## Crack the Sky (and Take Me Home)

I know you've got me where you want me to be
I know you've got a plan to use even me but I long for you
So, now I'll work until you're ready for me, I don't know
if I can guarantee that I'll never cry, never try to get to you

Come on and Crack the sky for me, Come on and Crack the sky and take me home, Take me home, Come on and crack the sky for me, Come on and Crack the sky and take me home, Take me home tonight

Mylon LeFerve has had a long and blessed career in Christian music circles. He will always be known for that great hymn "Without Him (I Could Do Nothing)." I will always cherish his song "Crack the Sky" that he recorded with his band Broken Heart. He sings of the Blessed Hope and Paul wrote that we should be looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ in **Titus 2:13**. Paul states plainly in his letter to Titus that grace teaches us to look for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

In Titus 2:12, Paul educates Titus as to what God's grace teaches us: that we should deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and that we should live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age while wait for His return. The Lord's return has never been more imminent. The signs and birth pains are evident and Bible prophecies are being realized right before our very eyes. Jesus instructs us to keep our eyes open so that we are not deceived or fooled by the signs indicating the End Times are near. In other words, grace teaches us to expect and prepare for our Blessed Hope. That hope is not heaven or glory, but Jesus Himself, face to face.

We must understand that prophecy is important to God and He desires us to discern His plan for the future. There are more than 900 prophecies in the Bible concerning the second coming of Jesus Christ. Yet we don't just wait for the coming of Jesus; we live in active expectation of the return of Jesus. We are looking for it. Matthew 24:33 says, "Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door."

Seeing the signs played out in the news can cause despair, anxiety, and confusion. But Jesus tells us to be encouraged for "When these things begin to take place stand up and lift up your Head because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:28) He also said in Matthew 24:27 – "For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man." Soon the sky will crack and the Lord will take us home!

Keep the Faith,

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