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God Bless,
Jeff

Re: A Very Timely Quote & a word for all of us... - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/3/29 12:59

Brother Jeff,

Amen!
and it is indeed a good word:)

Re: , on: 2016/3/29 14:30

Jwff this a good word I particular apply to myself. In a forum like this we are behind our keyboards. Our post do not necessarily convey the tone of our voice. This is why I try to use adjectives in my posts such as respectfully or in kindness or in gentleness to convey the tone of my posts. Maybe this might be helpful to others.

Respectfully posted.

Blaine

Re: , on: 2016/3/29 14:37

Amen. Another thing I have found is that you dont have to be involved with every thread. If a thread comes along on a s
ubject that has been discussed many times before (almost every subject has been discussed many times before:) then
you should just let it be discussed and maybe post your own thread that is edifying to others.

I am a great believer in posting our thoughts as opposed to just reacting to others posts or cutting and pasting long piece
s about what others say. Cutting and pasting used to be frowned upon here back in the day, kinda like you are letting so
meone else speak for you when you can speak for yourself.

God bless all of my brothers and sisters and may the peace of the Lord rain down.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2016/3/29 14:47

Very good word, Jeff.

The more spiritual one is the more love and patience and understanding they will show to all men, especially those of th
e household of faith.

Lord, give me more love (more of You).

Re: Frank , on: 2016/3/29 14:51

Brother Frank I don't even know how to cut and paste. Many times that is a blessing to me in this forum.

Bro. Blaine

Re: , on: 2016/3/29 14:57

Hi Blaine,

I was referring to posting long dissertations from other sources rather than engage a brother with your own thoughts. Th
en it can just become old battles between warring factions.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2016/3/29 17:30

Hoping I'm not on the outs with anyone because of recent comments I concur with and agree with this word. Apologies if
I have offended any.

Thank you and blessings.

Re: A Very Timely Quote & a word for all of us... - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/29 21:27

A good word Jeff,

I have found with myself, that I hate texting, and that many times... it's not only how I text, but it's also how I hear...In wh
at spirit I text, and in what spirit i read.... Texting about great truths to those that don't know me is a fearful thing many ti
mes.

The Great Physician and His ministers have always cut only to heal. The great sermons and messages of the past inwh
ere lies much Godly sincerity, (from those like Ryle, Spurgeon, Barnard, Owen, Baxter, Bunyan, Flavel, Manton, Law, M
urray, etc...and today, Keith Daniel, etc, etc... Men who preach from the heart to the hearts of their hearers...Men of the
Scriptures like Paul, James, Peter, the letters of John, Christ's warnings to the rich, young ruler, the pharisees, the hypo
crites, the religious leaders),... the same Spirit flowing through the ages, has always warned in Love...the paradox of the
Way, to die is to live, humble yourself and God will exalt in due time, to go up is to go down...

I tremble that at the Judgment those ministers whose words are recorded through this website, for the glory of God and t
he benefit of the brethren, will be there and testify either for or against the hearers here - there will be no excuse, God kn
owing all things, our consciences being enlightened and bearing witness, for what did we do with the words that were gr
aciously given unto us?

All things should be done in the Love of God indeed. I recall Keith Daniel a few years back now (maybe 10)saying somet

hing like, 'People are trying to have me to write a book... Maybe someone can publish it when I'm dead, because if I did before that happened they'd probably kill me'... I can relate to that statement, God is my witness, in what I say is true.

We are all to be of one mind, many members but one body. Again, I'm late on my duties and must run now. I'll try to post a parable the Lord showed me in a dream a few weeks back, and will title it, "The Apprentice and the Hollandaise Sauce" - it was a word to me personally, and it speaks of what you are texting here I do believe. Look for it in a week dear brother. Maybe you can help me with the outcome. God knows accountability amongst the saints is a blessed privilege.

Re: - posted by passerby, on: 2016/3/30 14:21

Zechariah 12:3

And in that day will I make Jerusalem (or the jews) a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Re: , on: 2016/3/30 14:56

I hope you don't mind if I reply to you, passerby.

Yes, "Jerusalem above" is a burdensome stone for all people. The stone that the builders rejected has become a stumbling stone (Jesus Christ). People have to come to terms with the King of Jerusalem above, not for their physical destiny but for their eternal destiny. It is all about eternal destiny not physical wars on earth.

God is calling all men to repentance now. They ignore the Lord expressed through His Church (Zion above) to their peril.

Zechariah is prophecy about the kingdom of God and about Jesus Christ. It is not about us or any nation, it is about Jesus Christ. Always has been, always will be. Satan is after those who know about the words of life (the gospel).

The Jews are not a burdensome people to everyone. The righteous Gentiles risked their lives to save many of them in world war 2. And will do the same thing, again if need be. Not just Jews but anyone.

All the people of the earth will not gather against the Jews because Christians will not gather against anyone but the "people of the earth (fleshly people) are gathering against the elect, the Church as Satan despises Jesus Christ and those who love Him. It is the Church that we read about in Revelation that is being persecuted by Satan.

The prophecies in the OT pointing to things in the NT, speak of Christ and His Church. No longer is it about physical nations on earth, but about the Bride and the Bridegroom.

Many things come clearly into view when you keep Christ and His Church, central. That is what the NT is all about. "The old had passed away".

Re: Passerby & Julius , on: 2016/3/30 15:10

Brothers, respectfully, what do your last two posts have to do with the OP? I went back and read Jeff's word to us. Jerusalem has nothing to do with it.

I think a hijacking of this thread is taking place. The end result is Greg locking it down. Let us keep our posts to what Jeff is exhorting us to do. And that is be conciliatory toward one another and are posting.

My thoughts respectfully posted.

Brother Blaine

Re: , on: 2016/3/30 15:33

Blane, with all due respect, Passerby initiated the conversation and I replied. We are also being respectful so why would Greg lock it down? You are sounding an alarm where two brothers are in peaceful dialogue.

Why don't you say something about the incendiary comments on Proud papa's thread? Poor guy is just trying to post a profile of a Christian.

Re: , on: 2016/3/30 15:38

Blaine

Par for the course, nothing but division and strife to further the agenda from these "friendly" chaps.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/30 15:42

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Brethren,

It is clear that from what brother has posted that we have 2 roads to follow, either the road of humility before men and the Lord or pride seeking to be right with our words but wrong with our heart attitude. To try and win every argument on any thread on SermonIndex is a wrong mindset. We should never want to even want to win the argument, rather we should seek to serve each other, and pray for each other.

Along with some suggestions in this Original Post we would do well to re-read the community guidelines also:

Re-Reading the Community Guiding Principles

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=56543&forum=16

brother Blaine, though you mean well, it would be good for you not to try and moderate every situation that you feel needs correction etc. It would be best to commit such brothers to prayer if you feel they are not serving the brethren.

May God help us all to be servants filled with the love of God for each other.

Our unity is in Christ and not a belief of physical Israel. May we find our unity in the center first.

Re: , on: 2016/3/30 16:09

Brother Greg I recieve the rebuke. I humbly extend my apologies to Passerby and Julius.

Respectfully posted in humility.

Brother Blaine

Re: , on: 2016/3/30 16:11

Blane, absolutely no problem. Much love to you, bro.

Re: , on: 2016/3/30 16:43

Thank you bro. Love you too.

Lovingly posted.

Bro Blaine