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CREATION CORNER

Counterfeit Monarchs

In North America there is a most unique butterfly called the Monarch. It is the only butterfly that actually migrates thousands of miles south in the winter and north in the summer. It is very beautiful, orange and black with white spangles in the black trim. It also is totally harmless as it lays its eggs on the milkweed and its caterpillars eat only that. It gives us an example of what a true Christian is like; it does good and no harm at all.

Now there is another butterfly called the Viceroy; (Viceroy means to take the place of a king or Monarch) it looks very much like a Monarch. Our picture here is a viceroy. It is the same colour and when you see it by itself you may think it is a Monarch. If you see them together you can see that it is slightly smaller and doesn't have so many starry spangles. In the summertime it could fool you into thinking it is indeed a Monarch.

But when the summer grows late, then there is a big difference! Before the cold winds come, the Monarch, listening to the guidance God has put inside of him, begins to soar up into the sky heading south, always south. He doesn't allow anything to stop him, but in the power God gives him, he soars over or through all obstacles.

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What about the Viceroy? Well, when the cold winds come, he is not like the Monarch, he, and the other butterflies that play in the meadows, soon freeze and die. Now this is the way they were made and they have no choice, but I think God made these insects so we could see a lesson in their little lives.

There is indeed a parable for Christians here; we are to be the Monarchs, the children of the King. We are to hear the voice of God in His Word and in our hearts and obey that guidance. We are on our way to the heavenly kingdom and we mustn't allow anything to stop us or slow us down.

There are many who claim to be Christians, but few who really are. When times are easy, then they all look the same. But when hard times come and the cold winds of persecution blow, then you can tell the Monarchs from the Viceroy! The

Monarch soars above all problems while the Viceroy falls and perishes. My prayer is that each of you will follow God's guidance all the way, and in His power be true Monarchs, children of the heavenly king: not pretend ones like the Viceroys. = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

The Christian Church: part 14 'I Follow After'

Another stake was yet to be set up at Constance. Huss' dear friend Jerome, when he had said goodbye to Huss as he left to answer the summons, told him that if he got in trouble he would come to help him. He did this and Huss was cheered to see him. Sadly though, he saw he could do nothing for his friend and had only got himself in danger. He tried to escape back home but was arrested and brought back in chains.

As he was brought before the council, they shouted "To the flames with him!" He was put into a vile dungeon, chained in a painful position and fed only dry bread and water. He got very ill and his enemies thought he was going to escape them by death so they took him out and treated him a little better.

The thing they wanted was to make him say that what he and Huss believed in was not true. The death of Huss had not worked the way the papists had wanted, as the breaking of the safety promise by the Emperor made the people angry and disgusted. They kept Jerome for a year trying to terrify him into recanting. Finally he yielded to them.

But back in his prison, Jerome had no peace in his heart. He realized he had denied his Lord and failed to honour his friend Huss. He knew the small agreement he had given to his enemies would not be the last; they would demand more until he would have to give up all truth. This he decided not to do.

The next time they brought him to the council, he took back his former cowardly words and asked to speak in his own defence. They didn't want to allow this as they knew the effect his words of truth would have on the people, but finally, they had to allow it.

Jerome gave a wonderful explanation of truth under the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that when we are brought before kings and councils, the Spirit will give us what to say. He told them that in killing Huss they had brought

innocent blood on themselves which they would have to answer for before God. He told how he was so sorry for having yielded to them for even a moment.

It was a lot like the speech Stephen gave before he was stoned and his enemies acted the same way. Shaking with rage they hurried him back to prison. But many who heard him were deeply impressed with his words.

They visited him and kept trying to get him to recant but he would answer, "Do you think I am afraid to die? You have kept me a whole year in a frightful dungeon where my flesh rotted off my bones. Show me from the Holy Writings that I am wrong and I will recant!"

Here the Papists shouted: "The Holy Writings! Must everything be tested by them? Who can understand them except as the church interprets them?"

"Are the traditions of men more worthy of faith than the gospel of our Saviour?" replied Jerome. "Paul did not exhort those to whom he wrote to listen to the traditions of men, but said, 'Search the Scriptures.'"

"Heretic," was the response, "I repent having pleaded so long with you. I see that you are urged on by the devil."

