

LAST DAYS

Keep a strong curb, however, on your youthful cravings; and strive for integrity, good faith, love, peace, in company with all who pray to the Lord with pure hearts. But avoid foolish discussions with ignorant men, knowing--as you do--that these lead to quarrels; and a bondservant of the Lord must not quarrel, but must be inoffensive towards all men, a skillful teacher, and patient under wrongs. He must speak in a gentle tone when correcting the errors of opponents, in the hope that God will at last give them repentance, for them to come to a full knowledge of the truth and recover sober-mindedness and freedom from the Devil's snare, though they are now entrapped by him to do his will.

But of this be assured: in the last days grievous times will set in. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, profane. They will be disobedient to parents, thankless, irreligious, destitute of natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers. They will have no self-control, but will be brutal, opposed to goodness, treacherous, headstrong, self-important. They will love pleasure instead of loving God, and will keep up a make-believe of piety and yet live in defiance of its power. Turn away from people of this sort. Among them are included the men who make their way into private houses and carry off weak women as their prisoners--women who, weighed down by the burden of their sins, are led by ever-changing caprice, (a sudden and unaccountable change of mood or behavior), and are always learning something new, and yet are never able to arrive at real knowledge of the truth.

And just as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so also these false teachers withstand the truth--being, as they are, men of debased intellects, and of no real worth so far as faith is concerned. But they will have no further success; for their folly will be as clearly manifest to all men, as that of the opponents of Moses came to be. (2Ti 2:22-3:1-9WNT)

2020, has come to an end and we have begun 2021. The past year has seen a series of watershed events that will be historically reviewed and remembered as "tumultuous," (Very loud or uproarious excited, confused, or disorderly). The opening text of this writing assures us that the "last days" have set in, and the condition of men, that describes mankind in its current "state," has accurately defined the folly inherent within every "System" devised by men to exploit every individual and the masses of mankind throughout creation. It matters not whether it be politics, education, religion, science, industry, judicial, agriculture, healthcare, or any other of the myriad of man's established systems that affect and influence our daily lives and activities.

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to imagine that His nature resembles gold or silver or marble, or **anything** sculptured, (devised), by the art and inventive faculty of man. Those times of ignorance God viewed with indulgence. But now He **commands** all men everywhere to **repent**, seeing that He has appointed a day on which, before long, He will judge the world in righteousness, through the instrumentality of a man whom He has pre-destined to this work, and has made the fact certain to every one by raising Him from the dead." (Act 17:29-31 WNT Paraphrased)

"Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs."
(Jon 2:8 NIV)

As we continue in the woes and ills of last years events and look to God Most High, for answers that will deliver us from the pandemonium, (Wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar. Origin _ originally meaning “the place of demons”), it astonishes those of us who have been keeping informed by the media, that there has been such an absence of admonition to “REPENT,” and to turn to God for His forgiveness and guidance. The “National Days of Prayer,” have been wasted in trying to undo what is clearly in God’s hands to accomplish __ according to His will __ and trying to invoke the will of ignorant people, who worship other gods, (idols), and refuse to humble themselves, pray, and seek His face __ while turning from our wicked ways.

Our present order of division and disarray reminds me of the divided state of Israel when the ten tribes of Israel, the northern kingdom of Samaria __ ruled over, in time, by the sons of Saul __ were separated from the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and the Levitical order of Priests in the southern kingdom __ which were, (later), under the dominion of David, Solomon and his sons after their orders.

“Now the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded, and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with you when you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. "For many days Israel, was **without the true God and without a teaching priest and without law**. "But in their distress they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and they sought Him, and He let them find Him. "In those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for many disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands. "Nation was crushed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every kind of distress.” (2Ch 15:1-6 NASB)

“Now when Asa heard these words and the prophecy which Azariah the son of Oded the prophet spoke, **he took courage and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. He then restored the altar of the LORD which was in front of the porch of the LORD. He gathered all Judah and Benjamin and those from Ephraim**, Manasseh and Simeon who resided with them, for many defected to him from Israel when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. So they assembled at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa's reign. They sacrificed to the LORD that day 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep from the spoil they had brought. They entered into the covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and soul; and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman. Moreover, they made an oath to the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting, with trumpets and with horns. All Judah rejoiced concerning the oath, for they had sworn with their whole heart and had sought Him earnestly, and He let them find Him. So the LORD gave them rest on every side. He also removed Maacah, the mother of King Asa, from the position of queen mother, because she had made a horrid image as an Asherah, and Asa cut down her horrid image, crushed it and burned it at the brook Kidron.” (2Ch 15:8-16 NASB)

If we can discern what the Spirit is saying, we may be able to see the likeness of Israel’s being troubled with every kind of distress to what is happening in our day. It would be well for those who have an ear to hear and eyes to see, to turn to the “true God”, (repent), be taught by the Spirit, (the teaching Priest _ after the order of Melchizedek _ and become obedient to the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. By seeking the LORD God (earnestly with our whole heart,” removing the abominable idols we have been worshiping for many days, He will let us find Him and be joined to Him in a covenant relationship. Also, the image of Maacah, which literally means, “she has pressed,” must be crushed and burned __ so that __ we may find rest on every side. (We need to obey the command to, “Come out of

her my people so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues;”)

