

'A Foreboding of the Future...'

Darkness precedes a storm.

Storm clouds are already gathering on the horizon. The world's headlines grip the hearts of multitudes. Pandemic problems threaten us daily. Some who have their head in the sand – the 'all about me' syndrome – manage to ignore it for now. But when the storm comes, people don't ignore the fury contained in it. Swimmers look for shelter from lightning bolts. Many hide from the wind... and the potential of tornadoes.

Veteran sailors know what to do in approaching storms. They foresee trouble and plan accordingly. Where will you find safety in the coming storm...a safe harbor? Are you prepared for what the future holds...?

Many voices say these are end times. But...even if they are *not* - and even if there were no truth in the Bible, secular scholars are predicting sobering events on the economic scene; new conflicts plus new wars - epidemics of bird flus, swine flus, SARS, MRSA, antibiotic-resistant tuberculosis and AIDS. *Secular* voices.

All this may pale when compared to survivalists who are predicting martial law, arrests with no warrants & no charges; that 100's of internment camps now exist. Potential terrorists say the use of drones & toy airplanes to drop WMD's stand ready in U.S.

So you can surely see

if only a *small* portion of this is true...it would be to our advantage if this WERE end times! *Why*, you ask? Because if these ARE the last days, it would mean there IS a strong undergirding hand behind events - there's someone in 'control', in spite of all the chaos! Then, why does a loving God permit such angst in the world? Why doesn't He just end it? He *will*, but many souls hang in the balance. He is not willing that one be denied an opportunity to receive His gift of 'life.'¹

More, God is dealing with rebellious mankind who love darkness! God has enemies!...You may know some of them! And, "All who live a godly life in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."² Are you making a difference in others' lives...?

If this makes any sense to you, then you *know* you must get prepared. How? The first step in any preparation is 'mental'. We need to toughen up! God's in charge – He reigns! ³ He'll take CARE of you.⁴ The JOY of the Lord will be your strength!⁵ He IS your Safe Harbor in the coming storm! *Don't get caught in it!* ⁶ Trust Him now!

What then? Reorder your priorities. Initially, most of us reject bad news. But Friends, I'm not a bearer of bad news...No, this is the best news you've ever heard! Its all in your perspective! "A wise man sees the future & prepares for it. The wicked go on and are destroyed."⁷ *Who* wants that...? Worse, our loved ones may be in peril!

The hour is late. Preparation must begin now. You & your loved ones – *who need your prayers* – must not wait! If you say "I feel too weak to face any storms" *that's good!*...you're a prime candidate for all the help you need! "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness."⁸ No excuses!

Corrie ten Boom was being tucked in one night by her Papa. Our worst fears could not be worse than her future - her loved ones died in the Holocaust! *A foreboding of the future* plagued her tiny mind. She asked how she could ever bear persecution? He said, "Corrie, when you ride the train to see Grandma, when do I give you your ticket?" She said "When I board." He said, "That's how grace works, Corrie. It's there when you *need* it!"



You may be
Different
By Design –
So be
Yourself.

No one can say
you're doing it
wrong...!



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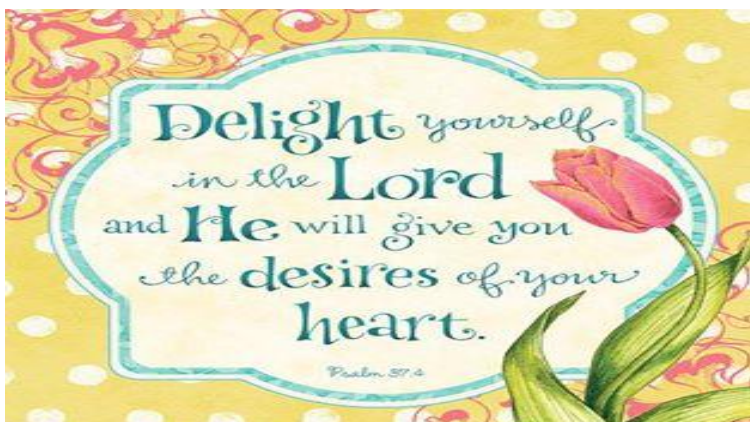
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'No Pretense Here'



Words for Teenagers - Northland College principal John Tapene has offered the following words from a Judge who regularly deals with youth. "Always we hear the cry from teens 'what can we do, where can we go?' My answer is this: Go home, mow the lawn, wash the windows, build a raft, get a job, study your lessons, visit the sick and after you get finished, read a book. Your town does not owe you recreational facilities, and your parents don't owe you fun. The world doesn't owe you a living – you owe the world something. You owe it your time, energy and talent so that no one will be at war, sick, or lonely again. In other words grow up, stop being a baby & get out of your dream world & develop a backbone, not a wishbone. Start behaving responsibly. You're important & you're needed. It's too late to sit around & wait for somebody to do something someday. Someday is now & that somebody is You.

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Bono and Elliot: Total Tandem

'Journalism is printing what someone else doesn't want printed. All else is public relations.' *Geo Orwell*

I don't mind dying. I just don't want to be there when it happens.

"Some of these traditional church services are about as exciting as a leg cramp."

Pat Robertson, 6/18/13

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. *Rom. 12:9-*

Ref: 1>II Pet.3:9 2>II Tim 3:12 3>Is.52:7 4>Is.26:2; Prov.1:33 5>Neh.8:10 6>II Cor.6:2 7>Pr 22:3 8>II Cor12:6 9>Mat 22:29

China wins for 2nd time the world's fastest computer. It sustains the equivalent of 33,860 TRILLION calculations per second. Can God do that? Doesn't He track billions of us...?

