

# God Is Trying to Tell Us Something!

God Is Trying to Get our attention. Without God we can do nothing.

## What should we learn from this crisis?

- The worse thing that can happen is to go through this and come out unchanged.
- Matthew 24-25 (Be Wise)
- **Revelation 3:2-3 Amplified Bible** - 2 Rouse yourselves and keep awake, and strengthen and invigorate what remains and is on the point of dying; for I have not found a thing that you have done [any work of yours] meeting the requirements of My God or perfect in His sight. 3 So call to mind the lessons you received and heard; continually lay them to heart and obey them, and repent. In case you will not rouse yourselves and keep awake and watch, I will come upon you like a thief, and you will not know or suspect at what hour I will come.

**What the people were doing wasn't wrong--it was their heart.** They were not alive spiritually; they were doing it out of religious security and duty. Have a real, sincere heart for God and be in right relationship with Him.

**What have I personally learned?** What does God want us to learn from this? (Ex. The nation learned, we don't have enough stockpiled ventilators)

## What should we learn from this?

- --It's time to wake up.
- Isaiah 52:51
- The Bible is unfolding itself. We are in the end times.
- We have had our strength in everything but God.
- --Don't put your strength in your 401k, bank account, job, family.
- --That can be wiped out.
- --Nothing can wipe out Jesus Christ.

## Point 1 - It's time to wake up.

Everybody has an alarm clock with a snooze button.

Don't hit it and go back to sleep.

Hitting the snooze button doesn't eliminate your need to get up--all it does is give you a mental delay.

--It doesn't change the urgency.

--The snooze button fools you into thinking you have more time.

### **God has a time for everything. (Ecclesiastes 3)**

--We can't snooze God's will.

--**People are talking loud and doing nothing.**

--People are watching how we live. Our walk must line up with our talk.

--You shall BE my witnesses not just say you are a witness.

--Children will be right and live right if you teach right. (HAVE SOME BACKBONE)

--We are not just talking about it we're being about it. (Ex. Sister Leiba)

## **Point 2 - It's time to shape up.**

--We have put on worldly weight.

**This message is not for the faint-hearted.**

- --We look like the world.
- --We walk like the world.
- --We talk like the world.

--Romans 12:2 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition - 2 Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

**If you want to shape up, you must exercise your faith AND change your appetite.**

- --You must change your diet.
- --Somethings you need to minimize.
- --Somethings you will have to deny yourself.

**We have been denying the wrong things: denying prayer, denying truth, denying reading the Word of God.**

- --Mankind has developed a strong appetite for sin.
- --Jesus died on the cross because of our appetite for sin.
- --God gave us a free will. We have a choice.
- --God will keep us (from sin), if we want to be kept. God won't keep us, if we don't want to be kept.

--**Hebrews 12:1 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition** - 12 Therefore then, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us,

**Jesus is praying for us to make it.**

- The cloud of witnesses is cheering us on.
- Get up and keep running toward Jesus Christ.

## **If you have a will to get up, Jesus will help you get up.**

--Sometimes people are in sin and the sin doesn't bring them any joy anymore.

- --They want to be free. Lay it aside. Don't keep running back to it.
- --Get back in the race (your walk with God)
- --This race is not a sprint, it is a marathon. A marathon is harder.

--**We will have to learn to run, even tired.** Jesus say didn't run until you get tired and then quit. You must learn to run even with the monkey on your back. Maybe the monkey will get off if you keep running.

- --Keep running—it's worth it!
- --Everything that is good to you is not good for you.
- --Some relationships you're in you already know deep down, they are not good for you. (they just look good to you.)

--**You can tell what kind of spiritual shape you're in by the way you respond to your trials.**

**Don't hit the snooze button on faithfulness.** Run when you're tired, hurting, when people talk about you, when you're being misunderstood. **Ex. Job & wife were hit with the same storm.**

**Job's wife said: She was not in shape.**

- **Job 2:9-10 Amplified Bible** - Then his wife said to him: Do you still hold fast your blameless uprightness? Renounce God and die!

**Job said: Job was in shape.**

- **Job 2:10 Amplified Bible** - 10 But he said to her: You speak as one of the impious and foolish women would speak. What? Shall we accept [only] good at the hand of God and shall we not accept [also] misfortune and what is of a bad nature? In [spite of] all this, Job did not sin with his lips.
- **Psalm 118** (the middle words of the entire bible are in this chapter. Those words are "The Lord" That is not by accident. God wrote the bible through men who were inspired by Him.
- **Psalm 118:8-9 New King James Version** - It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the Lord. Than to put confidence in princes.

## **Point 3 – We need to be prayed up!**

**The children of God should wake up while the children of the world are hitting the snooze button.**

- God is trying to tell the world something.
- God is trying to tell the church something.
- The world wants the church to be able to help them, to pray for them.
- The weather is talking telling us something is changing, the animals are trying to tell us something is changing, the sun, moon and stars are trying to tell us something.
- Get your spiritual house in order.
- Don't put the Lord off because of other things and not be ready for the Lord's return.

- The body of Christ needs to get in order. God's house is yours and mine. Humble yourself, seek His face and pray. If we don't do this, God will not heal our land. Some of us have personal land needs to be healed. Pray for you loved ones who need to be saved (if you don't that's wickedness in your heart. Are you tired of praying? Did Jesus get tired of praying and waiting for you? Don't you get tired of praying and waiting on your loved ones to get saved. Keep praying for them on your knees and believe. Pray for them FIRST. Don't be mad at them. You need to pray for them FIRST! If you do this, THEN I WILL SHOW UP SAYS THE LORD!

**2 Chronicles 7:14 New King James Version - 14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.**

- Go back to old fashioned principles like sitting together at the table eating.
- What happened to having real friends and not just Facebook friends.
- What happened to eating dinner together at the table?
- What happened to praying over the food and meaning it?
- What happened to longer prayers and not just a rushed prayer out of duty?
- When prayer went out (of schools), sin came in?
- The family that prays together stays together.
- Your mind must be made up when you pray. Don't just walk with the Lord, win souls for the Lord. (endure)
- When you are truly prayed up, you will stay with the Lord.
- If you can find anybody better than Jesus, don't bother calling me. What you have found is a lie. Nobody is better than Jesus!

--**Psalm 34:8 New King James Version (NKJV) - 8** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

--**Genesis 7:11 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition - 11** In the year 600 of Noah's life, in the seventeenth day of the second month, that same day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up and burst forth, and the windows and floodgates of the heavens were opened. Ex.

--**Matthew 24- The Coming of the Son of Man—Just like the days of Noah**

Matthew 24:37-44 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition - 37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah went into the ark, 39 And they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the hand mill; one will be taken and one will be left. 42 Watch therefore [[a]give strict attention, be cautious and active], for you do not know in what kind of a day [[b]whether a near or remote one] your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: had the householder known in what [part of the night, whether in a [c]night or a morning] watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be [d]undermined and broken into. 44 You also must be ready therefore, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him.

- God will judge wickedness again. There will be a 7- year period of tribulation on the earth.
- Then God will rescue His people and rebuild the earth.
- Jesus will establish His kingdom with His children. (Revelation 20-22)