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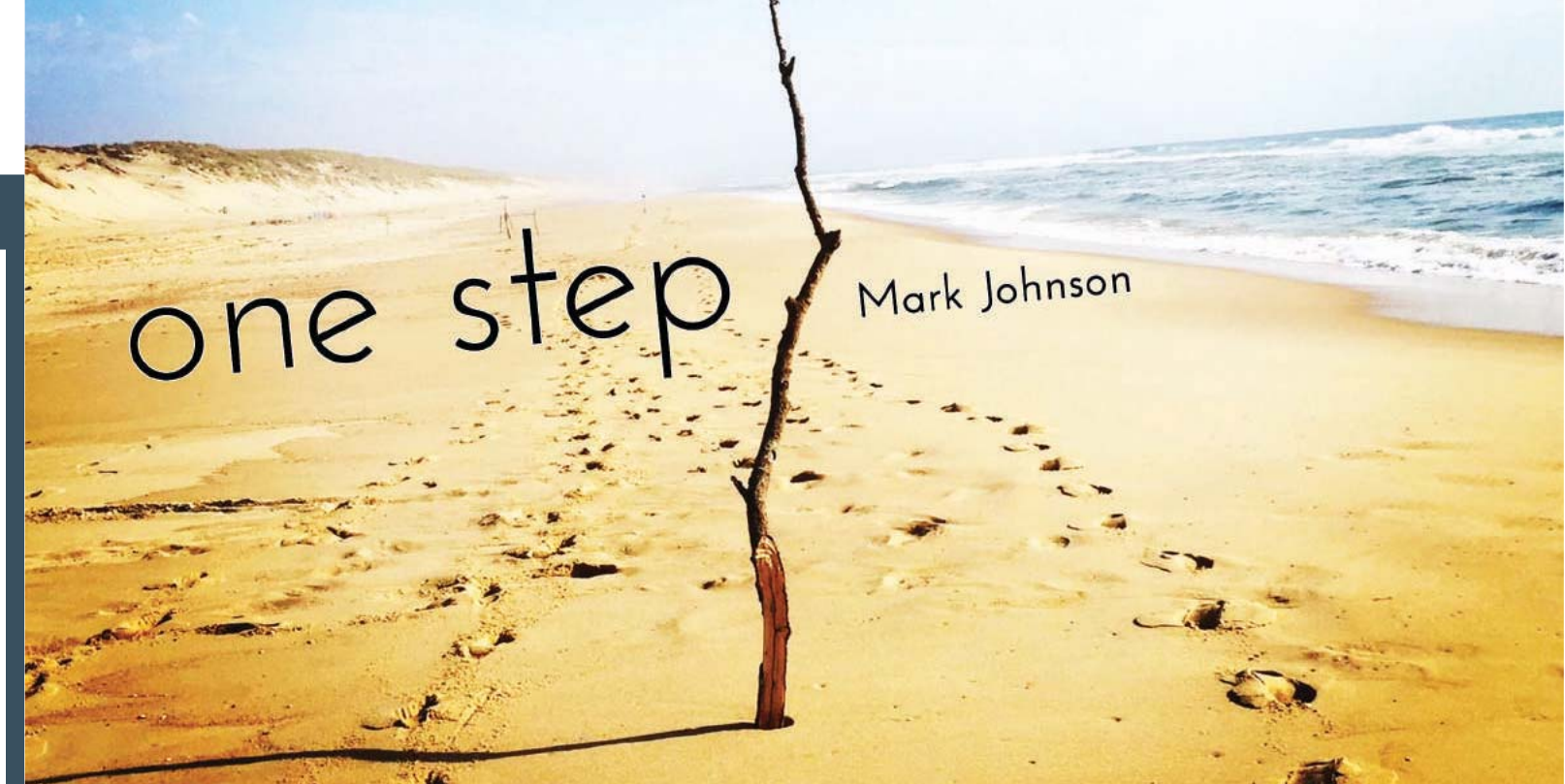
Out of the chaos the world is experiencing this year, the Lord will bring His people through to higher realms. A new land. We just need to position ourselves to be ready, to do that we need to draw closer to Him.

The Israelites had to leave Egypt behind and put their whole trust in the Lord, so do we. When God brought His people into the promise land, they had to fight for it, so do we. Never has it been so urgent for us to put our trust in the Lord and listen to His prophets.

The clock is ticking and He is coming back. Make ready and be encouraged as you read through this issue.

Stay strong and trust in the Lord.

Mark Johnson
5th May 2020



We are witnessing the End-Times unfolding before our eyes

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times - Charles Dickens.

This statement could not be more true at this time. Despite the tragic loss of loved ones to Covid-19, and even more so, those who are not saved, we are living in incredible times, that has never before been witnessed in the earth.

We are witnessing the End-Times unfolding before our eyes. There can be no doubt, the return of the Lord is upon us. That is exciting in a world full of trouble.

The world has changed this year (2020), and the world has taken a giant step towards a one world system. Restrictions on our liberties has been enforced, job losses, shortage of essential goods. The body of Christ is no longer meeting in buildings, but in homes. We have seen that people no longer want to deal with cash due to the possibility of contamination. Rather they would prefer you to use a

card or smart phone to pay.

The enemy will take full advantage of everything that they can, pushing us towards a one world system, including the Mark of the Beast. Have you wondered how people will be willing to accept this system, embracing it? This is how, one step at a time. Yes Covid-19 was a plan of the enemy, but what will the Lord do? Use it for good.

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive

Genesis 50:20

Do not focus on the things around you, look to the Lord. Expect greatness from the creator of all things.

If the world is sick - look for healing.

If the world is poor - look for wealth.

If the world is evil - look for the goodness of God.

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Turn everything around that the enemy throws at you. This is a spiritual principle that the enemy does not want you to know about or put into practice.

The greater evil we see, the greater God will move.

Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Matthew 13:30

God's plan is to move through His people – that's you!

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

We have all heard the story of the good Samaritan, now is the time to put that parable into practice. What did the Samaritan supply, healing, food, money & lodging. What does the world need right now? Healing, supplies, finances & shelter. Demonstrate the Love of Jesus and show the world that our God will provide where there is no way, or no provisions.

