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ESSENTIAL!!! READ THIS NOW!!! EVENTS ARE RAMPING UP – THE EVIL ONE IS ON A RAMPAGE AND YOU MUST PROTECT YOURSELF

You have seen our publications these past many months and years. You know that we are in the last of the last days and in fact that we are speeding to the return of the Lord.

Accompanying all that is increasing difficulty for all people and especially believers in the Lord. We have written of the prophecies and of what is to come. Thank God, we expect the Lord to come and collect his believers before the wrath of the seven year tribulation period is poured out. But that clearly does not mean the time leading up to that is not fraught with challenges.

To that end in the recent months leading up to today I have sensed a growing heaviness in the air and environment around us. And events have certainly born that out. Even after the recent surprise election result and the joy that seems to have brought many, this heaviness has only increased. It has not abated.

There is a giant spiritual battle underway in the heavenlies and around all of us. It spills over into the physical realm. And to that point, of course, the evil one knows his end is near and he is waging an all-out attack on God's saints, God's believers.

Let me describe just a few things that have happened in the past few weeks to us and the ministry.

- The day before the election on November 8, we suddenly discovered that the ministry web site was off the INTERNET!!! What a shock! And so too all ministry emails were no longer working. So no one around the world could contact us that way or could find our web site. After a lot of prayer and after a lot of effort contacting the web host and the domain owner and the technical service group and much more, finally the right person was reached and it came back up in a couple days. Without going into detail, this was a blatant attack of the enemy.
- Now let me go on. Right on election day as we were praying, the Lord gave some specific words to us. I include just a few. "Prepare for war....The battle is to begin....Time is coming soon....It is my battle." There was much more, but this makes the point. As tough as we have thought times have been, God was warning us they are about to get tougher.
- A few days later Google sent a warning regarding our blog which, as you know, contains the articles I write. It said the European Union was requiring a statement from our ministry on the blog regarding "cookies" we collect. We of course don't collect any cookies (data specific to the computer user). Google said it had added a statement to our blog about the cookies it collects. This is Big Brother in the extreme, a step of control. We have many INTERNET readers in various countries in Europe.

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- Then in mid-November I sent an important letter by USPS to several people asking them to pray on a number of points and describing plans they did not know about. Later in following up we discovered that two key couples never received the letter!! One are board members and the other supporting prayer partners from the beginning! This was no accident.
- And in the midst of this there have been even more personal physical and financial attacks which I will not share here. We refuse to accept the false symptoms of the evil one and reject them out of hand. We declare that by Jesus' stripes we have been healed of anything that ever has or ever will attack us. And we declare that the Lord supplies all our needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Well, of course he does. He called me and us to this in the first place!

It is absolutely essential that each of us protect ourselves using the weapons the Lord has given us. One of those is the ability in Jesus' name to cast out demons whenever we encounter them. So do that! Don't sit on your hands or hide in your houses. Do that!

The other which you should follow ever day of your lives involves putting on the armor of God as described in Ephesians 6 (NIV):

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Do the very things written here. Every morning, even before you get out of bed. And if you forget, do this as soon as you remember.

These verses of the apostle Paul make the point clearly: our battle is not against physical human beings, although of course at times it manifests itself as such in our world. Our real battle is against the evil forces of the spiritual realm!

So to confront and counter those evil forces, we need spiritual defensive and offensive protection.

So put on truth, called the belt of truth here. God is nothing if he is not truth. And that is what he expects of you. Use the gift of discernment to discern the truth in any situation. That is what the gifts of the spirit are for, to be used in your life! How can you protect yourself and your family if you can't discern the truth? And remember, God says in Jeremiah that you can call out to him and he will answer and show you great things you do not know. So you can always ask him to show you what is going on.

And put on that breastplate of righteousness. That armor covers the chest, the heart, the area of all the vital organs. If you are a believer in the Lord you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21). Remember?

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And make sure your feet or fitted (shod) with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In other words, you are God's representative. Wherever you walk in this world, make sure you take God's peace into the place where you are. When you walk into a room, your feet have walked peace into that room.

Live behind the shield of faith. Sleep covered by it. Really nothing is going to happen positively for you without faith. Faith in God. If you are a believer, you have faith. This shield extinguishes the flaming arrows of the evil one. Faith stops the evil side in its tracks.

Put on the helmet of salvation. That is your future, your hope. The helmet of course covers you head, your brain. Wear it. Live in it. Never forget to have it on.

And lastly, take the sword of the Spirit. This is the only offensive weapon here. It is God's WORD! Use the WORD of God in every situation. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to you the appropriate scripture in every situation and proclaim it, apply it! Out loud. Speak it out loud!

And as the section in Ephesians ends, always pray, all the time, in the Spirit – in tongues in other words. Pray wherever you are and in whatever situation. Obviously there will be moments when you cannot be praying and doing or conversing otherwise. But the point is clear. Stay in prayer. And intentionally pray for all God's people and pray as you are led by the Spirit.

So you get the point. Put on this armor of God every day. There is more of course that you can pray. For example, Hebrews 1:14 asks are not angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation. The answer of course is yes. So God has sent angels to serve you. And one area of service is your protection!!! Thank God for this. Thank him every morning and night for his angels standing guard around you and your home to protect you.

And please, as Paul asked the Ephesians to pray for him, please continue to pray for Cathy and me, our health and strength and energy and finances and more. Pray that whenever I or Cathy open our mouths words may be given us so that we will fearlessly and boldly make known the mystery of the gospel.

This is all deadly serious, for you and for us. As we go through these days it becomes ever more so. Do not neglect to do what I have said in this article. After all, it is all scripture from God.

[Lastly I would be remiss if I did not recommend you get our CD *Fighting Evil*. It contains all this about the armor and much much more, covering many more scriptures about protection and fighting the enemy. You can request that from our web site or by contacting us by phone or postal mail. It is available for any contribution. We suggest a \$7 contribution for a CD.]

May God bless all of you and us always, give us great spiritual discernment, and guide us every day in using the tools he has given us.

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Always remember to stay alert! The Lord is coming soon. I have it on good authority - his.

May you live in the blessings of the Lord always.

And may you and your friends, family, and neighbors and celebrate our wonderful Lord this Christmas time!

Cathy and I wish you a most joyous Christmas!

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