

A Great Day in the Kingdom – 5/12/23

A large portion of my early adolescence was spent in Honkytonks. If you are not familiar with the term, picture a cigarette smoke-filled, large room, permeated with the scent of spilled beer and Hi Karate aftershave. I played drums in a band, full of incredible musicians, with the exception of the drummer. We were booked weekends and sometimes even weeknights, much to my parents' dismay. The music set required forty or more hours to rehearse, without exception, every week. By the time the show was being performed, every musical action was performed to perfection.

The rehearsals were fine-tuning the minutiae of each song. I began to dread the road, the music and even playing the drums. One thing I took away from the experience was a reality, without exception. The reality was the rehearsals, although unpleasant, were what made the shows. Our faith requires rehearsing. Praying to God in the easy times results in trusting in God during those times of trial.

C. S. Lewis, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because I see everything else."

When we practice our faith in Prayer, Supplication and the study of our Holy Scriptures, we know that The Son has risen and He enables us to see everything we need to see. I saw plenty of decisions in those Honkytonks that resulted in Earthly chaos for so many people.

Perhaps some of them today are practicing rehearsal of their faith. We can all use more rehearsal time, in order to achieve "Perfection" when we see Jesus, face to face. Let's keep rehearsing, Church! The time will come, and when it arrives, we'll be ready! Praise God!!!

Love and God's Blessings to You All!!!

Joel

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help me to rehearse, practice and prepare my faith. Thank You for loving me. Help me to inspire others to seek Your perfection. May I remember who I am and Whose I am. In the name of the Risen Christ Jesus, I Pray! AMEN!!!