And my God shall supply all your

need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

Step out in faith

On the 4th March 2020, whilst walking early in the morning the Lord said to me "It's time to start moving out in Faith in healing". Now I have never shied away from praying for the sick when lead, and I have seen instant healings from both the saved and unsaved. But this command from the Lord came with authority and boldness.

We need to refocus, stop looking at the world, look to the Lord. Do the Lord's work, asking the Holy Spirit to lead you to those who need prayer. Listen to His voice and believe. Quiet your emotions and thoughts and feel His promptings to step out in faith. Stand up in this time and proclaim the good news.

The world needs Jesus more than ever. Jesus gave us an example to be servants when He washed the disciples' feet. What was He doing? He was washing them clean of the world (their walk). Again we see this in the Old Testament when God said to Moses, "Take off your shoes", why, because Moses was of the world and his shoes was a picture of his walk.

The world needs to be cleansed of their walk, and we are tasked to wash their feet (serve). What does that look like? Bring the cleansing power of Jesus into their lives by showing the Love of God. We do that by listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit and stepping out in Faith.



The Importance of The Prophetic Insights from
Shepherd's Rod 2020

Prepare for Swift Shifts and Turbulent Turns!

These insights were written for our present-day on September 30, 2019.

The theme is teaching the People of God how to "Soar above the chaos and confusion of the days." It is September 30, 2019, and I am quietly sitting in my office in Moravian Falls, prayerfully preparing my heart to be attuned to receive God's guidance for the theme and thrust of this year's Shepherd's Rod. The deep heartfelt cry of my heart and soul is: "speak Lord, Your servant is listening (see—1 Samuel 3:9)!"

Suddenly and extremely clear, the Holy Spirit powerfully declared: **"Equip and prepare God's People to Soar higher! Instruct them on how to Walk on the Wings of The Wind. Teach them how to soar above the chaos and confusion of these days!"**

This shaking and shifting are not to hurt us but rather to help us. God loves

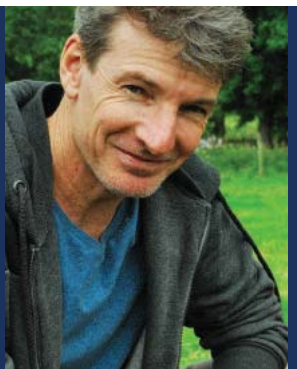
us too much to permit these things cluttering our lives. During this crucial end-time period, we do not need to be dealing with trivial things; we must focus on God's higher plan.

It Is Time to Rouse to Reality!

Wake up, for the time is NOW. Father God is releasing a shaking to remove all things that are hindering and halting us from our journey. Truly, it is a shake-up producing a desperately needed wake-up:

Besides this, you know what [a critical] hour this is, how it is high time now for you to wake up out of your sleep (rouse to reality). For salvation (final deliverance) is nearer to us now than when we first believed (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Christ, the Messiah). The night is far gone, and the day is almost here. Let us then drop (fling away) the works and deeds of darkness and put on the [full] armor of light. Let us live and conduct ourselves honorably and becomingly as in the [open light of] day, not in reveling (carousing) and drunkenness,

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not in immorality and debauchery (sensuality and licentiousness), not in quarrelling and jealousy. But clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and make no provision for [indulging] the flesh [put a stop to thinking about the evil cravings of your physical nature] to [gratify its] desires (lusts).

Romans 13:11-14 (AMPC)

I write about plagues malignant and contagious or infectious epidemic diseases which are deadly and devastating.

This shifting and sifting will be used by God to aid us in our alignment with His plans and purposes. Beloved, now is the time to grow up, mature and move into the realm of Glory.

The writer of Hebrews declares these insights in the passage below. Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. *Hebrews 12:27 (NKJV)*

Remember, this Gospel is a Gospel of the Kingdom of God (see—*Matthew 24:14*); it is the power unto salvation. The Kingdom of God is the only thing

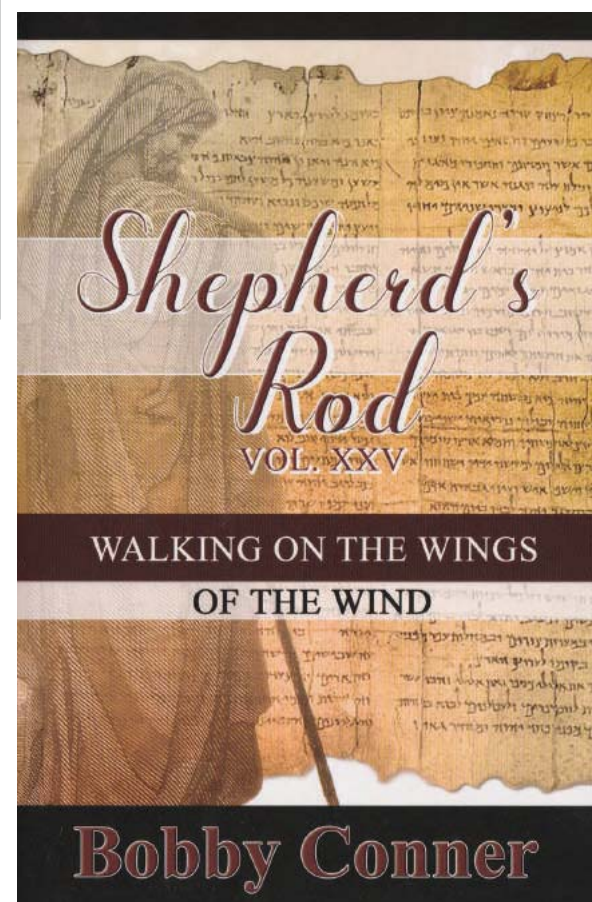
that can never be shaken, and Christians who make Jesus their Rock and Fortress will not be significantly shaken.

He only is my Rock and my Salvation; He is my Defense and my Fortress; I shall not be moved. *Psalm 62:6 (AMPC)*

There will be mighty and violent earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences (plagues: malignant and contagious or infectious epidemic diseases which are deadly and devastating), and there will be sights of terror and great signs from heaven.

Luke 21:11 (AMPC)

Beloved, it is essential to hear this prophetic word so that we will know how to prepare for what is coming. Run to the Rock Christ the King.



