



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

Many have such difficulty in grasping eternity. I know I am still working on it. God spoke, ***"Even from eternity, I am He; and there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?"*** (Isaiah 43:13) God is eternal and when He acts, no one will prevent His actions. Just think with me, God saw this place we call earth come into existence because He brought it all into existence. He has seen every act of man and every soul that has ever walked on the face of this temporal location. God is always, never aging, never changing and determines all things. There is nothing He hasn't seen in our history!

We live in a temporal place. We get too comfortable in this temporal, living our lives for the temporal, play in the temporal, think in the temporal only to die and enter eternity, the realm of the living God. We are headed to the unending existence that will be fixed and never changed. We all readily agree with this but why do so many live and focus on the temporal? If people sincerely believed in the eternal and the great blessings of what Christ did for us, you couldn't keep people from worship! Our minds seem set along with our lives on the temporal. Suddenly, someone we love dies and reality sets in. Eternity comes into focus for just a moment. After a short passing, most are back to living in the temporal.

We should be preparing each and every day for the eternal. That takes faith. If our faith is not in the Lord, the only thing we have to live for is the temporal and all our efforts will be toward the temporal. ***"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."*** (II Corinthians 4:18). Faith in the Lord is what moves one away from being dedicated to the temporal and prepare for eternity.

What are you preparing for? What are you expending your life for? Remember, eternity has no beginning and will have no end. Once you enter into the real, eternal existence where of God, your life is set and there is nothing that will change it. There is no more following or reading of God's word. There are no more prayers offered. You will either be eternally with God and His presence or you will be away from God and His presence. The absence of God is evil and all the turmoil and horrors we could ever imagine. The presence of God does not have one ounce of evil or turmoil. We are preparing right now. Parents are leading their children to eternity, away from the Lord or toward the Lord. Husbands and wives are helping one another either to be eternally with the Lord or eternally away from the Lord. You either love the people of God, encouraging them toward eternity or you have little to do with them, knowing that you won't be part of them in eternity. If you enjoy the world's company more than the Lord's, you will find your efforts toward the world. Each decision we make, each effort we put forth is setting us in eternity. Examine your life. What part of eternity are you preparing for? Think about it!!!

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