

# THE MILLENNIUM

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Finally, the Millennium is here!

How fortunate we are that we can experience the turning point of a thousand years. The turning of a century; a hundred years, is already a rare thing; yet now, we are celebrating the Millennium!

I don't know how you celebrated, but I am sure you must have celebrated with a group of friends or family members. You could not celebrate alone. You can only sigh and weep alone.

Once my son who lives with me, told me that he would have many friends over that night. He said; "Be prepared, because we will be very noisy." "Somebody's birthday?" I asked, "Any kind of celebration?" "No, we just want to watch the football championship together."

Oh! The Americans, they watch sports with their whole bodies. Hands clapping, feet stomping and mouths yelling, they get more excited than the players themselves. One thing is true, however, that they can't do those motions alone. They need people. When you are happy, you want

to share with others; when you are sad, you want to be alone.

In Psalm 90, a verse says that 'we finish our years with a moan'. This illustrates how life is not only sad but also lonely. Then, in verse 14, it says, 'satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.' Life can be joyful all the time once we connect with God, we don't even need any special events.

Let's remember also that this millennium is not the real one mentioned in Bible. This new year, just like all the others years, will bring us more disastrous things, such as Y2K and the other unpredictable ones caused by high technology. On the contrary, the real Millennium will be controlled by God, when Jesus will be the King and all humans can do is submit and enjoy the eternal life.

Friends! Let our hearts and our eyes look up toward God for the hope of the real Millennium!