Soon he was led out to the same spot where his friend Huss had died. As he was fastened to the stake the executioner went behind him to light the fire. Jerome cried out, "Come forward boldly; apply the fire before my face. Had I been afraid, I should not be here." His last words were asking God for forgiveness for having denied Him even briefly.

They threw his ashes into the river also, but it was not much of a victory for them. You see, down in their hearts they knew they were wrong. Just like the Priests that sent Jesus to the cross knew they were wrong. But they would not humble their proud hearts and admit it.

This is why when God's true witnesses are condemned by wicked self-righteous men, what the enemies of God want most is to have these faithful ones admit they are wrong; This way, it soothes their conscience a little. That is why so much torture was done, because to just kill the true ones did not make the false church leaders feel any better. God's Truth drills into their dark minds like a sword and they hate it even more.

This is why Satan tries to scare us and get us to deny our Lord. But if we stand true to Jesus, we

have all the power of God and heaven to help us and make us strong! We need never be afraid of what men think they can do to us! = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

“NO DEVIL STRINGS” part 9

Fuzzy-Wuzzy Angels

An American pilot watched his burning aircraft plunge into the blue lagoon; hanging from a parachute, he saw the jungle below him. He felt afraid of what might be down there, machine guns, poisoned spears, crocodiles, or maybe wild boars. He tried to think of everything he'd learned about survival in jungle.

The jungle was leaping up at him now. This was it. Branches lashed his face. Momentarily he was suspended, then with a sickening, tearing, snapping sound he fell to the ground. A small hut stood barely ten feet away, but not a soul was in sight.

Unbuckling his harness, the American walked shakily into the clearing. Blood was running down his arm, but he didn't notice. His eyes and ears were alert for any sign of danger. He came to the largest building in the village, a structure raised on wooden posts and covered with palm thatching. The pilot stumbled up the rough wooden steps and entered the building. Inside it smelled like a hay field after summer rain. Crude wooden benches lined the room in even rows, and picture rolls hung on the walls with pictures of Christ and the apostles. He recognized them from his Sunday School days. Man, that seemed like centuries ago!

Suddenly he realized that he was in a church. He wanted to laugh and shout. These people were Christians, not head-hunters! But where were they now? On a wooden rail around the preacher's pulpit stood a pickle jar with a faded label on it. It held a bunch of dead flowers. They must have been there for a month. Where had the people gone? Were they all dead like the flowers? He could feel the pain throbbing in his arm now.

Then he heard human voices. The airman returned to the porch and saw two islanders approaching. He waved to them, but when they saw him they hesitated, as if afraid. Then the oldest man called in halting English, “Are you Japanese, or American?”

“I am American,” he replied. Then all three men were grinning and shaking hands. The old man spoke again: “I am Hindi, chief of this village. We

are Seven-day village. We help Pastor Kata Rangoso find air pilots who fall down in the jungle. He is our leader.”

Hindi motioned to his friend, who quickly climbed a palm tree and slashed off several green coconuts. With one whack of his big knife he sliced the top off a nut and offered it to the airman. The American gulped the juice. That was delicious! Yes, he would have another. More slowly this time.

The chief explained that his people were hiding back in the hills because a Japanese scouting party had been in the area. He would send word for the people to return and prepare food. They would bring the medicine box and bandages. The pilot's badly gashed arm needed attention. The airman thanked him and offered the chief a cigarette, then said. “Oh, Seventh-day Adventists don't smoke? Sorry!”

The village people came back. They brought food, native fruits and vegetables. They cared for his wounds. How gentle they were! Later some of the rescued ones called them ‘Fuzzy-Wuzzy Angels’.

Several days later he heard the sound of an airplane overhead. The men assured the pilot that it was an American plane. They knew the sound. The villagers gathered on the wharf, waving pieces of cloth, and the pilot stood among them. When the aircraft flew over, he signaled with a mirror, and it circled and flew low over the place where they were. Then the engine buzzed twice, and the plane flew off over the trees.

A few hours later a Navy amphibian landed on the lagoon, and the people took the airman out to it in a canoe. The nose hatch opened, and a jovial head popped out.

“Hi, Tex! What are you doing with those fuzzy-wuzzy head-hunters?”

