

our time of passion

"o My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."matt 26:39

these words fell from the lips of our Lord and Savior as He had His time of travail in the garden of gethsemane. while no one certainly would not look forward to death on a cross, i believe it was the moment the Father had to turn away from the sin He bare that anguished Him the most. yes, there is often pain in passion, not just pleasure.

i believe many are suffering their own passion now as their soul waits for His coming. when we know the pain of longing and the pleasure of loving, one would admit, "the Holy Spirit has done His job well.

i know i have spent many times of travail as i look to the hope set before us. my heart beats with longing to be with Him and i cannot stop it. if He wants it to do otherwise, then He must stop my heart and desire for i cannot lessen the longing of either.

there are so many times when i wish i could relate to you the things He has whispered to me in prayer, but alas, perhaps they are not to be remembered or related, but shared between my Lord and me. we must each have those moments of our own. they are like times we can almost touch the face of God. they are so Holy Spirit inspired, one would think they were almost akin to scripture itself.

perhaps one doesn't need that passion to be saved since God is so loving, but how much one would be missing out on. all i know is what Jesus said. "he who does not take his cross (and i add passion) and follow after Me is not worthy of Me." luke 10:27 love is the bond that cannot be broken.

Jesus broke the law of the old testament down to two commandments essentially. "'you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' this is the first commandment. and the second, like it, is this: 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" mark 12:3-31

if we do this, we shall do well. that means putting God above all else, and if we do, know that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. and so, i urge you not to be satisfied with just loving Him above all else, but seek Him with all your heart as well. you will not be disappointed.

there awaits those diligently seeking Him, not only rewards in the after life, but moments of ecstasy in the here and now. moment of intimacy with the Holy Spirit that cannot be shared with others, but are for you alone. they are moments of passion that cannot be known in any fleshly encounter.

"as the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God." psalms 42:1