



今世如戏 (1)

THIS LIFE IS A THEATER

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主要经文

The Primary Verses

哥林多前书 / I Corinthians
4:9-13

“人生”信息三部曲

A Trilogy of the Message of Life

- 呼召-我们存在的目的 (1/8, 1/15, 1/22)
Calling-The reason of our being
- 把握今世, 预备永世 (5/7)
Seize this life and prepare for eternity
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把握今世；预备永世

Seize this Life and Prepare for Eternity

- A 9-1-1 Message From God-将来的世界交给人管辖
 - 谦卑自己 (be humble before God)
 - 倚靠 (trust in God)
 - 顺服 (be submissive to God)
 - 把握主给的机会 (seize the opportunities God provided)

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- 神造宇宙彰显他的全能与荣耀

The universe is created to display of God's splendor and glory

- “耶和华我们的主啊，你的名在全地何其美，你将你的荣耀彰显于天！”（诗篇/Psalms 8:1）

“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth, who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!”

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- 但仇敌试图窃取 神的宝座与荣耀

The enemy attempted to usurp God's throne and assume His glory

- 你因敌人的缘故，从婴孩和吃奶的口中建立了能力，使仇敌和报仇的闭口无言。（诗篇/Psalms 8:2）

“From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength because of Your adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.”

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- 我们是 神所拣选的婴孩和吃奶的

We are the chosen infants and babes

- 弟兄们哪，可见你们蒙召的，按着肉体有智慧的不多，有能力的不多，有尊贵的也不多。神却拣选了世上愚拙的，叫有智慧的羞愧；又拣选了世上软弱的，叫那强壮的羞愧。（林前 /I Cor. 1:26-27）

“For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong.”

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- 神也拣选了世上卑贱的、被人厌恶的以及那无有的，为要废掉那有的，使一切有血气的，在神面前一个也不能自夸。（林前/I Cor. 1:28-29）

“and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God.”

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- 我们都参与这个劇力萬鈞的戏

This theater is filled with plots, in which we are partakers of an unfolding drama

- 我想神把我们使徒明明列在末后，好像定死罪的囚犯；因为我们成了一台戏，给世人和天使观看。（林前/I Cor. 4:9）

“For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.”

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- Some sample plots – The LORD is the maker of all
 - “我传福音原没有可夸的，因为我是不得已的；若不传福音，我便有祸了。我若甘心做这事，就有赏赐；若不甘心，责任却已经托付我了。”（林前 9:16-17）
 - “For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.”

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- Some sample plots – The LORD is the make of all
 - 各样事务成就都有时候和定理，因为人的苦难重压在他身上。
(传道书/Ecc. 8:6)
 - “For there is a proper time and procedure for every delight, though a man’s trouble is heavy upon him.”
 - 我将这些事告诉你们，是要叫你们在我里面有平安。在世上你们有苦难，但你们可以放心，我已经胜了世界。（约翰/John 16:33）
 - “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

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- Some sample plots – The LORD is the make of all
 - 不要说：“先前的日子强过如今的日子是什么缘故呢？”你这样问，不是出于智慧。（箴言/Proverbs 7:10）
 - “Do not say, “Why is it that the former days were better than these?” For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this.”

这戏的特点

The Characteristics of the Drama

- 男主角大半时间不出场 (The leading actor is absent most of the time)
 - 他被欺压，在受苦的时候却不开口。他像羊羔被牵到宰杀之地，又像羊在剪毛的人手下无声，他也是这样不开口。因受欺压和审判，他被夺去，至于他同世的人，谁想他受鞭打，从活人之地被剪除，是因我百姓的罪过呢？他虽然未行强暴，口中也没有诡诈，人还使他与恶人同埋，谁知死的时候与财主同葬。（以赛亚/Isaiah 53:7-9）

“He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.”

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The Characteristics of the Drama

- 结局众所皆知，剧情天天揭晓

The ending is known, yet the script is revealed daily

- 耶稣对他们说：“我实实在在地告诉你们：子凭着自己不能做什么，唯有看见父所做的，子才能做；父所做的一切事，子也照样做。（约翰/John 5:19）

“Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.”

- 这地方的人贤于帖撒罗尼迦的人，甘心领受这道，天天考查圣经，要晓得这道是与不是。（行传 17:11）

“Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”

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The Characteristics of the Drama

- The plots are for the actors, not the other way around
 - 我们晓得万事都互相效力，叫爱神的人得益处，就是按他旨意被召的人。（罗马书/Romans 8:28）

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”
 - 便说：“人算什么，你竟顾念他？世人算什么，你竟眷顾他？（诗篇/Psalms 8:4）

“What is man that You take thought of him, and the son of man that You care for him?”

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- 我们已经来到最后一幕

We are entering the last scenes.

- 民要攻打民，国要攻打国，多处必有地震、饥荒，这都是灾难的起头（灾难原文作生产之难）。（马可/Mark 13:7）

“For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.”

- 万物的结局近了，所以你们要谨慎自守，警醒祷告。（彼前/Peter 4:7）

“The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.”

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- 有的不明白自己的角色（林前/I Cor. 6:2-3）

Some do not understand their roles

- 被思虑、钱财、私欲缠住（Mark 4:19）

Snared by worries, riches and desires

- 吃喝混日子（林前 15:32）

Going with the flow daily

- 但有的愿意忍受这至暂至轻的苦楚（林后 4:17）

Some endure the momentary light affliction for the eternal glory

=》被召的多，选上的少（马太 22:14）

Many are called, few are chosen

将来的庆功宴

There will be a Victory Banquet

- “我们要欢喜快乐，将荣耀归给他，因为羔羊婚娶的时候到了，新妇也自己预备好了，就蒙恩得穿光明洁白的细麻衣。”这细麻衣就是圣徒所行的义。（启示录/Rev。 19:7-8）

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.“

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- 你当如何称职？

How would you act out of this drama?