Tex let the navigator have his little joke, but that night he thanked the Master Pilot for guiding him to a Christian village, and he especially thanked Him for the man whom he had not seen, the one the people called Kata Rangoso.

After the war, Rangoso visited Australia and told the story in Sydney. “We put watchmen every five miles, to watch for planes and warships. When any plane was shot down, the watchmen reported to me, and I sent men out to find it. When we found any airmen we took them to our villages and mission stations and looked after them until we could take them to the wireless men. We had no white people's food, but we gave them our food.

“Sometimes we took the rescued servicemen to the wireless men at night through the Japanese lines. Sometimes we took them in daylight. When the enemy planes came over, we made the white people lie down in the canoes, and we covered them with leaves. When we reached the wireless men, they would send a message. Then an airplane would come and take the airmen away.

“Altogether we rescued twenty-seven American pilots and 187 Australian and New Zealand soldiers. These 187 men were on a warship which was torpedoed. When it sank, the soldiers started to swim. Our men went out in their canoes and brought them to shore. It took a lot of food to feed them, but we did not keep them very long. The wireless men sent a message, and a big warship came and took the soldiers aboard.

“One Sabbath when we came out of church, two planes were fighting overhead. After awhile ...the American plane fell down into the water. I sent some of my men out in a canoe to find the pilot. Late in the afternoon all except one returned and said they could not find the pilot.

“But when the plane sank, the airman got into his rubber dinghy and went ashore on one of the islands and stayed there that night. One of my men, Tiri, remained to search for the airman. Early next morning he, saw the American come out from the island in his dinghy, so he paddled after the man in his canoe. When the pilot saw Tiri he was very frightened. He thought the black man would kill him. ...But when he came close, the airman smiled and Tiri spoke to him in English: ‘Are you American or Japanese?’

“The answer came, ‘I am American. Where do you come from?’ “ ‘I belong to mission,’ Tiri called to him.

“When the airman heard this he was very happy. ...So Tiri put the injured man in his canoe and towed the dinghy behind. He paddled hard and came to Batuna.

“When I heard that he had come, I went down to the wharf and. .. asked him if he was a real American. He said, ‘I am an American. ...I come from Hollywood, California.’

“So I told him I had been to Hollywood and was very pleased to see him. I asked him to come to our missionary’s house. We gave him oranges, papayas, and coconuts, and cooked some sweet potatoes. We gave him a shower. Then I asked the dresser who looked after the hospital to give him some medicine and bandage his arm and leg.

Twenty-one men in a canoe took him to the wireless station, and later an American plane came and took him away. After he went back to America, he wrote a letter of thanks to me and my people.”

In recognition of his work in organizing and leading rescue parties during the war, Kata Rangoso received a plaque from the American forces that said:

“Air Force Association, California Wing. Citation of merit to Kata Ragoso for bravery in leading over 200 allied soldiers to safety through enemy lines. “

When all the white people had to leave at the start of the war, many natives had stolen and looted from the houses and stores. Later an officer came to punish them. One punishment was to burn down their huts. The people would be called from their huts and made to stand in line while their village burned. Rangoso also told about one of these incidents:

“While the policemen were doing this work, a small group of people in the line were talking. The teacher whispered to the chief and his people: ‘This is a very bad time. If they burn our houses and our things, we will be very poor. There is our church, our schoolhouse, and the things in our homes, Bibles and hymnbooks. So we must ask God to help us and protect our village.’ They bowed their heads and prayed earnestly to God to help them.

“In their village the policemen went to the chief’s house to burn it first. They took some dry coconut leaf and put it on the floor. Then they poured kerosene on the leaf and set fire to it. The flames came out from the windows and door, but when the leaf was bummed the fire went out. ...So they brought more leaf and poured kerosene on as before, but the fire went out. ...The policemen said, ‘We will try the third time,’ but the officer answered, ‘I’ve had enough. There must be something about this village. We had better leave it.’ So they went to other villages until they had burned all of them on the island.

“Next morning the officer took his policemen and returned to Batuna. When he came to the wharf, he called me on board. He said, ‘I’ve buured every village on the island to punish the people. ...But one thing I cannot understand. I tried to burn the chief’s house in one village, but it would not burn.’ I asked him the name of the village and he said, ‘Tuki.’ “So I said, ‘This is the Adventist village, and my brother Joseph is the teacher there. The people there did not join with the others to steal the white people’s goods from Gizo.’

