

When I realize my life is but a vapor, I cannot help but fall in love with the One who laid His life down so that I may glorify Him and live forever.



YOU ARE INVITED...

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The other day, Zachariah and I walked next door to return books to a neighbor. Their eleven-year old boy answered our knocks.

As Zach thanked him and returned the books, he added, **'Hey, can you come to my birthday party?'**

The boy replied, **'Sure! When is it?'**

'Well,' my son responded, **'Today I turned 7 ½, so my party will be in six months.'**

The neighbor boy and I exchanged endearing smiles, as he courteously **accepted the invitation.**

'Okay! See you later!' Zach said, bounding off with a **face full of joy and a heart full of satisfaction.**

I returned home, dumbfounded.

In the **physical world,**

I'd just seen the simplicity and innocence of a child ready to celebrate a yearly milestone that's still half a year away.

At the same time, in the **spiritual world**,
I'd seen an *incredible picture of how the Lord longs for us His children to **look forward to our heavenly party**—
and to **easily and simply invite others** to come.*

Do you know there's a heavenly party coming soon?
Do you know you've been **invited**?
Have you accepted the **invitation**?
*If so, are you **inviting** others?*

God describes our life here on earth as a
vapor, as a breath:
here today, gone tomorrow,
and then the after-life.

**"...You do not know what will happen tomorrow.
For what is your life?
It is even a vapor that appears for a little time
and then vanishes away."
(James 4:14)**

**"And as it is appointed for men to die once,
but after this the judgment,
so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.
To those who eagerly wait for Him,
He will appear a second time, apart from sin,
for salvation."
(Hebrews 9:27-28)**

CHALLENGE:

Oh my dear friends, life is so short! If we know the Lord in a personal saving relationship, let's resolve to

*introduce someone to Jesus today,
and **invite** them to His heavenly party!*

In the moments when my sin nature creeps in and steals my excitement about 'the party,' I just

*confess my weakness, and He forgives me,
setting me free from myself, and
'renewing a right spirit within me.'*

(Psalm 51:10)

He is so kind.

May we be filled with a fresh 'eagerness' for the Lord's soon return, and may He spur us on to share the truth with others, inviting them to God's heavenly party. Amen.

Today is the day of salvation! (2 Cor. 6:2)

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