one day to the next. as we transition from "the age of grace" to the "day of the Lord," we expect that darkness to ever increase until the midnight hour is reached. indeed scripture tells us: "woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! for what good is the day of the Lord to you? it will be darkness, and not light." amos 5:8

are we not seeing that even now? "but know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." 2 tim 3:1-4

scripture says, "now when these things BEGIN to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." luke 21:28 redemption from what? redemption from "the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth." rev 3:10 we have this promise: "because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial." rev 3:10 it can't be plainer than that!

when things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
when the road you're trudging seems all up hill,

when the funds are low and the debts are high,
and you want to smile, but you have to sigh,

when care is pressing you down a bit,
rest if you must - BUT DON'T YOU QUIT.

- edgar a. guest

"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 this is a beloved and oft quoted scripture but, have you ever attempted to let it enter your heart? good is the enemy of the best, and we want the best. let us bury what our "old man" can't and persevere to the end. He who has guided us through the day, will guide us through the night also. the pillar of darkness often turns into a pillar of fire.

one step and then another,
and the longest walk is ended;
one stitch and then another,
and the largest rent is mended;

one brick upon another,
and the highest wall is made;
one flake upon another,
and the deepest snow is laid.

"and let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." gal 6:9

yes, the midnight hour is approaching quickly and we want the bridegroom to find us dressed and ready, about our Father's business.

Father, i beseech You by Your great mercy, strengthen us all for the trials we must face as we patiently endure and look for Your summons. we would not stop short while the goal still lies before us. - in the name of Jesus!