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THE COVER: The scene is from a generation ago in the 1930's during a severe drought, accented by terrible windstorms which turned our prairies or "bread belt" into dust bowls. Poverty, hunger, and suffering resulted. Will these scenes of drought, dust, famine, and suffering soon reappear over the landscape of America coupled with floods, untimely freezes, earthquakes, and terrible storms? The answer is YES! Please study the following messages.

## OTHER SIDE OF GOD

What is God like? Throughout all the history of man upon this planet Earth, almost every person surviving childhood has pondered that question. Many individuals, groups and whole nations have fashioned graven images and idols into a similitude of what they believed God to look like. About nineteen centuries ago, the Apostle Paul came upon a monument (altar) in Athens, Greece, dedicated to the "Unknown God" by the people of that society. He declared to them, "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands . . . Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." Acts 17: 22-29. What about God's nature? His personality?

#### GOD IS NOT A MAN

We are created in God's image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27), but — "God is not a man." Numbers 23:19. God's prophet asked his generation which was steeped in idolatry: "To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare him?" Isaiah 40:18. Every generation has its intellectual agnostics and superstitious religionists, who as the medieval and ancient pagans, create religions that attempt to humanize God and Jesus Christ. These religions teach about God's nature and personality through philosophy and superstitions (i.e., phony spiritual experiences which are profanely physic), not from God's revelation of Himself to man — from the Word of God, the Bible. It is written,

"Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord . . . (but) the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord." I Samuel 3:7, 21. The True God still reveals Himself to those who honestly seek Him through His written Word.

The only true revelation of God is through His Word — not spiritual experience! "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse; Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened, (i.e., like the men of Athens, these turned to superstitions about God, rejecting his own word about Himself). . . Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the creator, who is blessed forever. Amen." Romans 1:18-25. It is true that all creation or nature declares God's existence, but, they do not tell of His love, His holiness, His commandments, His plan of salvation, His judgments, nor of His divine nature and personality. God will not excuse ignorance in man since God's book of His total revelation was written by holy men of God, as the Apostle Paul warned the men of Athens: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at (excused); but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained (i.e., Christ)." Acts 17: 30-31.

#### GOD IS LOVE

"God is love." I John 4:8! But, love is not God, as the slick religionists of our Sick Society project. God loves, but His love is not natural, human love — God is not a man! God's love leads men to repentance. Romans 2:4. God's love was manifested on an old, cruel, rugged cross; and Jesus warned: "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." Luke 9:23-24! Also, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." Following Jesus is no honeymoon nor love kick — our budding romance with Christ after being saved is soberly modified by a heavy cross. Jesus says, Count the cost before you follow me — I have a cross to offer you in return for your love and devotion to me. Luke 14:27-33. His cross crucifies us to the world and the world to us. Galatians 6:14. This is the love of God manifested in His true disciples — we too must be crucified with Christ! Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:6.

Is God all love? Can God get angry? Can God hate? Can God destroy and cast into Hell as well as bless and give us eternal life? Superstition, nor philosophy, nor imagination can answer these questions about God — only the Bible, God's own book of revelation about Himself — the truth about His personality!

#### GOD'S OTHER SIDE

Millions of professing Christians today reject the true revelation about God or Jesus Christ because of the popular, perverted teaching about God's love. This generation knows more about the moon than they do about God — even the dark side of the moon: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Romans 1;22! Even the lukewarm church of today's judgment-bound society is ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth about God. II Timothy 3:7.

The prophetic scriptures have foretold: "Many shall run to and fro; and knowledge shall be increased" in this end-time generation. Daniel 12:4. Our scientific-minded society has a hunger for knowledge about God's creation — the moon and stars — the ocean's depth — what's in the earth's bowels. Scientists and explorers honestly seek to know the truth about age-old secrets of our world and the universe about us — but why can't we as honestly and zealously seek the complete knowledge about the Creator of these pulsating phenomena? The people of our age, full of superstition and foolish imaginations about our Creator God, ponder the imponderable, scrutinize the inscrutable, and delve into the indiscernable, changing God's Truth into a lie. Beloved, let us scrutinize that which can be understood about God in the Holy Bible, leading us out of today's religious confusion and superstition. "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever." Deuteronomy 29:29.

Here is the most revealing scripture in God's Word about His personality and nature: "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." Romans 11:22. God is love, but God has another side — severity! Jesus added a revelation to God's profile of severity: "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him (i.e., God the Father) which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28

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Could a heavenly Father, the Creator God who is called love, cast into hell millions of people who refuse to repent of their sins? The answer is Yes! "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psalms 9:17. Could Jesus Christ, the man whom God sent to this world to teach us God's love, who died for our sins — could this man of compassion cast men into everlasting fire? The Bible answer is Yes! "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations . . . Then shall he (i.e., Jesus) say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matthew 25:31-32, 41. Jesus first warned of His other side here: "And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of they members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." Matt. 5:29-30.

