

Looking for that Blessed Hope - Titus2:13

The end of this world is coming. The signs grow stronger and clearer each day. When it will end, when Christ will return in judgment we do not know, but he taught his followers to look for the signs just as a farmer watches the signs of the seasons.

Scripture teaches us that the kingdom of anti-christ will grow ever worse before the end, and life will become very difficult for those who remain faithful to Christ, but God will keep his people from *the evil* (John17:15) and will *shorten the number of days* of tribulation for the sake of his elect (Matt24:22). If you are a believer, how do you view these things? Do you really cling to the things of this world, your loved-ones, your possessions, your ambitions and hopes, the things still on your "bucket list"? Remember Lot's wife whose heart remained in Sodom when the angels dragged Lot and their daughters out of it; she looked back and was turned to a pillar of salt (Gen19:26).

Oh that God would put in the hearts of his people a true longing for his return; that he might teach us to rejoice in that coming day when we shall sing the song of Moses and of the Lamb standing on the sea of glass (Rev15:2,3). What a day of glory that shall be! It is truly the momentous event, the culmination of all God's works, infinitely surpassing everything that one could ever experience in life in this world. Believer, don't shrink back from that day; rejoice in it and pray that God will hasten its arrival. AJ

A Great and Marvellous Sign - Rev 15:1

All the works of God are described as '*great and marvellous*'; his gospel of salvation in the redeeming blood of Christ is '*marvellous in the eyes*' of those who are the objects of salvation (Ps118:23) and that is the theme of their song in glory (Rev15:3). The wrath of God is his holiness in relation to this world of sin and rebellion. But, as salvation from wrath is marvellous, so also is the punishment of sin for it is entirely in accord with the holy character of God. The great and marvellous sign consists of seven angels having the seven last plagues which fulfil, or complete, the wrath of God, and thereby complete the triumphant Kingdom of God. These glorious beings hold vials, symbolical vessels, that hold the balancing judgments of God to destroy all sin and rebellion from this created order. AJ

It is All About a Marriage

Before time ever was, God the Father chose a bride for His Son. In the fullness of time, God the Son redeemed that bride to Himself. Throughout time, God the Holy Spirit is bringing that bride into a loving union with her Bridegroom. When the last of Christ's bride is brought to faith in her Husband, time will be no more. Then will be the culmination of all things at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Yes, it's all about a marriage, made, and forever secure in heaven... all to the glory of God.

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Psalm 118:14-23

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J Newton

1 Happy are they to whom the Lord
His gracious name makes known!
And by his Spirit and his word
Adopts them for his own.

2 He calls them to a mercy-seat,
And hears their humble prayer,
And when within his house they meet,
They find his presence near.

4 Then mountains sink at once to plains,
And light from darkness springs;
Each seeming loss improves their gains;
Each trouble comfort brings.

5 Dear Lord, assist our souls to pay
The debt of praise we owe;
That we enjoy a gospel-day,
And heaven begun below.

Prayer

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Prayer

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1 Behold the sure foundation stone
Which God in Zion lays,
To build our heavenly hopes upon,
And his eternal praise.

2 Chosen of God, to sinners dear,
And saints adore the name;
They trust their whole salvation here,
Nor shall they suffer shame.

3 The foolish builders, scribe and priest,
Reject it with disdain;
Yet on this Rock the church shall rest,
And envy rage in vain.

4 What though the gates of hell withstood?
Yet must this building rise;
'Tis thy own work almighty God,
And wondrous in our eyes.

Sermon

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1 To Him that chose us first,
Before the world began;
To Him that bore the curse,
To save rebellious man;
To Him that formed our hearts anew,
Is endless praise and glory due.

2 The Father's love shall run
Through our immortal songs;
We bring to God the Son,
Hosannas on our tongues;
Our lips address the Spirit's name,
With equal praise and zeal the same.

3 Let every saint above,
And angel round the throne,
For ever bless and love
The sacred Three-in-One;
Thus heaven shall raise his honours high,
When earth and time grow old and die.