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Rx For The Soul



WHO Shut The Door...!?!?

What is the reality we face in these dark times? We find ourselves in a place where "anything goes" and protestors have become rioters - who go unpunished?! Decent and hard-working Americans yearn for law & order to return once again!

But we don't see it.

People who believe America will turn back to the values that made America truly great, despair when complete outrage is loosed on those who work to bring those values & honor to society. Ultra-liberal Tom Brokaw said of his peers this week, "Rage is not a policy."

Are we *really* headed in the right direction as a nation? Or, have we lost our way so completely we can't get back...?

Our political climate is wholly disengenuous. Simple etiquette doesn't exist anymore-even in Congress-speech is raw, & weepy. Society is no longer driven lofty ideas... but is visceral - 'out of the gut' (feelings) producing snowflakes!

Having no base, people only do what's right in their own eyes, like in the book of Judges where people 'did what was right in their eyes.'

Will the rising darkness overcome this new light? Never has our society ever been so polarized -or violent! Murder is literally 'in the air.'

We were warned that it would be this way - at the **end!** Jesus said it would be like Noah's day in endtimes, & Lot's era where homosexuality would be flagrant and acceptable.

Don't you find it odd we're told circumstances would be like Noah's day? I do! In His day, Jesus brought an old, historic event & drew it into His contemporary, then expanded it to present! Why?

It's about *why* nations rise & fall! And He wants us to know if there was a first judgment, **there will be a second** -not of water but **fire**:

David Wilkerson of NYC wrote about events like this in 1972 in his book, *The Vision*. He said riots would come to American streets, gang rapes in public parks - total chaos and social unrest. We're not there yet... but Europe is! I

If you don't believe this, then you've swallowed the '*personal peace & affluence*' that Dr. Francis Schaeffer foretold in the 70's. It's where *-as long as nothing happens on your street, everything's fine! No one speaks up.* It's also true that you've already relinquished your "rights" as an American in exchange for "security." It's called the Patriot Act.... Yes.

This world wasn't made to stick around forever! Men have always loved darkness more than light! Things are already heating up to a fiery climax via this world's insoluble problems! Famine like in Venezuela & Africa, nuclear threats, disease, pollution, terror and over-population.

But! That's the *Good News here!* God has plans - for history is His Story! Never mind if you just bought a new house; or your son is graduating college, or have plans to be a missionary! No. Jesus is coming back on His timeclock & He tells you not to look back...for *anything!* Because your hope is in front of you, not behind. Two will be in a field, one will be taken.¹ The other will be on their knees, crying "It's Him!" But too late.

A couple of things about Noah's day we need to know. First, it was God Who gathered the animals two by two for the ark, not Noah.

More; *it was God Who shut the door of the ark!*² Why...?

Perhaps God didn't want Noah's final memory to be *friends he knew* begging for another chance! Maybe because God *has the final say!* I don't know! But, can you imagine the desperation?

Noah was entering into a Fresh Start-a New Beginning. Yet when that Door of the Ark slammed shut - no more 2nd chances for any outside! **There's another door soon to be shut.** A Door of Mercy.

The ten virgins in scripture all waited for the same Bridegroom.³ But clearly, 50% were denied access! They were unprepared. Not ready!

How many died in Noah's flood..? There's endless discussion - 2500 years had passed; families were larger then; health was better due to pure air & water so it would be safe to say **a lot!** But I'm just going to say, ALL. Except for Noah's family. **None** believed God's spokesman.

That's all I am too, Friends! So pay attention! Paul said he warned people daily. Why? *Hell is real...* but you **don't** have to go there! You can opt out today...!⁴

OWU College Pres. Everitt Piper says people today "are more interested in a conversation than in demonstrating purpose & principle. What we see today is a *shutting down of ideas.*"

A single idea has changed our world - cell phones, electricity, autos, computers... We forfeit greatness for baser elemental things! The U.S. is careening downward towards death - Wake up! Speak Out!

Fact: No one knows when the world will end. But I can tell you when **yours** will end! The day you die! You may think you can live without Christ...But you can't die without Him! **Live** for Him.