God and Christ will cast men into hell, but not willingly! Men, in their rebellion and pride, reject God's way to mercy and eternal life — that way is repentance! Jesus warned all men, "I tell you, nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3, 5. The Apostle James who was the brother of Jesus warned God's saints: "There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy." James 4:12. God does not wish to reveal to men his "other side" of severity — but God is left with no other choice because of man's arrogance and rebellion against His authority.

#### GOD IS GOOD

God is good, but He is holy — this attribute of God demands judgment for sin and rebellion against His Holy Word! "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him." Nahum 1:7. Also, "the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance." Romans 2:4. God's love is to keep us out of hell, but it is a tough, disciplined love — love with authority unto complete obedience! I Peter 1:2. God has warned, "I will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life — But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness — indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil." Romans 2:6-9.

God is holy — God is love — but God has righteous wrath and indignation! God has commanded all men: "For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." Exodus 34:14.

God is jealous of our affections when we love worldly things and reject His holy life style as the Word of God commands us to obey. God desires our love and He warns: "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15. And If we love Him, we will obey His word and commandments! God's prophet has revealed a brief profile of God's other side: "God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth, the Lord revengeth, and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. The

Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind (tornadoes) and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet." Nahum 1:2-3. Shall we believe God's own Word about himself or shall we become vain in our imaginations about God and rely on our superstitious beliefs?

## GOD'S 3 SOBERING EXAMPLES OF HIS OTHER SIDE

The Holy Ghost has clearly challenged all vain imaginations about God's love and severity with this sobering scripture, a real shocker to the "Love is God" advocates: "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrown, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly." II Peter 2:4-6; (also found in Jude 5-7). The Holy Ghost says here, If you don't believe that God has another side besides love, take a long, judicious look at these who are your examples! History fully corroborates these 3 acts of God's severity — not love! Our examples:

- (1) **Angels that rebelled** against God's word of authority were cast down to hell! Matthew 25:41; Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Jude 6; Revelation 9:11.
- (2) The whole world in Noah's day was destroyed by divine Judgment: God said to Noah, "And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die." Genesis 6:17. Why did God destroy millions upon millions of human beings who were living souls? Answer: "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." Genesis 6:11-12. And, God will destroy the earth again with fire. Malachi 3:1-3. Isaiah 66:15-16.

Now note this carefully, that in the midst of the revelation of God's other side (severity), God's grace was available: "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:8. Praise God! God preserved Noah and his family through the storm. He did not deliver them from it! Cf. Isaiah 43:2.

(3) The twin cities of Sodom and Gomorrha were destroyed by God with fire and brimstone from heaven because of moral perversion. "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication (i.e., adulterers), and going after strange flesh (i.e., homosexuals), are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." Jude 7. The Bible declares of these who are our examples in Romans 1 — "God gave up on them!" verses 24, 26, 28.

There are many other examples of God's other side in Bible history affecting individuals and nations — the revelation of God's severity! Can God hate? In the New Testament it is written: "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid . . . What if God, willing to shew his wrath (i.e., severity), and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted

to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy (i.e., of his love), which he had afore prepared unto glory." Romans 9:13-14, 22-23.

Our days, like Noah's, are characterized by violence and rebellion. The prophet has written: "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity (rebellion)." Psalms 5:5. Also, "The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth." Psalms 11:5.

God sought to kill Moses, His trusted prophet, because of his negligence—his failure to circumcise his son: "And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him, and sought to kill him." Exodus 4:24. God is holy and He demands holiness and righteousness of every person. The Lord told Moses and Israel: "For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God" (also in Hebrews 12:28-29); and, "If thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice: (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee." Deuteronomy 4:24, 30-31. It is a vain concept of God to make Him as an old grandfather with both hands full, who cannot say NO to His children and creation. He demands obedience—He does not plead for it! Those who disobey God's laws are cursed—those who obey are blessed! Deuteronomy 28:15-20; Galatians 6:7-8; Matthew 7:24-28; Galatians 3:13.

## GOD HAS NOT CHANGED

"I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Malachi 3:6. God rules this world as king, creator, and judge by His moral laws, and He will judge every man by those laws. "The Lord is King forever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land." Psalms 10:16. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalms 24:1. Also, "But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another." Psalms 75:7. And, "The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself; the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old: thou are from everlasting." Psalms 93: 1-2. Also, "The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble." Psalms 99:1.

## GOD — A BUNDLE OF LOVE?

Love comes from God — but God is not just a bundle of juicy love as the Charismatic concept portrays Him. Whatever superstitious or vain imaginations the early church had of God as a bundle of love, was rudely erased when by the Holy Ghost, Ananias and Sapphira, two church members, were stricken dead in a church assembly for lying to God. "And great fear (of God) came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things." Acts 5:11. Have you ever seen the destruction and death in the wake of a mighty hurricane or terrifying tornado? "God has his way in the whirlwind and in the storm." Nahum 1:2-3. God has told us of His other side as well as of His love: "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand." Deuteronomy 32:39. Also, "I form the light, and create

darkness: I make peace, and create evil (i.e., adversity): I the Lord do all these things." Isaiah 45:7. This is God's Word about himself — and, God has never changed! And He never will!

