

Act Wisely as the End Draws Near

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True Christians are convinced that the end of this present worldly system is near. While other groups may also believe this, they are incorrect in how it is going to occur and by whom!

Why then should we 'Act wisely as The End draws near?'

Lester Brown, Head of a future planning group in America, said a few years ago that we, Mankind, was at a turning point; there was 40% less grain now than in 1988, a clean water shortage, ozone shortage, an increase in wars and natural disasters (earthquakes, floods, pestilence). Since the 2nd World War the UN recognised no fewer than 250 separate wars on this planet!

Also the World's economy is so interlinked and greater risks are taken (for instance where debts are syndicated, sold and bought on in the international money market so that no one knows what any real debt is! Other examples of international interlinking would be the Futures Market, sub-prime lending, etc, etc.)

We are in the last few 'days' of this system that this speaker has spoken about.

Should we then turn to "man" through 'scientists' to sort the world problems out?

Or is it mankind that has caused the problems in the first instance?

It is a fact that in 1988 more than 1 in 4 scientists worked directly on weapons for the destruction of man!

It surely cannot be these people in whom we trust! Sadly many worldly Christians do believe in mankind by purchasing these weapons from mankind to defend themselves!

However:-

True Christians put their trust in someone else:-

Job 38v24,34-38 Where now, is the way by which the light distributes itself, (and) the east wind scatters about upon the earth? Can you raise your voice even to the cloud, so that a heaving mass of water itself may cover you? When the dust pours out as into a molten mass and the clods of earth themselves get stuck together?

Clearly The Someone who was able to design The Laws of Nature to ensure that they worked harmoniously as they do - is the person we should turn to for our future benefit!

Psm. 24v1-2 To Yahweh God belong the earth and all that which fills it. The productive land and those dwelling in it, for upon the seas has solidly fixed it, and upon the rivers he keeps it firmly established.

Psm. 25v4-5 Make me know your own ways, O Yahweh, Teach me your own paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me, for you are my God of Salvation. In you I have hoped all day long.

'Teach me Your ways'.

Yahweh is the greatest Scientist, hence He is The One to Whom we should turn to. Even the so-called sociological scientists are unable to help when faced against Satan's machinations and deceptive wiles.

Prov. 13v20 He that is walking with wise persons will become wise, but he that is having details with the stupid ones will fare badly.

Foolish (thus stupid) are godless ones, being people who take no notice of the contents found within The Bible.

1Pet. 4v7 But the end of all things has drawn close. Be sound in mind, therefore, and be vigilant with a view to prayers.

This was written approximately 64 CE - a warning to act wisely! This was taken up by the wise Christians in Jerusalem in 66 CE to early 70 CE. The Romans forsook Jerusalem for 3.5 years before they came back and set up a wooden stockade all around this city in about 3 days from which there was no escape. Some one million people were killed and just under 100 thousand taken in captivity. During this three year breathing space the Israelites behaved even worse, one cult playing off against another. Robbery, looting and murder.

However the Christians left Jerusalem and set up camp in the mountains called Pella, not far from the River Jordan.

They watched from afar Jerusalem being destroyed in 70 CE.

1Pet.1v1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the temporary residents scattered (= *The Dispersion*) about in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, to the ones chosen.

These Christian Jews were clearly scattered about due to the political events in the area.

1Pet.1v7 in order that the tested quality of your faith/fidelity/assurance, of much greater value than gold that perishes despite its being proved by fire, may be found a cause for praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Clearly the Revelation of Jesus Christ was not then (because Jesus second coming was not then, so it must be later - hence), but now because of what we see in The Christian Nation now - mirroring what occurred within The Jews at Jerusalem in 67 CE to 70 CE! Thus are we going to become the Wise Christians to be part of The Bride of Christ at the end of this system by leaving The Harlot as Revelations 18 clearly tell us (see Glossary)?

Are we making preparation for this now?

