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THE INCREASING HEAVINESS OF OUR DAY FOR TRUE BELIEVERS

There is an increasing heaviness to my life that I haven't been able to shake.

It's not depression. It is a heaviness, an increasing sadness.

It is real and it is here.

Despite my great joy at knowing Jesus, at having the Kingdom of God inside me.

Despite all I know about that future.

At times walking down the street or sitting quietly or hearing of an event or seeing a report, sometimes I am moved to tears. And to increasing, cringing sadness deep inside. It is a sadness that grips my inner being, my heart, my soul. I have no doubt I am sharing in the sadness the Holy Spirit is feeling. It is a sadness of seeing what is happening all around.

Seeing lost people play out the charade of their existence.

Seeing their sincere and misguided goals and hopes.

Seeing Europe crater.

Seeing this horrible war in the Ukraine.

Seeing America in many respects apparently coming apart at the seams, relentlessly attacked by unbelievers in the Lord who cloak themselves as reporters, congressmen, college professors and students, bureaucrats, even violent rioters, lemmings all who are following the pied piper of evil right over the cliff and trying to take maybe the grandest of human achievements with them.

What will be here when the Lord returns?

Remember, in truth, it really doesn't matter so long as you really know Jesus and are ready to go with him. What happens around you is just so much filler of time and space…that is, except for the people you see caught up in all this evil, no doubt some close to you that you wish knew the Lord, knew the truth.

How are we to go on? Well, we believers know the Lord. We do know truth. We will be here when Jesus comes unless we have already gone to join him. Our eyes should and must be on him. Our hopes and our future are all in him.

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There is nothing wrong or strange about suddenly feeling sad these days; about needing a moment to compose yourself. We really are in the last days. It is difficult watching organizations and institutions and other things we have held dear in our lives crumbling and falling apart, losing their focus. It is really hard watching people in key positions calling evil good and good evil.

And it is difficult seeing so many churches and the people going there on weekends thinking they are doing what they are supposed to, churches that are not teaching about the imminent return of the Lord, churches that don't teach about how the Holy Spirit is for each believer right now today with all his gifts, churches that don't even teach the need to be born again.

Even some of those who have followed us and read my writings for years I think have trouble with this reality of the day. And of course so many other people don't even know. May God help us help others to know and to see.

In this time and seeing all the confusion and evil that is evident everywhere, no doubt we all feel called upon to do more and more to help others know the Lord, to know the truth. And this is surely what we should be doing, part of Jesus' assignment to all believers in his Great Commission at the end of Mark. So we go forward as we can, hopefully asking the Holy Spirit to arrange divine encounters, to guide us in our efforts. And still as we intend to do all we can we have the heaviness of realizing just how many human beings don't know the truth of the gospel, of Jesus, of his return. And we have the heaviness of realizing just how many apparently don't really want to hear or know the truth. It is the overwhelming majority of people that do not know.

We who are looking forward to the imminent return of the Lord truly are a remnant; hopefully, a growing remnant, but still a remnant. It was always thus. Jesus himself explained how hard it is for people:

> ….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. – Matthew 7:13-14

For all believers who strive to do the Lord's work, to be his followers, there is of course the great cost of following him. So many – even close relatives and friends – may look with disdain on your faith and your activities and priorities. I know for Cathy and me we have surely on many fronts seen a separation from others who at times were friends and from some relatives and family members who just cannot understand what we are about or are scared by it all.

But for us and for you, there is the great internal joy of knowing the truth. We know the end of the book. We know who wins, really who has already won. And we look forward to being with the Lord and with the Father in the Kingdom. We live every day with the great assurance from Jesus that he is never going to lose us. And we seek always to go forward in the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
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THE SOON ARRIVAL OF THE ANTICHRIST

I recently wrote that no political party is going to bring salvation and a bright future. No political party is going to bring escape from what is coming on earth. No political party is going to bring relief from the steadily increasing lawlessness, falling away from God, rebellion of children against their parents, increasingly immoral behavior of so many, and so much more that is happening all around us.