“Then he said, ‘I am very sorry indeed, Rangoso, that you did not tell me this before. If you had told me, I would not have put those people in line or tried to burn their village; because I know your people are good people, and they would not help others to steal the white people’s goods from their stations. I know your people are true to their religion.’” [This, obviously, was not the same officer who had imprisoned Rangoso.]

Kata Rangoso continued: “This experience opened the eyes of the people in the Solomons, to hear of this one village that was not burned. When they knew that the small group of people in the line had prayed earnestly, they knew that their God was different from others.

“The war has not weakened God’s work in this field, but has greatly strengthened it. From 1942 to the close of 1944 I was able to dedicate twelve new churches and schools to the glory of God. Fifty men and 1 woman were baptized, and a great number are preparing for baptism. Not one teacher left his post of duty or let down the standard of the church.

“And now once more there is peace. We look back over the war years, and we have only one statement to make: Our hearts are ruled with deep gratitude to Jesus for His wonderful care, and for providing for our every need during this awful time.” continued: = ^ .. ^ =

ADVENT HISTORY

ELLEN WHITE’S VISIONS & DREAMS: 3 The Great Controversy Vision

In the very first vision Ellen received as a teenager, she was shown things that have to do with the last days of the great battle between Jesus and His angels and Satan and his fallen angels that has been raging on this earth ever since Adam and Eve listened to the serpent instead of obeying God.

Later in 1848, she was shown more and then in 1858, she had what we know as the ‘Great Controversy Visions’, which gave her more information.

What were these visions really about? Well, they basically give us the details of Satan’s master plan to fool all the world, even God’s faithful people. They even give us some of the very words of Satan as she was allowed to listen in to him talking to his angels and see him as he schemed and planned to defeat Jesus and trick people into following him instead of God.

This is just what he did in Eden, and he has been doing it ever since. But now there is a difference! He knows his time is almost gone and soon he will be stopped. So he has more plans and tricks now than ever before, and he’s using them all!

God knows we need extra help to see Satan’s evil tricks because now he makes himself to be an angel of light. In other words, he makes people think that his ways are good for them and true. He mixes some truth in with his lies and then the people think because the truth is good, that it is all good. Remember that rat poison is always mostly good grain, but it does not help the rat.

Satan was raging angry when Jesus showed his plans to Ellen and she started to write them down for us to read and be warned. He tried to kill her right after the vision, before she could even get back home!

“A strange, cold sensation struck my heart, passed over my head, and down my right side.” She was unconscious for a while but awoke when they prayed earnestly for her. She was not able to move her arms or legs and thought she would die. Satan had tried to kill her, But an angel was sent to help her and as the dear people who loved Jesus continued to pray she began to be able to move a little and could go home the next day.

However she was still partly numb, very sick, and unable to walk properly. In this suffering way, she began to write the book. At first she could only write one page and then she would collapse and have to rest for three days. But she kept trying and the people kept praying. Finally the power of Satan was broken and the book was written.

First came Volume 1 of ‘Spiritual Gifts’ then in 1884, in Volume 4 of ‘Spirit of Prophecy’ she wrote a more complete account. After she had been to Europe, she added some more chapters and information, which was printed in the 1888 edition. The 1911 book has some quotes changed, as the enemies of truth had been busy finding and destroying the old history books that tell the truth about the dark ages and the reformation. Some of the books used before could not be found. They had to use other books that said much the same thing.

It is good to read all of these Great Controversy editions, as each has something the others don’t have, it is like the four gospels, they tell the same story but in slightly different ways. God does this a lot in the Bible, especially with prophecies.

Now I want to tell you a true secret; any time that any body starts to read or give away to others the book 'Great Controversy', Satan is angry! That is why you should pray before you read it, for Jesus to help you understand it, and read it all through. Satan will make you busy, or get your mind off on something else.

I have seen many people read the first half of the book and say it was so interesting and then, just when they were getting to the most interesting part, they loose interest, get busy and the book is thrown aside. Satan hates that book! That is why we should love it, second only to our dear KJV Bible, which Satan also hates.

