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## **GOD WILL NOT BE MOCKED:**

- HE WILL NOT WAIT FOREVER**
- THERE REALLY IS AN APPOINTED END TO THIS AGE**

So many troubling things are happening right now, things that I am sure are very distressing to most reading this newsletter. Many of these, we need to keep in mind, are things that may indeed not be good for the country or the citizens but still are not rebellion against God. For example, several recent government executive orders will definitely lower the standard of living of Americans, hurt the crucial energy independence that had been reached, put many out of work, open the borders to all sorts of people from everywhere who may be bringing who knows what into the society, and more. But these troubling things, while harmful to society, are not necessarily out and out rebellion against God. There are, however, several real actions taking place that indeed obviously are such rebellion against God, and these have even greater consequences for the nation.

Remember ancient Israel. Remember the Lord's great patience over the years. Remember all the false religions there, and God's sending his great prophets into the mix constantly to remind the people, the leaders, of who God is. The prophets we read about in the Bible like Elijah and Elisha and Isaiah and Jeremiah and so many more were not the only ones God sent. Remember when Elijah was complaining he was the only prophet left, and God informed him he had 7,000 more just like him?

So now turn your attention to the United States of America. Has there ever been a more blessed nation among the many of the world, excluding Israel? Has there?

Now think of the great apostasy of this country – the falling away from God - and the rapidly increasing rebellion daily that we are witnessing. Do you think God will sit still for this much longer?

- In 2015 the United States took a giant step over the moral cliff when the Supreme Court ruled in favor of homosexual marriage. The Bible is crystal clear on this subject. In Leviticus and Romans and the very last page of the Bible in Revelation. Abomination. Practicing a homosexual lifestyle is rebellion against God. Habitual sin, living in a sinful state day after day even when a person knows the truth of the matter is true out and out rebellion. Ever since there has been great and unending pressure from many quarters backing the LGBTQ movement.

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- In just the last few days the new president has signed an order allowing transgender men to enter women's restrooms and showers and such, even to play in women's sports (unless the athletic world and judicial world can somehow stop that). Again, this is backing sexual perversion. God created man and woman (Genesis 1:27.). Jesus refers to sexual perversion on the last page of the Bible as something that will keep a person out of the Kingdom, out of the new Jerusalem. It will.
- In the past few years the United States took the bold step of moving its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem! It also worked for peace among the nations surrounding Israel. But now that support seems likely to fade indeed. In fact it seems there is a move again to aid the treacherous regime in Iran, a monstrous enemy of Israel and much of the world. Let's see what the next steps in the coming days are. Any move by the US that harms Israel is a step for the US into the graveyard of nations.
- In just the last few days the new president has strongly supported abortion, even to the point of using taxpayer money to fund abortions in foreign lands. What do you think God thinks of abortion? Yes, I know, people of all types have made the mistake of getting an abortion or supporting one for someone else they care about. But if and when they realize what this really is, many of these repent, asking God's forgiveness. And he is quick to forgive. But national ongoing support for murder of the unborn at any stage of pregnancy? That is habitual ongoing sin. God cannot tolerate this much longer. It is surprising to me he has tolerated it this long.

There are just so many lost people in America, so very lost. Even people who think themselves Christians can be confused. I just heard a news reporter say Americans are confused by a Catholic president, one who is religious, backing abortions. But that shows the reporter doesn't understand. A word like Catholic, just like Methodist or Baptist or whatever, is just a label. It doesn't mean the person is a true believer in Jesus. Just like attending church doesn't make a person a true believer either. We've written often about what it takes to be in the Kingdom of God. Just look at our newsletters on this subject in recent months.

America is hanging on by a thread. And not just America, of course. Europe is hanging on by a thread too. And so on for other lands, many of whom have few believers indeed. It is not just that judgement for America is waiting in the wings about to come on stage. It is judgement on the entire world, and it is coming as part of the last days events – the return of Jesus to collect his believers, the beginning of the horror of the seven year Tribulation which starts when Israel enters into an agreement put together or led by the antichrist that they mistakenly think brings peace, and then at the end of the seven years the battle at Armageddon when Jesus dispatches his enemies and Kingdom rule on earth begins from Jerusalem.

God will not be mocked. It has been long enough. There are many, many apparently godless people in leadership positions in this nation, a terrible thing for a country hoping to hang on and have a future that matters.

All believers need to do what they can to help God lead others to Jesus and to get the truths of the times we are living in out to others. Ask the Holy Spirit to help in that. And do not be deceived by all that

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malarkey and deception and flat out evil out there in so many organizations and in so much of the public media.

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Some days I am not sure I can one more time write that going to church does not make anyone a Christian or that anyone calling himself a Christian is not necessarily a true believer in Jesus and thus in the Kingdom of God. I have written that so often. Still, so many do not understand. Obviously, anyone can call themselves a Christian. And anyone can go to a church. And so many churches do not teach the full gospel, do not teach or operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, do not in many cases even tell people of the need to be born again. And I expect no churches tell people what Jesus said in Matthew 7, that to be in the Kingdom of God a person must do the will of Jesus' father.

When the Lord comes to collect his true believers, unless something changes dramatically beforehand, a lot of today's churches will be left relatively untouched. Their members will still be there to come on Sundays and hear messages that will not change their lives and not prepare them for the future. Maybe in some cases one or two people will be missing. I remember a wonderful pastor and mentor/friend who told me once regarding his home area of Atlanta that if Jesus returns on a Sunday morning and the trumpet blows as described in the Bible, someone in a church somewhere in the city may turn around and say "What was that?"

Humankind is a collection of people who just do not investigate things sufficiently themselves. Remember, God really appreciates those who will search a thing out, who will work to get the truth. Most people want to be told what to think and what to do. And so others do that, even though they are not always telling them what they truly need for eternity or for a full life in Christ now.

Remember always Jesus' criteria as to what is required to be with him and the Father in the Kingdom:

- You must be born of water and the spirit
- You must truly believe in him
- You must be as a little child (e.g., have the innocent and pure and full faith of a little child)
- You must do the will of Jesus' father.

Paul put that in his own words by saying that if a person confesses with his mouth that Jesus is Lord and believes in his heart that God raised him from the dead, then he will be saved.

Yes God's forgiveness is grace, the grace of God. We didn't do anything to be forgiven. Other than ask to be forgiven. But there really is more to being in the Kingdom than just living and breathing.

Another key thing regarding living the life of a real believer is being filled with and guided by the Holy Spirit. Being baptized by the Holy Spirit as the disciples were in the Upper Room. That comes with the Spiritual gifts such as discernment, healings, miraculous works, and so much more. That opens your eyes to see the truth in this confusing and lost society that we refer to as the world system. The Holy

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Spirit guides you in all truth, shows you things to come, reminds you of what Jesus has said to you, and tells you of things he has heard. Who said all that? Jesus.

Truth. That's what God is after. That is what Jesus is. Grace and truth came into the world through Jesus Christ. And that truth is what you must discern in this world today.

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***May you live in the blessings of God always.***

***John***

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