Carrying this a bit further, we can easily see that the giant problems in the world today in the US and Europe and Middle East and elsewhere with which we are all too familiar are just too immense and complicated for the human politicians and governments we have on earth. So the world and all those unbelievers, who make up the great majority of the world's population, are set up and ready for the sudden emergence of someone who seems able to handle these problems. That someone is the Antichrist, and as we believers await the soon arrival of Jesus to take his believers away the world is also nearing the soon arrival on the scene of the Antichrist, the eventual leader of the one-world government during the Tribulation.

We believers must at all times keep our eyes on Jesus. Life as always still is all about him and our relationship with him.
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IT'S NOT SET IN STONE - YOU HAVE TO ACT

As Jesus himself said twice, no one can come to Jesus unless the Father draws that person to Jesus. You might say, if that is so, why does anyone try to reach others with the truth since it's all set in stone. But it's not set in stone! People have to hear the truth, have to have some connection through the Gospel message in order for God to draw them to Jesus. Some people on earth will never hear of Jesus or at least some truth of who he is without somebody reaching them through some means like our videos or some writing or some other contact.

God chose the people who would spend eternity with Him and the Lord Jesus before the world was created. So he knew who the people were who should be saved. But they are never saved if they don't hear the truth, if they never come face to face with the truth. They will just grow old and physically die and spend eternity separate from God. Even though God knows all those he wants to be with him in the Kingdom each individual has to come to a true saving knowledge of Jesus in order to be there. That happens by someone somehow, somewhere bringing some truths of Jesus to the person, and of course, by God himself touching their heart such that they are alert enough and open enough to consider and think about the truth and realize it is truth.

It is a very small number of human beings that go with Jesus when he comes to collect his believers. Soon Jesus will give a command, the Archangel will shout, a trumpet will blast, and the dead in Christ will rise. Just those dead who are true believers will rise. The rest of the dead will continue in their sleep awaiting their eventual shipment off to the Lake of Fire.

Living believers will join these risen dead believers to meet Jesus in the air. We will all then get our glorious new imperishable bodies. Thank God! I am sure we have all had enough of these temporary, frail bodies that do nothing but deteriorate throughout our lives.

We will then go with Jesus to be with him in heaven for at least seven years, the length of the Tribulation, at the end of which we will come back with him when he comes to defeat his enemies at Armageddon.

Why do people have to go through this life on earth now? Why did God set it up this way? Perhaps he will tell us specifically when we are in heaven, or maybe he won't. But it appears pretty obvious that this time on earth is a training, a time when those God has chosen to be with him in eternity must learn what it means to have unending faith, to obey God absolutely, to do his will, to overcome.

We wonder if this means that in the future in the Kingdom with God at some point we will be sent out or charged with some task which requires perseverance, faith, absolute obedience, and more. We can only wonder for now. We've not been told anything about that future, other than a bit about time in heaven and then back on earth

during the 1000 years in our glorious bodies and then in the new Jerusalem. The Bible spends very few words on this future.

We must keep our eyes on Jesus. Our focus must be on him, and we must represent and stand up for him wherever we can and as guided by the Holy Spirit. But remember always, eternal life is not about all this stuff happening in secular society, all the terrible stuff we see going on. It's all about Jesus and our relationship with him.

Keep your eyes on Jesus!
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REACHING THE WORLD – UPDATE AND THANKS

In the past five weeks through the first week of November, our videos on Jesus and his imminent return have been focused on India, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, and the Philippines. More than 2 million were reached there in these weeks, bringing the total reached through our world video effort since it began in mid-2023 to more than 26 and a half million!!! It is amazing what God is and has been doing.

Beyond all the wonderful things we have seen and been involved with in this ministry, the Lord's overriding assignment to us surely still is what he told me one night in 2005 while I was preaching: John, tell them who I am and that I am coming soon. With your wonderful help we are still doing that. Thank you for that help, for your prayers and your financial support.

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THE DARKNESS THAT IS IN THIS WORLD WILL NEVER OVERCOME THE LIGHT THAT IS JESUS.

May you live in the blessings of God always.

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