I also think of the courage that Ellen White had, as she wrote faithfully even when sick and suffering, so we can have the messages God wants us to have. When we see her in heaven, we must say thank you! = ^ .. ^ =

BUILDING FOR JESUS

JESUS IS COMING!

Lift up the trumpet, and loud let it ring:
Jesus is coming again!
Cheer up, ye pilgrims, be joyful and sing:
Jesus is coming again!

Refrain
Coming again, coming again,
Jesus is coming again!

Echo it, hilltops; proclaim it, ye plains:
Jesus is coming again!
Coming in glory, the Lamb that was slain;
Jesus is coming again!

Heavings of earth tell the vast, wondering throng:
Jesus is coming again!
Tempests and whirlwinds, the anthem prolong;

Jesus is coming again!
Nations are angry—by this we do know
Jesus is coming again!
Knowledge increases; men run to and fro;
Jesus is coming again! = ^ .. ^ =



Year 1: 2nd Quarter:
“MESSIAH OUR PRINCE”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 11:
“JESUS IS COMING AGAIN”

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11

Sunday

Text: Jude 1:14 “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints.”

History and the Bible have two main parts; everything before Jesus came to earth points towards His coming and everything after, points back to His Coming. But everything in all history and Bible also points towards Jesus second Coming! This is the great event that is the theme of all scripture, and every true Christian's hope in all times.

Jesus is coming to earth again, What if it were today? Are you ready? Are you sure?

Our verse shows us that even before the flood, God's prophet Enoch talked about that wonderful, but for some, dreadful day.

Jesus had a lot to say about His second coming. He told us what things would be like when that time was close. He told us signs in the earth; see Matthew 24:7 "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, (terrible diseases) and earthquakes, in divers places."

We certainly see all these things; did you know that we now have more earthquakes each year, than they had in a hundred years, before the 'time of the end' began in 1798.

The wonderful book, "The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan", that Ellen White wrote as God showed her what the end times would be like, is very important for all of us to read carefully and study now. The final things are happening all around us, and we need to understand, so we will not be fooled by Satan's tricks. We are told that almost everybody will be fooled! Get this book and read it for yourself; especially the last half of it.

Thought - If you feel afraid of Jesus Coming, you need to tell it all to Jesus, and ask Him to show you what is in your heart that needs to be given to Him, so you can be happy when you think of His soon coming. Remember, He loves you and will help you if you let Him.

Monday

Text: 2 Timothy 3:2-5 "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, (they can't control their tempers) fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, (proud of their selves) lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

We are also told what the people will be like in this text. Read it carefully and think about each thing it tells us. It is certainly what people today are like, and they are getting more like it every day!

Notice that it says they will have a 'form of godliness'. This means they are going to claim they are religious and follow the Lord. This is truly Satan's masterpiece, when he can get people to think they are following the Lord Jesus, while they are really following the devil.

It tells us how to tell the difference: 'but denying the power thereof'. This means that they won't really believe in the Power of God and His Word. They will follow men instead. They will have 'great leaders' and 'highly educated' people telling them what to do and what to believe and giving them books to read, instead of studying God's Word, and seeking to have God teach them Himself, which is what He promises to do.

They will like lots of big meetings, and exciting ceremonies. They will like to point to their big church buildings, and how many people go to 'their church'. But when you start talking to them about the Power in Jesus to get rid of sin in the life, and the way the Lord teaches and blesses each of us, as we seek to know Him for ourselves, you will find they don't want to hear that. Also they will talk a lot about 'love' but they will actually be selfish and not have 'natural affection'.

Anybody who tells you that you can't stop sinning until Jesus comes back is one of these 'denying the power thereof' people. The Bible says, "From such turn away".

Thought - If Jesus has beaten Satan every time and in every place, He can beat the power of Satan in your heart also. Satan can't make you sin, if you choose to give all your heart to Jesus, and let Jesus be in charge of your life.

Tuesday

Text: Matthew 24:37- 39 "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Be sure and read all of Matthew 24, and notice how many stories Jesus has there to tell us what would happen at His coming. Here He says that the people will be like before the flood; they will just be going on with their fun and business and won't know anything is happening.

