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- realizing the power of a life in Christ -

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MORE ON LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS

Let's face it. So many things happen today that are clearly outside the commands and will of God. Even our government and its various branches take actions and establish rules that do not line up with God and we know put our nation in a dangerous position as regards God and his judgment. So too we are shocked by leaders in other fields and just plain folks that we encounter daily that take stands and say things we know are wrong and not in line with the Bible and God's truths. So it can be hard here now.

Paul had some great advice for us in Romans 12:18: "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone (NIV)." All people obviously were made by God. And if we consider that Adam was made in God's image, then all the rest are too. So while we certainly condemn evil and immoral behavior when we see it, we must remember that God can still reach even terribly lost people.

Remember how Jesus seemed to wander around some of the really unsavory people of his day. I recall his remark that it is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick. He was not just talking about physical illness but also moral and spiritual illness. Sin, in other words. Jesus was the doctor they needed. That is still true. Jesus is the doctor all people need.

Today, it is impossible for a believer not to realize that America has a very large lost population. Many do not have the moral and spiritual base to deal with the horrible issues that pop up in modern America, that come from the dark side, the evil side. If a person does not know God, does not know Jesus, has not the basic moral structure that comes from fundamental Christianity, they have no basis to understand or successfully approach life. Without the Holy Spirit, they cannot discern truth from falsehood. And that is where we are in America today.

As a believer in the Lord, a born again, Spirit filled believer, you have a couple of choices to make. You can watch television news or read the newspapers and get all upset about modern life. Or you can spend just a few minutes to stay up to date on key issues, and keep your eyes on Jesus while going about your daily life seeking to live as Jesus would. That may involve your speaking to someone about Christ. It may involve your helping someone in need. Most likely, it is living as Jesus would have you, living the life of a believer. Let the Lord live and show through you. Centuries ago St. Francis said: "Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words." It is how you live that counts.

All you as an individual can do is live the life the Lord has given you. Unless he has called you to do so, it is not possible for you to go out there and force the national media, the lost politicians and government leaders, even many of the lost national and world religious leaders, to turn around in their tracks and wake up. God alone can draw people to Jesus. God alone can wake people up. God alone can lead a spiritual revolution in a place.

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But you can make yourself available to the Lord. You can say, Lord, please orchestrate my day. Bring glory to yourself and the Father through me today. Accomplish all you will. Dear Holy Spirit, arrange it. And guide my words and my thoughts. In all this Lord please protect me and my family.

I hope you are getting the point. This country and the world are rocketing down the path to the last of these end times days. The environment is getting more and more unpleasant for a believer in Jesus. Speaking out on issues is getting harder and harder. Yes, you must stand for Jesus. Yes, you must live as the Lord would have you live. And if the Lord really has given you an assignment, then surely pursue it. But you don't want to waste your life picking crazy battles you cannot win unless the Lord has told you to get involved in one of those battles. If he has, then by all means exhaust yourself in it. Nothing is impossible with God.

Simply, lead the life day to day that the Lord would have you live. See the people and incidents he brings into your path. Recognize when you need to speak with someone, tell them about the Lord, perhaps comfort and minister in other ways. Always be open to God's guidance. And be alert to diversionary tactics of the enemy as well. Don't get pulled aside or drawn into some situation or mess that the Lord would not have you involved in. Distraction and deception are tactics of the evil one.

In the end, realize what time we are living in and how lost so many are. God is still leading people to Jesus. There are big moves in that way in some countries on earth even now. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Always, seek to see with his eyes, with spiritual eyes. Always seek to understand what is really happening in each situation. And live with the joy that comes from knowing the Lord. You have a peace that most can't even dream about, because they don't know it exists.

THE USA – BABYLON THE GREAT OF REVELATION?

