

### **If you do not hear Moses and the Prophets**

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Looking back. Remembrance, Retrospect.

You enjoyed occasions

You were blessed upon occasion

But how much more could your appreciation have developed had you had at the time the vision to see what was there.

The child's innocence

The celebration of enough

The health to chose

Could you have been told at the time

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Well I am telling you now look and see what you have.

Priorities are often difficult to determine

Somehow pushed, induced into financial commitments

Time the most valuable asset consumed by social pressure

Energy often spent upon concerns chosen by others, or worse still by fashion.

Following the crowd to what is easily achieved and justified by conformity

What in your life is the result of your independent will

Can you be told what you are deciding upon, and where you are being lead?

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Well I am telling you now look and see what you are doing.

The hardest to see is the most familiar

Family you depend upon

Beauty you take for granted

Justice you assume is available

Health you abuse

By being in church and celebrating faith you are gifted by at least officially taking stock of what your life is.

However even faith can be taken for granted, and moulded into its own form of blindness.

There has been a war in the Sudan for forty years

My sisters and brothers the poor produce the cloths I wear, and the tea I drink

Within walking distance of this church is poverty and injustice

I shall die and all that will be remembered of me is love.

Such things are uncomfortable to recognise and so we turn our attention away

Such that even should someone rise from the dead to tell us we would not listen.

Well I am telling you now

But better

Much better

Is for you to develop your appreciation

Prayer is more than an appeal to the almighty

Prayer is more than a source of comfort

Prayer is an openness to divine truth

The truth that will set you free

The truth that can heal the blindness of your whole existence

It begins with the humility to stop

To take time

To place in the context of God's love

What is happening in your day to day

Then within that presence to choose

You have the Prophets

You have the word of he who rose from the dead

But you must choose

To stop

on occasion

And to listen.