But how could this be at the time of the flood? Didn't Noah preach to them for 120 years? Didn't he build the huge boat to warn them? Didn't he beg them to get on board? Yes, all that is true but they didn't know until the flood took them all away! WHY? Because what we refuse to believe and

obey—we don't really 'know'.

It is the same today, most people don't want to believe that the things the Bible told us are really happening all around us, and what we won't believe and obey, we don't 'know', not even if God sends an angel to shout it right into our ears!

Paul tells us of a different class though; "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

Those who love the truth will see the signs, and will believe what the Bible says about them, and will give all their heart to Jesus, and He will work with them to get ready. Jesus will take care of them all through the terrible times ahead. If we know Jesus and really belong to Him, we have nothing to fear!

Thought - Jesus told us the things ahead of time so we can know He is in charge and He will not fail to take care of the smallest, weakest person who has given their life over to Jesus. The prophecies are to make us brave, not to scare us.

Wednesday

Text: Matthew 24:48-51 "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Here we see a 'servant' who his Lord told to care for the other servants. This means a Pastor or a teacher or a church leader. He decides that Jesus isn't coming back for a long time, and so he starts putting himself in the place of the Lord. He gets the other servants to wait on him, and he bosses them around and tells them what to do himself, instead of leaving them to follow the orders of the Lord, the same as he is supposed to do.

He makes himself the boss over the Lord's people, and is so busy having a good time taking that which really belongs to the Lord and using it

for himself, that he doesn't know when the Lord is returning. He gets caught doing this when the Lord comes back and the Lord is very angry with this servant. The last sentence shows that this person will be lost.

Thought - Jesus never gave any man the right to tell His people how to worship Him. They are only to teach the Lord's words and let the people decide for themselves to follow the Lord or not.

Thursday

Text: John 17:24 "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

This is Jesus talking to His Father in this verse; here we see that He longs for us to be there in heaven with Him. He is looking forward to coming back to get all his dear ones who, down through the ages have chosen to obey and love Him, and allow Him to make them ready to live in heaven.

Can you imagine how sad He must feel when He sees the very ones that He suffered and died for, so they could have a chance to be saved, wanting to stay on earth and play with sin and Satan's 'toys', rather than wanting Him to come back? How His dear heart must ache when He hears someone say, "Well if I have to stop watching movies to go to heaven, I just won't go". Or "I love my sports, if I can't keep playing them, I don't want to belong to Jesus." Or "If I can't wear jewelry and dress just like everybody else, then forget it!"

When we are really 'born again' and have given our whole hearts to Jesus, we will not even want any of old Satan's things; not even a little bit now and then! We will hate what we once loved, and love what we once hated. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Worldly things) Matthew 6:24

Thought - Jesus is willing and able to change you so you can go to heaven but He will not change heaven so you can go there without being changed.

Friday

Text: Matthw 10: 22 "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Psalms

91:14,15 “Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.”

Here we see that the faithful will be hated by the people who are fooled by Satan; But they are cared for by Jesus! He will give them food and water, while all the world will be starving. He will have His loving arms around them, while all the world is terrified and angry. They will have the protection of mighty angels, while the world will be attacked by Satan and his nasty devils.

Truly, it is not the faithful who should feel afraid of the end times, but it is very important to seek Jesus now and be among those who do listen to Him, and obey His true Word and trust in His care.

Do you know how to see if you will stand in the time of trouble? It is easy to find out. Just watch and see how you act from day to day.

If a temptation comes, do you say, “Oh, just this once won’t matter”, or do you say “No! I have chosen to be like You, Jesus help me!”

If someone calls you a nasty name, do you get angry and call him one back? Or do you stay quiet in Jesus’ strength?

It is the habits we are forming now that will tell if we will be among those who look up and say, “This is our God! We have waited for Him and He will save us!” Isaiah 25:9. Or be with those that cry to the rocks and mountains “Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:” Revelation 6:16

Yes, our day-to-day choices are what will cause us to be either ready or not ready. It is up to each one of us to seek Jesus in prayer and Bible study and ask Him to show us what needs to be changed in us, so we will be ready and happy to see Him come. And remember that what He shows you needs changing in you, He will change, if you cooperate with Him.

He won’t do it without your permission and choice, and you can’t do it with out His power, but working together with Jesus, you will never be lost!

Thought - I want to see each one of you in heaven! = ^ .. ^ =