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"A coddled nation is a crippled nation."

OWU Pres. Everitt Piper

"Noah" is top boys' Name - 1st time ever

Jesus said,
I am the Door

John 10:1-2



The unfolding of your words **gives** light; it imparts understanding to the simple. (hope for me!) Ps. 119:130

Is darkness prevailing in by winning the minds of the world? Repentance means to **change the mind**? We ought to be **busier**...!

Speaking of the famous ten virgins in scripture, the operative concept in that picture is, **Light**.... There wasn't enough of it!

Was it that those who lacked didn't own it, or that they didn't customarily share it? Jesus said He was the light of the world. When He left, He told His disciples they were now that light. That would include us believers today.

Light has two attributes: It *attracts*. And it *exposes*.

Light illuminates where darkness has prevailed & brings Truth on the scene! Jesus told Paul, "I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from *darkness to light* & from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins & a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."⁵

From that passage, we see that Satan dwells in darkness empowering it everywhere. We can therefore blame evil on his deceitful workings. He is behind what we see in society because he hates mankind. Ever wonder why? We are His & made in the 'image & likeness' of God - the **real** Object of his hatred!

Believers are described in terms of light in this way: "But you are a chosen race...that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."⁶

In other words, **if** we have truly been delivered from darkness in the earth, we are grateful to God & want to tell others about that light! A grateful heart is indicative of a heart touched & changed... Not Pew-sitters! Are you grateful? Enough to share with others what's available?

It's not about what you don't have but what you **do**!

"The love of God is shed abroad *thru the* Holy Spirit He has given us."⁷ **Real** believers care about the people in their lives. Especially *neighbors*...!

Jesus says sharing the **Good News** will speed the end of time! "This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached to all nations, then the end shall come."⁸ Not *any* gospel, but THIS gospel of the Kingdom! Check Acts 1 and see what Jesus preached!... Not the Kingdom of Joel Osteen; not of Copeland, or your pastor!

It's light vs darkness Dear Friends! Don't be a mere pawn, oblivious to the warfare about you. You're designed to be a warrior... A soldier of light, holding back the darkness! Keep sin on a short tab. PRAY! Realize that your **Silence is Consent** to evil!

Forward Thinking - Ask Agatha



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Let your light so shine Before men that they will See your good works, and Glorify the Father in Heaven. 12 Generous people are rarely Mentally ill people. Karl Menninger

Dear Agatha: I am married with two toddlers under foot, and I work out of my home. My husband won't discuss this topic with me for he doesn't want to 'dwell on it.' I want to know how to deal with my fears for the future. I believe in God, go to church and all - but I'm preoccupied with worry about war and how to raise children in a world so filled with terror concerns. Both are girls. How can I trust God more? **Anna**

Dear Anna: Anna, it seems like everyone is living with one eye on the future today. I think it's especially difficult when you have little ones.

God doesn't want you to be bound up with fear & worry. More, these actually tie God's hands - they are the

antonym of faith! Psalm 72 tells us to teach our children to set their hope in God... but it's hard to do when we can't set our own!

"Without faith, it is impossible to please God, for all who would draw near to Him must believe He is, and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." "The fool says in his heart, there is no God."⁹ I know you're not a fool or you wouldn't have written, so you believe in God. But do you believe He rewards His people...?

So you may ask, how can I get faith? Faith comes from the Word of God...¹⁰ The more we renew our minds, the more we see God...¹¹

It's impossible to drive while looking in the rear view

mirror - without a wreck! We also can't look back to our experiential theology-that didn't work either. We've all asked in ignorance or with wrong motives & experienced unanswered prayers. Get a fresh start.⁹ God is bigger than your fears! Read Psalm 37 to start. Or Ps. 91 Pray them over your kids.

Life is short. The only thing that matters is if we and our loved ones know Jesus....then you'll be together for eternity! And whatever you think of God, eternity is too long to be *wrong*! Sort out and punt your doubts. Place your children into God's capable hands. He loves them more than you do, Anna...

Sometimes God puts a Goliath in your path so the David in you can rise

