

THE CLOCK



**The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed.
To lose one's health is more.
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.**

39 people died while you read this short poem. Every hour 3,420 go to meet their Maker. You could have been among them. Sooner or later you will be. Are you ready? **Matthew 16:26**, "For what is a

man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Is Your Hut Burning?



The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger.

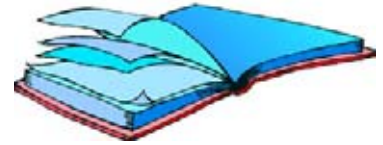
"God, how could you do this to me!" he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground — it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose."

Live For That Last Page



God will set all things right in His good time.... If I look far enough ahead, everything clears up. I've read the last page! There may be some distressing chapters between here and there, but somewhere sickness and sorrow and grief and tears will disappear along with the Devil. I'm living for the last page!

What a dreary journey would this be if we did not have that last page in the Book! There is so much now that defies explanation. But one day everything will be fixed and final....

*Things do not add up now; but one day the facts will all be in, the accounts settled without appeal. Everything and everybody will be where they belong. **Don't live for today. Live for that last page.***



A.S.A.P.

In the business world A.S.A.P. stands for "As Soon As Possible." Example: "Type this letter, a.s.a.p."

A wonderful new meaning for ASAP. Always Say A Prayer

There's work to do, deadlines to meet, you've got no time to spare, **but as you hurry and scurry, always say a prayer.**

In the midst of family chaos, "quality time" is rare. Do your best; let God do the rest: always say a prayer.

It may seem like your worries are more than you can bear. Slow down and take a breather - always say a prayer.

God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our cares, and He'll respond a.s.a.p.