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Psalm 90:4 For a thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

THE DAY OF THE LORD
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Hello again my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's monthly Inspired Word for April 2017.

This month's inspired message has to do with the day of the Lord.

What do I mean when I say the day of the Lord? When I say the day of the Lord, I am referring to the end of time on this earth as we know it. In the past, there have been numerous predictions made by false prophets, predicting the end of time. Their past empty predictions have all turned out to be false, just like the false prophets who are making up these lies!

How much pride, arrogance and the self righteousness must a person have, to think that they can play God. Anyone who thinks they can predict the end of the world is irreverent and blasphemous against God, to say the least.

Because only the One who created the world, knows when the world will come to the end. The Holy Bible tells us in **2 Peter 3:10** ; **But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.**

The day of the Lord is the day of God's judgment upon the earth for the unrighteous and the righteous alike. The Bible is clear that the unrighteous will be cast in the lake of fire for eternity, whereas, the righteous will spend eternity in paradise with the Lord! Christ second coming will be sudden and terrible to those who do not believe in Him. But if we are morally clean and spiritually alert, it won't come as a surprise.

Realizing that the earth is going to be burned up, we should put our confidence and trust in what is lasting and eternal and not be bound to earth and its treasures and pursuits. Do you spend more of your time piling up possessions, or are you striving to develop a Christ like character?

God's purpose for people is not destruction and annihilation, but re-creation!

People tend to get so impatient when it comes to their time on earth. Even though we are in our last days and the return of Christ is for sure, the Holy Bible tells us that a thousand years are like a day to the Lord. God is not limited to time. He is Infinite, limitless, and never ending! It is very easy to get discouraged when the years pass and the world doesn't get any better.

We sometimes wonder and doubt if God is able to see the future. But don't assume that God has our limitations. God is completely unrestricted by time.

Because He is Eternal, we can depend on Him. God knows all our sins as if they were spread before Him, even the secret ones. We don't need to cover up our sins before Him because we can talk openly and honestly with Him. But while He knows all that terrible information about us, God still loves us and wants to forgive us! This should encourage us to come to Him rather than frightening us into covering up our sins. Realizing that life is short helps us to use the little time we have more wisely and for eternal good. Taking the time to number our days by asking ourselves, what do I want to see happen in my life before I die? What small steps can I take toward that purpose today? Because our days are numbered, we want our work to count, be effective and productive. We desire to see God's eternal plan revealed now and for our work to reflect His permanence. If we feel dissatisfied with this life and its imperfections, remember our desire is to see our work established is placed there by God. But our desires can only be satisfied in eternity. Until then we must apply ourselves to loving and serving the Lord. Another point I would like to make has to do with all the fears we face each day concerning the end of this world. God doesn't promise a world free from danger and fears however, He does promise His help whenever we face dangers and fear of death. There is nothing to fear when we dwell in the Presence of the Lord. **Psalm 91:1** tells us that; **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.** God is our shelter, a refuge when we are afraid. Our faith in the Almighty God as Protector will carry us through all the dangers and fears of life. This should be a picture of our trust----trading all our fears for faith in Jesus, no matter how intense our fears are! To do this we must "dwell" and rest with Him on a regular basis. When we entrust ourselves to His Protection and pledging our daily devotion to Him, we will be kept safe! The preparation for the Day of the Lord is based on faith. Without trust in the Lord, we don't have a chance. The Lord Jesus tells us in **Psalm 37:3-5** to; **Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust Him and do this.** In order to escape the Wrath of God's eternal punishment on the day of His return to earth, we must be committed to Jesus! What does it mean to commit ourselves to the Lord? To commit ourselves to the Lord means entrusting everything----our lives, families, jobs, possessions to His control and guidance. To commit ourselves to the Lord means to trust in Him believing that He can care for us better than we can ourselves..... Amen.

So my friends, until the day of the second return of the Lord Jesus Christ, we should be willing to wait vigilantly and patiently for Him to work what is best for us. If you need more vigilance and patience, or whatever you need to survive this fallen world, just ask the Holy Spirit who resides inside of all those who believe!!! Hallelujah!!! Amen!!! (To learn more about the return of Jesus, read the book of **Revelation**)

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A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR APRIL 2017

The Holy Bible tells us in **1 Peter 5:7-9**; **Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.** My brothers and sisters in the Lord, lions attack the sick, the young, or straggling animals; they choose victims who are alone or not alert. Apostle Paul warns us to watch out for Satan when we are suffering or being persecuted. If you are feeling alone or weak, helpless, and cut off from other believers, or if you are so focused on your troubles that you forget to watch for danger, those are the times when we are especially vulnerable to Satan's attacks. During times of suffering, seek other Christians for support. Keep your eyes on Christ, and resist the devil, then "he will flee from you"!! See **(James 4:7)** for more information about this scripture!

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ANOTHER SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Proverbs 13:24 tells us; **[[He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.]]** It is not easy for a loving parent to discipline a child, but it is necessary. The greatest responsibility that God gives parents is the nurture and guidance of their children. Lack of discipline puts parents love in question because it shows a lack of concern for the character development of their children. Disciplining children can avert long range disasters. Without correction, children grow up with no clear understanding of right and wrong and with little direction in their lives. Don't be afraid to discipline your children, it is an act of true love! When in doubt: (Pray to the Holy Spirit for parental guidance.)

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Well my friends, it is my hope that this month's inspired message is helpful to you in better understanding what God's love, grace, and mercy is all about. If you like this month's message, please pass it on to family and friends!! Until next month's inspired message, with God's blessing, may the good Lord richly bless you.....Amen!!

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The Word
of God**



I Believe It!

JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS!! THANK YOU JESUS!!!



HAPPY EASTER FROM THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION.