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### **What A Difference One Day Makes**

A number of things amaze me in life, but then I am sometimes easily amazed. One thing that has always amazed me is how fast life can change. An individual's life, or the life of an entire family, community, or nation can be changed by the events of just one day.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005, it changed the lives of many forever. I remember having a student who was enrolled in my class that had lived in South Mississippi and saw his world turned upside down, losing the trailer he and his mother had lived in, losing all of his friends he had known and grown up with, and being relegated to living out of their old car in another state around people he did not know.

Through all the trials and hardships this young man had faced, he had come into my class with his wrinkled clothes, but with his head held high and with a desire to learn and make something of the rest of his life. His attitude was amazing! So amazing that none of us teachers knew of his living conditions till he had been with us for over a month. His whole life had changed completely in one day.

Now, let's see how one day made a difference in our lives. One day our Lord went to the cross of Calvary, suffered in our stead, and then shed His blood for our sins. There had never been a day like that before and there would never be one like it again. Then, one day, the Lord rose from the grave, triumphant over death and the grave. As He came forth, so shall we in the Resurrection - and what a glorious day that will be for the Children of God.

We sing a song which speaks of what is on my mind. Oh how often we sing the lyrics, enjoy the melody, but don't really pay attention to the words. Notice closely the following hymn:

*There is coming a day,*

*When no heart aches shall come,  
No more clouds in the sky,  
No more tears to dim the eye,  
All is peace forever more,  
On that happy golden shore,  
What a day, glorious day that will be.*

*There'll be no sorrow there,  
No more burdens to bear,  
No more sickness, no pain,  
No more parting over there;  
And forever I will be,  
With the One who died for me,  
What a day, glorious day that will be.*

*Chorus:*

*What a day that will be,  
When my Jesus I shall see,  
And I look upon His face,  
The One who saved me by His grace;  
When He takes me by the hand,  
And leads me through the Promised Land,  
What a day, glorious day that will be.*

*(song by Jim Hill, Ben Speer Music/SESAC)*

Now, please understand something. While we all look forward to that “Day” with growing anticipation as we get older and our bodies become more frail, it doesn’t mean we are ready to catch the bus. What it does mean is that there is coming a Day when things are going to be better, much better for the children of God.

The next twenty-four hours could see a major change in your life. A young couple get married and start a new life together. The day a baby is born into a young family, the day they see them graduate, all are important days in our lives which changes things forever. A church loses its shepherd, a new one comes into the congregation, and things change. A job is lost, and material things just don’t matter anymore.

In the middle of it all, don’t forget who it is that can help you when changes come in your life, good or bad - **“casting our care upon him; for he careth for you”** (I Peter 5:7). The Lord is the only one that can help you and those around you in your time of change should one of those “Days” come into your life. May He give you grace sufficient for your needs is our prayer. ***“Think About It!”***