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THE TIME OF HARVESTING AND REAPING IS AT HAND

“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38).

“ ...Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest” (John 4:35).

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy” (Psalm 126:5).

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With the rapid explosion of communicative mobility and travel, we are no doubt living in a global village.

For those of you, my Christian friend, who travel frequently due to business or work-related commitments, allow me to challenge you to seek every opportunity to be “tentmakers’ missionaries”. Perhaps, you have a professional qualification, be it business, engineering, law, medical, science, teaching, etc. which enables you to enter certain countries which might otherwise be denied to career preachers or

missionaries. With an obedient and willing heart, you are the person God is looking for.

Find balance in such a way that you are not only an exemplary employer/employee in your earthly business, but whenever possible, ask God to open doors whereby you can “...do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry” (2 Timothy 4:5).

One of the strongest reasons I can find in the Word of God is that even the Apostle Paul had to work as a “tentmaker” (according to Acts 18:3) for an occupation. Yet he remained faithful and fervent to “the heavenly vision” (Acts 26:19), where he was a minister and witness to “open (people’s) their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me (referring to Jesus)” (Acts 26:18).

But you ask, “Shouldn’t the heavier weight of responsibility rest on those who assume formal commitment in the role of minister of the Gospel; after all, *my* church or the missions organization *I* support pays them a salary?”

Then I ask you, “Would you readily give up your present career to be in their shoes if you can?”

Admittedly, there may be some missionaries or preachers who live comfortably or are well-paid, but are we asked to measure ourselves against how they live or don’t live?

Or should our responsibility be based instead on the words of our Master who said, “...The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head” (Matthew 8:20)?

Also, you may be the only disciple of Jesus some will ever observe on a daily or regular basis. Your pastor or preacher cannot possibly be where you are in your home, marketplace, office, school, workplace or wherever your regular activities finds you to be. He/She is neither

omnipresent, nor he/she a superman/woman. In such a case, you are a witness and in essence, a preacher that God is counting on for the salvation of these lives. If you do not avail yourself here and now, possibly no one else will. Moreover, “...to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams” (1 Samuel 15:22).

WHAT SHALL THE END OF THE WORLD BE?

“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows ... And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (Matthew 24:3-8,14).

“The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19).

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In the last few years, we have seen dramatic changes to the political and social geography of our world. Maps have to be redrawn in order to reflect new states or nations as former ones are passed away.

Consider this,

Who would have thought that the Berlin Wall would fall and that the former Soviet Union would collapse? If someone would to suggest such

things to you some ten years ago, you would probably think it was impossible, or that he or she was out of mind.

Just a few years ago, a dictator pronounced in effect that communism would outlive Christianity. Yet in about a month later, if I remember correctly, he was assassinated and the preaching of the gospel made inroads into that country where godless philosophies once reigned.

In the Gulf War which took place some four years ago, in the heat of Operation Desert Storm, a number of lives (both soldiers and citizens alike) came to know the Lord, opening the doors of the gospel in the land known for persecuting Christians.

Not only is the political and social systems of our world being transformed in shocking proportions, our physical landscape is also being shaken to the core.

In the Los Angeles' earthquake many months ago and the latest earthquake in Kobe, Japan just several days ago (as I write this), I hear of reports that while extensive damages were done to many buildings and infrastructures (not mentioning the loss of so many precious lives), certain church buildings and homes of believers were left standing (resulting only in minimal damage, if any at all). You ask me how is this possible? In the natural, I have no words to express it and I can't explain it. But this one thing I know: The God who saved Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:19-30), the God who closed the mouths of the lions when Daniel was cast into the den (Daniel Chapter 6) and the God who opened the prison doors while there was a great earthquake (Acts 16:16-40); Now, Paul and Silas was in prison for speaking the name of Jesus but this led to the conversion of the jailer) is the same God who preserves the lives of His blood-bought children in Los Angeles, Kobe or anywhere, for that matter. The truth and validity of "The thief (Satan) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come (speaking of Jesus) that they might have life,

and that they might have *it* more abundantly” (John 10:10) is once again demonstrated in these events. Hallelujah!

Of course, we still do not have all the answers whenever God allows the taking away of lives in accidents or natural catastrophe (especially those of His children), but God is always a God who is merciful and sovereign. We only walk in the fear of the Lord and acknowledge His power and wisdom!

In the midst of all these chaotic situations (according to Matthew 24:6-7; which specifically mentions wars and rumours of wars, nation rising against nation, kingdom against kingdom, famines, pestilences and earthquakes), in which the Word says are “the beginning of sorrows” (Matthew 24:8), God is saying to the church, to the Body of Christ, “...see that ye be not troubled...” (Matthew 24:6). Then continuing in Matthew 24:14, we are told, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations...” Friend, this is coming to pass. Doors of nations that were onced closed to the gospel are now being unlocked. Examples include countries in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

At this present time, I do not know exactly what God is doing in Japan, but I believe that in spite of all her economic prowess, the church people there must get their eyes off the things of the world and look onto Jesus.

