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THE SON OF MAN RETURNS IN HIS TIME

Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. Matthew 24:30 (NIV)

I selected this verse as the day is my birthday. It is a very powerful verse about the day for which we all long. Whenever I see beams of sunshine streaming through clouds, I think that is what it will look like when Jesus, the Son of Man, returns to earth in all his power and glory. Gives one goose bumps, doesn't it? I like to say, "I have read the end of the book and we win!" But with all that is going on in my family's life (cancer has struck us again) and in the world around us, I feel myself saying as St. John did in Revelation 22:20: "Come, Lord Jesus!" Why is it taking so long?

Because it is **ALL IN HIS TIME**. His perfect time. The Holy Spirit has more work to do. We, the saints here on Earth, have more work to do. We are being refined. We should not be surprised or anxious that we are being tested during this time. Earlier in this chapter, Jesus tells his disciples to expect wars, rumors of wars, and wickedness. In verses 12 and 13, He tells us, "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved". As we wait for the return of Jesus Christ, may we not let our love grow cold, but rather let the knowledge of His perfect timing enkindle it.

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, as the world around us becomes increasingly wicked, help us remember that one day Your Son will return with power and great glory. Keep us mindful that this wonderful day will happen all in His time and that timing is always perfect! We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen*

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