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This is a kairos moment in time to reestablish ourselves and completely commit our lives to Christ

I saw a cartoon a few days ago that read, "The enemy plans to close all churches and God plans to open one in every home." I love that as it has been my heart and vision for years. In homes, at the family table, is really where we gather. Sadly, one of the first things that happened in families as women entered the workforce during World War II is the enemy negated the family dinner table and gathering around at the table and discussing what happened during the day and having that fellowship with our families. During the chaotic times the world is facing due to Covid-19 I believe God has restored that fellowship and is redeeming time for families.

So, in one of the most difficult seasons we have experienced in contemporary times, on a global scale, we are also seeing absolute beautiful restoration happening in our personal fellowship and families just as God planned from the beginning.

This is a kairos moment in time to reestablish ourselves and completely

commit our lives to Christ and the liberty and freedom that He died for us to have. When my wife Bev and I first started Word Alive, we were given a mandate to proclaim and declare the concept of freedom and liberty. That was God's message to us: establish a place of freedom. By the time we began to build a church, God had already set us free from so many demonic strongholds that we were convinced many other Christians needed to hear the message of freedom. Our whole life's work is built on His freedom. We believe wholeheartedly that in Christ there is liberty.

"It is for freedom that Christ has made us free, therefore stand firm then and do not be burdened again by the yoke of slavery."

Galatians 5:1

We developed our FREEDOM acronym that has evolved over the years as our understanding and revelation has deepened but we have landed here for FREEDOM:



Finding Your Identity

Realigning with God's Kingdom Culture

Exploring Your Gifts and Talents

Engaging in Spiritual Community

Discovering the Gifts of Holy Spirit

Opening Our Hearts to the Poor

Making Jesus Famous

Isn't it interesting that Paul said in Galatians 5:1 to stand firm in the Liberty that Christ has died for us to have? Understanding our identity in Christ is key to staying free as we determine, through our salvation, who we are, who we are designed to be, why we are here and what is our purpose. Everything about our faith walk is connected to this one revelation: our identity in Christ.

What is so exciting is that our identity is not who we are DNA wise. It is not our genetic download from our parents. It is not who we are in the workforce. It is not what we wear. It is not who we communicate with. Our identity is who God designed us to be. Everything we have been given as gifts and talents is about redeeming and recovering the earth that God gave us to steward. We are literally stewards of creation. That is who we are. That is our identity. God designed us for that very specific purpose. We have one DNA and that is we are children of the Most High God and when Jesus Christ came to the earth and shed His Blood for us, we were redeemed and repurposed, if you will, because it was not as though we were given something that we did not already have. We already had Creation in our spiritual DNA from the very beginning, from the single moment that Adam breathed his very first breath.

That is who we are. That is our identity. What Jesus did on the Cross was take us back to God's original intention

and design for who we are. By our inaction, we, as believers, have distorted creativity. We are born to create, we are literally designed to make things happen. This is what God has shown me about the human race: We identify with so many things outside of God's original intention for who we are, yet we are supposed to live in great hope and expectation of God's plans for our lives. I recently read a great teaching that radically impacted how I think about hope.

This hope that we have, this great hope that we have tied ourselves to is the Anchor of our hope, Jesus Christ. He is not something that we are hoping for that is going to come, He has already come, and in that coming He realigned us with our identity as sons and daughters of God. Hope is not believing for material needs to be met or even answered prayer. Hope is a current that connects us to the river of hope. It connects us to our Heavenly Father in a way that should prevent us from ever being moved out of our identity of relationship and revelation. You see, this is what happens when trials come, like the global upheaval we are all living through: everything that can be shaken will be shaken. Yet, we should be so established in our faith, hope and identity that we will not be shaken. Of late, every normal that we have has been shaken but our identity cannot be. We have a spiritual download that is going to carry us on the river of hope that has been given to us as a gift from our Heavenly Father. Do not let the enemy negate your hope because change is not something that we are hoping for as a singular event, that suddenly things are going to fall into place, but rather it is a spiritual force, a deep current that abides within you that you can stand on.

This is so very important and powerful as our Western theology does not teach us this. We look to Jesus as

Saviour, and yes, thank God He is our Saviour, but what Jesus came to do was to not just save us from something but to save us for something. The original intention of Jesus and His coming was not to change us into somebody that we are not. He came to remind us of who we already are. We have always been sons and daughters of God. The enemy came into the garden and stole the first man's identity and nothing has changed. He is always trying to steal our identity and convince us that we are powerless. In John 10:10 we see that the Second Man, Jesus, came that you might have life and have it more abundantly, but the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy. He tries to steal your identity so he can kill your purpose and destroy your destiny because he tries to make us believe that our identity is tied to our behaviour. All of us, we have to agree, even though it is in our DNA to be children of God, do not always behave accordingly. Yet, it is crucial to understand our behaviour does not determine our identity. Our identity determines our behaviour. Once we are secure in who we are then our behaviours begin to change and we begin to fulfil God's original intention and design for our lives.

Paul landed right here in Ephesians 1:17-19 with this prayer and this is what I am trusting God and believing for you. He tells us who we are in Christ,

then he says,

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation and the knowledge of Him that your eyes would be illuminated and your understanding would be enlightened. That you might know what is the hope of your calling."

Ephesians 1:17-18

I want to join my faith with yours and say that prayer over you, that your eyes would be opened, that your understanding would be enlightened. That you might know exactly who you are. You are not your behaviour. You are not your past. You are not even your future. You are right here in the present and you are a child of God. Let that revelation knowledge fill your spirit today. Let your spirit connect with Holy Spirit, so that you begin to walk in this identity and purpose in the Kingdom of God. All bewitching spirits that would try to bring you back under a yoke of bondage are destroyed. Any old patterns and paradigms that would challenge your identity and purpose are now null and void. Today is a new beginning with fresh revelation of your identity. The enemy will steal, kill and destroy no more, and you will walk in the fullness of life Jesus Christ died on the Cross for you to have. Be blessed in your identity. Walk in it and be empowered In the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ.

