

Isaiah 30:18 LIV “Yet the Lord still waits for you to come to Him, so He can show you His love; He will conquer you to bless you, just as he said, for the Lord is faithful to His promises.”

Isaiah 30:20 LIV “Though He give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet He will be with you – to teach you – with your own eyes you will see your teacher.”

Rev. 3:19 AMP “Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude].”

The times soon to come will require honest followers of Jesus Christ, not cold confused zealots. God is refining a people to not only represent Jesus properly in this world, but also, a people fully prepared and waiting eagerly to meet Him when He comes. Ironically, they are one and the same.

Jesus will not be joined in marriage with anyone who has a whorish heart, a heart that is not like His in every way. This presents a problem for most of the doctrines present in the church today, because most of the church has a heart that craves many things other than His heart for satisfaction. We “sell” our emotions and desires to areas of comfort, rather than refinement. We look for His return only because it will allow us to escape this world.

Should the return of Jesus be soon, two things must happen. Either He will take only a very few, those who have a mirror of His heart, with Him, or an intense refining fire is coming to the church to create His true heart in us before He comes, one that desires and loves only what He desires and loves. Anything other than that, denies the work and intent of the cross, and the holiness of Jesus.

I believe it is vital for all of us to set aside all conjecture, discussion, and contention about pre, mid, post, of “even if” and seek God’s presence with all of our hearts. Finding out what pleases God should be our only pursuit. This life in Christ requires the absolute death of all of our fleshly ways. It is the intent of the cross and the only way to intimacy and “Christ-likeness”.

It’s time that we got on with it. Each of us needs to request that the Lord do what it takes to take where He wants for us to go. What is His intent for our relationship with Him? How are we intended to represent Jesus? How do we become like Him?

Wanting to really press in – Jim Corbett