In a word, yes. No time these days to mince words. Near the end of Revelation, in Chapters 17 and 18 in particular, we come face to face with a mystery. To understand this you need to spend time in prayer and meditation, in reading and study. Here we find something described as Babylon the Great, or Mystery Babylon. It is a nation that is a great power, economically and military. It is a world policeman. Its businessmen are the world's great men. The merchants of the world love to trade with this place. It is the dominant influence on the world, the dominant nation. There are many many details here and in related chapters in Isaiah and Jeremiah, and maybe someday I will write extensively about all this. Suffice it to say for now, this Babylon the Great is the USA. No other nation on earth comes close to fulfilling all the many descriptive points. None. (And certainly not the Babylon city in Iraq, a land-locked place of no real size or significance.).

Near the end of Revelation we read how this Babylon the Great is destroyed by fire. We see how nations are aligned against it. Every sea captain and all who travel by ship, sailors and all who earn their living from the sea will stand far off and mourn. All that is placed in the Bible in such a way as to indicate this happens after the great plagues that come in the last days with the opening of the seals, the blowing of the seven trumpets, and the pouring out of the bowls of God's wrath. To me this placement indicates the Lord will have long before collected his believers. But there is also the warning in Revelation 18 from God, "Come out of her my people." Perhaps that refers to Jews living in the US after the Lord has collected his believers, or to those who become believers after that event. Certainly while so many of the world's Jews have immigrated to Israel, returned to that land, most American Jews have stayed put in the nation that gave them a safe haven after World War II.

How could the US be so destroyed late in the Tribulation period? And why, considering its founding in such a dedicated way to God? And considering all the good it has done over the years. Ah yes, but that is just it. Remember the last sentence in Luke 12:48: "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has

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been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” No nation has ever been given as much as the USA other than the original Israel, and look at what happened to Israel in the past when the people fell so far from God.

UPDATE!!! - Pakistan – building the wall!

Pastor Shagufta's End Times Revival Ministries in Faisalabad, Pakistan operates a church, a school, and ministers to orphans and widows and seniors. It is right in the middle of this 97% muslim country which is also a base for some of the horrible muslim extremist groups, such as the Taliban. Last December the Taliban attacked a school about two hundred miles from Faisalabad and killed more than 130 children and many adults. After I had preached to her church late one night over SKYPE, Pastor Shagufta requested that we help her with funds to build a protective wall around her school.



Thanks to several donations,

we have been able to send funds which covered the entire effort and also enabled the hiring of security guards. The construction of the wall, well underway in these photos, is now complete. Please join us in thanks to God for all this. And please join us in praying for God's protection of this school and church and ministry and all the people involved. After all, unless God provides the protection, there is none. The wall is a wise step, but they still need God's great protection as well. While you are at it, please pray for their provision and health.

UPDATE!!! - Kenya – the computer

Here we work with Ann and Thomas and their church Victory Life in rural western Kenya. Ann and Thomas care for orphans in their home and steadily press forward in stepping out to take God's word to others. Kenya too has suffered from several muslim terrorist attacks. They have not had a computer but rather have had to travel to use one elsewhere to communicate with us by email. You may remember one of our gifts to this ministry last year was provision for their buying Bibles in their native language Ekegusi which they did promptly. We had earlier sent all our teaching CDs and material and some English Bibles.



We a few weeks ago were able to send funds to Ann and Thomas for them to acquire a computer. They now have it! Now they are working to have Internet services hooked up right to their home. That will be a great benefit and will also enable us to speak face to face by SKYPE (and perhaps for me to preach to their church as I have with Pakistan).

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Their challenges recently have again included health concerns for Thomas, whose leg was injured in a car accident about a year and a half ago. Recently Thomas was in the hospital fighting pneumonia and a bout with malaria. He is out now and says he is fine but weak. Please pray for their health and protection and provision. And of course thank God for this blessing of the computer!

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A FINAL WORD OF THANKS AND REQUEST

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. Please help us keep the message and the ministry going, through whatever media and methods God would have us use. The Lord has made it clear that at this moment my message is the return. All the many aspects of the gospel of course continue to be important, but dear friends we are a favored generation. We are living in the end times, and the return is imminent. Help us to get the truths out. Don't forget Luke 21:36.

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

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