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THE RETURN OF THE LORD: FALLING AWAY TOO FAR, TOO FAST

IT'S TIME FOR TRUE BELIEVERS TO STEP UP AND OUT!

PREFACE: In earlier times, preachers warned the people when things were happening they should be aware of, when evil was nearby, when they were falling away from God. They applied the truths of Scripture to real life things happening around them. Today unfortunately many churches have gotten away from that, serving up a tamer message acceptable to all. But that certainly is not God's call on my life. My message for our time right now is the return of the Lord. His return is imminent. The signs of that return are abundant. The fulfillment of the prophecies of things to happen before his return is evident. We must continue to look at the key scriptures and the events of our day. We must not be ignorant. As Jesus warns, we must be alert!

Here we are only a short time into 2015, and already we have seen the dramatic attacks of radical muslim terrorists in Paris, the strong response of first France and then Europe and other nations to these attacks evidenced by a multi-million gathering of average people and world leaders in Paris and throughout France, and the continuing weak if not no response of the United States. Hopefully you noticed how so many leaders from America's historical allies stood with France in unity against such barbaric behavior. Hopefully you noticed how the French leader declared France was at war with radical islam. Hopefully you noticed also the lack of any such participation by US leaders and again the failure of the formal US government to recognize just who these terrorists are and represent.

Americans as a whole will at some point have to answer for their country's absence when it counted on the world stage. And, sadly, Americans will have to answer for their moral decline which we will look at below, for the breakdown in the character of their culture, for in other words their steady fall away from God. Remember, falling away from God is a key happening prophesied by Paul for the end times period (2 Thessalonians 2:3).

Recently Cathy and I with another minister friend were at a gathering of leaders from several national Pentecostal church groups who met to pray for the US, in particular focusing on all the areas of moral decline in the culture. I was encouraged to see that they would get together to focus on this.

We are at the end of this age. Jesus himself warned us all against being deceived. If you ever wondered what that was like, you are living in the midst of it, with regard to leaders in government and the media and the university/education world and the entertainment world and just about everywhere else – including even some in the world of religion. You are also confronting that in your dealings with ordinary people every day. If you haven't recognized that, then be warned and wake up.

At the end of the age various things happen. One has to do with God's judgment. That's what the seven-year tribulation is. Now, right in front of our faces, the judgment is increasing.

You might be tempted to say, well, the whole world is like this. The whole world has been declining. Really, not so. Many nations never had the blessing the US had of being formed under and existing as a nation of Christians. Yes, the founders of this nation overwhelmingly were Christians. Not so for some other nations. Today, however, lest you think God is doing nothing anywhere, there are great growths in the number of people coming to Christ daily in such places as Africa, China, India, and South America. I mean great growths, like tens of thousands a day.

Clearly God is moving there. But what about the US? We were so blessed for so long. What about now? Well, does the US deserve to have a spiritual awakening? Does it deserve to have a great move of God here? Of course the first answer is no. No one and no place ever deserves anything like that from God. It is all because of God's love and his grace that moves of God ever happen.

Is there anything the US can do to encourage such an awakening? Well, people like the ones I mentioned are praying. They are saying they are sorry to God for the behavior of the people and the churches here. They are asking his forgiveness. They are asking his help. But that's just a few people. Are the American people praying and repenting for their behavior? Is that happening? Some serious believers I know are doing that for them. And that is a great help – the prayers of even a few serious believers are a great help. What will it take to wake up Americans to what their culture has become, to what they have let happen beginning perhaps as far back as the 1960's? What will it take?

I have heard it suggested that it may take a horrible catastrophe on US soil to wake people up, a terrible attack by the enemy. Maybe. Will that wake people up? Does it have to come to that? 9/11 didn't wake people up. Just a few weeks of increased church attendance by some.

God is going to carry out an end-time revival. Take it from me, that is true. I have it on good authority. But I do not know when that will happen....before he pours out his judgment on the US and elsewhere, in the midst of that judgment, or even later on.