Don't conceive in your mind that God is anything like you or I can imagine. God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Isaiah 55:8. God's thoughts and ways are only found in His word, the Holy Bible! He warns, "Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver . . . thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes." Psalms 50:21-22.

#### GOD LAUGHS LAST

Have you ever pondered the possibility of God laughing at your destruction because you forgot Him? "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me." But why, you may ask of God? Answer: "For that they hated knowledge (of God), and did not choose the fear of the Lord." Proverbs 1:24-29. Another solemn warning to those who rebel against God's word is found in Psalms 2:4: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."

## WHY ARE THESE SCRIPTURES IGNORED?

Preachers, teachers, and church people alike in today's lukewarm church ignore the very mightiest Holy Ghost revelations about God's other side — they are seldom mentioned! Well, God foretold us, "A brutish (stupid) man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity (i.e., rebels against God's holiness) do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever." Psalms 92:6-7. Care to see the other side of God? David rebelled and sinned — God judged and chastened him sorely: "And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick . . . And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died." II Samuel 12:15, 18. Does God still do such things? "I am the Lord, I change not." Malachi 3:6.

Again, to the first New Testament church, God revealed His other side on this other occasion: "The angel of the Lord smote him (Herod), because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost." Acts 12:23.

When our blessed Lord returns, the prophetic scriptures reveal: "For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebukes with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many." Isaiah 66:15-16. This harmonizes with Revelation 19:11-19.

Again, foretelling of Christ's return, the prophecy of the scriptures reveals His other side: "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch . . . and ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this." Malachi 4:1-3.

Jesus 'Christ is the same also, yesterday, and today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8. His other side is revealed by the prophetic New Testament scriptures: "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." II Thessalonians 1:6-9.

Where will God's saints appear when the King of Kings and Lord of Lords returns — the Great One whose eyes are as flames of fire, His voice as the sound of many waters, His countenance as the Sun, and out of His mouth proceeds a sharp twoedged sword? (Revelation 1:14-16). Answer: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. **Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord**, we persuade men." II Corinthians 5:10-11. The Apostle John saw Christ as an angry judge and king with eyes as flames of fire, and "When (he) saw him, (he) fell at his feet as dead." Revelation 1:17. This will be our very own experience at the coming judgment seat of Christ, very soon.

#### THE CHURCH IN GOD'S JUDGMENT

God is going to thoroughly purge this lukewarm, worldly, Laodicean church of this end-time with fiery chastening and severe judgments. Judgment must begin at the house of God. I Peter 4:17. This was revealed in the early church by God's severe execution of judgment upon Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:1-11. If God would judge every Christian today wih the same severity, churches everywhere would be littered with dead bodies. The church today has the same cross-eyed view of God's severity and judgments as the church of old: "Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord."!!! God made Ananias and Sapphira an example for other professing Christians to ponder so they would fear Him.

I know God said, "He hath not appointed us to wrath." I Thessalonians 5:9. However, too much ignorance and superstition exists about the rapture and the tribulation period of 7 years. The first 3½ years of the tribulation period will not be a time of God's wrath, but a time of persecution to God's saints, amid natural disasters such as famine, pestilence, earthquakes, storms, floods, and drought. Revelation 15:1-4. God's wrath is not revealed in full measure until Revelation 16. The wrath of Jesus Christ as prophesied in Revelation 6:16-17 does not occur until Revelation 16. The 6 seals of judgments revealed in Revelation 6 is a panoramic view of the whole age of unprecedented trouble arising. God's day of wrath comes in the last few months of the 7-year tribulation period. You can see in the following scripture clearly that the

outpouring of God's wrath is announced from heaven at the sounding of the seventh trumpet (last): "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth." Revelation 11:15, 18. The church will be on this earth in judgment and persecution until the antichrist is revealed (unveiled, made known to the world). II Thessalonians 2:3-8. God's saints will be given into his (antichrist's) hand for 3½ years. Revelation 13:7; Daniel 7:21. Antichrist is not revealed until at least 3½ years into the tribulation period.

Beloved, Christ's church will be purified and made white — holy, sanctified, without blemish, spot, or wrinkle of worldliness. God will purge the world out of the church before He takes the church out of the world. Ephesians 5:25-27; II Peter 3:14. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." I John 3:3. God's people are not purifying themselves — and God is going to take us through the fires — i.e., violence, moral corruption, persecution, hunger, and troubles of every kind. We will face the antichrist and we must overcome his oppression upon God's saints. Just before the wrath of God falls upon rebellious nations, God has shown us a vivid view of his victorious, raptured saints (there is only one rapture): "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fires (symbol of great tribulation): and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God . . . Saying, who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest (not wrath)." Revelation 15: 1-4. God's wrath follows in Revelation 16. God hath not appointed us to wrath. I Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 3: 10.

