

Pockets of Glory ~ Part II of Ready or Not!



Jesus didn't just die to keep you out of hell. He died to keep hell out of you.

Tony Evans.

"The devil has successfully fooled **many** churches, convincing them to follow the world. Biblical standards have been compromised by convenient social theories."

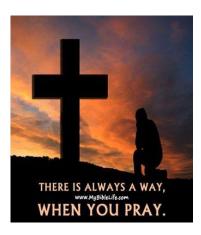
Billy Graham

"I've been captured by a love I can't explain." Wm McDowell

I am the LORD. I change not. Malachi



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I heard a very sincere man speak this week - he knew scripture well - but he didn't believe in a great endtime revival. It seemed he saw things as only waxing worse on the earth with no relief.

I thought about his views and did some research in my only criteria for truth-scripture! It also occurred to me that if God 'is not willing that any should perish', billions of souls would remain lost...! 1

I found that the Bible has much to say about the church in endtimes. So if indeed we are there, I share the information I found, hoping it'll **surprise** you, as it did *me*.

Did you ever have your alarm clock go off, and it said *Too Late* as in the photo at top left? It's my hope that both last month's and this month's articles will help you to avoid this - Waking up when it's too late. **Awake** you who sleep, the Bible says.2

A dragnet will soon fall upon the earth, wherein God will call his angels to sort out things, good and bad.3 Time will be up for the arrogant, the rebellious, the proud, the unjust, the wicked. Every njustice will be punished.

Many people today are largely unchurched, and it's not even all their fault. Because – to quote David Wilkerson – "most of what we see going on in the name of Christ is an abomination."

So many churches are too impotent to change anyone or anything. Here's the reason why, in a single verse – because it tells us what the Kingdom of God is NOT. "The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power." 4 (dynamic explosive power). Dead churches only talk - & design new programs - of more talk! Many people are streaming out from those

kinds of churches, hungry for something real -God's *power!* Then on the other side, we have what I call "Six Flags Over Jesus" kinds that are mostly entertainment hype, with bubbles & stars & the latest technology sounds.

I left all those as well. These are a far cry from the church of the New Testament that our group is studying right now - where Peter's shadow healed people, angels rescued. demons trembled, the Holy Spirit was poured onto whole groups of people, Phillip was translated miles away, prayer cloths carried tangible healing, plus there was great joy in the city because of the church! More, the Apostle Paul was 'turning the whole upside down.'Why?

Jesus' disciples proclaimed the 'Gospel of the Kingdom' with supernatural signs following,5 just as was promised! You don't know anyone like that? You will...

I have witnessed many miracles over decades, and I believe they will soon become common. Let me tell you why.

Is. 60:2 "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you. And His glory will be seen upon you." That darkness is here!

Our human temptation is to want to fight the darkness. Don't. Darkness is expelled by switching on the light! **We** are that light to a dark world.

The more we allow God's glory to consume our lives, the more radiant we will become. Sit in His presence. Be washed in His word, and sanctified in His truth!

Our light will even cause demonic power to flee! We'll be *like* Peter whose very shadow healed the sick! Yes.

Scripture says the Holy Spirit will be poured out onto

all flesh in the last days,6 so expect miracles - for us and our children. Also 'the sun will be darkened & the moon will be turned to blood.' NASA now predicts 4 blood moons, 2 this year and 2 two the next. God's billboard is flashing to us.7

So where should our focus be? That's easy. On the *midnight hour* when the bridegroom comes! Are *you* prepared?8 All ten virgins awaited that event, yet 50% *Missed. His. Arrival.* all because they weren't *ready*

The **new** church will be ready & prepared, having turned from the deadness of sin that appeases the sinners of this world. 9 Miracles then will be even more **dramatic**, than in Acts! Why? More people; More need; More hunger.

Believers who've sat on the shelf for years, just yearning to be used of God are now being summoned. Is that you...? Get ready!10

Where agreement exists we will begin to see a visitation among believers who are unified in heart & mind – Pockets of Glory of people transformed by God. Don't look for big names.No. Ordinary people doing supernatural things!

It will be those churches that fellowship wholly around the word & prayer - a praying church that is solidly grounded in the Word of God, unmoved by every wind of doctrine, fables, or man's cunning.11

Good people don't have to dwell in fear of the future!12 God's eye is upon His own.13 You need not fear He'll run out of resources! Rely on Him. You can feel secure, even in the midst of cataclysmic changes, thru awareness of His continual presence.14

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Well, I've finally reached the wonder years...Wonder where my car is parked? Wonder where I left my phone? Wonder where my glasses are?

Bibles aren't allowed in schools anymore but are encouraged in prisons. If kids were allowed to read it at school, they may not end up in prison...

