The Day is Coming BY Malusi Skunyana

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

1 TH 5:1. But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

1 TH 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

1 TH 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

1 TH 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

We are certainly living in the closing days of this earth’s history, everything that happens, every event testifies that the coming of the Lord is at hand. Though at times it may seem as though the Lord is delaying, but the testimony of Scripture and the momentous events occurring in our world declare that His coming is near. The Bible warns that the Lord will come like a thief in the night, He will come when men least expect Him. Every man should be preparing for the coming of the King, for His coming is as sure as the rising of the sun.

The Bible presents the Second Coming of the Lord as an imminent reality, at any moment we may see Him coming with the clouds of heaven. But the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. Many will still be absorbed in the things of this world, and will not be ready for His coming. The world will be lulled in a false sense of safety and security; they will be talking peace and safety and will be unalarmed by the warnings of God’s imminent judgment. Paul uses the imagery of labour pains to represent the suddenness of the coming of the Lord. A pregnant woman’s first contraction comes suddenly and unexpectedly. But although the day of the Lord will come as a surprise to unbelievers, it will not be really a surprise to the children of God who will be found watching and waiting. In an age where corruption, vice and lawlessness abound in the land, Christians are to remain pure and undefiled in the world, keeping their lamps burning by their words and actions.

“Come when it may, the day of God will come unawares to the ungodly. When life is going on in its unvarying round; when men are absorbed in pleasure, in business, in traffic, in money-making; when religious leaders are magnifying the world’s progress and enlightenment, and the people are lulled in a false security – then, as the midnight thief steals within the unguarded dwelling, so shall sudden destruction come upon the careless and ungodly, ‘and they shall not escape.’” **Ellen G White, *The Great Controversy*, p.38**.

The word of the Lord encourages us to wait for His coming though it appears to be delayed. In his second letter, Peter assured the believers that the Lord is not “slack concerning His promise” (2 Peter 3:9), that God would fulfil His promise. The fact that many years have passed and our Lord has not yet come does not mean He is no longer coming. Peter warned the believers that scoffers would come, saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” 2 Peter 3:4. He then assured the believers, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night” (2 Peter 3:10). So we have the sure testimony of the word of God, Jesus is coming again.

Dear friend, this world will not be our home for long, for all the things taking place in our world declare that Jesus is coming soon. From the outbreaks of nature to the deteriorating condition of humanity, all things indicate that something big is about to happen. It is my prayer that when that grand event takes place, you and I will be ready to welcome the Lord. Hold on, for in a little while we are going home. God bless you! Amen!