Jesus will not return for His Bride until there is a restitution (i.e., restoration) to the church of the end-time such virtues as the early church possessed. Acts 3:20-21. Through the persecution that's arising upon this end-time church, there will be a restoration of true holiness, the fear of God, REAL love, REAL divine unity, REAL FAITH, and the power of the Holy Ghost that is real! God wouldn't have the church of today on a Christmas tree—it must be purged and made holy! At the same time of the end (God's prophet has foretold us): "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried, but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Daniel 12:10.

Do you understand? "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Revelation 3:22. This is not superstition nor imagination. The church is going into the fires of persecution and great troubles before Jesus returns for His saints! God's other side of severity will be revealed all about us, but the prophetic scriptures give comfort to His saints: "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at

thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou has made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Psalms 91:5-11.

## A VISION OF THE RISING STORM (A REPRINT)

On a bright afternoon, February 15, 1974, during a period of prayer and fasting, the Holy Ghost visited me and spoke to me the following message in a clear, unmistakable voice:

"My son, listen to me carefully, and write what I am showing you of great troubles that will befall your nation shortly — and all nations. Terror world-wide, is arising throughout all the earth that will soon bring the antichrist to world power. Shortly he will appear in Northern Ireland and settle the present day terror of that troubled nation, and be hailed universally as a great peacemaker. He will be recognized by those who truly walk in My Spirit. (A subsequent revelation revealed that Lebanon will also be calmed by his peacemaking powers). Assassinations, bombings of public installations, riots, and violence will continue to rise relentlessly. Racial strife and violence will again erupt across America bringing division and destruction to life and property. There will be paralyzing strikes all over the world — curtailing the distribution of food, and medical supplies, giving support to widespread food shortages and hunger — and epidemics of diseases among people and animals. Epidemics are arising among livestock and people with no known cure. Odd and violent weather, with changing patterns, causing floods and drought, will contribute to severe food shortages in America, and famine world-wide. Political and religious upheavals will bring great instability in our government and churches. This is the violence of the Gathering Storm.

"Now, here is the moral and spiritual perversion that will accompany the great violence. Many will turn to devil worship and even offer human sacrifices. Witchcraft, astrology, the occult in every form, and exotic oriental religions will enjoy equality with true worship of God in America. Dope addicts and sex perverts will vaunt themselves against God's true saints. Many churches will be taken over by homosexuals and other perverts who will claim to be spirit filled. Many preachers will quit using God's Word to any great extent, and refuse to stand up against the perverts who invade the churches. Persecution will arise simultaneously against those preachers and saints who stand up for Holiness and the True Word of God.

"In the midst of these abominations and perversions there will only be several strong voices of true men of God who will cry out, nationally, against these things and stand up against them. My son, here is the sad part of this revelation — many professing spirit-filled Christians will go back as these troubles arise, and will accept anti-christian doctrines and follow false prophets."

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." Psalms 25:14. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." Amos 3:7. My prayer is as God's prophet of old prayed: "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy." Habakkuk 3:21.

## THE FEAR OF GOD

Remember the good old days when in every community of this once great nation there were several men and women of sterling character, widely known as God-fearing men or women? These were the source of America's strength, the catalysts of America's melting pot of divergent humanity — forging patriotism and individual initiative into spiritual values and material prosperity. It is sad to say, but our generation has degenerated into a sick and disgusting society because it lacks those catalysts, who possessed in their character, the very basic element of godliness and righteousness — The Fear of God! The apostle of Jesus Christ lamented because of this deterioration in character as he exclaimed: "There is no fear of God before their eyes!" Romans 3:18. Oh, how our national institutions of home and church need God-fearing mothers and fathers, and God-fearing preachers again to lift their voices against sin and unrighteousness — then, our nation and church would again be strong to turn back the flood-tides of evil and rebellion against God's Word that's taking us swiftly into the thundering judgments of God.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34. Our nation's society has morally and spiritually declined until the godly are crying out as the prophet of old: "Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. They speak vanity everyone to his neighbor: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak." Psalm 12:1-2. The God-fearing man, woman, or youth is not respected nor honored in America any more, but, "The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted." Psalm 12:8. Our society honors and exalts the vile, the wicked, the adulterer, and the idolater — but, the God-fearing, and the godly are treated with contempt and disrespect.

## A PARADOX

Treacherous and deceitful preachers and teachers all across America, who pervert God's true Word, are the cause of our pitiful moral and spiritual plight - specially those who have taught and continue to teach that men are not to fear God! There is no antichrist doctrine more damnable and deadly to home and church alike than this heresy that is raging on the religious frontiers! There is no way possible for an individual nor nation to have God's favor who does not fear Him. God has ordered: "Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." Isaiah 8:13. One of the greatest paradoxes in the divine nature of a born-again, truly saved person is that the love of God and the fear of God can and must co-exist in the same heart! They are perfectly compatible, by the way! As the prophet exclaimed: "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." Psalm 2:11-12. The New Testament apostle likewise exhorted: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Philippians 2:12.

