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FOR THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME AND WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND?

(Rev 6:17)

Not the Taliban for sure. Nor any members of Al Qaeda, nor any of ISIS.

Not any Muslims at all.

Not any Hindus either.

Nor Buddhists.

Nor members of any other of the many false religions of earth.

Not anyone who does not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who does not realize he is the son of God and has risen from the dead, who does not have him as their Lord.

Regular church attendance means nothing in this regard.

It is all about your one on one relationship with Jesus. No religion, no denomination, no help from a parent or child, none of that means anything. It's just about you and Jesus.

On the Day of the Lord, God brings his judgment on the world. I expect all true believers in Jesus will be long gone, having been taken away by Jesus himself when he comes beforehand in the cloud with the archangel, with a shout and a trumpet blow.

Things are getting pretty simple these days. It's coming down to that moment and to those who truly know the Lord going with him. All the rest will be left here to go through the Tribulation. Maybe some left will come to know Jesus during that period, but they too will suffer indeed by being on earth during that period until they join him and other believers.

Who will be left here beyond the obvious groups mentioned at the beginning? Unbelievers of all types. Like those many unbelievers occupying so many positions of leadership in our government and entertainment and media and business world today. Their futures are not lofty and bright. Their futures, barring any sincere repentance and coming to Christ moment on their part, is one of eternity in the Lake of Fire along with all those cited above.

And Jesus is returning so soon.

SEEING, LIVING, SURVIVING AND WAITING, WAITING, WAITING

Terrible things are happening throughout the earth these days. We who are born again, born of water and the Sprit, who have been filled with and baptized with the Holy Spirit and have the gifts of the Spirit, look upon all this with spiritual eyes as well as physical eyes. We can discern the times and the events. We have no excuse not to do this or to see otherwise.

And it is terrible indeed, all that is happening. Yet we know the future, we know the Lord will come at a time we do not specifically know, and those who are ready for him will go with him. We are living in the time we can be expecting him at any minute, whether that minute is right now or next week or next year. We do discern the seasons. We know this is the season of his return. We are not of those who though they can tell the coming temperature or storm by looking at the sky and the wind know nothing of the Lord's imminent coming.

All those other people who do not have this spiritual guidance look upon all these terrible things as well. Do they see them? Do they recoil in shock and horror? Well, some seem to. Others seem to steadily go about their daily work as if all that is happening is just normal. Can some of these be reached for the Lord? Maybe. If the Father draws them to Jesus. If they are open to hear the gospel message, the truth of the Lord. If they are members of the elect chosen by God before the creation of the world.

So here we are – believers expecting the imminent return, knowing our destiny, knowing what we have been told, living in a lost world, waiting, waiting, waiting. And we must in this period be about the Lord's business. We must never forget his "Great Commission." We must do our part in others being led into the Kingdom. And we must be watchmen. I think that every true believer is a watchman who must be alert to what is happening, to what he sees with the gifts he has been given, and must warn others of what is happening and what is coming.

It seems right now the number of true believers is small, a remnant you could say. Will that be increased? We can hope and pray so. There are pockets on earth of course where right now there seem to be true Godly spiritual outbreaks. And there are individual incidents everywhere. In our own life it is wondrous to see the Holy Spirit orchestrate events, set up meetings or appointments with others who may not know.

Will there be a big revival or awakening soon? That would be wonderful wouldn't it. I don't know the answer as to timing. That could happen you know even after Jesus has come and collected his true believers. Those left behind then would include persons who knew a little about Jesus, perhaps attended a church from time to time. Some of them will likely recognize what has happened regardless of what lies world leaders put out and will no doubt seek the truth, getting materials from libraries at churches, reading Christian materials still available on the Internet. And surely they can thus be led to be saved and thus become part of the Tribulation saints referred to in Revelation.

My words of wisdom and advice at this time are to go the way God has for you as you understand it, asking the Holy Spirit always to orchestrate your days and nights, to arrange divine encounters, to reveal more and more of the Lord and his imminent return, to reveal more and more what he would have you do. And do not be so hard on yourself. You can only act as you understand you are to act, knowing the Bible and hearing as God speaks to you. Remember, God loves you. You are part of God's children. You are in the Kingdom of God. Jesus said he will never lose you. He won't.

Comfort one another with these words and take them to heart. Act on them. Know there are others like you throughout the world, even if you don't know any where you live. One of our partners once told me he knew no one in his area he could truly relax and associate with in discussing the gospel. Hopefully, there is someone there, someone near he just hasn't met. Ask the Holy Spirit to arrange divine encounters for you with other true believers!

May you always live in - and be reminded often of - the blessings of the Lord.

JUST A FEW GREAT QUOTATIONS WE SHOULD REMEMBER AND THINK ABOUT AT THIS TIME

"If God doesn't punish America, He'll have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah." — Billy Graham quoting his wife Ruth, who said this many, many years ago. You might read this in several slightly different versions as it is so popular and often mentioned, but this is the version Billy himself quoted.

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. — John Adams, one of the key founding fathers of America and the second president. This is one of my favorites. Certainly we don't have a large number of that type of people today. I would modify Adams' statement to include wise and discerning people. A great problem today is that so many just have no idea of what is happening.

And these two that relate to the steady move of world governments toward that coming one-world government of the antichrist:

We are fast approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission; which is the stage of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule by brute force. — Ayn Rand. What can I say about this. Frightening, but Ayn is obviously correct. And the US is rapidly rolling downhill into this type of existence as are France and the UK and Australia and New Zealand and more.

Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives. – Ronald Reagan. Always. That is the reason for the existence of a national government – the protection of the citizens. A lot of the other activities are not necessarily part of a national government, just things we have allowed it to do in giving up our own rights.

NEVER FORGET THE GREAT TRUTH OF OUR TIME: 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.

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