



“Even the stork in the heavens knows her appointed times; and the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of the LORD.” Jeremiah 8:7

The storks of northern Europe return from their migration in Africa year after year to the same nests. Swallows of San Juan Capistrano return from South America with an uncanny accuracy – so accurate that it would seem they all own personal watches and have their schedules filed away on the Blackberries or Microsoft Outlook.

The things of nature readily understand and submit to the workings of God’s kingdom. (Matthew 6:26; Romans 8:26), yet man in his spiritual blindness and arrogant rebellion prolongs his grief and misery by refusing to acknowledge God’s kindness and His Lordship.

When individuals and cultures forget that they one day have an appointment with the Judge of the whole earth, they tend to “cast off restraint.” “Without a vision *of the eternal* the people cast off restraint.” (Proverbs 29:18). This appointment will not be missed, nor will any one be late for it! “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” (Hebrews 9:27).

My sons – hide yourselves now in the mercy of Jesus. Draw ever nearer to Him – never allowing your hearts to grow cold or hard toward Him or one another. Maintain a steady vision of eternity and holdfast to your living faith. In these ways your appointment with the Judge – which will be awesome – will turn out to your good and to your eternal joy and benefit! (1 Corinthians 3:13 – 15).

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