

The Daylight Saving Time Reminder You May Not Have Expected

When we think of armor, Ephesians 6 often comes to mind. But what about Romans 13:12? The Modern English Version reveals, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us take off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

Could it be that our armor, as described in various versions of Ephesians 6:11, 13, is not full, whole or complete without the radiant light of Romans 13:12?

Jesus is the "light of the world," and so are we (Matt. 5:14, John 8:12). There is no darkness in Him at all, and the enemy cannot comprehend light (John 1:5, 1 John 1:5). So when we don the wraparound light of Christ, the enemy is confounded (Ps. 104:2, Dan. 2:22).

What a position of strength!

Evil can't get in (Ps. 91:7).

As armor, light is about stripping off our sinful flesh and putting on the sinless character of Jesus (light) for a faith-filled lifestyle of holy worship, honor and strength by grace.

That's victorious living!

Ephesians 6:10 (TPT) reminds us, "Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you."

And 2 Corinthians 4:6 says, "For God, who said, 'Let brilliant light shine out of darkness,' is the one who has cascaded his

light into us—the brilliant dawning light of the glorious knowledge of God as we gaze into the face of Jesus Christ.”

March 10, the beginning of daylight saving time this year, is a great time to remind us of these truths.

Consider these metaphors for daylight saving time, a kind of firstfruit shift, remembering 10 (John 10:10, Eph. 10; March 10) as the biblical number for restoration. (I believe this year can prove out in double-portion victory):

1. Light saves us.
2. Our flesh sacrifices sleep.
3. It forces us to wake up sooner.
4. This shift in time causes an inner reset.
5. Only a remnant of people is in the zone.
6. At the end of the day, we experience more light.

“Can you not discern this new day of destiny breaking forth around you? The early signs of my purposes and plans are bursting forth. The budding vines of new life are now blooming everywhere. The fragrance of their flowers whispers, ‘There is change in the air.’ Arise, my love, my beautiful companion, and run with me to the higher place. For now is the time to arise and come away with me” (Song 2:13).

God is an igniter of both consuming fire and glory. Because He loves us, His consuming fire burns off the dross in us that hinders our destiny with Him. His glorious and tangible presence visits us in worship to fill us and surround us with His peace, love and revelation. Both flames of passion can burn simultaneously during trials and tribulation.

He’s that smart.

He’s that powerful.

He’s that big.

The psalmist said, “The life that pleases me is a life lived in the gratitude of grace, always choosing to walk with me in what is right. This is the sacrifice I desire from you. If you do this, more of my salvation will unfold for you” (Ps. 50:23).

God is calling us to awaken and accelerate with Him at this time. Are you willing to sync with Him as your accelerant as He brings darkness to light (2 Sam. 22:29, Ps. 18:28)? Are you willing to trust Him and be clothed in His greater anointing (Gal. 3:27)?

With whom will you choose to align yourself? The Father of lights (James 1:17)? Or the father of lies (John 8:44)?

“The God of gods, the mighty Lord himself, has spoken! He shouts out over all the people of the earth in every brilliant sunrise and every beautiful sunset, saying, ‘Listen to me!’ God’s glory-light shines out of the Zion-realm with the radiance of perfect beauty” (Ps. 50:1-2).

Although longer days are upon us, our time on earth gets shorter every day. It’s time to step up, show gratitude to God and keep our promises to Him (Ps. 50:14). It’s time to come into more of His light of salvation—and sanctification, for His glory. {eoa}

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