The early church of our Lord Jesus Christ was characterized by this paradoxical phenomenon: "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the

Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied." Acts 9:31. Praise God! These early disciples of Christ possessed the real love of God that todáy's worldly, self-centered disciples of the Lord know little of, and possess even less. These disciples had love that constrained them to give all to follow Jesus — even their lives — and they feared God, the essential spiritual element sadly missing among modern day disciples of our Lord. You see, their Lord and master had warned them about this grave matter in sobering terms: "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (that is God)." Matthew 10:28. No wonder even the prophet David exclaimed: "My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments." Psalms 119:120. Beloved, don't let these panty-waist, smooth-talking, soothsayers sweet talk you into God's severe judgments telling you not to fear God and saying to you, "I don't fear God, I just love Him." Let us walk as the early church disciples, "in the fear of God, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost" — these go together and are inseparable in the life of a holy saint of God.

#### HOW TO LIVE GODLY

I make this statement with overwhelming scriptural evidence: No man, woman, boy, girl, or any preacher can live godly without the fear of God! This is an enigma to the carnal Christian, but enigmatic or not, a person cannot live a holy, sanctified life who does not fear God greatly! "Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly." I Kings 18:3. Psalms 119:63: "I am a companion of all them that fear thee." Praise God! So am I! I'm afraid to have companions of Christians or preachers who do not fear God — and you should be also! God says, "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil." Proverbs 16:6. Moses said unto the people of the church in the wilderness: "Fear not; for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not." Exodus 20:20. Moses was saying to them, "Don't be afraid of the mountain on fire from where God is speaking, but fear God who speaks from the fire, so you won't break his laws." In one of God's gravest warnings. He says: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.

The strongest of all human emotions is fear — even so, the strongest of all godly virtues is fear, the fear of God. The only motivation strong enough to cause a sinner or Christian to repent — that is, quit sinning, is the fear of God, not love for God alone! These two great virtues must co-exist in a holy man or woman of God — but fear of God precedes the love of God. "Having therefore these promises dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." II Corinthians 7:1. The greatest scriptural definition of the fear of God is: "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate." Proverbs 8:13. Praise God! And also: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Proverbs 9:10.

#### PERFECT LOVE CASTETH OUT FEAR

God's love when perfected in a true saint of God's life will cast out fear that is, phobias of fear, irrational fears, the spirit of fear, fear of death and the devil, but, it will not cast out the Fear of God. These compatible virtues are both of the Holy Ghost and co-exist in the Spirit-filled believer's life harmoniously to perfect holiness. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear (i.e., irrational fears) hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." I John 4:18. Is it not amazing that soothsaying preachers use this one scripture and ignore scores of others to teach Christians not to fear God? "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7. A preacher who doesn't really fear God, doesn't really have the knowledge of God's Word and ways. "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" II Timothy 1:7. "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Romans 8:15. Jesus delivers us from all fears except the fear of God.

#### DOES THE FEAR OF GOD MEAN "FEAR"?

Modernists and blind theologians explain away the "fear of God" with this weak and dishonest analogy: "The fear of God doesn't mean real fear — it means respect or reverence." Now beloved, are we going to believe these teachers with itching ears, or are we going to rely resolutely on God's Word for the truth? I say with the apostle: "Let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou are judged." Romans 3:4!

Here is what God says: "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28-29. The Holy Ghost shows the difference between reverence and the fear of God in this revelation. We can respect or reverence the flag, the president of our nation, a church sanctuary, our parents, a Bible, a prayer, or such like — but our reverence or respect for God must be far more gripping — it must be fear!

Jesus feared His Father! "So also Christ glorified not himself to be made a high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee . . . Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." Hebrews 5:5-8. Who put the fear of God upon Jesus? Answer: the Holy Ghost! The prophet's revelation of the coming Messiah and Saviour had foretold: "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse (David's grandfather), and a Branch (i.e., Jesus Christ) shall grow out of his roots (i.e., David): And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him (Matthew 3:13-17), the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him (i.e., Christ) of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord." Isaiah 11:1-3. Another prophecy of the coming of Christ in His first advent reveals: "But who may abide the day of his coming?

And who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap . . . And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers . . . and (them) that fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:2-5. Jesus feared God the Father and taught His disciples to fear Him also. Even the devil and his demons fear God and tremble when the judgment of God is preached: "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." James 2:19.

There is a New Testament command that simply states, "Fear God." I Peter 2:17. Also, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Ephesians 5:21. However, God warns through the scriptures of the danger to a Christian infected with other fears, as "The fear of man bringeth a snare." Proverbs 29:25. Jesus said, "And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him (i.e., God)." Luke 12:4-5. God's saints are not to fear death! Nor suffering! "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Hebrews 2:14-15. "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Revelation 2:10.

King Saul feared not the Lord, but men — God rejected him, and the Spirit of God left him. "And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice." I Samuel 15:24. What a vivid similarity with the lukewarmness of today's church — the preachers fear the people, and the fear of God is not before their eyes! "But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him." I Samuel 16:14.

