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Dear Friends.

In our *Jesus In Your Home* video series we concluded the last segment on **The Home** with a warning for those of you with a family. We want to repeat part of that for you to prayerfully consider:

Be Parents Who Understand The Times

In these 22 segments on God's perspective of your home, you've encountered a lot of foundational information for you and your family. We can't emphasize enough how important it is that you recognize the *particular times* in which you're raising your family.

Scripture informs us that certain men of Issachar's tribe "*understood the times and knew what Israel should do*" (1 Chronicles 12:32). You too need spiritual discernment because we're living in times in which people are being encouraged to give way to their sin nature. God's Word demonstrates that when a nation gets to such a state of darkness, He WILL take action.

We encourage you to read our Hebraic article/Prophetic Insights: *A Time for the Men of Issachar*, a free download at our website.

You need to be certain for yourself of the spiritual climate of this nation, and even more confident that God is about to act in accordance with His own holiness. It's rash for you to raise your family and be oblivious of the times in which you and they live.

**If you're a follower of Jesus,
your children and grandchildren
need to be prepared for *persecution*,
not worldly success and comfort.**

In the years prior to the outbreak of World War II, our Lord sent messengers throughout Europe to warn the Jewish people to make their way to Israel. Tragically, six million ignored God's messengers, and Jeremiah's prophecy was fulfilled:

'But now I will send for many fishermen,' declares the LORD, 'and they will catch them.

After that I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them down on every mountain and hill and from the crevices of the rocks' (Jeremiah 16:16).

The messengers God sent throughout the European continent were the fishermen. Later, the Nazis became the hunters.

Try to picture what many fathers must have felt like when their families were carted off to concentration camps. They realized too late that they should have heeded the warnings.

Men, *now is the time* for you to prepare your family. Several years ago, the Holy Spirit gave us this word:

“These restoration truths will not bear fruit until the ‘Dark Days of Chastisement’ come upon the United States...

The children of today will not become grandparents before I chastise the United States.

When a woman becomes President, it will be a sign that all this is about to happen...

When the chastisement is over, 50 million people will be dead....

At this time, continue to share the Hebraic foundations.”

NOW is the time you need to be preparing your children to face persecution for being a follower of Jesus. They need to have the *love of Jesus* in their hearts so that they can forgive. If not, their hearts WILL grow cold (Matthew 24:12).

While you still have time and opportunity, help them to not have resentment, bitterness, or even an ill feeling toward ANYONE. Remember, there's no one who HASN'T been made in God's image and for whom Jesus died.

Our Lord's command must be the character of their own heart:

“Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you” (Luke 6:28).

During the Dark Days of Chastisement, demonic forces will be turned loose in this nation. They'll use the people who are under their influence and control to attack and kill followers of Jesus.

Paul's admonition for times such as these will become critical for you and your children to live by:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:10-12).

That these times are coming is God's will, and people *will* do great evil to the followers of Jesus. But we can't hate or despise. Our only option is to love as Jesus Himself loves. You and your children need to develop this heart attitude NOW!

If you have any doubts about the times and what our holy God is about to do, ask Him for wisdom on this matter. His Word is true:

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him (James 1:5).

Please make sure you and your family are confident about the **Dark Days** that are coming. If you doubt or live in complacent denial, you won't be prepared.

This will be a time of *chastisement*, but it's not the end of the world. We mentioned this in previous correspondence but we'd to repeat what the Holy Spirit pointed out to us in a recent article about China.

The writer cited that this year was the 40th anniversary of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. We worked with international students while we were at the retreat center many years ago, and met a number of Chinese students who'd survived this painful and tumultuous ten-year period.

Countless millions were deported to labor camps in remote rural areas to face brutal cold and near-starvation conditions. Chinese Christians remember that all places of worship were seized for government use. Bibles were burned. In

many places even meeting together as two or three for quiet prayer could be life threatening.

As severe as it was for Chinese Christians at the time, many NOW see these events from a different perspective. They recognize how the Cultural Revolution completely dismantled institutional Christianity in their country.

This led to the quiet proliferation of house churches among people who were fully responsive to the Holy Spirit. And like the early followers of Jesus, they counted the worth of their lives only in terms of loving and serving our Lord and His purposes.

Out of these dark times the Chinese church has become, by many estimates, the largest Christian community in the world.

