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"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:24

MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD

Psalm 27:11-14 *Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies; Deliver me not up to the will of mine enemies; for false witnesses are risen up against me; and such as breathe out cruelty. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.*

Is it not the mercy and truth way
that our Jesus lived and is?

GOD WILL PROVIDE

In Matthew 24 the disciples commented on the splendor of the temple mount. Jesus then told them these buildings would be destroyed completely. This prompted three questions from them. When shall these things be? What will be the sign of your coming? What will be the sign of the end of the world? They probably assumed these would all happen during the same time period. However, Jesus' answer seems to spread these events from about seventy A.D. until what is still future for us today.

In vs. 6 of Matt. 24, Jesus mentions something that may be for our present time. Wars and rumors of wars may be near or present. Whether it is true now or not, Jesus' words are, "*see that ye be not troubled*!" Many troubling things will occur before the Lords coming, but Jesus says also in John 14, "*Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid."* He always gives the grace and power to live in His Peace. We will need to walk close to Him, but He will provide the peace that passes all understanding. Continuing in Matt. 24, Jesus tells us. "*All these things must come to pass"* before the end comes. This includes nations and kingdoms rising against each other. Famines, pestilence and earthquakes will happen. These are all "*the beginning of sorrows*," but they must come to pass. No one thinks these will, nor wants them to come to pass in their generation. They will take place in someone's generation so we must watch.

Sorrow is the word for birth pangs. These pangs must come to pass because God is birthing a complete new age: His Kingdom on earth. -a new earth, new King, new bodies, new agenda. The birth pangs are coming. Keep your eyes on the prize.

Jesus is being provided for the earth and for us all. Later in this chapter, verse 37, Jesus tells us that the situation in the world in that coming Day and with God's people will be similar to Noah's time. The world in general was going on with their life completely unaware the flood was upon them. "*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. …Noah was a just man and perfect (wholehearted) in his generations and Noah walked with God." (in intimate, habitual fellowship with God).* God provided an ark of safety for Noah. God carried Noah and his family through a tremendous cataclysm into a new world in an Ark. God is carrying us through to a new world again. This time He is the Ark – His Presence. *He has been our dwelling place in all generations,* says the Psalmist. He is the secret place of the Most High. God called Noah out of the world and into the ark, which he had spent 100 years building and preparing. Genesis then tells us, *"The Lord shut him in."* Noah and his family were completely surrounded by, and in the middle of the storm. Only the Ark walls were between them and the disaster all around, yet they were kept in God's secret place.

In these times, like Noah prepared the ark, we must be preparing our hearts. The time is coming

however, when the Lord will do something to seal us into His presence, that only He can do. He has provided Himself as the vessel, and the one who shuts the world out but seals us in with Him.

In this same account in Luke 17, Jesus also compared the time of His coming to Lot's experience. Lot, unlike Noah, was not preparing. And though he retained some righteousness when compared to his surroundings, without Abraham, would have been destroyed with Sodom. We are told in Gen. 19 that God remembered Abraham and rescued Lot from disaster. Because He was unprepared so much was lost. Yet Jesus made a point to say there will be many people like Lot in the day of the Lord. People who are not ready to stand before the Lord like Abraham did, can still be rescued through tribulation provided by God to reach them. We must remember that God provided Abraham for Lot. Abraham stood before the Lord in intercessory prayer for Lot. The Lord is so humble He allows Abraham to look more compassionate than God. Make no mistake. God worked with Abraham for years to bring out that heart of intercession at the right time. He did the same with Moses. In this time, God wants to provide you to be like the windows of heaven for the Lots of this world. Don't get entangled with what is perishing.

God wants to prepare and provide His children to stand before Him and rescue many in the days ahead of us. Let us yield to His loving invitation now.

Jude 20-25 *But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

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<u>HE DIED FOR ME</u>

I saw One hanging on a tree, In agony and blood;
He fixed His loving eyes on me, As near His cross I stood.
Sure, never till my latest breath, can I forget that look; It seemed to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke.
My conscience felt and owned the guilt,
And plunged me in despair;
I saw my sins His blood had spilt
And helped to nail Him there.
A second look He gave, which said,
"I freely all forgive; This blood is for your ransom paid, I die that you may live."
Oh, can it be, upon a tree the Savior died for me?
My soul is thrilled, my heart is filled,
To think He died for me! -John Newton

{{Prayer, Miss Brooks: long, heart-born prayer for God to make us love coming down and the forsaking of all to KNOW JESUS.

<u>Tongues and Interpretation:</u> Marie Robinson: encouragement from the Lord: "As long as you keep close to me, and give your will over to me, I will cause every one of you to fulfill ---<u>I Am</u> taking you through (repeated) --- All I want is your will, and you can give me that, because I have given you the power to give your will up to Me." --- "In the days ahead, the joy of the Lord will be your only strength."

<u>Talk:</u> Mrs. Robinson; --- "We ought to be very happy, not downcast, or discouraged. The Lord wouldn't be after us if He wasn't going to deliver us. Let's rejoice and thank Him. His glory-cloud is waiting to descend: He is just waiting for us to praise Him, and rejoice, and thank Him all the time. When His Presence comes, your troubles will seem nothing to you. You're never going to be sorry that you gave yourself over to Jesus."}}

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God will fulfill all of Romans 8. It issues in the manifestation of the sons of God.

