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- realizing the power of a life in Christ-

LIVING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND KNOWING HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF IN THESE INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT LAST DAYS

Right now. Things are happening everywhere right now. I keep reading and seeing and hearing from others about all those who suddenly are ill with a bizarre illness or suddenly have some type of unusual problem. First hand Cathy and I run into people who just cannot discern truth from falsehood.

Dear friends, we are living in the last of the last days. The devil, the evil one, is pulling out all his punches in all areas. People are being attacked in all sorts of ways – physically, financially, socially - and so many are being totally misled.

At this time in history believers must protect themselves using all that God has given us in Scripture (putting on the armor, casting out demons, and more).

The evil one is pushing hard and attacks on serious believers seem to be increasing. Those attacks are physical, financial, personal through attacks on others close to us, and in many other forms. Anyway he can find an opening. Recently I was reminded of the scripture that the god of this world (the evil one) has blinded the minds of unbelievers (2 Corinthians 4:4). That blinding is not just in obvious spiritual matters. It is in the very basics of not being able to determine what is truth and what is false in all sorts of situations. In fact, that is the explanation for the misguided and destructive government and officials and political parties we have in the US today.

And I was also recently reminded of just how severe evil is and how it can attack and overcome people who believe they are Christians but who do not know how to protect themselves and do not have the guidance of the Holy Spirit and especially the gift of discernment.

We believers are living in a dangerous time and we are targets. The more we step out for Jesus the more the attacks.

Most churches have not prepared believers for the realities of this time. That is so true and obvious to born again, spirit-filled believers it is almost redundant to have to state it. Many churches do not recognize nor teach the power of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, and the imminence of Jesus' return. There is so much to say on this subject. We have to wonder how many of the people in many churches are born of water and the Spirit – born again – to use Jesus' criteria which he stated to Nicodemus. Or which of these people proclaim Jesus is Lord and believe God raised him from the dead, to use Paul's statement (Believing someone is your Lord means you do what he says – you obey his commands. How many people do you know like that?).

Many people who believe they are Christians – whether they are or not - do not know the power gospel and that they indeed have power in Christ.

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

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Jesus came to earth to preach the Kingdom of God. He said so in Luke 4:43. And so he did. Wherever he went. And he made the point then that the kingdom was within a person. So it has been with true believers ever since. Certainly the world out there is not in the Kingdom of God. John himself made the point that we all know the world is under the control of the evil one, the devil (1 John 5:20). That's now, right now. Even though the Lord came two thousand years ago and even though he overcame the world, overcame evil, and even though he indeed died and overcame the cross and death for us. He did ascend back to heaven. And the kingdom of God continued to be in his believers.

Those believers who truly understand what that all means understand who they are in Jesus.

Now we are so very close to the return of the Lord. When he comes this time, first to collect his believers and then at the end of the Tribulation period to win the battle of Armageddon and establish his rule from Jerusalem, the Kingdom of God will no longer be just within us. It will be here physically on earth. It will be here in visible physical power and might.

Jesus came initially as a teacher and healer and an incredible sacrifice for us. Now he returns as the King of the Kingdom of God. He comes in power and in might.

These last days are proving to be highly difficult for born again, spirit-filled believers. There are many evil attacks on Christians in many countries, sometimes by hateful terrorist groups who torture and kill, sometimes by highly misled individuals who just kill Christians, sometimes and most disturbingly by society at large and the government and culture of the country at large. Beyond this we are seeing a disturbing increase in attacks on individual believers in the physical, financial, and personal relationship arena. These attacks are on anyone who steps out for Jesus.

We must remember the Kingdom of God is within each of us. And we must know who we are in Christ and especially who we are as someone who is a member of that Kingdom.

Jesus is the King of the Kingdom of God. A King is an absolute ruler. He owns everything in his country. And he is responsible for his subjects, his people. That would be us. So let's look very briefly at what this means.

CITIZEN OF THE KINGDOM – That is what you are, even now. A citizen

- Knows Jesus
- Knows the government system (the Bible),
- Is guided by Jesus
- Is protected by him (all sorts of ways – God's angels, shield of faith)
- Walks in truth and knows the truth (Jesus is truth – John 1:17)
- Receives provision of things he needs
- Is healed
- Overcomes the world (overcomes problems)

AMBASSADOR OF THE KINGDOM – We are also god's ambassadors!

- 2 Corinthians 5:20: We are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.
- You and I represent the Kingdom of God in this lost world
- We speak with authority and power when we quote God's word – scripture – as we are guided.

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- We act for the King, for Jesus (John 20:21)
- We don't just do whatever we want; we do what we know Jesus wants.

SOLDIER OF THE KINGDOM! We are also soldiers of the Kingdom of God!

- We fight evil/stand against evil in Jesus' name and as he guides us.
- We represent truth.
- **We protect ourselves! This is crucial and essential in this current world in which we live!!** We put on God's armor just like Roman soldiers wore metal armor when Jesus was on earth (Ephesians 6:11-18). You should begin every morning by putting this armor on.
 - We speak only truth – like having a belt of truth on.
 - We live in the right relationship with God.
 - We walk in and take the peace of God wherever we go
 - We live in our faith in God - like living behind a shield of faith that stops all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
 - We have our minds covered by God's salvation, like a helmet.
 - We quote scripture as a weapon against evil, like a sword of the spirit, which means fighting by using the words of God.
- We pray always.
- We stand always – we don't give up.
- In Jesus' name we cast out demons when necessary, when we encounter them.
- Remember James 4:7 – Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- Romans 12:21 - Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

In all things at all times in this difficult, unpleasant, and lost world, keep your eyes on Jesus! Keep looking at him with your hearts and your minds!

Note: Good sources for further important teaching on the kingdom and on protecting yourself !

Get our CDs ***KINGDOM !*** and ***FIGHTING EVIL – BEING A CHRISTIAN SOLDIER!*** You can request these over our web site or by telephone or mail. They are available for any donation. We suggest \$7 per CD.

Watch our nine television programs (videos) on these two subjects on our web site or on YOUTUBE.

Download from the web site our list of Who Are We in Jesus or request a free copy for our office.

A VERY IMPORTANT UPDATE AND REQUEST:

You will all recall our involvement with the END TIMES REVIVAL ministry of Pastor Shagufta in Pakistan which operates a church and school and ministers especially to orphans and widows and also seniors. And you will all recall our involvement with the ministry of Ann and Thomas in rural western Kenya, who conduct an evangelical ministry there and have a church and care for many orphans in their own home. Recently I preached to the church in Pakistan at 4:30 AM our time and saw all the precious children and widows and other members. Several women came up at the end of the service for me to pray healing for them. Two testified later in the day of their receiving

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that. Recently, also, Cathy and I spoke for the first time over SKYPE with Ann and Thomas in their home in Kenya. They were using the laptop our ministry provided funds for. They still do not have electricity but charge the laptop elsewhere and somehow are able to reach the Internet from their home. It was a wonderful time. Thomas took the laptop with its video camera out of the house and showed me around.

Here are current needs of both of these ministries, and I ask you to consider in your donations to our ministry including funds as you have in the past so we can not only cover our ministry needs but also continue to help these ministries who carry God's word and truth forward in difficult and dangerous environments.

- The Pakistan ministry needs \$3600 again to cover the ongoing housing, food, clothing, school costs and more for the three children we supported in the same way and amount about 16 months ago.
- In Kenya Ann and Thomas are building a house beside their house to hold eleven children they care for. It costs a significant amount to them, but in fact the amount they need right now is about \$600 for sheet metal and doors and windows.

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

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