You see, this country has just gone too far in too many areas. Surely we could make a long list. Painful though it is, let's just consider a few examples:

- Millions of babies aborted, way more than 50 million, more people than Stalin or Hitler killed.
- A government endorsement of homosexuality on the federal level and by many state governments. Anyone who can read knows what an anathema such behavior is to God.
- The removal of God from the classrooms. How did it become so hard to say the word Jesus there and in many other government areas, but so easy to talk about such false prophets as Mohamed and Buddha and others?
- The removal of reference to God in so many areas of our military organizations.

- The non-stop promotion of sex in all its forms on television programs and commercials broadcast throughout the day and night, not just in the wee hours of the morning.
- The massive move to a drug culture, promoted over the years by many entertainment celebrities and films. And the continual push to legalize such drugs.
- How about the failure of many in the country to boldly come out and denounce the radical muslim terrorism in the world. How about some government leaders and many others in media and entertainment becoming apologists for that?
- How about the failure of many mainstream churches in the country to preach and teach on the return and the full gospel of the Lord? How about the fact that most don't even teach about the Holy Spirit, aren't at all involved in the gifts of the Spirit, don't even realize that God indeed does heal today for example. Have you been in many of today's churches? Many are either cold and dead, or they are lively places of music and activity and feel-good religion with no substance. As the Bible warns, having the form of religion but no substance. One of my friends in a city far from me says that none of the churches in his city teach anything of what I write or teach and preach. But what I write and teach and preach about is just the imminent return of the Lord and the full gospel message! For years we periodically have had people asking where they can go to church. They are seeking a serious church that teaches and operates in the fullness of the gospel. And they can't find one. Many today are pouring out of the brick building churches and are meeting in small groups, assembling in homes. Or they are not meeting at all.
- Ask those around you to name key US officials, to name key issues being considered. Or bring up an issue and ask if they can talk about it. You will be astounded at how dumb many have become. It's referred as the dumbing down of America.

Well, that's enough for the moment. You get the drift. All these things fit well with where we are in time. We are moving to the imminent return of Jesus and to the full blown judgment of God on this world. And in these last days God is moving dramatically in areas of the world.

Where is he in the United States?

Where are you and your family? Yes, it is important to study and to work hard. It is good to have a nice house and car. And it is fun to engage in sports, to go to games, to have a vacation, to have friends. But we are living in a time when something a bit more important is afoot. Something a whole lot more important than all that. And are you ready? Are you alert? Are you living in a righteous relationship with God? Do you know Jesus? He is the Lord, the King of Kings. He is coming soon.

Again today we see all the endless talk by all the talking heads on the TV news programs, chatter about all the candidates to run for president in 2016. But it should be obvious to you. **This country is not going to be saved by politicians or by political parties.** It is not going to be saved by any particular church denomination either. We are way past that point.

We are at the end of the age. The Lord is returning soon. Do you remember when he asked if he would find faith on earth when he returns? Well? Will he? Yes, he will, in a few, in a remnant of people in the various countries. But the great lost mass?

Something has to happen if there is to be this awakening here at the end, a revival that leads to more and more realizing who Jesus is and who they are in him. Something has to happen.

Certainly prayer and repentance is a step. And how about we seek to get some leaders in the various fields who are true believers, born again, operating in the guidance of the Spirit? How about such leaders that would speak out and act in all situations as Jesus would act. Oh, yes, we have all those people now who say they are Christians and attend church. That is pretty much a requisite to be elected. But I'm speaking about true, bold believers, those whose eyes are on Jesus. What if some of those types were in office or were leaders in their local governments or school boards or in companies and other organizations? How different might the country become? As it is, we are overburdened and led as a nation by secular humanists – in government and in the media and in the education and entertainment world. Meaningless issues like political correctness rise to the fore, and as we noted in the January newsletter, blindness precludes these people from seeing or dealing with real horrible dangers right in front of their faces.

May God have mercy on this nation and its inhabitants. May God have mercy on the people of the earth.

Again, we thank all of you who support this ministry with your prayers, your contributions, and all your efforts to get the truths of God out to a terribly fallen world. We are ever so close to the return of the Lord, and most are still unawares. Help us keep the message going, through whatever media and methods God would have us use.

And always remember to stay alert! The Lord really is coming soon. May you live in the blessings of God always.

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