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LAYING DOWN YOUR *Life*

BRUCE ALLEN

Each proceeding generation had to wrestle
with this question

We are in the final lap of a cosmic race that began before the foundation of the world. The baton has been passed to this final generation as we are tasked with completing this race and crossing the finish line. Each one of us has the great privilege of being a participator in this race rather than a spectator.

There is a question that must now be asked to those who desire to run this race: are you willing to lay down your life to win the prize?

Each proceeding generation had to wrestle with this question and from every nation, from every generation, there were those who carried this baton and finished their course. This generation is unique. We will see the culmination, the climax of all that the Lord began from the foundation of the world.

With that in mind, what must we do to prepare ourselves for this race?

I know from experience as a younger

man some of the preparation that it takes to run in a race. My sport was distance running with an emphasis on the mile and two mile events. I knew to pace myself so I would not expend most of my energy at the beginning of the race. That didn't mean I was to coast and take it easy – no I had to challenge myself to push the limits of my endurance to keep an acceptable pace and to stay in the pack. However, the time came when we entered into the last lap, in particular the last 220 (half a lap) that it was time to dig deep and give it everything we had. The finish line was in sight. Only one would be the winner in this race so with all that was within, you would push yourself to the point of collapse to win.

We must realize that to cross this finish line, the status quo of the Christian life and experience is not enough. We must choose the consecrated life – a life of discipline, sanctification and holiness in order to fulfil our destiny in this hour.

Let me give you an example. Often times while traveling and ministering I will have individuals come to me wanting to know the 'secret' of moving deeper into the things of God. They want a quick one off solution to walking in the spirit.

While this does show a measure of hunger and passion, there is a flaw that has pervaded the church as a whole and that is the concept that everything scripture has to offer should be given with no effort on the individuals' part. This is not accurate, nor biblical.

While Jesus paid the price for our redemption He clearly states in His Word that we are to 'work out our own salvation'. What does that mean? I thought it was all paid for on the cross and I'm a completed work! Yes and no.

In John 1:12-13 it states,

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 1:12-13

Notice it says that those who receive Him (salvation), to them He gives the right or the privilege or the power, to *become* children of God. Salvation is the starting point. Maturity is a process of the development of Christ like character.

Every day each one of us is faced with challenges. In each challenge throughout the day we have an opportunity to make a choice of whether or not we will respond by the spirit or react in a fleshly way. The simplest example that most of us are familiar with is the road rage test! How do you react/respond when someone cuts you off on the road or is so slow that the arctic ice shelf moves faster than them? Do we react by cursing them and shouting or do we respond

by praying for them?

The choice was ours. Though you are saved – you are still in a process of becoming more and more like Jesus. Just like Paul – we must learn to 'die daily' to the works of our flesh that we may model the life of Christ.

Some years ago the Lord spoke to me over the New Year Holiday and said He wanted me to study the word 'name' in scripture. I had never even thought of studying a word such as that in scripture and was intrigued so I agreed to spend the year studying and meditating on what I was discovering. It changed my life forever!

In the Old Testament the word 'name' in every instance but two speaks of 'character, honor and authority'. In the New Testament the word 'name' means 'character and authority.'

In Proverbs 18:10 it says,

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe."

Proverbs 18:10

Let me define that for you, based upon our understanding of the word 'name'.

The CHARACTER of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous are conformed to it and are safe!

Now, that's an amplification based upon study of the original Hebrew but it is accurate. It is conformity to His character that brings us into a realm of relationship and intimacy that so many want! Not only that but without this conformity we will never fulfil our destiny!

In Genesis 17 we recognize the ongoing story of Abram as he travels from his home land to a country and destiny that only the Lord understands. But by faith he obeys the voice of the Lord. He is given a promise that his descendants will be as numerous as the sand of the seashore and the

stars of heaven. I love this depiction as it gives us an amazing revelation of what we as individuals are to do with the promises the Lord has given us for our lives.

Every day while wandering in the wilderness of the middle east Abram would look before him and see sand! Every night as he would sit by his dwelling place and gaze into the heavens he would see stars! Day and night – the promise of the Lord for his life was continually before his face!

We are to keep His promises for our life continually before our eyes so that day or night, we are looking at His promises not our circumstances!

Now we come to Genesis 17:5-8

"No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Genesis 17:5-8

Abram had a promise and a destiny for his life. However, he was unable to see the fulfilment of that destiny with his current name/character! The Lord was basically telling him that he needed to submit to a change of character in order to see the fulfilment of the destiny God had pronounced over his life!

Abram means 'exalted father.' Abraham means 'father of a multitude.'

You see this change of character/

name many times throughout scripture. Sarai which means 'princess' was changed to Sarah, which means 'princess of a multitude.'

Jacob at Jabbok in Genesis 32:22-28 is a very graphic example of this process of conformity to Godly Character. Jacob, whose name means 'heal catcher, deceiver, supplanter' was a man with a profound destiny. Throughout his life however he continually tried to see that destiny accomplished through his own manipulations and strength.

Finally, after years of struggle he comes to a moment of crisis and decision; a dark night of the soul experience. He is left alone at Jabbok to wrestle with God. Jabbok means, 'to be poured forth, to become transparently empty.' It speaks of a transition from the life of the flesh to a life in the spirit.

In this dark place he is wrestling with the messenger of the Lord (most scholars agree this was a manifestation of the pre-incarnate Christ) until the breaking of the day. He is desperate for a touch and blessing from the Lord. So the Lord blesses him! At once his hip is put out of joint! (vs 25).

Now, I don't know about you but when I read this I thought, "What kind of blessing is this?" Well, if you understand true biblical prosperity this would make perfect sense. From that day forward Jacob was no longer able to rely upon his own strength to get him where he wanted to go. He became utterly dependent upon the Lord to lead him!

Still, Jacob persists and will not let this messenger go. He wants another blessing! Now pay attention to this messengers answer: vs 27

"So He said to him, 'What is your

name?'

Genesis 32:27

Here's the blessing!

"And He said, 'Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled/wrestled with God and with men, and have prevailed.'"
Genesis 32:28

Did you get that? The blessing was a change of character! What is your name/character? I'm going to give you a new character – a new name!

Jacob went from being a man of deception to a man whose character was 'prince with God' or 'one who rules as God.'

