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PEACE AND SAFETY

... the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. – 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3

You may have heard this quoted by others recently. Clearly, the words apply to our day now, to this moment. Everywhere the words "peace and safety" or some variation thereof are central to the wishes of so many. What sane, rational person doesn't want peace and safety in all our lives? Yet we surely aren't seeing it are we? Look at the terrible criminal violence, the horrific murders of innocent people as they go about their lives or the attacks on women and girls by immigrants in various countries. It's all evil.

Add to that on a larger scale the horrific Russia – Ukraine war which continues unrelentingly despite all the words from western leaders. Explain to the people of the Ukraine why they are being killed daily – you can't. There is no sane explanation. Surely no acceptable one. And of course the long running conflict involving Israel in the Middle East. Evil.

Finally, maybe now so many quiet people of the world – in the US and Europe and elsewhere – are waking up to the massive evil that stalks the world today. And why? Well, we would have to look deeply into the whole Bible and all history to get a grip on this. There is the basic rebellion against God, and Lucifer (the devil) leading a third of the angels in this. And there is the inexplicable terrible decision of Adam and Eve to disobey God and obey the devil, eating the forbidden fruit and placing the entire creation on earth into a state of being fallen away from God.

God responded to all this by sending his son Jesus to earth about 2000 years ago to bring the Kingdom of God into the world and to open a way for fallen people to God. And Jesus did just that. By his extraordinary sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection from death, Jesus opened a way of forgiveness to those who would accept him as their Lord. The Kingdom of God is inside all true believers in Jesus on earth today, although surely it is not out there in the world. Some may not know, but the world is still under the control of the devil. You can read that in 1 John 5:19. You also know that by just looking around at all that is happening.

We are living in the season of the return of Jesus to collect his believers. At the end of the last book of the Bible Jesus says he is coming soon. In my life he has specifically called me to tell

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people who he is and that he is coming soon. And he has talked about that in various ways with me over time.

I have written much and spoken much about all the prophecies of things to happen as we approach that return. And often I have made the point that nothing has to happen before the Lord's return to collect his believers and take them with him. Nothing. He could come while you are reading this.

Jesus' return is imminent.

After his return events on earth will move forward quickly. Because believers will be gone from earth, the antichrist will be freed from what has been holding him back (believers and the Holy Spirit operating through them). He will then lead the signing of an agreement with the Jews, with Israel – a peace agreement no doubt. The signing of that agreement will be the beginning of the seven year horrible period on earth known as the Tribulation.

Why would the Jews sign such an agreement? Aha! They must really believe it will bring peace and safety to them. Remember, the Jews – except for a handful who have accepted Jesus and are known as messianic Jews– don't know Jesus, don't know the gospel, are really lost even though they have the Old Testament.

Now here we are. The US government and others have been working on an agreement to bring true peace to the Middle East! That is what we have all been hearing. It seems to be moving forward. So the conditions there that would lead Israel eventually to enter such an agreement seem to be really coming about. Peace and safety they want of course.

Peace and safety. Everybody wants that. Lately some have been pointing out the scripture noted at the start of this article. Well, surely, most sane, rational people of the world want peace and safety today.

The Lord's return is imminent. The thief in the night description in that scripture from 1 Thessalonians 5 I think is just to make the point we will not and cannot know when he will come. Haven't you noticed in your own life how God likes to surprise us? I truly doubt he is going to say he will be here tomorrow at ten o'clock or some such time. I am really sure he is going to surprise us. Like a thief in the night.

All this waiting. All these years. "I am coming soon" Jesus says near the end of the last chapter of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. It can't be too soon for us believers, can it. No it can't.

Come, Lord Jesus!

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MORE AMAZING VIDEO MINISTRY REPORTS

In just these past four weeks we have reached almost three million people in the Nigeria area with our short videos on X (formerly Twitter)! Even more amazing, many of these have actually spent the time to look back at our writings and other videos over many past years on X and have responded positively to specific ones! That takes effort on their part! So they are serious. Surely we are reaching a crescendo. God is clearly moving in a big way to draw to Jesus all those he would have in the Kingdom before Jesus returns.

Wonderfully, several thousand have actually taken the step to sign up with X to follow all our postings there! So they will receive all we write and post there, just as you receive the monthly newsletter and our other publications. (Of course, we don't know how many more will just follow us on our X account without ever taking the formal step to sign up!).

THE ULTIMATE QUESTION

The ultimate question for each person is not whether you are liberal or conservative, or democrat or republican. Those terms are temporary and of no lasting significance. None. The real eternal question is do you know Jesus!!! If the answer is yes, then eternity with Jesus and his father is yours. If the answer is no, then you have no good future. You are a walking dead person. Your only hope is to quickly repent – to change what you are doing - and to ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life.

GOD'S GREAT FORGIVENESS OF YOU

[Thought this was a good time to repeat this 2018 article from our blog.]

Yesterday for a moment I thought about my mother. I don't know why, but I was just thinking about her and about various things over the years, especially the last several of her life which were hard for her. And I thought about things I did, decisions I made regarding her care and her life and really all sorts of other decisions and actions over the years. Some of them I debated at the time. Some of them perhaps should have been handled otherwise.

And as I was thinking about things she might not have liked, I said I hope she forgives me.

Almost immediately a smile broke out on my face. Well, how ridiculous, I thought! Of course she forgives me! How silly! My mother? Of course she forgives me. There is no question of that. Of course she would and does.

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It was not even an issue. I know deep inside how much my mother loved me. And I know that of course she would forgive me for anything.

Aha! Now then the next thought. If I can have such absolute certainty about my mother's forgiveness that it is not even a question, what about God? What about his forgiveness?

It is the same absolute. It is there and real and absolute. No question. Jesus paid the price for that. Realize it. Take it. Think about someone who truly loved you, like maybe your mother or father or some other family member or friend, and think about how of course they would forgive you for anything. Then magnify that forgiveness an infinity of times to get to God's level of forgiveness of you.

Forgiven. That's what you are. You as a believer in the Lord. Forgiven.

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Thanks for your continuing support in prayers and financial donations. As said last month, we can all see with our own eyes the events of the last days playing out. Please continue to help us to reach more and more of those who do not know the truths of Jesus and the gospel! Thank you for partnering with us in this wonderful effort!

STAND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!

SOON YOU WILL BE SEEING HIM IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!

May you live in the blessings of God always.

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