

Time happens in an instant and lingers for eternity

As of the time of this writing, we are witnessing the escalation of riots in L.A. entering a fifth day, and tempers are burning as hot as the fires being set.

In events which are happening more frequently, with increase fervor, hatred, and vitriol, the observer, casual or involved directly in the proximity of said events, a yearning and questioning of God's plan becoming a top-of-mind event.

This is not new, nor does it open our eyes to the extreme conditions and devastations emotions can cause.

I was drawn to Isaiah this morning. One may question if Isaiah is a knock off of the Book of Revelation or God's way of emphasizing the ills of a godless society and the immense wrath only, he can bring.

Verse 7: "Your country is desolate, your cities burned with fire; your fields are being stripped by foreigners right before you, laid waste as when overthrown by strangers."

Was that verse written this morning or a few millennia ago?

Verse 23: "Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts. They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow's case does not come before them."

God's plan for us is written and should come as no surprise by any events.

Some would say, those only people who fear the events in our world are those who are non-believers.

Believers KNOW our time on earth is miniscule compared to our time in eternity.

Will you choose heaven or hell?

Verse 2:18, "The arrogance of man will be brought low and human pride humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day,"

If we humble ourselves to the lord now if you have not already done so, you can bypass this foretold event and work on removing the blemishes.

Thankfully, God has a plan.

Verse 1:25-26, "I will turn my hand against you; I will thoroughly purge away your dross and remove all your impurities. I will restore your leaders as in days old, your rulers as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City."

In Arizona, copper is a major industry. Dross is defined as, "the scum that forms on the surface of molten metal as a result of oxidation." The dross is removed, and the process continues until all impurities are removed and the molten metal become mirror-like, and one can see their reflection.

God will place us in a heated or intense situations allowing our faults and weaknesses to be on display, so he can remove them. He then repeats this process until purity is restored so we, and hopefully others, will see the face of God through us.

One might become frustrated or depressed based on current events. Or you can choose to accept the role, wear the armor of God and be the face of God on earth.

This is a perfect time for believers. These days are now the stage which we are called upon to act.

Galatians 6:10, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

This is our time.

This is the place.

Stand up and be a soldier in God's Army.

Good will always win, but a price will be paid.

Jesus paid a price for all of us. It is time to repay him.

The best part of all, we know how it ends and the reward we will receive.

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