

Proof of the last days?

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I want to prove to you that not only are we living in the last days but we are heading towards a climate of change. Now most of us reading this have heard of the rapture. If you are a disbeliever then you need to understand that rapture has nothing to do with rap music. It has little to do with rapid eye movements. It may have something to do with rapture of thinking. For example if I am caught up in a rapturous moment then I am caught up into what some call paradisiacal thinking. This simply means caught up into a way of thinking that leaves us in ecstasy. I don't speak of drugs but of lifestyle.

Now rapture is more than just a burst of pleasure or a burst of emotional desire. It is a way of life change. This second coming that I speak of is meant to be a providential change. This means that providence, or an act of God, changes us from the person we are to the person we will be. Now let's think about this for a moment because if you are a Christian you know all about change. A true Christian, and I speak of myself here, knows that change comes when we have a relationship with Jesus Christ as our personal savior. This puts sin on the back burner where the purpose of our relationship is to burn off those evil desires that so easily best us.

Now there is a transformation that takes place and to be honest I don't know all that takes place. Why? Because there are a multitude of changes that God has prepared for us. Think about it. The first change to overcome sin was the law. The second change to overcome sin was the blood of Christ. The third change to deal with sin is grace. The fourth change to deal with everyday life is the gift of the Holy Spirit. The fifth change to transform our thinking is a daily walk with God. All these changes, and perhaps others I haven't thought about are meant to provide for us a way of escape from sin's power. We are caught up into change and into transformation as our relationship with God grows. This then begins change in our thinking. It helps us to overcome spirits and spiritual authority. It begins to build faith in us. It transforms our thinking about desire from despair to hope. We begin to comprehend the greatness of God's love. And in the midst of all of this, once we overcome sin in the spiritual then begins a process of

overcoming sin in the natural which we will call the Anointing Transformation.

Now if this were not enough the Holy Spirit goes to work in our life and begins to guide us into spiritual gifting and fruits. These transform us in the process of growing in our relationship with God. And in the process of change we are transformed day by day into something that will be like Him.

So what then, if we have sought for all the above, is the purpose of this change? This transformation from corruptible to incorruptible bodies? Are we changed into Spiritual beings as some think? Where we live on clouds and build rabbit and lion clouds for kids? Are we built up into a natural body again but one that is purer? Are we carried into some realm that this natural body couldn't survive? If we want to know the answer we have to know that God sets a course for each one of us that we would know Him. And in the process of knowing him we are prepared for that meeting. This change takes place here on earth as we prepare ourselves for it. If we don't build a relationship with God here it will be difficult for us to see him as he is in heaven. We will worship from afar because that relationship was never built into us. Can that change? Just as it is in earth so it is in heaven. If you don't wish for a deeper walk with God here, even if you are carried up your walk with God there will be built on the same type of foundation.

Now some will say 'bosh, that isn't right' but think about it for a moment. This change we speak of is an end to your sin body. It is a change from mortality to immortality. Think of it as a great gift. But it doesn't change one thing. The person you are. All it does is remove your sin nature. If you are evil and have an evil nature there is no likelihood that you will even be carried up.

But. And this is a big one. The real but of this is that God doesn't want to carry up a hardened generation. He is not interested in bringing up people who only want to worship from afar. He is not interested in bringing up people who are going to sing songs of praise from hearts that are kept in the dark. You, as an individual, have a choice. You can serve God with a whole heart who divide your heart into compartments. One part is what you give to God and the rest is yours. To play with words for a minute God wants to bring you into his 'rest'. In other words bring all of your rest into his rest. If he puts you first then put him first. Not because you have to. But because you can't

imagine doing anything else.