In order to fulfil his destiny there was a deeper work of sanctification that was necessary!

We are all in a race – we are encouraged to run that we may obtain the prize! To move towards the end of the age without contending with the Lord for our character being conformed to Christ is the surest way to not winning that prize!

In the New Testament we see some profound truths as we look at some well known scriptures with this understanding about the word 'name.'

"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

Matthew 7:22-23

Many today believe they are doing great things in the *name* of the Lord yet when you examine their lives you find there is nothing that shows them walking in Christ-like character. There is a deficit. They may have exercised their gifts to the point of being proficient in them, but there was not

a yieldedness to God in the exercising of those gifts.

Many ministries while professing an intimate walk with the Lord still fall short of submission to His will. They know they have a call and so in an effort to see that destiny fulfilled they embrace many of the ideals of the world to become more visible and "successful." After all, they state, we are to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. We have to be culturally relevant.

Allow me to make an observation – the bible is culturally relevant and has set the standard for human conduct for generations. We do not change the Word to fit the culture! We conform the culture to the Word! We are not called upon to embrace worldly standards of success to ministry. We are not encouraged to enact Madison Avenue marketing techniques to help us become more visible and successful.

We are called to be LIKE HIM! When His light shines in us, the world will come to that light. When we try and look like the world we become ineffective! We are doing our own works and not His.

John 2:23 states,

"Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did."

John 2:23

Jesus' works were an outward display of His character! His works did not define His character, His character defined His works. In John 5:19 He said that He only did what He saw the Father doing. In other words – He only did what the Father told Him to do – not what He thought was right or what He wanted to do. Not what the Denomination or the current Theology said should be done. He did what the Father told Him to do!

We as a final generation are called

to walk as Jesus walked – in total submission to the voice of the Spirit of God. Forsaking what we think we know for the challenge of obedience to Jesus and His Word. Conformity to Christ-like character is a must for those who desire to walk in the deeper mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven in this hour!

In John 14:13 we see a profound truth in regards to the word 'name'.

"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

John 14:13

Whatever we ask for with Christ-like character He will do! So many have difficulty in the arena of seeing their prayers answered. I've seen so many give up in despair because it seems as if the heavens are brass. Is it possible we have been coming to His throne of Grace without an understanding of what He is looking for?

If we come to the Father in Jesus' name/character then the Father sees Jesus! He sees an exact representation of His Son Jesus because we have been conformed to His character! Now He will answer in full confidence that we are not coming to Him with the idea of seeing our own lusts being fulfilled and our flesh being enlarged!

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name(character)

of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:17

Are you seeing this? Am I making sense? If we are to take the baton and win this race then we must choose this lane/path of sanctification and conformity to Christ. If we are willing to do 'anything' to walk in the supernatural realm and to experience the powers of the age to come we must understand the process of maturity that is necessary for us to become like Him.

If we want victory in every area of our lives this is the key! At the *name* of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess He is Lord!

As His character is developed in us we will realize a startling truth. When we walk into any circumstance or challenge – immediately we will see the manifestation of the power and presence of the Lord then we must walk in His Character!

It is very telling throughout scripture when a demonized individual was brought into the presence of Jesus they would immediately bow their knee and confess He was the Son of God. That is dominion authority and power! My wife and I have witnessed this on a number of occasions since we have received this revelation and are conformed daily! Demons manifest without us saying a thing! Healings take place instantly! The atmosphere of heaven invades earth!

We continue to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus! We strive daily to enter this rest! We choose to die daily to the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

We are on a quest to run this last lap and win that prize! The choice is ours to make! The choice is yours!

For His Glory,



One of the primary ways that we enter into the peace "of" God is through prayer

In the late 1970's I attended a Gospel and healing seminar conducted by a godly, Holy Spirit filled minister, Rev. John Hampsch. He typically held these seminars all day on a Saturday in which he ministered both physical and inner healing through the teaching of the Word of God accompanied by prophetic and healing gifts. I heard him share the following astonishing testimony.

In one of his previous Saturday seminars, which started in the morning and typically went until late afternoon, there was an hour long lunch break. While most of the attendees left the seminar premises for lunch he went back into the church hall kitchen (which was closed) to look around and see if he could make himself a cup of coffee. He found an electric coffee pot that seemed to have hot water in it. He found a jar of instant coffee and a cup and proceeded to make himself a cup of coffee. Or so he thought. What he did not know is that the coffee pot had lye in it. Lye is a very caustic chemical used for

cleaning. If ingested it is capable of causing serious bodily harm including burns, blindness and even death. The cleaning ladies had come in earlier that morning to clean the kitchen and had put lye in the coffee pot to clean the stains out of it.

After making what he thought was a cup of coffee, Rev. Hampsch took a large drink. He immediately began to gasp as his throat burned and constricted. As he became incapacitated, an ambulance was called and he was rushed to the hospital. He lay on the hospital bed in pain as the doctors took X-rays and attended to him. Upon examination he heard one doctor say to another "This man will never talk again. He has completely destroyed his vocal chords".

Rev. Hampsch said that when he heard those words, anxiety began to fill his heart. "I am a preacher" he thought. "My ministry requires that I talk. If I cannot talk, how can I fulfill my

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calling? It is over!" As these thoughts tried to fill his heart, he stopped himself. He made a decision to not be anxious.

As he relayed his testimony to us that day, he told us that he remembered that the Kingdom of God is peace. He made a conscious decision to live in the peace of God for the Scripture declares "the kingdom of God is ... righteousness and *peace* and joy in the Holy Spirit". (Romans 14:17)

He told the Lord "If it is your will that I never speak again, I accept that. If it is Your will to heal me, I accept that. But Lord, either way, I refuse to be anxious or fearful. Your Kingdom is peace. I choose to completely trust You. Not my will, but Your will be done. I choose peace."

He said immediately after choosing to abide in the peace of God, he felt the sensation of warm oil being poured over the top of his head. He felt it run down his head and onto his neck. When the sensation reached his throat, he was completely healed. He received a healing miracle as God re-created his vocal chords in an instant. He immediately sat up on the hospital bed as he told the doctor that he was fine and then proceeded to walk out of the hospital 100% well. Praise God!

