

## **Isaiah 11:1-5**

### **The return of our King**

*Then a shoot will spring up from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; but with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Also righteousness will be the belt around His loins, and faithfulness the belt about His waist.*

This is our King! Sometimes it feels like a great story that is supposed to come to pass eventually but doesn't feel like we'll be in the middle of the fulfillment of it. I long for the day of His return! I long to see His kingdom in complete control of the earth. Our enemy the devil is continually trying to establish himself here but he knows that it truly is impossible, for Jesus has promised to return and rule over us. The devil's kingdom cannot stand before Him. Therefore the only ones who will be in trouble at the return of our king are the proud of heart who love breaking His laws.

What does it matter if the devil opposes us – his reign is at an end. Jesus not only prevailed against him but has also given us the power to do the same. Jesus is returning and when He left He called us to be care-takers of His property and to work diligently with it until He returns and settles accounts with us.

#### ***What are you doing with His property?***

Is it growing under your care and bearing fruit? When Jesus returns will you present Him with a handful of weeds or with the fruit of earnest toil in what He has given you to work with? It is not too late to assess what God has given you and to begin making the most of it for His kingdom. All earthly gain will be burned up at His return, but all spiritual work will remain and be accounted for. I guarantee that when Jesus returns none of us will say, "I wish I had worked more so that I had a bigger house or more stuff." Rather, we will be wishing we had done more for Him with what we had and not wasted so much time and energy on ourselves. God has given each of us something, whether it is time, talents, or money to work with and how faithful we are to use it for Him is up to us. When Jesus returns the work is finished and what we have done will be measured. I'm pretty sure that when we stand before Him that none of us will say, "I wish I had watched a lot more movies!" No, if we want real wages for our labor we must seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things will be added to us. – Matt. 6:33

Our spirit is willing but our flesh is weak. We hear these words and are stirred to action but soon we get distracted and forget the urgency of them. This is where we need to burn some bridges so that our flesh doesn't choke out the fruit. We need to fast from TV, Movies, books and Magazines that don't glorify God. We need to put them away so that we can open up room in our minds for the Light of Christ. Jesus says that if what our eye sees is darkness then our whole body will be full of darkness, but if our eye is full of light our body will be full of light also. This world is full of media that pollutes our minds with evil desires and destroys innocence. How can a polluted mind think spiritual thoughts? The things of this world pollute

the soul and drive out all purity. The world does not produce what is holy therefore we must put it aside and seek the things of God that we might be made new by the renewing of our mind.  
Romans 12:2

Let us seek the Lord and separate ourselves unto His service. Let us bear fruit and work diligently with all that He has given us to work with!

May God bless you and fill you with the refreshing joy of His Holy Spirit!

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