



"In Times Like These!"



"But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. (Mat 24:13 NASB)

"God is Good, All the time and All the time, God is Good"

No matter what happens, whether you are in the valley or on the mountain top, just remember: "God is Good, All the time and All the time, God is Good." "In times like these," we need God. Will anyone disagree with that statement today? "In times like these," we need Elohim, (God). We need Yeshua (Jesus).

A few may think that some of my messages have a negative overtone to



them, but in the end it is a positive message because I'm telling you about Yeshua (Jesus Christ). If you don't know the bad news how can you appreciate the Good News of the Gospel of Yeshua (Jesus)!

If you don't know that you are a sinner how would you know that you need a Savior and by the way His Name is Yeshua (Jesus Christ)? If you don't know The Law, I'm speaking of God's Law, how will you know what is sin and what is not? We need to know the bad news, so we can bring home the Good News of the Gospel of Yeshua (Jesus).

Paul says in Romans 1:16 NASB (16) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.* Only by the power of God are we reconciled to Jesus and saved from this sinful world. We should not be ashamed of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Ashamed of Him! He will be ashamed of you.

During the last several weeks many of my Christian friends have filed



bankruptcy or the banks have foreclosed on their homes. They've had their life-style upset and their lives thrown into chaos. These are brothers and sisters that had good jobs and were terminated from their jobs or their debt load was just too great for their income. As one couple that filed bankruptcy said, "there was just no other way out, they were

trapped with debt.” We are probably now and will be going through the hardest and most trying financial times of our life-time, especially for the next few years.

We, that have been in the work force for a few years have seen many down



turns in the economy in the United States and then the up turns into a

prosperous economy. But now, this downturn is different, we are

losing jobs to other nations. Our economy is not isolated from other

nations as we have been in the past. We have the whole world to

contend with and they are in competition for our jobs here in the United States.

There is a now a new world economy, not a United States only economy.

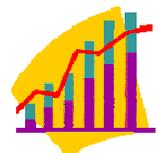
It shouldn't be any surprise to anyone for it was prophesized from the Holy Bible since the beginning of time. It's God's Word coming to fulfillment. I guess you have read the newspapers and heard on the news where individuals are killing themselves and their families, all because of their loss in the stock market or loss in their other investment portfolios. Never, have most people that are living today seen such "a time as these."

But, let me remind you now that your home is not on this earth, but in heaven with our Lord and Savior Yeshua (Jesus Christ). In the long-term scheme of things; we are only passing through this earthly world in this human vessel. Paul again enlightens us in II Corinthians 5:1; (NASB) (1) *For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.* Just think about it, an eternal house built by God, where we can live forever after our passing from this earthly body; nothing else really matters, absolutely nothing.

We are never to forget that even in these hard financial times that it's not

about what we have, but what is in the center of your life. Is that

someone in the center of our life, Yeshua (Jesus Christ)? We came into



this world without anything and that is the way we will end up. The

purpose of this temporal earthly body is to serve, worship, honor, fear and to

keep God's commandments and to be a bond-servant of Yeshua (Jesus Christ).

Don't lose sight of why you are here. It's not to accumulate material possessions and let me say right now that there is nothing wrong with material possessions. But, if you listen to the world they will tell you that is why we are here. The world has missed the whole point. It is God's world, the creator of this universe, not ours. We are just His stewards passing through here on earth.

"In times like these" we need a savior, *"in times like these"* we need more than us, *"in times like these"* we need the answers to all our problems and situations, and that answer is (and we all know it) Yeshua (Jesus Christ). It's still true today; we need Yeshua (Jesus Christ), even with all the increased knowledge and the advancing technology. We are still sinners and we are to seek Yeshua (Jesus) at all times. We can't live without Him. There has never been anyone like Him and He can't be replaced. We all have that little longing in our heart for Yeshua (Jesus Christ). Paul said: *For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.* (1Co 1:17 NASB)

Let us read some verses in Matthew 24 and see how these verses fit our situation today. But before we read from Matthew let me share this one statement with you.

"All great nations have risen and fallen through the centuries and the United States may be another one to fall. Most have fallen because of moral ethics."

Mat 24:3-13 NASB

 (3) *As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"*

(4) *And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.*

(5) *"For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.*

(6) *"You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.*

(7) *"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.*



(8) *"But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.*

(9) *"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.*

(10) *"At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.*

(11) *"Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.*

(12) *"Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.*

(13) *"But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.*

Today, I would like to offer you some suggestions for "times like these."

This is a time where there are so many uncertainties, so many ways to turn, so



much darkness, so much sin, so much lawlessness in this sinful world.

We are all just to look around and see what is happening and yet Jesus said, "*But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.*"

(Matthews 24:8) [Pangs- Sufferings.] Jesus also tells us in verse 13 of this chapter in Matthew,

"But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved" Folks, don't fall short of the goal of enduring to the end. We have all come this far by faith, let us continue by faith until that glorious coming back of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Here are some suggestions for "In times like these," a total of nine.



1. - Stay away from the prosperity gospel.

(1Co 9:18 NASB) *What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.*

Heb 13:9a NASB (9) *Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods,.....*

Many prosperity preachers will tell you that Jesus was rich and had many material possessions. But no where in the Bible can I see that. What did Jesus

say; Mat 8:19-20 (NASB) Mat 8:19 NASB (19) *Then a scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."*



(20) Jesus *said to him, "**The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.**"

We could go on and on about this one, but just read your Bible and stay with it.

2. - Keep the Faith – We've come too far to turn back now.

Let us start out by defining faith from the Bible.

Heb 11:1 NASB (1) *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* It's that Blessed Hope of an eternal life with our Yeshua (Jesus) that is reserved for every true believer in Yeshua (Jesus).

