

Being Still, Taking In

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IF you're sincerely *taking in* your Bible, you ARE experiencing fruit of God's Holy Truth Foundation, His Word – supernatural illumination of your path during these *end of days*. It's precious how powerful God's precepts continue to be, even thousands of years after being given.

Kay Arthur puts the blessing of reading God's Counsel (in one of her devotional reads*) in this way:

How finite man is, how lost he is without God! Man apart from God is governed only by his emotions, his desires, his own knowledge and understanding, which are limited by his own reasoning powers and his exposure to truth. And while man can try to predict the future, it remains only an uncertain guess. Man is not in charge today – let alone tomorrow! He may do what he wants, but he's bound by the actions of others. Man is finite.

“We are but dust” (Psalm 103:14).

God, however, is infinite and eternal, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He sees all and knows all – your past, your present, your future.

Therefore, beloved, if you are going to live in confidence and peace, you need to embrace in faith the fact that “the LORD is in His holy temple” and “be silent before Him” (Habakkuk 2:20). Quit your futile reasoning and get into God's Word. You will find His Word to be words of life – and in them, precious one, you'll discover godly wisdom that you might know how to live.

O Father, forgive me for leaning on my own understanding, for putting my trust in the arm of flesh when You are God and have given me “Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God” (I Corinthians 1:30). Thank You for Your Word, my daily bread, in which I can find the answers I need for today and the reassurance that You are always in control.

During these *end of days* prior to Jesus Christ's initial appearing, may we devote time toward *taking in* His glorious Counsel. Our Lord will continue to minister to those who persist in doing so ; those who will not seek His insights for today will be left wanting. Dear Family in Christ, may we ENDURE in regular devotional time with our great יהוה God. Our very lives depend on commitment to these nurturing acts.

An Encouraging *Side Bar Application* using Jim Elliot's famous quote:

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, [**time**]
to gain what he cannot lose.” [**God's blessings**]

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Kay Arthur puts our need to be in His Word (in yet another one of her devotionals**) in this way:

Does the future frighten you? Are you scared because of what might come – or what you have heard is going to come? Or are you so scared you don't even want to hear about it? Oh, dear one, do you think ignorance of the future will alter or stop what is coming, make it go away? It won't, beloved. That is wrong thinking. Don't be unwise and close your eyes to what's coming.

God does not want you to be frightened about what is coming, nor does He want you to be ignorant of it or unprepared. Read what He says in Amos 3:7 – “Surely the LORD GOD does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.”

The future is as certain as God, and you can be prepared for it. Read the books of the prophets in the Bible. Know for yourself. Learn for certain what is coming and how God plans to care for you. You'll be so excited about and comforted by what you learn.

I've read in Your Word that You have plans to give Israel a future and a hope. Thank You for revealing Your plans, for Your promise to take care of Your chosen nation and me, Your chosen child. Thank You for making it clear that You will triumph in the end, no matter how dark the future seems. Work in my heart, Lord, so that through Your Word I will be prepared for that moment when You and I stand face to face.

Given *we are who we are* – needy, dirty, short-sighted sheep-like critters – we *sign off* with this concluding appeal: May Psalm 46 bring additional blessing – *be still* – as we continue abiding in God's glorious Vine, Christ Jesus! Also view related materials at www.EnduranceMinistries.online/growth (Handouts 3, 27, 33, 52 & 53).

* Kay Arthur ; *Search My Heart, O God: 365 Appointments with God* ; 1999 ; page 105

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