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## In the kingdom of the blind.

**B**rethren, I do want to just reiterate (under divine instructions) that we as Christians need to be wide awake and watching in this hour. This is not something I would have written about today, but the Lord prodded me to say the things that needed to be said about them because to this day millions of Christians have literally 'blown off' the clear commands of Christ with regards to this commandment that is most important to those of us who are living in the very last hours of this age. There is an old saying that goes, 'in the kingdom of the blind, the one eyed man is king.'

Today, it is extremely important that we know what is happening in our world, particularly from a prophetic standpoint. Why? The return of Christ is our blessed hope. God spoke clearly and insistently that we are to be watching and ready for our Lords return. Yet as I speak to Christians, I just don't see any level of spiritual discernment in their lives or minds. Mind you there are always some exceptions and a few awake souls, but they are very much the exception. What does a blind Christian look like? Does he get into the kingdom? Does a Christian who is not watching for the signs of the times which were recorded by the holy prophets for our edification get in? Remember these men often were severely persecuted and even killed for their prophetic testimony. Look at what happened in the days of Christ. He testified of the martyrdom of Zechariah, the prophet who gave us the book of the very same name. He was not slaughtered by the Romans or the Syrians or a witches coven, but by the very people of God. It was for this reason that God was going to require the blood of his prophet at the hands of the Israelites.

*Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.*

*(Luk 11:49-51)*

Why was the Lord so angry? Because they rejected God and his prophets, killed them and did not recognize the time of their visitation nor the very messiah for whom they claimed to be awaiting. Here is the irony of the situation both then and now. People really do want to get away with 'murder'. They revile the God of all things when he brings justice to those who are murdered. What does this tell you about mankind? Men do not really want justice. What they want really is to get away with thier

sins and make others pay for theirs. Christ made it plain that the generation who saw his first coming of Christ was going to reap what Israel had sown. Sure enough Israel was scattered for nearly 2000 years, and suffered horribly in almost every nation where they went. Being persecuted, run out of their homes and nations and literally became a byword for a persecuted people.

*And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.  
(Deu 28:37)*

But from the times of Moses right up until the times of Christ, they were warned, warned again and even yet again. They did not and would not listen. Yet his is the pattern not just for the lost, but even those whom God has called to serve him. This is a very important admonition for all of us who now serve (or claim to serve) the Lord.

Listen dear readers, I do not want to add to God's commandments or make our walk with God to be some unpleasant experiences with a lot of fear mongering. But the simple fact is that when God gives us a commandment he fully expects and demands that we honor that commandment. Obedience is not optional. It is a clear requirement and evidence of our faith. Real faith honors (or does ones best to honor) the commandments that we are given. It is both a sign of respect and love that we do so (John 14:21). One of those commands is to watch (open your eyes and see the times unfold as God revealed) and there are some strong admonitions against not watching, like for example you don't get into the kingdom if you are not watching. Remember the parable of the 10 virgins. Five were wise and the other five were foolish. One group had the oil and the others did not. They all had lanterns, but only some of them had bothered to fill them up. The others for whatever reason (probably did not think it was 'important' enough) just never got around to it.

One thing I have noted as time has passed by and I have gotten older is that people do the things that are really important unto them. If it is important to them, they will make time for it. If it isn't they will find a way to make excuses and won't get around to it. I think (just my opinion) this is one of the reasons why so many Christians today are not filling up their lanterns with precious oil of scriptural knowledge as revealed by the Holy Spirit. What happens to these Christians? They become spiritually blind as lukewarmness becomes the watchword for their existence. This is a very serious spiritual condition which if left untreated leads to spiritual death (eternal separation from God).

*I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.  
(Rev 3:15-22)*

This is the problem with Christians today. They are lukewarm and cannot see. They are blind men and

are often being led by the devil into his morality, thinking processes and (lying) 'truths'. They are not discerning. They are not watching. They are not in touch with what is happening in our world with respect to God's holy word, given to us by men who were specifically charged and anointed to reveal those things God wanted revealed to his people. They are not in touch with what is happening to our brethren all over the world who are being violently and viciously persecuted for their faith in the Messiah. They are not in touch with how the rise in food prices is effecting the poor in in Africa and parts of Asia (and many Christians) nor are they aware of just where such things are prophesied in the Bible. Did not Christ warn us of a rise in diseases around the world preceding his return? Now we have all of these 'test tube' created viruses and 'petri dish' pestilences showing up all over (Bird flu, Swine flu), exceptionally strong earthquakes taking place. Yet for the modern American Christian, they are in touch with the latest bit of polling in our elections or who won last night's football game. But ask them about the Christians being bombed in Sudan and they are clueless. They know about when the NBA draft is and what time their favorite show comes on TV, but ask them about how many attacks there have been on Christians in Nigeria and you are more likely to get a blank stare rather than a coherent response.