It is natural in this world that we should provide our fellow beings with physical food and support. But as True Christians being very few in number are more obliged to provide spiritual food and support to our fellow beings/neighbours.

The Bible tells us that our very life depends upon God!

Hence it should not be an unpleasant duty but through respect of this we should show our principled love to God and find great pleasure in doing it.

Mark 13v1-37 Gives us a whole list of details describing what The End Times shall be like.

This gives us good reason to understand why we should be preaching The Word of God to our fellow humans, because the times will be so bad. Thus having this knowledge base will provide spiritual support to those who listen.

Moses was given new revelation to The Israelites – because The World had none, then.

Jesus gave new instruction to The Christians (but like The Old Israelite Nation – do they ignore it?)

Rev. 20v11-12 And I saw a great white throne and the one seated on it. From before him the earth and the heaven (= sky) fled away (*being the old Satanic system pertaining to the old worldly system*), and no place was found for them (*in Jesus' Millennial rule*). And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne (*metaphorically to mean that it was Yahweh carrying out The Greater/Special Judgement on who should be resurrected at the 1st 2nd C, I believe this to be iniquitous Christian Leaders who misled their congregations during the 2000 year Gospel Age*), and the scrolls were opened (*and thus found NOT to be worthy*). But another scroll was opened; it is the scroll of (*being guaranteed*) life (*thus having 144000 names on it – and they were resurrected now at the 1st 2nd C of Jesus*). And the dead were judged out of those written in the scrolls according to their deeds (*thus missed the 1st 2nd C and now await The General Resurrection to occur later during The Millennium*).

The scroll being the revelation of God's Desire written down. Hence these will be new revelations written down for The Millennium reign. Survival of the Great Tribulation does not just mean the possibility of Life Eternal, but life will be much easier. Do not be grudging now, otherwise we will not be in the correct state of mind to survive The End Times! Let us practice now when times are hard to become a True Christian, because it will be so much easier later in The Millennium!

Ex. 16v1-2 Later they departed from Elim, and the entire assembly of sons of Israel finally came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their coming out of the land of Egypt. And the entire assembly of the sons of Israel began to murmur against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

This wasn't very long was it! After all that these people had beheld - the ten plagues, pillar of fire and of smoke, they still were complaining against God after only 45 days!

We must learn not to be like these 'stiff-necked' arrogant people.

1Pet. 5v6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

We must humble ourselves to do the Will of God as spoken of in The Bible. It can be shown that if we do humble ourselves and follow God's Will (be His Desire of us), it will make our life easier now and in the future. As always, carrying out God's Will can only edify us – because that is what He ultimately Desires for us.

Gal. 5v22-23 On the other hand, the fruitage of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, mildness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

The one resurrected (Jesus Christ) will know himself and publicly display the things that motivate people - this could be their greed and other selfish traits. This will have to be pruned back, the sooner that this is done - NOW; then this practice will help us for the near and distant future.

1Peter 4v7 above tells us to act wisely. Also:-

Ps. 86v3 Show me favour, O Jehovah, For to you I keep calling all day long.

David did two or three bad things in his life - for which he was punished, but overall he did walk close with God - All day long.

We must get the balance right. We should not be begging off people like the Buddhists in the far East (or the equivalent to living off Social Security – when we are able to work), nor should we concentrate needlessly on worldly desires.

Clearly then we should ask ourselves:-

On what do we direct our attentions?

Col. 4v2 Be persevering in prayer, remaining awake (= *adhering to what Yahweh Desires of us*) in it with thanksgiving.

By persevering in prayer we direct our attentions to God. We ask for assistance to carry out God's Will and concentrate on any immediate problem that is with us. We are able to satisfy our spiritual and mental needs rather than our physical needs or panda to worldly gratification. It is the New World that highlights our spiritual needs.

Ps. 85v10-13 Trueness itself will sprout out of the very earth, and righteousness itself will look down from the very heavens. Also, Yahweh, for his part, will give what is good, and our own land will give its yield. Before him righteousness itself will walk, and it will make a way by his footsteps.