The writer of Hebrews tells us how important faith is to God!

Heb 11:6 NASB (6) *And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

3. - Get closer and closer to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Remember, we are in the family of God – The Church, this church.

Paul again gives us some guidance in this matter of doing good to our Christian brothers and sisters in Christ.

Gal 6:10 NASB (10) *So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.*

The writer of Hebrews goes on to say;

Heb 10:24-25 NASB

(24) *and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,*



(25) *not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

Don't put our Christian brothers and sisters down, pick them up, be an encourager. What does the Bible say; our instruction book.

1Th 5:14 NASB

(14) *We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.*

Heb 3:13 NASB

(13) *But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

I can't say enough about this, but we must move on to point 4.

4. - Help others –

4a. – Financially

I know of many instances where brothers and sisters in Christ gave to



others to help them out of financial difficulties. They gave from the heart, not bragging or letting others know that they had given.

Their reward will be in Heaven, not necessarily here on earth.

The Bible says; it is more blessed to give than to receive. How many believe this?

1Pe 4:7-10 NASB

(7) *The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.*

(8) *Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.*

(9) *Be hospitable to one another without complaint.*

(10) *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

Help Others-

4b. - Physically



There are many people that need help. Help around their property, help with their health situations, help getting around, a caregiver. Be kind and help others.

Heb 13:1-3 NASB

(1) *Let love of the brethren continue.*

(2) *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

(3) *Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.*

5. - Keep Healthy –

5a. - Eat a healthy diet –



Eat plenty of vegetables and raw foods as God made them.

Avoid processed foods as much as possible, bread, soups, etc.

Eat fewer meats, especially red meats, luncheon and bolognas.

5b. – Eat a minimum amount of junk foods –

Lay off the fried foods, especially potato chips, and other snacks.

5c. - Walk, exercise daily –



Keep the body moving, it's the way we are designed by the almighty God.

As one professor of medicine and aging said, "Exercise is the only real fountain of youth that exists."

5d. – Watch a minimum amount of T.V. –

Don't be a couch potato. There is not much to watch on T.V. that will help your spiritual life. So, don't waste your time.

5e. – Get plenty of sleep –



God is repairing the body while we sleep, let us rest with a good night's sleep and wake up refreshed.

6e. – Laugh everyday – One quote for laughter I run across is, "What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul."

Ecc 3:4 KJV

(4) *A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

Job 8:21 NASB

(21) *"He will yet fill your mouth with laughter And your lips with shouting.*

Psa 126:2 NASB

(2) Then our mouth was filled with laughter And our tongue with joyful shouting; Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

And finally concerning your health we look in I Corinthians 6:19.

1Co 6:19 NASB

(19) Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

6. - Read your Bible – continue in the Word. Besides prayer, reading the



Word of God is probably the most important thing you can do. Stay in the Word, it will put you and keep you in touch with God.

What does the Bible say? You may be surprised?

Listen and read what Ezra had his heart on. Ezz 7:10 NASB

(10) For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Sola Scriptura – “The Bible Only” in Latin.

7. - Use your idle time to help others and seek the Lord’s will for your life.

Mat 6:33 NASB

(33) "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things



will be added to you. “Keep your priorities in order, Jesus first!”

8 - Pray for guidance, instruction, and wisdom so you will know what decisions to make. Let each decision be God-driven, not self-driven.

Heb 13:21 NASB

(21) equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pro 3:1-8 NASB

(1) My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments;

(2) *For length of days and years of life And peace they will add to you.*



(3) *Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart.*

(4) *So you will find favor and good repute In the sight of God and man.*

(5) *Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.*

(6) *In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.*

(7) *Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.*

(8) *It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones.*

9. - Look at your budget and spending, be realistic with what you have.

Make your decisions early; you may not want to wait to let them just happen.



If you see you can't make the payment or some other commitment, go talk to all concerned and see what they can do after you explain the situation to them. Let them give you the options so you can make a wise, timely and a godly decision.

Check your spending, be frugal, think before spending. I find that people spend a lot of money on eating out. Hold these type expenses to a minimum.

Do you need what you are buying? Be content, Paul said,

Php 4:11 NASB



(11) *Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.*

Look to Jesus, not necessarily others, and definitely not politicians.

They seem to me, to be the people that got us into this mess that we are in now. Politicians and law makers have thrown God out of their decisions. They make their decisions based on man's knowledge, not God's. I see a lot of people and they seem to always say or come up with something about the government. What do you think about the President or some other politician figure? What do

you think about the new tax laws? What they are really saying is, “what do you think the government is going to do for me?”

I find that people are more and more talking about politician figures



almost to the point, and maybe all the way to the point of worshipping

these people. Looking to them for their needs, and not God! What

if people would talk about Jesus Christ as much as they talk about

the political process? Why don't they come to me and talk about what God has

done for them and what they are doing for Jesus Christ here on earth. Who is

number one in our life, “Is it the government or Yeshua (Jesus Christ)?”

This is a great time to help others to come to the saving knowledge of Yeshua (Jesus). Today everyone is looking for guidance and answers to what is going on in the world. “In times like these,” give them and share with them the Good News of the Gospel of Yeshua (Jesus Christ).

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. (Php 3:7 NASB)

If you have a problem communicating with God, it won't be like the



message from Apollo 13 moon flight that was used to report a

major technical problem back to the Houston base and that

statement became a famous statement. It was, “Houston, we have a

problem! Let me tell you, it will be, “God, I have a problem!” Any blame will be

on us, because God is always there, just waiting for our repentance and us

asking for His forgiveness. “In times like these,” His help will see us successfully

through life's problems and discomforts. “Praise the Lord, all the time!” Amen.

Just remember; “God is good, all the time, and all the time, God is good.

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