

Another's Devotional #3

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This devotional from A.W. Tozer is precious. It's tied to anticipating our Lord's return. We are to look forward to | long for His return. Are we, sincerely? Enjoy. Be edified.

OUR ANTICIPATION: JESUS THE VICTOR [Tozer's "Day 10" Advent devotional]

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and He will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 11:15

The unbeliever, who boastfully will "take my chances," can only remain cynical. Deep within, he or she discovers doubts and uncertainties multiplying daily. Tell that person about this revelation, about the certainty of Jesus Christ's ultimate victory, of God's promise of new heavens and a new earth, and he or she can only react with the cynic's biting contempt: "Who cares about fables and empty promises? No person in his right mind would ever confess that he has been reading the book of Revelation!"

Take my word for it. Men and women who think they have all the answers about this life and the next have been mouthing their brave words for generations. They are big, challenging words, but they come from puny, empty hearts and minds. These infidels are too blind to recognize or acknowledge that God does have an eternal plan—a divine plan in which mankind is never permitted to utter the first word or the last.

The fact is that God has always been God—and He always will be God. He knows all about our human beginnings. He has had to consult with no one about anything!

One day that little bundle of delight, so fondly nurtured by parents and family, finds herself in human consciousness and accepts the fact that she is. It is at that point that her volitional life begins. Until that time, she had nothing to say about anything—absolutely nothing.

Have you noticed, in the human family, how encouraged we are by the sound of our own voice? Men and women take to strutting and boasting, and in their pride they may declare their independence of God. Little do they realize that God in His divine sovereignty has reserved the right to take up at the last where He began at the first. It can mean only one thing: human beings are in the hands of God finally, whether they will or not.

I declare this truth in all frankness because God's Word, including the book of Revelation, tells us clearly that our man-made civilizations, so called, will not prevail in the coming day of judgment and consummation.

Secular-minded men and women seem annoyed by the premise that the Creator-God has in mind a plan for ending this age in which we live. They do not want to be told that organizations, governments, and institutions cannot expect earthly things to continue as they are for ever and ever. Re-

peatedly and plainly the Bible tells us to expect Jesus, the Christ of God, to return to this earth in power and glory. People who have long joked about the “invisibility” of the kingdom of God will see it established in righteousness and with authority.

Humans try to ignore God, continuing to make their own ambitious, selfish plans. In the years before World War I, Germany’s Kaiser Wilhelm, largely blamed for the beginning of that first world conflict, was exceedingly headstrong. At a chapel service attended by the kaiser, a faithful German minister preached on the coming again of Jesus Christ to establish God’s kingdom of righteousness and peace throughout the earth. Wilhelm was greatly offended and spoke to the minister at the close of the service.

“I never want to hear that kind of a sermon again,” he warned the preacher. “Such an event is not at all in keeping with the plans we have for the future and the glory of our Fatherland!”

But Kaiser Wilhelm and, a generation later, Adolf Hitler are merely fading memories—illustrations of that vain human propensity to make ourselves big and God small.

There is vastly more in Revelation than you or I will ever know while we are on this earth. But just God’s urging that we be ready for the announced coming events should be sufficient to keep us expectant, interested—and praying!

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So let’s do just that – let’s pray! “Precious God Most High, we exalt You. Thank You for caring for us SO much that You not only sent Your Son to deliver us from the eternal wrath to come in His salvation offer through His atoning death on the cross BUT also promised His return to set up Your eternal Kingdom following Jesus Christ’s millennial rule. LORD God, we LONG FOR His return Even so, please come quickly Lord Jesus!

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