A New Testament Christian, brought before the judgment seat of Christ pleaded: "Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine." Matthew 25:24-25. This fearful servant of Jesus Christ that was bound with fear received this sentence from his Lord: "And cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness:there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 25:30. This Christian was bound with an irrational phobia or spirit of fear not the fear of God! The fear of God will motivate a true saint to excessive effort in obedience to Christ, his Lord and master, as Noah: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear (it greatly motivated him), prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Noah believed God — but, it was the fear of God that drove him to excessive effort and obedience for deliverance from the Gathering Storm. We must be possessed with no less to be delivered from the Gathering Storm we are facing.

#### THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Psalms 111:10. God has asked (and answered) the same questions that are posed by seekers of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in today's "cultured" society: "But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me. It cannot be gotten for gold . . . Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding . . . For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven ..." God has answered these questions for all who desire true wisdom: "And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." Job 28:12-28. It is easily determined why the politicians, statesmen, economists, scientists, military strategists, college professors, and theologians have created for us and succeeding generations a social order doomed to failure and destruction - they overlook and ignore contemptuously the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:6. Also, "professing themselves to be wise, they became fools . . . Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature (i.e., creation) more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever." Romans 1:22, 25. The fear of God must preede our quest for knowledge and true understanding.

## WHY DON'T MEN FEAR GOD?

"Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree . . . But this people have a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord, that giveth rain." Jeremiah 5:21-24. Men just simply, through rebellion, choose not to fear God. The prophet prayed, "O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name." Nehemiah 1:11. God's Spirit warns: "Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge (i.e., of God), and did not choose the fear of the Lord." Proverbs 1:28-29. A person can desire or reject the fear of God, but God calls the person who rejects His fear a fool. Proverbs 1:22 32.

God rejects those who will not fear him even after they are saved — for, we must perfect holiness in the fear of God, and work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:34-35. And again God warns: "But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." Isaiah 66:2. We, as God's saints, must choose to live daily in the fear of God: "And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear (i.e., of God)." I Peter 1:17. Even young men and young women are warned by the Lord: "Let not

thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long. For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off. Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way." Proverbs 23:17-19. God is saying, "Young man or young woman, if you want to insure yourself for an expected happy and successful ending to every decision, stay in the fear of God every day — and your decisions will be right decisions." The fear of the Lord will always lead to a holy, sanctified life-style — for this reason there is a dearth in the land of God-fearing men, women, and young people who hate evil, strong enough to break our drift into apostasy and into the judgments of God.

#### TEACHERS OF GODLINESS

Where are the God-fearing teachers and preachers in our Sick Society and Laodiciean church of today? We're being taught, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. II Timothy 3:7. The prophet cried out, "Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord." Psalms 34:11. The foundation of a victorious individual over sin and the devil — or a church or nation — is the fear of God! Preachers are to blame for our degeneracy — soothsayers, who love the praise of men more than God's honor — teachers with itching ears who are crowd pleasers! These are ruining individuals, homes, churches, and our whole nation — leading us into worldliness and living in the flesh. God warns these: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." Isaiah 5:20. And for this, we are going to reap a bitter harvest together!

This solemn warning from the Lord to the ministers of the church of old is applicable even more to blind and care-less ministers in this end-time, perverted society: "My covenant was with him (i.e., the minister of the Lord) of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity (i.e., rebellion) was not found in his lips; he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priests' lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law (i.e., the Word of God) at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord. But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law." Malachi 2:5-8. Read that again! Can ye not see the cause in God's graphic description? Preachers and theologians are to blame for the confusion, corruption, rebellion, and — for the terrible judgments of God that will soon fall upon the church and nations of this end-time. There is no fear of God before their eyes. Romans 3:18; Malachi 2:8. They cause many to stumble at God's Word!

Beloved, this prophetic ministry with these messages and revelations of the Holy Ghost is being established by the Lord to meet the desperate need of God's elect and saints in the rising spectre of a severe famine for hearing the Word of God as God's prophet has forewarned. Amos 8:11-13. This ministry, in the words of the apostle, is this: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and makest mainifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many, which

corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." II Corinthians 2:14-17.

#### GOD'S REWARD

God's greatest promises of physical and spiritual rewards belong to those stalwarts of the faith who fear Him. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psalms 34:7. Also, "What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant." Psalms 25:12-14. And, "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine." Psalms 33:18-19. If these promises aren't enough, please read Psalms 31:19-20; 103:17-18; 145:18-19; 112:1-9.

However, the greatest promise of the scriptures to those that fear the Lord are to God's saints who will be in the Bride of Jesus Christ — His jewels! "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." Malachi 3:16-17. In another reference to the Bride of Christ that is in perfect harmony with the New Testament revelation, God's prophet reveals: "Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word, your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed." Isaiah 66:5. Also, "And now, little children, abide in him: that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." I John 2:28. Many carnal, worldly Christians not possessing the fear of God will be ashamed before Jesus at His return.