Lets put it to you this way. I try to put God first in all things in my life. I spend hours each day in prayer or I try. God didn't ask for hours. He only asked for an hour. And He showed me not all could handle that hour. Some might handle 15 minutes but he doesn't seem to mind. From me he wanted an hour so I've tried to give it to him with interest. Why? Because I realize that an hour is sixty minutes and if I start looking at the clock night after night God is going to notice and he'll say "Got a date tonight?" I know He has a sense of humor but I also know he wants to spend that hour with me in teaching, guidance, understanding even if I spend the entire hour complaining. After all friends are friends.

Now lets get something straight. God is a God of love and compassion and loves you. But your heart has to be in tune with Him if you hope to understand His purpose for your life. Getting in tune is like a mechanic who works on the engine of your car. He can be a great mechanic but if your tires go flat what do you do? In a way this is why we have to spend more time with God, I believe, at first so we can overcome those flat tires in our life. We all have problems with our vehicles or our bodies, minds and spirits. These things are broken and often condemned by the world or by sin. And overcoming is going to be difficult for those who doubt their way up to heaven and remain in doubt back to earth.

Now we want proof of the last days and in a sense I've been speaking of it in relationship to God. There is a God who watches over mankind and cares so deeply that we know He gave His son. Few know the other things that God has done for mankind. There is an entire history out there waiting for us to discover if we are willing to search and to wait on God. But lets fashion a moment from this pattern of thought. How can we know that God is coming back? After all we are living in a powder keg world. We are surrounded by people who want to measure out our lives by their laws. Sin seems to be rising up and is trying to speak through those laws and we become used to sin surrounding us, much like Lot. The end result is a Sodom and Gomorra type world. But you can't speak of those things without people getting upset.

Yet if you are God you still love but you love with hope. Now that seems contrary to what you thought I might say. Hope is not just a belief but it is a desire, like a wish you make on a falling

star or a twinkling one. One dies to the earth but the earth remains in the sky. The difference is often this. You hope for things that are temporal. In other words "I wish I had a new bike" or "I wish I had more money." Now money is probably the most requested 'wish' out there beyond peace on earth. But lets be honest. The greatest wish is not always the greatest need. The greatest need is what hope is all about. God knows without it you will die. People perish without hope everyday. Because God forgot? No, often because sin arose. And sin shines out, like those temporal wishes. Its not a dream that lasts. And if you make a wish without a friend to carry it back to you then that wish can't grow. So God above sees your need first and desires second.

Now we could go into this for hours longer simply because there is a need for truth. Not truth so hard that you leave your opponent, as in people friends, gasping on the ground, though with Satan that might be a nice thought. No, we are speaking of things that we desire. Change. But change comes in a way that isn't always easy for us to bear. So the bearing of it sometimes passes on to those who are stronger then us. And we let them help change us. That is why we pick leaders who are strong. We want people to lead us. Finding them isn't always easy and keeping them isn't easy either. Simply because there is a spiritual war on. And that war means that those wishes we want are difficult to find. But God is out to make a difference. And in that difference He is going to bring mankind to a place of change. And in that change He is going to bring us to a place of Hope. And from Hope we grow into desire. And if we see sin and evil for what they truly are we will not envy them. We will not even desire them. We will just turn our heads away in shame that we ever partook of evil. And that is the climate change coming to earth.

There is going to be a revival of change so that those of us who are broken will be healed. And those of us in sorrow will know joy. Think of it as a final outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A transformation of Time and Chance so that all the things that seemed rare will become common. Not common in the sense of "Don't touch" but common in the sense of healed. And in this healing the world will be better prepared for the Second coming. Now I know there are those who say the rapture is different then the second coming. So think of it this way. We are to be caught up into change. And that change is meant to transform us spiritually so that we are purchased out of bondage. That

bondage is where we are at. We are all in prison. And that purchase price has been paid so that all men have a choice to be redeemed. Now if we can say that with confidence then we can say the revival that is coming will bring about change in all places on earth. So look for it as a sign, a big sign, that the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords is looking for a people who are ready for change. And if you are one then you have proof that we are indeed in the last days.

Love to all.