Worry & peace can't co-exist. Don't let worry occupy the heart space intended for the peace of God. Worry is a trespasser!

Houston

Let's Give Them Roots and Wings

On Facebook today, there was a story of a yellow Lab who'd found a tiny baby in the woods, abandoned. She'd carried it to a shed where she had puppies, and there someone found her with the baby, lying with her puppies.

Who isn't moved by stories like that? How the Father loved that baby to send a four-legged angel to rescue her from death!

We all love *innocence!* Babies are born with it. It's we *adults* who soon ruin it.

First, we shower them with gifts galore, training them that the whole of life revolves around them. Then, we emphasize trivial things like looks, hair, and their cuteness...rather than virtue, character, truth and honor.

Predicting the fall of Israel, God spoke of children who 'oppressed their parents.'15 Today, many children rule their homes... because we let them! "What do you want to eat, honey?" The role of a parent is to guide them, not to follow them! We are to set the standard and call them to rise to it. A message I heard once said 'If we fail in our role in the community, God will raise up someone else to do it. But if we fail in our home, there is no one to replace us."

That rocked my world! I didn't have a clue how to raise children, and I made many mistakes. But I've learned we could all take a lesson from Jewish parents. They instill in their children roots and wings, otherwise known as 'survival skills'. And they don't baby or coddle them as we do. If they cry, they're told 'You think you're the only one this happened to...?' Self-pity is thus denied.

Jewish children grow up with grit in their craw. Ours don't even grow up before 30 now! We're too codependent with them. We idolize them. They're idols... Friends, if we don't hate our family compared to Jesus - we aren't worthy of Him!16 Only He is worthy of the adoration we give them! Hear me now!

We must learn to let go of loved ones. They're gifts from the Giver of good gifts.17

'In order to let go of something that is precious, we need to rest in His Presence. As we learn to relax, our grasping hand gradually opens up, releasing our prized possession into His care.' Jesus Calling.

Our children aren't really ours...they're on loan. God loves our children more than we do. He's better equipped to care for them than us.18



He that knows to do good, and does it not, it is sin. *Jas.* 4:17

God whispers in our pleasure; speaks in our conscience; but shouts in our pain. It's His megaphone to rouse a deaf world. *C.S. Lewis*The law brings punishment on those who try to obey it. *Rom.*

4:15

Ref's 1.II Pet.3:9 2.Ephes5:14
3. Matt.13:47-50 4.I Cor.4:20
5. Mark 16:20 6. Acts 2:17-21
7. Gen.1:14"signs" 8.Matt.25:
1-13 "Watch" 9.Jude 7;II Pet.
2:10 10.IITim.2:15 11.Ephes.4:
14 12.Prov.1:33 13.Ps.32:8; &
33:18 14. Ps.16:11 15. Is. 3:12
16. Luke 14:26 17. Jas.1:17
18. Matt.23:37: Matt.18

Five Most Deceptive Words

Dear Agatha: I need help! I've had a restraining order against my husband over six months now. He only sees the children when I take them to a 'neutral' meeting place. Until we split, I'd prayed for years he would keep a job, stop drinking, and provide for our family. He is a decent father. Yet I've given up on the rest. But I can't help that I still love him. Is there any hope? Thanks. Jenny

Dear Jenny: Turning Point of *Chattanooga*, Tn says the five most deceptive words in the English language are, "Maybe things will get better."

Many of us - nations too find ourselves where we are, because we don't realize there's a **time** to 'wait' and a **time** we're supposed to 'act'.

Miracles do happen...but we should check the track

Record also. Police do that the first thing done with a suspect - check their record!

Did your husband ever do any of the things you've waited for...? You don't say. Has he always drank? Did he ever bring home a regular pay check? If there's a restraining order, there is a reason... Abuse? Stalking?

Question. Does he have any real friends, or are they only drinking buddies?

Truth is, I can't give you the answer you want. But there's Someone who can. God knows if your husband will ever change or not. And if not, you have the 'Pauline Privilege' because scripture says if the unbeliever leaves (he has abandoned you emotionally), you are not 'bound'. I Cor. 7. Read about

'peace'-a home's top criteria.

If you don't stand up for yourself and your children, no one will. *I want to say*, take their hands and lead them into a future free from *the confusion of strife*. They need stability. Your husband may or may not come around.

If you haven't surrendered your heart & life to Jesus, and repented of your sins, you can now. See Rom. 10:9 Once you are born from above, you can 'see' things spiritual...the *truth*. John 3:3 You can seek the LORD Who will guide you in whether or not to wait further.

Then, if you're sure God says continue to wait, that's the best route. It will build character in your heart & life while doing so. Let peace be your guide. Good luck!