#### GOD'S EXAMPLES

In every generation God has reserved to Himself a holy remnant of God-fearing saints to be His examples to worldly believers and to the ungodly. In Noah's day, God's patterns of God-fearing saints had dwindled to just one. "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations and Noah walked with God." Genesis 6:8. By fearing God and living a holy life in the midst of intemperate eating and drinking, excessive moral perversion, and widespread violence, Noah became God's example to his generation. Hebrews 11:7. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace" (Psalms 37:37), God exhorts.

Abraham was God's pattern of holiness and godliness to his generation — and, to all succeeding generations! Galatians 3:9; Romans 4:12-16! God spoke to Abraham about his responsibility to be an example: "Walk before me, and be thou perfect." Genesis 17:1. Still, God had yet to try Abraham's faith, love, and his fear for God. So God commanded him, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." Genesis 22:2. Abraham obeyed God, and as the knife was raised in Abraham's hand to take Isaac's life, "God's angel called unto him out of heaven, and said,

Abraham, Abraham: and he said (obediently), Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou has not withheld thy son, thine only son from me." Genesis 22:10-12. Praise God for a God-fearing man who was God's pattern and example of godliness and holiness to an idolatrous and corrupt society like our own! Oh, for some God-fearing examples today!

"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and eschewed (i.e., hated) evil." Job 1:1. Hallelulah! A God-fearing example in the midst of paganism and idolatry! God has said to each generation, "There's my example (Noah, Abraham, etc.) — I expect the same of you all."

The Apostle Paul was God's model saint for many decades in his lifetime and through the biographical record of his disciplined life-style in the fear of God, he continues to be, centuries after his decease. "Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting." I Timothy 1:16. The fear of God came upon Paul when the Lord spoke to him on the Damascus road, "Saul, Saul, Why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Acts 9:4-6. This God-fearing preacher of righteousness had kings and rulers trembling and fearing before God as he preached God's righteousness and judgments: "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance (self-control) and judgment to come, (governor) Felix trembled," Acts 24:25. In the Philippian jail, the jailor "came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas . . . and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:29-30. Even the devils trembled when Paul, the God-fearing preacher came to town: "The evil spirit answered and said (to 7 other preachers), Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are ye?" Acts 19:15.

Beloved, you are not an example for other Christians to pattern their lives by without the great fear of God upon you.

#### GOD'S LAST MESSAGE

God's last message in a mighty effort of reconciliation toward a lost and rebellious world is, **FEAR GOD!** In the midst of the rising tribulation period of 7 judgment-filled years, the apostle's vision reveals: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God**, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Revelation 14:6-7.

At the end of the harvest of souls, just before the outpouring of the wrath of God upon those who reject God's fear and mercy, the raptured saints are heard in heaven — their song: "who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest." Revelation 15:4.

In closing, I cry out in the words of the prophet: "Let all the earth fear the Lord... O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him." Psalms 33:8; 34:9! Also, for a warning to the backslider, sinner, and lukewarm Christian: "A wise man feareth (i.e., God), and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident." Proverbs 14:16. Beloved, let us as God's true saints fast and pray for God to put His fear on the church and our whole nation — even on our enemies. "And great fear came upon all the church." Acts 5:11. Also, "And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the Lord fought against the enemies of Israel." II Chronicles 20:29.

## SHOULD YOU GO FIRST

Should you go first and I remain
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memory's garden, dear,
With happy days we've known
In spring I'll wait for roses red
When fade the lilacs blue;
In early fall when brown leaves fall,
I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain
For battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the way
Will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile,
Though blindly I may grope
The memory of your helping hand
Will bouy me with hope.

Should you go first and I remain
To finish with the scroll,
No lengthening shadows shall creep in
To make this life seem droll.
We've known so much happiness,
We've had our cup of joy.
And memory is one gift of God
That death cannot destroy.

Should you go first and I remain
One thing I'd have you to do,
Walk slowly down the path of death,
For soon I'll follow you.
I'll want to know each step you take,
That I may walk the same.
For someday down that lonely road
You'll hear me call your name.

Albert Roswell

# A SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE

Paganism, superstition, and vain imaginations about God and life after death are sweeping this whole generation off course into a return to a medieval dark age with barbaric oppression to God's saints. The only hope for the survival of the true church of our Lord Jesus Christ is to experience, quickly, a spiritual renaissance! God's prophet forecast this to the end-time saints: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is arisen upon thee: (this is the effect of a spiritual renaissance). For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." Isaiah 60:1-2. Beloved, we're entering a dark age of trouble and distress as in medieval times! A return to paganism!

The word "renaissance" means: "Rebirth; revival; the great revival of art and learning in the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries that followed 12 centuries of a period of history called The Dark Ages." In those centuries of unprecendented spiritual darkness, the Roman church suppressed human thought and liberty, destroying the true Word of God and they who published and taught it. This tyranny and subjugation to all who sought freedom of speech and religion continued with ruthless oppressiveness until the Renaissance - a revival of learning, especially the true Word of God! This revival was led by men of courage and vision who hazarded their lives, and many even lost their lives as they challenged the superstitions, vain imaginations, and fables the Roman church espoused that kept the masses in spiritual darkness and enslavement. The guillotine of that pagan church martyred thousands of God's saints, and terrified all dissenters until the light of God's true Word began to be taught, challenging the forces of entrenched bigotry, ignorance, superstition, and barbaric oppression. These very things will return in the dark age that's swiftly descending upon this sick society - and upon the church of Jesus Christ!

