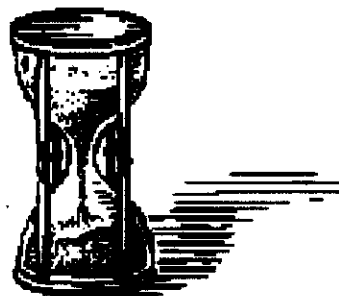


In Times Like These



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Most all Bible scholars will agree that we are living in the last days. It has been repeated by many sinners that things cannot keep going on as they are and even history itself shows we are living in a very uncertain age.

From the creation of man to the time of Noah and the Great Flood was approximately 2,000 years. From the time of the Flood to the birth of Jesus Christ is a period of approximately 2,000 years. From the birth of Jesus Christ to the present day, again, we have close to 2,000 years of time. What I am pointing out, my friend, is that it seems like every 2,000 years God has some great event taking place.

According to God's holy Word (the Bible) there is only one more great event to take place, and that is the second coming of Jesus Christ and the destruction of this earth at His appearing. Second Peter 3:10 tells us, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt

with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

If ever man needs to think of his eternal destiny, it is now! Someday the judgments of God are coming and this world will be no more. It will depend on how you have lived in this life whether or not you will make Heaven your eternal home.

The Bible declares in Psalm 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

Sinner friend, in times like these you need a Savior. You need Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master. You may say, "I will not go to hell when I die because I haven't killed anyone or robbed a bank. I haven't been so bad." The Bible still cries and declares from Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

It only takes one sin to send your precious soul to hell, and when you reject Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, that is sin. You are doomed for a devil's hell unless you repent.

Your good deeds will not get you

to Heaven. We read in Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Belonging to some particular church or denomination will not gain you favor with God, nor can you purchase your salvation with gold or silver. God has provided a way for everyone to escape the torments and anguish of hell, and that way is through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. John 14:6 states, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

The Apostle Paul warned of the day and age in which we are living in 2 Timothy 3:1-5. He said: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded,

lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

We hear the leaders of many nations speaking of wanting peace for their people, but there never will be peace as a whole on this earth, for the Scriptures tell us there will be wars and rumors of wars. Also, we are told at the end that nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom (Matthew 24:6-7). The only true peace mankind will ever have in this life is in knowing that he is saved and has become a child of God. Romans 5:1 tells us, "Therefore being justified [saved] by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The youth of our nation are seeking, hunting, searching for something that will give them peace of mind. The devil has them deceived into believing they can find it in liquor, drugs, the lust of the flesh, and the material things of this life. However, the true answer to all their problems await them in Jesus Christ and His wonder-

ful salvation.

In times like these, friend, if you are not a child of God, you need to repent, confess your sins to God (not man), and embrace the Son of God—Jesus Christ—and His atoning blood as payment for your sins.

Jesus, speaking in John 3:3, told us that we must have a spiritual birth. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:16-17 shows the mighty love of God toward fallen mankind: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

John 3:18 and 36 warn us by saying: "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting

life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

The song writer expressed it very plainly when he penned these words:

In times like these you need a Saviour,

In times like these you need an anchor;

Be very sure, be very sure,

Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

Yes, Jesus is our Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4), and He is the only solid truth that we can build our lives upon. Why not yield yourself to Him, sinner friend, and start living a life that will be joyful to you and also be pleasing to Almighty God, the judge of your soul?

Jesus, speaking from John 6:37, gave this wonderful promise: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

In times like these, friend, there is

still hope for you, if you will acknowledge your true condition before God and by faith take Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master.

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