It is sometimes more to God's glory that we thank Him in and for everything than if we get what we think is a victory.

Isaiah 58 is the excelling fast.
Who will be caught up? Those who love His appearing. - R. Andrews

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"Heaven came down and glory filled my soul
When at the cross the Savior made me whole.
My sins were washed away,
And my night was turned to day.
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul."

-J. Peterson

UNDERSTAND

We must have a determined prayer, "Father, make your Word real and alive to me." If you pray that way, and stick to it, you are bringing the conflict of heaven right into the chaos of the world. We're in the days of apostasy ---and that means people are more than ignorant of the truth, ---they deliberately turn AWAY from the truth. And anyone who will not acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior is condemned to hell.

God has always been, and is now, seeking to give you understanding in the knowledge of God. That's what the image of God is. We're being renewed in knowledge after the image of God. Jesus is the perfect image. You are clay, but not just clay; you're molding clay in the hands of the Potter. You're not the Potter. Do you know that?

God has never cast aside the "clay" called the Faith Homes. And He has never ceased working this "clay." He is seeking now to bring it into just the right condition for His purposes, to mold as He chooses or pleases.

I am more and more in the simple consciousness that God can perform transformations on us in an INSTANT, if He chooses. What I am saying compares very closely with the transformation in Saul of Tarsus, which took place suddenly. This is a poignant illustration of what could and will happen anywhere in the world.

Saul was "breathing out threatenings and murder", almost foaming at the mouth in rage, when SUDDENLY a light brighter than the noon-day sun shone around him. It was the GLORY! God will do that for all those who do His Mercy and live in His Grace, but He will do it as He pleases, not as you please.

This is absolutely REAL, because it is God's Word. God's Word is reality. If you ask WHY is there no reality apart from God's Word, the answer must be, because God's Word is CREATIVE. It is the standard of REALITY. It is going to stand.

You therefore need to LIVE in the Word of God. Don't be a FOOL and trade off God's Word for the words of the world. Listen to the Word from Heaven. We're going to be united with Jesus the Head. Let God form our understanding. It flows through the doing of His Mercy.

- notes from R. Andrews talk – 1970

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THE BLOOD OF JESUS is God's gift to you. And the only gift you can give to God, that God reckons as your own, and you give to Him, is THANKSGIVING. Thanksgiving from your heart and by your lips God reckons as greater than all the sacrifices that were made in the Old Testament.

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PSALM 111

Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.
The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
His work is honorable and glorious: and His righteousness endures forever.
He has made His wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
He has given meat unto them that fear him: He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
He has shown to His people the power of His works, that He may give them the heritage of the heathen.
The works of His hands are verity and judgment; all His commandments are sure.
They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto His people: He has commanded His covenant forever: holy and reverend is His name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments: His praise endures forever.

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GLORY to JESUS! My conception is that the worship and praise of the LORD will get sweeter and richer and fuller and more complete as the days go by. It isn't a question of how big and bad the devil is or how wicked people are. It's a question of how big Jesus is, how good and true God is. He's faithful and His people are to represent Him on earth. No matter the era, the time or place, we are to know His Name and have His Spirit: to glorify, praise and exalt Him. Others must see from our lives that we know Him and love Him, but especially, we WORSHIP and PRAISE HIM. And may our whole being show that fire of love.

It is not about the devil. Never mind him. Our business is to tell, in the face of the devil and wickedness, what our God is like and to praise His Name, and bless Him and live for Him and not be ashamed of Him in a sinful and adulterous generation. It isn't a question of how much wickedness is on the earth. It's a question of whether or not this Salvation is real and whether God has saved you by His Grace or not.
Regardless of all adversity, WE ARE WASHED IN HIS BLOOD! He's given us the Holy Spirit! We belong to the RESURRECTION and to a KINGDOM that will never end. We belong to ETERNAL LIFE- we've already passed out of darkness into LIGHT! It's our business to declare our KING'S HOLY NAME! We are to be the light of the world. If we suffer or even lose our lives (earthly bodies) oh well. We can't save ourselves. We're saved by the Blood of Christ.

We're to be lights in the darkness. We are called to love Jesus and to love and pray for one another and for humanity. We are called to lay down our lives at His feet. We are here especially to overcome the spirit of this age by blessing and praising and worshipping God, yes, worshipping and blessing and praising God! Let us do it. Let us bring a triumph of praise and of blessing and of honor to the LORD.

Well, yes, some may think we're hypocrites. We probably are. Let's ask God to change us. Praise Him for He can bring us to truth. He loves to help and change us and He will if we are willing to give over to Him and let Him. He's very safe! Not much else is. Jesus is pure love. Give over to Him and thank Him for taking you. His work is perfect.

Thank God that the Blood of Jesus Christ has power over all sin. He will release us from every kind of sin, any kind of sin, and ALL KINDS OF SIN! There's power in the BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST, and we're here to say so! PRAISE GOD FOR THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB!

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU!