

If You Love Them Then You Will Debate Them June 2019 Eternal Fire

Jesus' parable : 23:41 - "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

This last weekend I was able to go to Paradise, California, where the fast moving fire took lives and property with a ferocious pace. I wanted to see the devastation first hand where 2 of my sons lost their homes. Unless you see for yourself a calamity this huge it is not a reality our minds can comprehend. My son Scott had a hard time visiting the area but agreed to take me and it really was a needed closure for Mary and I. I was busy taking photos and I knew that all the mess would soon be cleaned up so this would be the only time I could really document the area.

When I got home I began looking at the photos and put them together as a slide show and then the waves of emotion began to break over me when I realized how serious the event was. This picture below sums up the aftermath for so many people who lost so much. My son and grandson sift through the ashes of their home and try to put together some meaning and reason for this complete and utter destruction.



When things move quickly and uncontrollably through our lives we have so little time to choose our directions or reactions. It is after the storm that we can get on our knees and ask our gracious God why this could happen to us.

We know there is little time to reach out with love and grace to those around us. When we see how frail and vulnerable life is this sobering fact should put an urgency on our lips and a special kindness in our hearts.

The world is already facing judgment and I know that it will soon burn so my priority should be to shine with the light of Jesus. Putting people first not my desires or wants. The lost will need to be warned as well as supported with love and mercy. The Spirit will lead us to say the right things for the right moments so be confident in His message and purpose.

My encouragement to the Body is; "Don't Give Up"
Whatever doubts and fears say; "I am in the game"
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