These are all the signs of deception. Deception never comes in with a lot of bald faced lies thrown at people, it always comes in with a 'warm up' act. The most effective warm up act is not the overt lie but in careful distraction and diversion. If the evil one can get people distracted and diverted away from the important issues, he stands a much better chance at manipulating them on those issues because their attention (and hearts desire) has been successfully diverted away from areas that the devil would much rather a Christian not look. How do you get folks to not look at the thousands of Christians fleeing the violence in Syria? Simple; Monday Night Football. How do you get them to not see the frightening trends in everything from 'people control', a most serious economic crisis that is only being staved off mainstream because our government is printing up billions of dollars to keep our government functioning? Hot button political shows on Fox or NBC. Let me say this as well, Americans do not understand what grinding poverty is. Those who decry the 'welfare queen's in America should take a look and find out just [how many American Children are on food stamps](#).

Yet rather than consider these facts, many will decry programs that aid the poor because of a political (rather than spiritual) reflex. Certainly it would be nice if such programs are not necessary. But the simple fact is that they are necessary and especially so since the meltdown of 2008 where we have seen the number of such children receiving aid rise significantly. Couple that in with the rise in child and family homelessness. Why is it that it takes a Hollywood celebrity (Kirk Douglas) to really identify the problem and really aid these people to show some real love? Why is that in many Churches we hear the heartlessness that typifies the 'Gordon Gekko' mindset rather than that of Christ. Many just do not realize that our society is so controlled now that if you don't have decent credit or have had an arrest/conviction in your personal history or if a person doesn't look 'right', no one is going to hire them. Take an elderly minority man who may have come upon hard times and no one is going to hire that person. Yet time and time again we hear all kinds of excuses why our country should stop assisting those who are in need, and there are millions of Americans who are in real need.

Christians need to put their life in some real biblical perspective. How do you spend your money? Where does it go? What are your priorities with your spending. It is pleasure, a bigger house, a flashier car, new and expensive clothes? If so you need to step back and take stock. Why? Because for many who are reading this now, your lifestyle is going to change significantly and soon. If the Fed had not been stepping in to print up money by the billions, much of our government would have shut down, many of our large banks would be out of business (wrecking havoc with the nations ATM's and payment transfer systems). Listen, for millions of Americans (those out of work and those who are now working for significantly less money, the reality is that their lives have already changed and I hate to break it to them, but are slated to change again.... and not for the better.

I am not trying to frighten people, but to get them to start to think differently. To think less about getting more but rather, making sure they can serve God with their wealth and keep what they have. Ask someone who lost a home. Keeping what one has is a very important thing and the first step to doing that is to first be truly thankful for what one already has and to be content (this is key for Americans) with what they have. Being content does not mean climbing on the upwardly mobile escalator of life. If God promotes you, great. But until then. Do your best at *whatever* task God has you doing and be content. Really be content.

Now brethren I am going to let you on on something. I think a severe chastisement is on hand for America. I think that Judgment could just as easily fallen on America but God is merciful and will bring in Chastisement instead so that some will repent of their sins and get saved.

Be warned, this chastisement may be quite devastating to those who don't know God or walked away from him. I think it is really going to be a wake-up call. Just how this will transpire and when I do not know, but I think the time for delay is over. The Church needs to get its act together and really come to God, not our its terms, but on God's terms. We don't need to pray that God will heal our land when there is no repentance. We need to pray that God will bring repentance. I would say that the only way to get America to the altar of repentance is via to door of chastisement. What is the difference between Judgment and Chastisement? Judgment comes when God is finished with a person or nation. He says enough, 'I am tired of dealing with and looking at you'. It is final. Whereas Chastisement is very painful, but is designed to get us on the right path. There is hope in Chastisement. That is the key and that is where, in my estimation (after prayer and communion with the Lord) America is heading. I will not comment on what direction this will come from because I do not know. But if I had to guess, it will have a strong economic undertone to it. Why? Because that is where much of America head is at, money. How to get more of it, legally, morally or illegally and immorally.

I write these things to all so that we can always keep our minds more clearly focused on what is really important. It is not my intention to say that we should not watch sports, or TV. No my point is more fundamental. That we must never let these diversions get in the way of our walk with God nor our ability to discern the times. My biblical exhortation to all of you is to never ever let these distractions get in the way of your walk with God, know the times, keep watch and never let yourself go spiritually blind.

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