

I Say To Everyone: WATCH!

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I believe we are in the last of the Last Days. I have found that many “Christians” do not want to hear that nor do they believe we should even spend much time speaking about such. And, because the subject has been so misused, abused, and wrongly interpreted, many feel we should just throw the baby out with the bath water! Their theory is, “We know Jesus is coming again, but we don’t need to focus on that. Our focus needs to be on the love of God or the grace of God, etc.” I’m in total agreement with the latter, but without throwing out the former. For, it is the love of God and the grace of God that will empower us in these times to accomplish what we are here to do as the chosen and appointed of this generation.



The Bible exhorts us to know the times and seasons we are in. If the Bible exhorts us to do anything, then we should do it! And it exhorts Christians to “*watch*” (Mt. 24:42-43; 25:13; Mk 13:32-35) and even “*speed the coming*” of Christ (2 Pet. 3:11-12).

Watch means *to keep vigil; to be awake; to be attentive or vigilant; to keep guard; to observe; to be expectant*. So far, I’m finding more *watching* going on in the world. It seems that National Geographic, the History Channel and A & E, plus numerous secular website are doing more watching than the Church. It’s amazing the number of *unbelievers* who are having feelings, premonitions, dreams and visions about something terrible coming. A good Christian might say, “Yeah, these unbelievers are getting stuff from satan!” Maybe. Maybe not!

The prophets Joel and Amos refer to the terrible day of the LORD. So, I’m personally discerning that God is trying to speak to many right now in order to bring them to Him and ready themselves for that Day that will soon be upon us. Joel says, “*Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision,*” (3:14 NIV). Where are all the evangelist to these multitudes in the valley of decision? Is there any stirring of love and grace in our hearts to quickly and urgently begin to reach out?

After the resurrection of Jesus, He appeared to a couple of disciples on the road to Emmaus and walked and talked with them. They had no idea who He was. But later as they ate with Him their eyes were opened. Just then He disappeared. But they reflected, “*Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?*” (Luke 24:32).

Is there any burning in us today to see Jesus Christ? Is there any burning in us today to have His Word open to us? Is there any burning in us that causes us to explode with the Good News? Is there any burning in us that causes us to intently WATCH for His return?

As long as we believe we have all the time in the world, there will never be any urgency in our hearts to preach the Gospel, heal the sick and cast out demons. Our life rather follows the famous Doris Day song, “Que Serah Serah: Whatever Will Be, Will Be.” On the other hand, when we have the revelation that the

Rapture of the Church could take place as early as . . . NOW and that the Second Return of Christ's is imminent; it should cause our hearts to stir or burn with desire to do something.

Another thing the Church disagrees on today is the role of the prophet. This Blog is not about this subject. But, I do want to say that most view the Old Testament prophets as agents of judgment. But I tend to view them as *agents of God's grace*. Every prophet of God in the Old Testament put their life on the line to spare God's people from the judgment they would endure if they did not turn (repent). As they delivered a word of warning from God, I believe it was God extending His hand of grace to them. However, as you can see from reading the prophets, most viewed a word of warning as a "word of cramping life-style." And therefore, any prophet who gave a word of warning was treated harshly and threatened with death, while the so-called "prophets" who spoke a good and comforting word, were seen as the great Believable Hearers. Micaiah was a prophet who really irked King Ahab. In fact Ahab said to Jehoshaphat when he asked, *"Is there not a prophet of the LORD here whom we can inquire of?"* The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, *"There is still one man through whom we can inquire of the LORD, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad. He is Micaiah son of Imlah,"* (1 Kings 22:7-8).



Jeremiah and Ezekiel speak extensively about false prophets. And, notice in these books that a false prophet is *never* the one bringing a warning, but rather the one saying, "Peace. Peace. Everything is going to be all right. Wonderful! You have nothing to fear! You're going to win!" However, Jeremiah said, *"But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as the one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true,"* (Jeremiah 28:9). There are many false prophets today saying "Peace, peace" when there will be no true peace in the world or in events from here on out. Only a false sense of peace. And, that false peace will overtake all those who are *not* watching.

The only place there will be found *true peace* is in the true born-again Christian Believer. In this case, true Believers should be running over with peace in their spirit, soul and flowing into every area of their life; while at the same time knowing and being aware of the tumultuous events that have even now begun. If we do not recognize the Times we are in, we will not be prepared for what God expects us to be prepare for and therefore, will be caught unaware.

For instance, Perry Stone had a powerful teaching recently entitled, *"Removing the Give-Up Option in Your Life."* The title alone naturally got my attention. In his message he used Matthew 24:10-11 in which it states: *"At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, . . .,"* (NIV). He pointed out that he believed the reason many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other is because of offense or the spirit of offense. In other words, one of the things to watch out for in these End Times is—*offense*. This is big right now in the Church. There's a lot of offense, betrayal and hatred going on IN the Church. Being in ministry and co-pastoring a church, I know that these are operating with stealth speed.

Understanding the Times we are in will enable us to be aware of the attacks of the Enemy in this area intended to keep us from being “ready” for Christ to return.

But there’s many good reasons we are exhorted to be “watchful” and be “spiritually alert” in these times. A powerful reason to watch is that God is releasing powerful anointings specific to this Hour and the people in it. It’s not just the bad that we are to watch out for, it’s the release of the new and powerful—supernatural transactions from Heaven. If we are not watching and alert, we can and will miss these!

It seems that the Disciples/Apostles had plenty of near-misses (missing the great and powerful things Christ was doing) because of their inattentiveness when Jesus Christ was with them. While Jesus appointed each of them, they still had options. They had to choose to be watchful and alert. They had to choose to see and hear. Yet in the end, what do we find Jesus asking them? *“Could you men not keep **watch** with Me for one hour?”* (Mt. 26:40).

While, as Spirit-empowered Christians, we have the anointing of Christ, I believe the Times dictate and release specific anointings in order to reveal the power of God in the Church; to that generation; and bring in the Harvest of that Season. For such a time is this.

“For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it,” (Mt 13:15-17). It’s time to see and hear—watch.



I gave a prophetic word from the LORD at our church this month (June) in regards to a fresh and superior anointing being released in this hour, entitled, *Faithful, Fearless and Fruitful*. You can listen to the podcast and/or read the Word of the LORD on this website.

Jesus said, *“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. . . What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘WATCH!’”*(Mark 13:32;33;37).

“He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, LORD Jesus, (Revelation 22:20).

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