

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 13 24-37



Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.
Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Psalm 80:3-4

Praising:

O'er every foe victorious, he on
his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blessed:
the tide of time shall never his
covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever; that
name to us is Love.

Reading:

Mark 13:24-37
On the end of the age

When Jesus talks about things happening in this generation he is still talking about the fall of Jerusalem. As to his coming again, the timing of that is a mystery even to Christ. His point is that as disciples we should live in a state of constant spiritual readiness. It seems there will always be those keen to call closure on the world as we know

it. Even some Christians fall into this trap. They warn about the apocalypse around the corner and the terrifying judgment that will accompany it – as if such threats will be enough to melt the hearts of the unrepentant with love for God. Yes, there will be an end, and yes, signs will accompany it. But Jesus acknowledges that only in order to encourage us to live out our faith with urgency and purpose.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord, conscious of Christ's call to keep awake

- free us from the fear and guilt which shatter the joy and gladness of following Jesus
- show us ways we can serve Christ and speak for him every day, in every situation
- fill us with energy and zeal to build and plant for God rather than for ourselves

Father: you give me these moments to sit down, to take a breath, to lay aside the burdens of the day – and to bring to mind what you want me to do for you when I must stand up again.
Amen

Doing:

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