

The Vincennes Voice

"...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight..." (Matt. 3:3)

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DAYS OF THE BIBLE

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The Bible speaks of many different days. In so doing, it alerts its readers to different and varied seasons of life. Not all days are the same. Not all days are good, or bad. Some days are more challenging than others, some are more enjoyable. As the wise man once said, *"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"* (Eccl. 3:1). Consider these days spoken of in God's Precious Word.

1) Day of Darkness.

Job's friend, Eliphaz, referred to Job's difficulties as a *"day of darkness"* (Job 15:23). Though his friends were often wrong, Job most assuredly found himself in a difficult situation. A quick reading of Job 1 will exhibit those troubles. A frequent response of Job to this situation was *"Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly"* (Job 3:11)? Even in his day of darkness, Job was able to maintain a faithful attitude. He said, *"If a man*

die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come" (Job 14:14). Later he uttered, *"My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live"* (Job 27:6). We, too, will have days of darkness. How will you handle them? When they come, may we learn to handle them as Job.

2) Day of Prosperity.

The preacher penned, *"In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider"* (Ecc. 7:14). There will be times in life when we have a windfall of blessings. It is a time to be joyful for sure. But even more than this, a time to be thankful to God, as *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights"* (Jam. 1:17). The day of prosperity is also a day to *"be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate"* (I Tim. 6:18). Be not as the rich man of Lk. 12:16-21 who thought only of himself, even in times of great

prosperity! Today, do as the wise man commanded and, *"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it"* (Prov. 3:27).

3) Day of Temptation.

The Psalmist wrote, *"Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness"* (Psa. 95:8). The writer of Hebrews hearkened back to these words when authoring, *"But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin"* (Heb. 3:13). Temptation is common to all men. The apostle reminded, *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it"* (I Cor. 10:13). When this day comes, we must remember the admonition of James when he said, *"Resist*

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the devil, and he will flee from you” (Jam. 4:7). Jesus was able to do this, and so can we!

4) Day of Espousals. In the rarely visited book of Song of Solomon, it is written, “*Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart” (SOS 3:11). This day is a very special time in the life of the bride and groom. It is a day during which they will make promises to each other which should last a lifetime. The last prophet of the Old Testament commented about this day. He wrote, “*the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant” (Mal. 2:14). Promises made on the day of espousals are not only made to each other, but to God as well. Couples would do well to be “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God” (Eph. 5:21). May we learn to keep the promises we made on our day of espousals.**

5) Day of My Death.

The aged Isaac said, “*Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death” (Gen. 27:2). There are two great truths located in this patriarch’s statement. First, one’s death is an appointment which will be kept. The Bible states, “*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27). The wise man reminded, “For the living know that they shall die” (Eccl. 9:5). Isaac’s statement also indicates no one knows when the day of death will come. James asks, “For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (Jam. 4:14)? Peter states, “For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away” (I Pet. 1:24). We must be ready for this day to come. Are you?**

6) Day of the Lord.

Peter penned, “*But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the*

earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up” (II Pet. 3:10). This is the only day which would prevent your death. Paul wrote, “We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (I Cor. 15:51-52). The Thessalonians were warned, “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (I Thess. 4:16-18). It is on this day when Jesus “shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom” (II Tim. 4:1). May we be ever ready for the day we depart from this earth, be it because we go the way of “all the earth” (I Kings 2:2) or because the Lord returns the second time. Am I ready? Are you?

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