He went on to say that when we abide in the "peace of God" we abide in the "kingdom of God" and that is where the victory is. The kingdom of God is peace. He went on to teach us the difference between peace "with" God and the peace "of" God.

We have peace with God when we repent of our sins and believe in Jesus; when we trust the work of Jesus Christ for us on the cross.

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have PEACE with God

through our Lord Jesus Christ"
Romans 5:1

God reconciled all things to Himself by Jesus Christ *"having made peace through the blood of His cross"*. (Colossians 1:20)

We must have peace "with" God before we can go further and learn to walk in the peace "of" God. One of the primary ways that we enter into the peace "of" God is through prayer and the full surrender of our will.

We need to learn to live in the peace of God more now than ever before as we are now living in the days of Haggai 2:6-9.

"For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the Lord of hosts. 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts. 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts."

Haggai 2:6-9

Two scenarios are playing out simultaneously. On one hand all nations are being shaken. This disruption is not meant to harm but to expose our utter frailty and the vanity of our idols. This is to help men turn to the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Desire of All Nations. On the other hand, in God's temple (which is you; the body of Christ) He is preparing a people in whom and through whom He can release His glory. In that place (His body) He will give PEACE.

The supernatural peace of the church is in stark contrast to the lack of peace and the disruption taking place in the nations. Our supernatural peace

comes from our rest in Christ. Through abiding in Him His glory will manifest.

Paul gives clear instruction on how to walk in the peace of God.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

The supernatural PEACE of God will literally guard our hearts from demonic disruption. The Greek word for guard in verse 7, is defined as: to guard, protect by a military guard: to prevent hostile invasion. The PEACE of God is our supernatural shield that keeps us abiding in Christ.

When we find stress coming upon us, according to Philippians 4, Paul teaches us to refuse anxiety and instead pour our heart out to him in prayer and supplication. After unburdening our heart to Him, we must offer up thanksgiving to the Lord *by faith*. Before seeing any answers materialize, we choose to give Him thanks. When we are obedient to pray like this, the supernatural peace of God "that surpasses all understanding" comes to guard our hearts and minds. That is the imparted peace of God.

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27

Not only prayer, but obedience to the Lord, will give us the peace of God. Walking in this "peace of God" is the place of victory over satan.

"I want you to be excellent in what is good, and innocent concerning

evil. And the God of PEACE will crush Satan under your feet shortly."

Romans 16:19-20

When satan wants to harm us, distract us, steal from us, or deceive us, often his first strategy is to try to get us to lose our peace. If we can learn to maintain walking in the peace of God, through prayer with thanksgiving and obedience (becoming excellent in what is good and innocent concerning evil), the God of peace will crush satan's head under our feet. Before we try to employ any other kind of spiritual warfare strategies, we should make sure we are walking in obedience to God and in the PEACE of God.

When we stay in the peace of God, we can be led by His Spirit. *"For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace"*

Isaiah 5:12

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."

Colossians 3:15

The Greek word for rule means "to be an umpire". Let the peace of God make the call. Many times when we are seeking to "hear" the Lord, to find direction from Him, His answer comes in the form of peace.

It is important to be sensitive to what is going on in our hearts. We must guard our hearts from fear and anxiety. *"Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life"*.

Proverbs 4:23

The fruit of the Spirit is sown in peace. *"Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."*

James 3:18

If we maintain the "peace of God" the other fruit of the Spirit can flow.

If we lose the peace of God, usually most of the other fruit of the Spirit diminishes. Stay in peace!

Peace is the foundation for sanctification. If we wish to grow in holiness or purity, we must cultivate and allow the Holy Spirit to establish peace in our hearts.

"Now may the God of PEACE Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it"
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Most sins and weights will fall off of us when we abide in the peace that the Holy Spirit gives to us. From the place of peace God will perfect us.

"Now may the God of PEACE who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the

everlasting covenant, make you complete (perfect) in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen"

Hebrews 13:20-21

The kingdom of God is peace. The place of victory over satan is peace.

The fruit of the Spirit flows from peace. The Lord will lead us by peace. Jesus Christ is called the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6) Jerusalem, which means City of Peace, is the place God chose to dwell in.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in PEACE; and the God of love and peace will be with you."

2 Corinthians 13:11

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THE PLAGUE PANDEMIC

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The cries of the land have reached My ears

On April 5, 2020, during Prophetic Conference televised live on Angel TV, I saw the Lord Jesus Christ standing before me like the Lion of Judah. He looked very intently at me and spoke these words: "My anger has not subsided yet." Science tells us, male lions sleep the whole day while the female lions go hunting for food the whole day. But when the male lion gets up, he goes after the prey. Likewise, the Lord God says to you, "My anger has not subsided yet." What is the Lord making reference to? It is in reference to the present pandemic of *Coronavirus—Covid-19* that is still taking the world captive.

When the Lord said that He showed me Scripture. In the Book of Genesis, we read that the Lord God together with two Angels appeared to Abraham. He told Abraham,

"Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry

against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know".

Genesis 18:20-21

And while the Lord was talking with Abraham, the two angels who accompanied the Lord were sent to spy Sodom and Gomorrah to verify the cries that were coming from the land. The Lord then gave a command to the two angels to execute judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah plus another five cities (Gen 18:24-25; Jer 49:18).

Please take note of what the Lord God said, "The cries of the land have reached My ears." In Genesis chapter 4 we read that God came and asked Cain, "Where is your brother?" When Cain denied knowing where Abel was, the Lord told him, "The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground" (Gen 4:10). Who is Abel? - An innocent man. An innocent man's blood was shed on the ground.

Some time ago, I saw in YouTube videos concerning the testimony of a

certain Christian lady from Tamil Nadu, India where she had a clinical-death experience. She died for two hours after giving birth to her daughter. She had a C-section, and soon after the surgery infection set in, which caused her to be sick with a fever for several days. She was admitted to the government hospital and not a single nurse bothered to give her any treatment for the fever. Eventually, she developed complications and she died. When she died her spirit was taken to heaven.

A little background about this woman. She was water-baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit. Her father is a minister of God. This woman too did some kind of ministry. When her spirit came to Heaven, she appeared before an angel with many books before him. She asked the angel to look for her name in the Book of Life. The angel turned several pages but could not find her name. This woman was shocked. She told the angel, "I have another name that was given to me when I was baptized in the water." She told the angel that name and even that name was not found in the Book of Life.