## THE SILENT MAJORITY

Nine chances out of ten, those who read this message from the Holy Ghost belong to God's silent majority — those who fear getting involved — those who fear the responsibility of standing up to the forces of a stifling, spiritual darkness engulfing God's saints! Afraid? We need to stand up and shout, "Who's afraid of the big, bad wolf — the devil?" God asks, "Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?" Psalms 94:16. The Prophet Isaiah writes: "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8. Praise God for real men and women of God who will not play safe and secure while the church and our nation are plummeting with deadly accuracy into a collision course with the severe judgments of God — into a frightening, dark age of unprecedented trouble. The beautiful dream of millions will soon be turned into a horrible nightmare — even for the church!

Time is running out for God's sleeping, fearful, self-centered majority to act valiantly in behalf of themselves, their families, the church, and nation. Why? The vociferous liberals who teach defiance of God and His Word are

multiplying by the tens of thousands — by virtue of numbers, the balances are tipping in their favor — they are becoming the new majority! God's silent majority will soon be weighed in the balances and found wanting!

#### BURYING YOUR TALENT

Some of our Lord's severest judgment will be to those servants (Christians) who buried (didn't use) their talent for Christ's glory. Matthew 25:25, 30. The church of today is Laodicean, as Christ has warned: "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Revelation 3:16-17. The more God's people acquire materially, the more selfish they become, in general.

Christ said to his fearful servant: "Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury." Matthew 25:27. God's talent to most Christians is their money.

God needs Aarons and Hurs to hold our hands up to God as in the days of Moses. In a fierce battle with the enemies of God, Israel prevailed while Moses' hands were held up, but they suffered defeat when his hands became heavy and were let down: "But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side, and his hands were steady **until the going down of** the sun (our sun is setting). And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword." Exodus 17:12-13. Now the war with Amalek (a type of the flesh) is still raging, as Moses prophesied: The Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from general to generation." Verse 16. The world and the flesh has all but ruined the end-time church — it is almost totally lukewarm and self-centered! This must be changed quickly!

## THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD

God's silent majority must be reached with these messages and Holy Ghost revelations to arouse them out of their lethargy and apathy before they are rudely shocked into a reaction of panic when there's no time left to ACT! The pen is mightier than the sword (Shakespeare) — but, the pen of the Holy Ghost and the Sword of the Spirit (God's Word) combined is as a two-edged sword in combat against this physical inertia and spiritual vertigo. Our religious liberty and individual freedom is eroding away very swiftly into an oppressive socialism. Most Christians ignore the warnings of the Holy Ghost that we must act quickly and resolutely, "to strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die," as Christ warned the church. Revelation 3:1-2.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I appeal to you — lift up my arms to the Lord with your faithful and unselfish support to this literature, cassette, and radio ministry. Our nation is on he verge of economic and spiritual collapse from which there is no return. Persecution of God's saints is right at hand:

and the only choice we have left to help preserve our personal religious freedom and to regain God's favor — to avoid His terrible judgments arising, is to preach and publish God's messages and warnings that are anointed through much fasting and prayer. This is the only option left for God's saints. We can't be silent, or we'll be judged severely for our care-lessness!

#### THE VISION

This ministry began over a decade ago with a vision from the Lord as I was on the sixth day of a fast. As I was praying in my bedroom on my knees while wide awake, the Spirit took me into the vision in a large room filled with men and women hungrily awaiting me to preach God's Word. I bowed a moment in prayer, and the Holy Ghost spoke to me saying, "Read Jude verses 22-23 to these." I opened my Bible to the little book of Jude and read: "And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh." I was immediately out of the vision back by the side of my bed, seeking the Lord for the interpretation. The Holy Ghost in a small voice began to speak: "Here's the interpretation — the prophetic ministry I'm directing you into will be strong through such people as you saw in the large room. They will fear God and hate the garment spotted by the flesh. Together with hundreds of these dedicated ones, you will literally pull thousands of my people out of the fire who are careless and insensitive to the near approaching, fiery judgments of God. You will make a difference and have compassion on these and their families who faithfully help you in this vital ministry, because I will also have compassion and make a difference on them as the Gathering Storm descends upon you." AMEN!

I've had several great visions from the Lord, but this has given others and myself more motivation and has had a more profound and lingering effect than all the others. It is true — and, I'm driven relentlessly by it. May you also believe and act! "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." II Chronicles 20:20. Beloved, we are warning thousands of God's people and literally pulling hundreds back out of the fire. We need your help — NOW!

Individuals, family groups, Sunday School classes, prayer groups, and whole churches should help lift up our hands to God with your monthly or bi-monthly support. Begin NOW! We must reach tens of thousands more with your compassionate help.



The End.