

THIS ISN'T THE WAY IT WILL ALWAYS BE

MATTHEW 19:28-29 | ERIC SIMPSON | NOVEMBER 29, 2020

"Our life is a short time in expectation, a time in which sadness and joy kiss each other at every moment. There is a quality of sadness that pervades all the moments of our lives. It seems that there is no such thing as a clear-cut pure joy, but that even in the most happy moments of our existence we sense a tinge of sadness. In every satisfaction, there is an awareness of limitations. In every success, there is the fear of jealousy. Behind every smile, there is a tear. In every embrace, there is loneliness. In every friendship, distance. And in all forms of light, there is the knowledge of surrounding darkness." – Henri Nouwen

hope = a confident expectation that goodness is coming

Matthew 6:9-10

⁹...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 19:28-29

²⁸Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

renewal = palingenesia (paul-en-ga-nesia) = again beginning, Genesis again, Eden restored

Revelation 21:3-5

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

- **No longer a source for sadness**
- **No longer any curse**

"Finally, the totality of our being will be saturated only with goodness. Think of it—think of all that you're not going to have to wrestle with anymore. The fear that has been your lifelong battle, the anger, the compulsions, the battles to forgive, that nasty root of resentment. No more internal civil wars; no doubt, no lust, no regret; no shame, no self-hatred, no gender confusion. What has plagued you these last many years? What has plagued you all your life? Your Healer will personally lift it from your shoulders." – John Eldredge

- **No longer any "old order of things"**