

May 26th – The Urgency of our Savior

“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”
(John 9:4)

These words of Jesus are so simple, and yet very profound. The analogy is easy to understand – you don’t see folks mowing their yards in the middle of the night. We don’t want to wake our neighbors up, but more importantly we can’t see what we’re doing in the darkness of night. Can you imagine a farmer attempting to harvest his crops at midnight? We choose to work during the heat of the day, not because we enjoy sweating, but because the work we need to do can’t be done in the darkness of night.

Throughout the Word of God, the second coming of Jesus is called “the Day of the Lord.” Think of the present as being “the day before” the Day of the Lord. Right now we are awaiting the time when Jesus will rapture the church and usher in the end of time (1 Thess. 4:13-18). You could say we are in “the 11th hour” of human history. The signs of the times are all around us (Matt. 24:3-14, 2 Tim. 3:1-5). When Jesus comes back to establish His kingdom on earth, the time to work will be complete.

Jesus had an urgency to use every moment for the glory of His Heavenly Father, knowing that His days on earth were numbered. As Christians, you and I should live with the constant realization that our days are also numbered, not to mention that Jesus could return at any moment!! Knowing that we have precious little time left, we need to use all the remaining days of our lives to bring glory to God – loving others, making disciples, etc. Live today and everyday with Christ’s sense of urgency!