Then the angel took another book, Book of Remembrance (Mal 3:16), and flipped through the pages. To her great delight and relief, her name was found there. But there were many bad records written against her name. One of them was that she was a murderer. She was shocked to see that. Then she was brought before the Lord Jesus Christ. She couldn't see the face of the Lord Jesus, because He was full of glory. In Matthew 5:8 it is written, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." This seems to be true even in heaven. If your heart is not pure, justified and sanctified, you cannot see the face of God. You can see His form like a glorious bright light, but would not be able to see the Lord's face.

When she saw the glory of God she covered her eyes. The Lord told her, "You're a murderer. You cannot be

in heaven. You should be cast into hell." She protested crying humbly to the Lord, "Lord, I have never killed anybody." The Lord said, "Yes, you have. You aborted a baby while it was still in your womb, that is murder." Then this woman remembered that she conceived and she had aborted a baby.

One of the reasons for the outbreak of the Coronavirus—COVID-19 is the cry of the blood of the innocents that have been going up to God for years. When the fifth seal was broken in Revelation 6:9-11, the apostle John saw a company of martyred saints crying to God, "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?' That is the cry of the innocent people killed for the testimony of the Lord Jesus. The Lord comforted them saying, '... they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.'"

The Lord God is now requiting for the blood of the babies that were killed, from one end of the world to the other end!

That was why I saw the Lion of Judah say to me, "My anger has not subsided yet." That is why we are seeing this virus that started in China, taking on a very vigorous look and facing towards Europe and North America. Lots of abortions took place in China. And equally, lots of abortions have taken place in Europe and in North America. Presently, at the time of writing this article on April 30, 2020, 3,118,708 people have been infected and 220,471 have died. Though this virus was born in China, the number of affected and dead people in Europe and North America are more than the number of people who were affected and died by the virus in China.

I saw a white horse gallop valiantly from the East towards the West. When

it was still running towards the end of the West, it turned its face to look back from where it came. When it did, I saw its face. Half of its head looked like a horse while the other half looked like a dragon. Its face was elongated had razor-sharp teeth with blood smeared on its lower jaw. It looked monstrous and vengeful. At that time of the vision, the number of infected persons was decreasing in the East while it was increasing in the West. But when the beast turned again to look eastwards, I perceived that it will gallop again to the east. After this, people in the East infected with Coronavirus began to increase day by day.

When I saw the Lord as a Lion and say, "My anger has not subsided yet" I also saw the Lion lift up its foot and stamp the virus under its feet. The Lion did not totally stamp out the virus under its feet but put it under its feet. Meaning, He's keeping it under control, but not totally eradicate it. Why?

The Visitation

On February 20, 2020, I was called to come and wait at the presence of the Lord at 10 AM. As I was waiting on the Lord, I was taken before His holy presence in the heavenly realm. As soon as I came and stood before the Lord Jesus, He looked at me and said, "The Father God wants to talk with you. You have an important message to carry back. Come with Me now." We were then transported to the place where the Father God dwells.

The place where the Father God dwells is a huge mountainous region, beautifully covered with snows. Each time I come there I always tremble like a leaf. To stand before the Almighty God is not an easy thing. While we were standing and looking at the mountain, I saw a great form like Cloud on the summit. And three lightning and loud ear-splitting thunders came forth from the Cloud. In Revelation 10, the apostle John saw a mighty Angel stand between heaven and earth. Then after, the apostle John heard seven thunders

utter voices (Rev 10:3). Furthermore, we read in John 12:28 that when the Father God spoke with the Lord Jesus, it sounded like thunder to the rest of the people. So, after the three bolts of lightning and thunders manifested, the form of the Father God came from the summit of the mountain and stood before me. I couldn't see His face, but it was a form of a cloud (cp. Ex 33:9).

Another Great Wind

So, when the form of the Father God came and stood before me He said, "Another great wind is going to sweep all over the world." And when He said that, I was made to know this: *another great wind, worse than coronavirus pandemic, is going to sweep this whole world.* When that *great wind* comes, it will make the present Coronavirus look like child's play.

When this great wind comes, it will sting people like a *hornet's stinger*. When a hornet stings a person, the person feels hot with fire-like sensation and swelling, like boils will appear on their bodies. Similarly, when this wind stings a person, the person will feel hot like fire all over them, and the body temperature will rise above 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above 38 degrees Centigrade. And boils will develop all over the faces and bodies, especially in the chest area. These are the physical symptoms of the new virus' sting. Doctors and scientists would be baffled and perplexed at not being able to discover at all any medicine or vaccine for this new virus.

I recall hearing the late respected prophet of God, Neville Johnson, say the Lord revealed to him several years ago that, *plagues will appear in the last days, and their mutations will be so different that doctors would not be able to understand how they work. The DNA structure in the virus will mutate itself.*

Plague's Strain

The strain of the plague that is going will be similar to the present Coronavirus—

Covid-19. Perhaps you may have seen pictures of how the Coronavirus looks like. The strain of the new virus that is going to come will look a little similar to Coronavirus but will have lots of stings all around it. Perhaps you may have played throwing darts. But if it accidentally falls on your body, the prick of the dart's sharp needle will be very painful. Likewise, will be the sting of the new virus. It's not just a virus that will stick onto your skin, but like a hornet's stinger, it will begin to sting all over the body. I will now describe to you what the Holy Spirit showed me in a vision concerning this.

When a hornet stings a person, its stinger is poked into your skin, and poison is released. Similarly, when the new virus enters into a person's body, it flows in their bloodstream, stings the blood vessels and releases poison into the bloodstream. This virus will cause a great number of fatalities. When the new plague spreads globally, world leaders and scientists will be at their wits' end how to deal with the situation.

Presently, many governments are locking down their nations to protect their people from been bitten by the Coronavirus. But even when such practices are followed the next time, the spread of the new virus will not be controllable. Like a lion that goes out to seek its prey, it will go out to seek its prey.

Angels Of Healings

At the time when the new plague sweeps the world, the Lord God said, "My angels will be flying over the five continents, and they will bear in their hands poison eliminating balm."