In God’s time, and, according to His will and purpose, what we see unfolding each day is evidence of the truth of scripture that a kingdom/nation divided against itself cannot stand. “And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, “**Any** kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and **any** city or house divided against itself will not stand.” (Mat 12:25NASB)

What is being witnessed in the “visible church” and in the, “elected government” of the USA, is evidence that we have come to such a condition in both/any of these “houses, cities, and kingdoms,” (that have been established/built by men and women of questionable character, lacking understanding, honesty and integrity __ like those Paul describes to Timothy in the opening paragraphs on page 1 of this document). How can it possible for those who display these traits be entrusted with authority to decide what is best for everyone? How can anyone, looking at the newly elected, not come to the realization that the house is divided __ when we see fifty republicans and 50 democrats, on either side of the isle, in the Senate? When important measures are awaiting decisions to accept or reject the “laws” that affect the lives of every citizen in the country, how is it that the final outcome may be determined by the voice of one person __ the Vice President? Is that true “democracy?”

In the 2020 presidential election we witnessed how the nation voted {Approximately} 75,000,000 times for the incumbent, Donald Trump, and 82,000,000 times for the challenger, Joe Biden and not understand how divided the nation is? Then, to acknowledge/declare, the 7,000,000 votes that separated these candidates final tally as being the result of “fraud,” etc.,etc. or, the “cleanest” election in America’s history.??

How can Mr. Trump claim 75 million “**Supporters?**” There has to be a large measure of his votes that are not, “for him,” but against Joe Biden; a large number may have voted against Kamala Harris and a large number may have been strictly “Party Loyalty” votes. (The same question could also be asked of Joe Biden.)

The report that, Christians, overwhelmingly favored Mr. Trump is also questionable. Just as it is reported that many “RINO” voters, (Republicans in Name Only), made up a part of the 7 million vote difference in the outcome, it is also possible that the “Christian Conservatives” is “CINO.” Selah

The “hierarchy” system of governance, in most of the “visible church,” is established “opposite” of democratic principles of a “Democracy.” Instead of government of the people, by the people and for the people, that assumes a measure of equality for every individual, there is a “Supreme Leader,” (whether a Pope, Bishop, Pastor, etc.) who presides **over** the congregation. He/she is the sole guardian of the “law” that maintains control over the members of that particular following of, “dumb sheep.” Disobedience to the, “Rule of Law,” adhered to as the measure of righteousness and justice, in that particular “religious order,” may result in “expulsion or excommunication” of anyone who doesn’t obey the laws.

What we've witnessed in the Capitol was not a protest or rally of concerned citizens, who believe the election was stolen, flawed, rigged, or that there was an incorrect counting of ballots, etc., but, a "mob" that was not anything close to being Christian or Conservative.

If the forgoing emotional "rant" has not caused everyone to crumble and toss this writing in the trash, I would like to continue on a more "positive" note:

Although some of what has been written may be confirmed by the seeing of the eye and, hearing of the ear and have included some factual information, it can also be discerned that much of it is from, the, "wisdom of men."

"For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh. Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." (Jas 3:7-18)

Everyone who has been made aware of the many times of transition that God has used to bring us to our present generation we sometimes fail to discern our present condition and His eternal purpose remains hidden behind the veil of flesh that hasn't been "rent." A vital part of our repentance is to overcome the earthly view of our natural lives and to seek the wisdom from above, by His Spirit ___ in order to see and understand. Paul's prayer for the Ephesians is applicable to our generation and our current time.

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you/us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your/our understanding being enlightened; that ye/we may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:" (Eph 1:17-21 KJV Paraphrased)

As we prepare for the transition of power tomorrow, (January 20), and, President Trump reluctantly relinquishes the reins of power to Joe Biden, we ought to keep in mind that God's will ___ whether we agree or not ___ is being initiated as He continues to rule in every man's heart and continues to

know what is in the hearts of all men everywhere.

We may continue to say, (with confidence), that all of the systems of men will fail and be brought down it does not mean they will immediately cease to exist.

The “Education System” is already going through an extreme transition because of Covid 19, and it is evermore being changed. The knowledge/wisdom of men is going to continue to increase _ although it is becoming less reliable in its ability to establish “truth” _ and will continue to increase until it becomes irrelevant and the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

Governments throughout the world will be diminished and be brought to “nothing,” until, the kingdoms of the world become our Lord's, even of His Christ; and He shall reign to the ages of the ages.” (See Rev 11 LITV)

The medical systems will continue to introduce more and more costly drugs and procedures until they become unable to increase the longevity of mankind or heal the afflicted. All will continue to fail until the Son of righteousness arises with healing in his rays/wings.

The justice system will continue to fail to protect the victims of injustice until it is broken completely and replaced with “righteous judgement” administered by the saints of God.

The military might of nations will continue to increase and threaten mankind with total destruction until God dismantles the weapons of warfare and changes them into instruments to be used for agricultural purposes.

These are only a few of the examples of how the Father of mercies will, in His time and according to His purpose, make all things new.

If we can make time to read the Book of Malachi _ as we move from the Old Testament Order of the Law of sin and death, into the New Testament Law of the Spirit of Life-in Christ Jesus _ we will see some of the reasons why God has caused many of the changes we are privileged to experience in these, “Last Days,” and appreciate the measures He has initiated to bring us to the glory He has promised to those who endure until the END.

