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CHALLENGING BUSINESS! NOT EASY, BUT WE MUST TRY

Writing newsletters and the other publications we have, like *Sign of the Times* and **A Watchman Warning**, is challenging business. Nothing ever goes out from here without the endorsement of the Holy Spirit. Seriously. In fact, that is how these things get written, by his guidance.

Sometimes for days there is nothing forthcoming. I could put down words and force articles, but if they are not from God, why send them out? No point. Then suddenly, in a quiet moment pecking away at the keyboard or just walking around thinking, the message comes. It starts and goes forward.

With the Holy Spirit I've written so much. You all know how much I have written about Jesus and the gospel message, about who we are in him, about the great need for all believers to protect ourselves in these difficult times, about the Holy Spirit and divine healing and miracles and evil – absolute evil – that we are witnessing daily now on grand scales as well as smaller scales.

Still, the majority of all the people that walk the earth are lost.

Chapter 2 in 2 Thessalonians talks about all this, where the point is made that some people out there are perishing. Why? Because they refuse the gospel. Further, that chapter notes that eventually God gives these people over to a delusion, the delusion of following the evil side, of seeing the Antichrist as God (I wrote a lot about this in our April 2018 newsletter.).

We believers keep struggling to get the truth out there about Jesus and the times we live in, about the gospel message. And there are just so many lost people. How many has God given over to that delusion even now? Don't know. How many are truly perishing right now? Don't really know. Certainly everyone who does not know Jesus, who has not been born again, who has not taken him as their Lord really is truly perishing right now. They are done for if Jesus returns before they have recognized him as their lord.

So prepare to be shocked at the small percentage of people from our day who join Jesus when he comes to call out his believers. It may still be millions, but as a percentage of humanity it will be small.

Never forget all he said in Matthew 7.

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

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Look at verses 13-14: *...wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

Few find it. I looked up the original meaning of the original word translated few here. It means few. Few.

And really to make the point, Jesus in a few sentences later in verses 21-23 says this:

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

I added the emphasis to those four words there.

The point? Doing things alone just doesn't get it. We have to be doing the will of God the Father. And Jesus has to know us. We have to know him. We have to have a relationship with him.

Over in John 3:3,5 Jesus tells Nicodemus that a person must be born again to be in the Kingdom of God. Born again, born anew, in other words get a new spirit. In chapter 1 John makes the point that it is as if God himself becomes our father.

The spiritual replaces the physical.

And surpasses it greatly.

Can you get all this and pass it on?

I know that's not easy.

But we must try.

**KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!
AVOID EVERY KIND OF EVIL!**

Difficult days we are living in. Unpleasant. Listening to the daily "news" can dishearten, exasperate, depress...and increase stress and anxiety. Who are all these unusual people we now see with all their bizarre and evil views? Where has truth gone? Sanity?

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The title above gives great advice. The first statement is probably the easier of the two points to fulfill. Keep your eyes on Jesus, no matter what is happening, no matter the circumstances; keep your focus on him – who he is, what he did, and who you are in him. That line comes from a walk at night I had along the seashore, a really long walk. It was pitch black by the time I was returning, and I could scarcely see in the dark. Thankfully there were the moon and the stars. Suddenly over the ocean came these words to me: “Keep your eyes on me, John!” I got it. I understood the point.

In all the struggles and attacks since, that is our focus. That is where our “Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!” came from. In any situation or problem that arises, immediately think about Jesus, what he said or did that fits, what scripture that fits. And apply it. Stand on it. No matter what, persist in focusing on the Lord and his faithfulness to you and who you are in him.

The second point above comes from verse 22 in 1 Thessalonians 5. Other translations say such as reject every kind of evil, or abstain from every form of evil. The point is to get away from and not participate in evil anywhere anytime. According to Proverbs 3:7-8, running away from evil, together with not being wise in your own eyes and fearing the Lord, brings health to your body and nourishment to your bones!

Do your best always to avoid evil – difficult when evil is everywhere, not just violent evil on a grand scale but lying, deception, immorality, everywhere in the entertainment/TV world and the political world. The confidence of all citizens has been shaken to the core. Just how corrupt are the courts of the nation, how corrupt some of the top leaders? How morally bankrupt?

Well, back to the title. KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS. And to the extent possible, avoid every kind of evil. Run away from it. I’ve written a lot about all God has given us to protect ourselves in this day. His angels, the armor described by Paul. There’s a lot for you to use. See Hebrews 1:14, Ephesians 6. Read our newsletter of March 2018. Listen to or watch our *Fighting Evil* on our website or YOUTUBE.

Lastly, I often lately come back to the words of the angel to Daniel about this time, at the end of Daniel 12 in verse 10:

... the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

You want to be with those who are wise.

America and the world are in the midst of massive deception, a general falling away from God, a rise in lawlessness, and a general breakdown in accepted moral codes that have served us well for a long time. Pray for all you know who are lost. Pray for God to lead them to Jesus. And in the midst of all that the ungodly are pouring out on this country and trying to push onto the national culture, keep focused on the one who counts – Jesus. He is your hope. Your only hope.

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I say it again. Jesus is your only hope.

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Everything is secondary right now to the fact that Jesus is coming soon and that to be in the Kingdom, to go with him, you must be a true believer in him. You must be born anew. Jesus must be your Lord. This is the great truth of our time.

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