These are very special angels who are appointed to bring the healing balm of God. We read in John 5:2-4 that lots of sick and impotent people were congregated around the Pool of Bethesda. During a certain time, it is believed that an angel comes down from heaven to stir the waters. When the waters are stirred, the first person who jumps into the water is healed.

Such angels of healing are called *Rafael*. We have heard of Gabriel, and Michael mentioned in the Bible. The word "Rafael" is derived from the root word *Rophe* which means, *the God who heals*. These angels bear the healing anointing of God and they will pour the oil of healing upon the afflicted people.

You may recall a parable the Lord Jesus spoke about the good Samaritan (Lk 10:30-35). A certain man was robbed and heavily beaten by thieves. A priest and a Levite passed by the badly bruised and bleeding man but none helped him.

Then came a Samaritan, who looked at the man with great love and compassion. He cleaned and bound his wounds. The Samaritan then took a bottle of balm oil and poured on the wounds. So, there is a healing balm. These Angels will bear the virus's poison eliminating balm in their hands. This healing oil will be poured upon those who keep the commandments of God, and have the fear of the Living God, so that they may escape from this plague.

Scriptural Precedent

First, in Exodus 12, we read that the Lord God told the prophet Moses, that the Angel of Death was going to walk the streets of Egypt. Every Hebrew should cut a lamb, take the blood of the lamb and smear the doorposts of their house. They should then stay—hide inside their houses. And on that night the angel of death passed by and struck every firstborn child and animals with a plague in Egypt; they all died. But those who were inside the house were protected by the blood of the lamb. Similarly, this healing angels will pour the healing oil upon those who fear God and who keep His commandments. These are the true remnants.

Second, a plague of sores came upon the Egyptians during the time of the prophet Moses (Ex 9:9-11).

Third, Two Witnesses when they do

their ministries in Israel will strike the nations with plagues (Rev 11:6)

Third, we read this in Revelation 16:2: "So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image." The word *sore* in Greek is *helkos* meaning *ulcer* – foul – smelly, ugly and painful ulcers that are malignant. Revelation 16:2 talks about the ultimate plague that will be coming. But the next plague that will come after the Coronavirus will be comparable to that.

Lastly, Zechariah 14:12-13,15 tells us, a great pandemic plague will sweep the world in the last days.

Be Forewarned

The Lord God continues to say, "People of the world, be forewarned. More plagues will come and increase in the days to come." The Lord Jesus Himself warned us in Matthew 24:7, that in the last days' plagues will take place on a global scale as how the Coronavirus has spread worldwide. The Coronavirus is just but a sample—a preview of worse plagues to come. Therefore, the Lord God says to you, "People of the world, be forewarned."

Counsel Of The Lord For Protection

The Lord God gives us five counsels regarding what we should do to protect yourselves. The Bible tells us, we are not appointed unto the wrath of God (I Thes 5:9). Who are *we*? They are those who fear God and who keep His commandments. The five counsels are:

1. *Blessed is the person who seeks the Lord God before the wrath of God manifests* – Amos 5:4
2. Blessed is he who seeks the Lord God who made the heaven and the earth. The second counsel is directed at all the unbelievers. Seek the true living God who made the heavens and the earth, not the gods of

wood, stones, and hay. Not the God who is made with human hands. But seek him who made the heavens and the earth. If you do you will be protected from this wrath.

3. Blessed are the people who find refuge in the Lord God - Deu 33:7; Ps 9:9; 46:1. Psalms 91:1-2 says, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

We should run to the presence of the Almighty God, seek where is His place of Refuge? Run and hide there. It is not in this city or in that city. Where is it then? The Lord Jesus said the kingdom of God is within you (Lk 17:21). Therefore, learn to abide in the bosom of the Lord Jesus (Jn 15:4).

4. The Lord God alone has healing medicine for these plagues that will come. Nothing else can protect us. "In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations." - Revelation 22:2

Before the invention of modern medicine, early civilizations depended on all the leaves and the roots of plants that have medicinal properties. People would squeeze the juice from those leaves and use it as medicine. Earlier on we read that God will send angels with poison eliminating balm in their hands. Where does the balm come from? From the healing leaves of the tree of life. Only God has that healing medicine.

5. The blood of the Son of God is that medicine. Nothing else - Isa 53:5 says, "But He was

wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." When the Lord Jesus was whipped 39 times, His flesh was torn from His body, and blood came forth from His scarred body. The Lord's blood is the healing-medicine. So, partake the Lord's Supper daily!

When the Lord gave me the Word concerning a worse than Coronavirus will come next, I kept it within me waiting for the right time to share it. My very dear friend, Pastor Joseph Sweet from Lancaster, California, visited me. I shared with him this Word. Needless to say, he was shaken on hearing it. Then a little while later, he showed me a prophecy that an American prophet of God had prophesied in the year 2012. The prophecy confirmed my Word of revelation received from the Lord.

There lived a wonderful man of God in the United States called John Paul Jackson. Years ago, we once ministered together in Oxford, Alabama. The Word he received from the Lord is: "The Lord told me there would be a pandemic that came, but the first one would prove to be little but fear." Isn't that happening now? Look everywhere, fear is prevalent. "But the second one that comes would be serious."

Conclusion

"God came from Teman, The Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden. Before Him went pestilence, and fever followed at His feet. He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the nations. And the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills bowed. His ways are everlasting."

Habakkuk 3:3-6

Please note verse 5: "Before Him went pestilence, and fever followed at His feet." What is the initial symptom of the Coronavirus? – *fever—high fever*. And the symptom of the next worst plague that is coming is also *high fever*. So, what does this show? The Lord God – the Lion of Judah is walking the land. The Lion has risen and will go after its prey. All the enemies of the cross, all the enemies against the commandments of God will be scattered. And verse 6 says, "He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the nations. And the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills bowed. His ways *are* everlasting."

The Kingdom of God is coming, and all things that will be shaken in the heavens and the earth. So, what must we do? Let us read Revelation 14:6-7: "Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Fear the true and living God and not the gods made with hands. The time has now come that all should fear the true living God, the true Creator, and not to worship the creation, nor the hosts of heaven.

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