No pollution, no pervasive deserts! What happiness! How much better it will be when there are spiritual things to give us greater joy than any of the physical things now that can only die!

Those who persevere to gain spiritually in this present world, will be so much better off in The New World when everything is brought about anew.

In general, we can say that it is the environment that makes things difficult for humans to live an uncorrupted life. The whole of life at the moment is like a cultured medium, where once the bacterium (of sin) has got a hold it spreads right across the medium and pollutes everything.

But when in God's kingdom, ruled by Jesus Christ, the medium will be cleaned, made anew, and any sin of The Old System created by Satan, will be blotted out from the start.

Similarly who are you friends?

If these people strive for goodness then clearly it will be easier for you to be good; and obviously the converse is true. If your regular associates are evil then it will be impossible for you not to be contaminated one way or another – even if it is ‘only’ onlookers assuming that being with them – means that you are like them!

Clearly then, we are able to see how much better it will be in The Millennium under the reign of Jesus Christ, when all our associations will also be trying to imitate Jesus within their lifestyle!

Hence we should change now – so that it is easier – because we have trained ourselves within a difficult worldly system, where we are effectively swimming against the current!

Some people do not want to change however much help is given!

But moreover these people will try to weaken and sap the inner strength of True Christians within this present world.

God was aware of this, as shown by the instruction from Peter:-

2Pt. 3v9,14-18 The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. Therefore beloved, since you wait for these, be zealous to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation (*thus giving us time to imitate Jesus within our lifestyle to thus become part of the 144000*). So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, speaking of this as he does in his letters. There are some things in them hard to understand, which to the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, beware lest you be carried away with the error of lawless men and lose your own stability.

We were (= past tense) like these lawless people, but through accepting that we were wrong; taking on the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on our behalf to reconcile the sin found within all of us.

Clearly we now must play an active role.

This is what Jesus and his disciples did. They exerted themselves to the limit. Paul dragged his fleshly body (pummelled) to serve Jesus beyond the point of exhaustion (*this does not mean as some worldly sects performing masochistic practices in thinking that they are pleasing God – but rather they would become an anathema to Yahweh*). We must do what we can to spread the true word of Jesus Christ to others who are in a lost state (*including those lost humans in masochistic sects*).

It may be inconvenient in the evening for you, but it may be convenient to those who you are teaching, who may have to work in the day.

When you become baptised it is only just the start of an everlasting career.

Those who are old and been in the faith/fidelity/assurance for a long time may become tired - these people need bolstering up, revitalising to help bring them back! Others just through ill health or else, may need reviving so that the whole True Christian group may be picked up.

If you do not have this true, deep and genuine relationship with Yahweh God then when pressures arise (which they will) then you will fall away. An example could be taken with marriages:-

Contracts are written up about how the material possessions will be split up if the marriage should fail!!

What a state of affairs!!

What kind of marriage is this?

Would we want this relationship with God?

Marriage is for life and **both** partners should work at it to ensure that it does last for life. This is what a true marriage typifies.

God will remove the pressures as promised in The Bible should they get to almost the limit.

Why the limit?

It is only when we are tested/assayed to the limit do we know what we are capable of withstanding. We then fall upon God's loving strength to assist us through this peak of pressure to easier climbs the other side.

If you can put your trust in God (it may be for many months or years), by being stable and relying on The Bible, you will pull through knowing that Satan has failed. Satan will back off just as he did with Jesus Christ in the wilderness. Satan knows now that he cannot remove someone from God if they have absolute trust/commitment in Him. However often it does mean that the person has to almost break down before God in private, and pour out their troubles before God, trust in Him with all their might that He will deliver them from the fearsome problem.

Like with seeds. Plant them now and then they will sprout and become strong plants when you need them in times of strife. Let these seeds be of godly devotion, God will repay a hundredfold and support us when we need it.

As Peter says:-

'Let us be found spotless and unblemished;' so that all this can be ours when we act wisely as the end draws near.