Few celebrities have a one word name – Bono - that's also a household name known by multitudes. Bono has sold 130 million albums, won 14 Grammy's, & has lobbied and worked with world leaders for hunger and world issues. Bono has also been married for 31 years.

Another 'celebrity' of sorts is Jim Elliot, a missionary killed by Auca Indians in Ecaudor in 1956. His wife & daughter later went to that same tribe evangelizing them, his killer her aide! Jim's best known for: 'He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.'

Jim kept a journal and two days before his death, he wrote this: I have prayed for new men, reckless fiery men...these lit by the Spirit of God. I have prayed for new words, explosive, direct, simple words& new miracles.Explaining old miracles will not do. If God is to be known as the God who does wonders in the earth, thenGod must produce for this generation. Lord, fill preachers with Thy power. How long dare we go on without tears, without moral passions, hatred & love? Not long, I pray Lord, not long... I was reminded of .Jim's

words in this amazing interview of Bono, by Michka Assayas. Printed here *in part*:

Bono: My understanding of Scripture has been made simple by the person of Christ. He teaches that God is love.What does that mean? It means for me: a study of the life of Christ. Love here describes itself as a child born ...without honor. I know what God is. God is love.

Michka: What about the God of the OT? He wasn't so "peace & love"?

Bono: The God of the OT is like the journey from stern father to friend. When you're a child, you need clear directions& some strict rules. But with Christ we have access in a one-to-one relationship, for as in the OT, it was more one of worship & awe, a vertical relationship. The New Testament on the other hand, we look across at Jesus who looks familiar, horizontal. *The combination is what makes the Cross.*

Michka: The Son of God who takes away the sins of the world. Wish I could believe it!

Bono: I love the idea that God says: *Look, you cretins,*

*there are certain results to the way we are, to selfishness, & there's a mortality as part of your very sinful nature, and let's face it, you're not living a very good life, are you? There are consequences to actions.*The point of the death of Christ is He took on the sins of the world, so that *what we put out did not come back to us*; that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. That's the point. Our good works *won't get us to heaven.*

Michka: Is that farfetched...? **Bono:** No it's not! When I look at the Cross of Christ, what I see up there is all my s--- and everybody else's. So I ask myself a question: *Who is this man?* And was He who He said He was, or was He just a religious nut? And there it is. and **that's the question.**

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?
WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.
ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?
WITNESS:Can I get a new atty?
"When there's less of you, there's more of God." Bear Grvlls -Discovery Channel



Ask Abigail

I just read there's more technology in my iPhone than the shuttle! The Bible says that in endtimes, 'knowledge will increase & men will run to & fro upon the earth.'Dan.12:4 Did China verify *endtimes*...?

Misguided People Aren't God's Fault...!

Dear Abigail: I'm 24, unmarried, and I'm a new believer. I am frustrated that I can't understand the Old Testament – just too many laws. But I know Jesus brought Grace & Truth. Please help me here. **Jenny**
Dear Jenny:First, understand God doesn't expect you to walk in what you *don't* understand! If we'd just walk in what we DO, His kingdom would be ahead! Instead, we get snagged on the others.

The Old Testament was mostly theocracy, meaning the law was threefold (they didn't have other laws)

Civil: If a bull got out, who owned the calf of the cow he bred? Or fixed the fences?

Moral: Murder, rape; any injustice was covered here.

Ceremonial:This involved the worship of God and cleanliness guidelines to prevent disease. Federal & state laws cover the latter today, under democratic rule.

This is an example of how we make mistakes through Bible ignorance - "You do err because you *know not* the **scripture**, nor the **power** of God", Jesus instructed. 9

So...misguided folks are not God's fault! They're everywhere! Look to God, not people; to Jesus & Scripture.

I suggest a morning devotional - it enables God to write 365 scriptures a year on your heart. Then find a Bible study with other *believers*.

Department of Defense Terrorist List

RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM

- EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- IKHWAN or MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD (EGYPT/MUSLIM)
- ULTRA-ORTHODOX (ISRAEL/JUDAISM)
- CHRISTIAN IDENTITY (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- AL QUAEDA (TRANSNATIONAL/ISLAM)
- HAMAS (PALESTINIAN/ISLAMIST)
- ABU SAYYAH (PHILIPPINES/ISLAM)
- KU KLUX KLAN (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- SRI RAM SENE (INDIA/HINDU)
- CATHOLICISM (U.S./CHRISTIAN)
- KAHANE MOVEMENT/KACH (ISRAEL/JEWISH)
- ARMY OF GOD (U.S./CHRISTIANITY)
- SUNNI MUSLIMS (IRAQ/ISLAM)
- NATION OF ISLAM (U.S./ISLAM)
- JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (U.S./JUDAISM)
- FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (U.S./MORMAN)
- HUTAREE (U.S./CHRISTIAN)



Question: Are YOU listed here...??

To the left, you'll see where on 4/13/13, the Dept of Defense (Chuck Hagel) listed **Evangelicals** FIRST as **Terrorists**.All Catholics, Mormons & Jews alongside Hamas, KKK, & Al Queda. There **are** future reasons for this! Don't dismiss it. In a crisis, the Patriot Act can kick in to constrain ALL. More, it will be *Legal!*