



Relationship w/Jesus

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Summer Fruit

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¹Thus hath the Lord God shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. ²And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the Lord unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more. ³And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence.” Amos 8:1-3

Amos sees a basket of summer fruit which will not keep till winter, but must be used at once. Summer fruit needs to be eaten right away, or it will spoil. This was the reaping of the last harvest of the year. God was tired of the people of Israel not turning to Him. Amos warns his people, that those who despise the Word of God shall someday suffer from a famine of the Word.

*“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:”
Amos 8:11*

Summer fruit. The fruit had their chance to grow. They had their chance to get what they needed before the day of harvest. They had plenty of chances to get the nutrients and strength to get bigger and stronger; to get it right.

When the harvest is come, it is too late to grow. The summer fruit cannot go back into the ground nor to the tree; it is time for it to die. They cannot gain the nutrients they need after the harvest. What is done is done.

In this scripture, the Lord is saying to Israel; “Look, you had your chances to change; to do what is right and grow in My Word. You had your chances, now, I am done. I will no longer allow you to feel My presence. And because you will not be able to find me, you will have great sorrow. My judgment is swift.” I read this passage of scripture, when it occurred to me . . . there was an exact moment in time when God chooses a person.

Just like there is a time when a decision is made that refines the relationship a man has with Jesus. There must be a monumental point in a life when they know they are never going back to the world. And God knows the very moment a life will never go back to the world. Thus, a soul has made a reservation to be with Jesus for an eternity.



Question: Is there a great sigh of relief in Heaven when this happens? Does God have the angel in charge of the Book of Life use a permanent pencil; a non-erasable pencil? Is there a great celebration? I know, all of Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents.

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." Luke 15:7

Now, just by curiosity, could there also be a moment in time when God is just done with us? He knows the beginning from the end and the end from the beginning. God was done with Israel, would Jesus also be done with us? Jesus knows exactly when a monumental bad decision is made for a life. That decision scars the soul's destiny. The precise moment that defines a soul's eternity. If the soul is not destined for paradise, then it is doomed for the lake of fire. God knows. God knows there is nothing else that can be done; legally.

So, obviously this moment does happen. Unfortunately there are people all over the world who do not choose, so they lose.

Going back to my curiosity, I wonder, at that instant when God accepts the soul's outcome of eternal death, at that very moment, is there a great weeping? Is there a great sorrow in Heaven for the loss of one soul? Do the angels weep? Does the Lord put great sorrow upon us so that we will weep with Him? For the lost soul? Mourn the loss of a single soul?

We may never know the precise moment that determined or determines our destiny. Only God knows. The best we can do is listen and obey when the Lord directs us. Grow when you get a chance. Allow those trials to create character and not bitterness. Allow God to move in your mind, heart and soul. We need the growing. We need God.

It is not the end of summer yet.

"¹Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" ²By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; ⁴And patience, experience; and experience, hope: ⁵And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. ⁶For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:1-6

