

## **The Wednesday Word, February 20, 2019: The Day is at Hand - Part 2**

We, as God's people, are deeply interested in the day when the Lord returns. It will be the day of our full redemption.

I'm looking forward to that.

It will be the day of complete deliverance from sin and all its awful consequences. I'm looking forward to that.

When Jesus comes back, He will unveil our perfection in Him, and we will never sin again.

I'm looking forward to that.

That day will be the day of resurrection. Our Lord spoke of it when He said, "This is the Father's will who has sent Me, that of all which He has given Me I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day" (John 6:39-40, 44, 54).

Martha knew of this day. She said of her brother, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day" (John 11:24).

All those who love the Lord's appearing shall, at that day, receive a crown of righteousness. BTW, what a delightful description of the Lord's people .. we are those who love His appearing (2 Timothy 4:8).

May the Holy Spirit continually witness to our hearts of what a glorious day it will be for the people of God!

George Muller said it like this, "He is coming again, and in the meantime our business is to wait for Him, to glorify Him, and to be occupied in His service 'til He does come again, so that when at last that day shall arrive, we may be as delighted to receive Christ as He will be delighted to receive us to Himself, in order that where He is we may be also."

On that day, the Lord Jesus will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. All who have died in the Lord will rise from their graves. Living believers will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and they will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. Death shall be swallowed up in victory. The redeemed will be delivered forever from sin and sorrow, and where the Redeemer is, there they will be also, "forever with the Lord."

There is, however, a dark side to that day. The same day which will bring full and eternal blessedness to believers will bring judgment and woe on the unsaved. The day when the Lord comes to be glorified in His saints will be the day on which He will take vengeance on them that know not God, and who obey not the Gospel.

We read of "the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,"(Romans 2:5).

"the day when GOD shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ,"(Romans 2:16).

"the day of judgment," (2 Peter 2:9).

"the day... of perdition (2 Peter 3:7).

"He has appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man Whom He has ordained" (Acts 17: 31).

Now here's the good news, since through infinite mercy we are "justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus," we need have no fear.

He is coming soon. May we continually look for and expect Him.

The powerful Scottish preacher, Horatius Bonar, lived his life expecting Christ's return.

At night, as he retired to bed, his last action before he laid down was to draw aside the curtain and looking up into the starry heavens, say: "Perhaps tonight, Lord?" Then, in the morning, when he got up, his first thing he did was to open the "curtain, and looking out upon the gray dawn, remark: "Perhaps today Lord?"

Yes indeed, perhaps today!

And that's the Gospel Truth!