What about our nation? When there was a recession almost ten years ago, the church here experienced a tremendous growth as many people were shaken to the realization that God is the only everlasting refuge and shelter. New churches and ministries were birthed in order to meet the increasing spiritual appetite and needs of our people. Halls and auditoriums were packed as there were “standing room only” in some of our various local assemblies and congregations. Church, “...unto whomsoever much is given, of (us) him shall be much required...” (Luke 12:48) is God’s warning to us today! Will we continue to possess

the land in the power of the Holy Spirit and see souls won to Jesus or will we allow materialism to distract us and thus cause us to lose our “cutting edge”? God help us!

When I was in Perth, Australia for some nine months of 1994, I did not have all the “comfort zone” that I used to experience in my home country but really, I want you to know that the same Holy Spirit that anointed and touched me for being His vessel here (unworthy as I was, prior to 1994, as I am now) is the same Person that filled me with His Presence so many times. All I know is that in spite of difficult days and seemingly unbearable nights (when the pangs of loneliness and homesickness strike me in the natural, that is), I can only parrot the Psalmist, “Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked” (Psalm 84:10; NIV).

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“Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Matthew 24:32-35).

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Ever since the regathering of Israel as a nation beginning in 1948, many serious Bible students believe that the “fig tree” (as described in Matthew 24:32) has reference to the “flag” of Israel that was flying for the first time in some two thousand years.

Consider this,

Prior to this, her people were scattered abroad, six million Jews died as Hitler tried to annihilate them, the Arabs tried to oppose the formation of the state and many other nations simply hated the Jews. In the

natural, it was absolutely inconceivable how possibly that which took place in 1948 could have ever come to pass if it were not for the hand and plan of God Almighty, in fulfillment of Bible prophecy, “Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel” (Ezekiel 11:17). Please read also Isaiah 11:11-12, Isaiah 14:1-2, Isaiah 27:12-13, Jeremiah 22:1-8, Ezekiel 16:60-63 and Ezekiel 20:33-44, if you are able.

In spite of all her darkness, wrongdoings and rejection of God (as a whole), God still has a plan for Israel in these last days. One of the events pertaining to Bible prophecy is that ten nations will arise out of the territory of the old Roman Empire, “And the ten horns (representing “nations”) out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise...” (Daniel 7:24). Please read also Daniel 7:7-8 for a preliminary background and history.

Also, there will be a “temporal, false peace” as the Antichrist makes and then breaks the treaty of “non-aggression” with Israel, “...in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...” (Daniel 9:27). As one “week” means “seven years” in this interpretation of prophecy, “the midst of the week” means “after three and one-half years”.

Eventually, the climax and final conflict between the Antichrist and Israel will take place at the Battle of Armageddon (at the end of the Great Tribulation period and just before the Second Coming of Christ). Please read Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39.

In view of all these prophecies and signs, I believe we are now entering into an era called “the beginning of sorrows” (according to Matthew 24:8) and destruction is coming to this world.

Like Rahab and her family who were brought out before the destruction of Jericho (read Joshua 2:18-21, Joshua 6:15-25 and Exodus 12:13), I cannot stress enough how important it is to come under the blood of

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, our only hedge of protection for this critical hour of planet earth, just as it has always been- “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:9)!

The question is, “Can I stand ready before the Judgment seat of Christ?” Also, “are we “sober (both physically and spiritually-speaking), putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation?” (1 Thessalonians 5:8).”

Backslidden Christian, do you need to get right with God?

If you say “yes”, then I want you to pray in essence and in faith, the words of repentance as expressed in Psalm 51:1-13,

“HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit. *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee”.

Unbeliever, is there an empty void in your life?

Do you need peace with God?

If you are one of such, you can have a relationship with Jesus Christ right now. The choice is yours. If you say “yes”, here’s what you must do,

Admit the fact that you are a sinner, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23);

Be willing to repent from disobedience and rebellion against God, “...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3);

Believe that Jesus is your only Saviour, “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” (John 3:16);

Confess, trust and receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:9-10).

Please pray this prayer and do mean it with all of your heart:

“Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I now recognize that I am a sinner and I am in need of salvation. I accept the sacrifice You paid for me on the cross of Calvary and I allow Your precious shed blood to cleanse me. I now surrender myself to You and invite You to be my Lord and Saviour. Please come into my heart. Take full control of my life and help me to live and serve You from this moment forward. I ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.”

If you prayed this prayer in all sincerity, you are now a child of God. We encourage you to find fellowship in a Bible-believing, Spirit-filled church and obtain a copy of the Bible and that you read it diligently so that you will be the kind of Christian God wants you to be.

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