If you determine to prayerfully seek our Lord and prepare now for the Dark Days of Chastisement that are coming on this nation, these words will encourage you:

*You will **rebuild** the ancient ruins and will **raise up** the age-old foundations; you will be called **Repairer** of Broken Walls, **Restorer** of Streets with Dwellings (Isaiah 58:12).*

“If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land”

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

Decades ago the Moral Majority used this verse as the anthem for their movement. This call to repentance inspired many of us. Sadly, the organization's leaders got invited to the White House, and the movement was diverted to political issues. The spiritual summons to personal holiness mutated into an alloy of worldly finger-pointing.

Recently the once-leader of this movement, Jerry Falwell, used a media platform to insinuate that Hillary Clinton and Satan are the same. But keep this in mind: No matter how anyone feels about a particular individual, that person is made in God's image, and our Lord Jesus suffered and died for him or her.

ANY of us who would turn to the pattern of this world, including fighting spiritual matters in the political arena, rather than to our God and His Word should seriously weigh this reality: ***“For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie”*** (2 Thessalonians 2:11).

Increasingly since the Moral Majority era, Nicolaitan Christendom that shifts personal spiritual responsibility to professional religious leaders has focused more on political matters than on repentance and holiness. Those who have given in to this heresy are ***deluded!***

The military weaponry of this nation won't save us. The enemies of the U.S. aren't those who are branded “Terrorists” or “Islamic Fundamentalists” or even “Illegal Aliens.” The real enemy is our own sin nature and our personal as well as national toleration of sin!

If you study history, you'll discover that only deceitful people with hidden agendas brand others with derogatory labels. They ***dehumanize*** individuals who are made in God's image, creating a

“we—they” atmosphere so that lying rulers can control the populace.

- Christians of the early centuries were branded “infidels” because they didn’t believe in the gods of Rome.
- Much of European Christendom as well as the Nazis branded the Jews “Christ-killers”.
- Many within Nicolaitan Christendom brand each other “liberal” or “conservative”. (Wouldn’t it be far better if we were branded “followers of Jesus” by the *world*, and respond to the worldly with His love?)
- The government of this nation brands as “illegal aliens” those who do the jobs no citizen will do, but does nothing to help these needy men and women work “legally” or live according to a standard each of us would want to live.

What does a *fear-controlled* nation do? It puts up a wall, as has Israel and now the U.S. Remember what happened to the Berlin Wall?

If this truly were a nation **under God**, then He would fulfill His promise: “*When a man’s ways [or a nation’s] are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies live at peace with him*” (Proverbs 16:7). As we see from Israel’s past (and perhaps current Israel), because of their adulterous disobedience to God, He raises up enemies to discipline His people for their unrighteousness.

The “Babylonians, Moabites, and Ammonites” of the Older Testament are still being used by God against Israel today, wherever the descendants of Ishmael and Lot have settled. God is using the enemies of Israel to compel the Jewish people to repent and turn to Him rather than rely on their weapons and their wall for protection.

We who follow Jesus in the United States need to learn from Israel’s mistakes. They are *not* a God-fearing nation. Abortion and secularism are as rampant in that nation as in ours. Relatively few would even consider themselves “religious” in that land.

Have you considered that since they’ve relied so strongly on their military prowess (and American funding), modern Israelis in effect have declared they *have no need for God*? He’s raised up enemies to *drive them back to Him*! We in the U.S. need to learn this lesson ourselves.

The Great Depression of the last century wasn’t the only economic downturn this nation has faced in its history. Depressions prior to the one of the 1930’s ended when the President of this country called on the nation to **fast** and **repent**.

But to our detriment, the Great Depression ended instead by inaugurating “The New Deal”. One particular aspect of this worldly approach to relief was Social Security. Today, one generation robs succeeding generations by burdening them with debt. Many within current older generations have more dependent trust in government checks than they do in God.

The United States was once a lender nation, but now we borrow. Our wars, our debt, our fear are all signs of national unrighteousness. Look at all the wars and conflicts the generations since the Great Depression have been involved with. AND, we’ve won none of them since World War II!

The harassment of this nation by enemies that God has been raising up against us has only increased. Fear and hardened hearts are becoming the hallmarks of a fear-based, self-preservation-

alist society. Don't let this be so for you!
You can't follow Jesus and live in fear!

Remember this important warning
for us who live in and for Jesus:

*There is **no fear in love**. But **perfect love drives out fear**, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love (1 John 4:18).*

You need to realize that this nation has departed from its original republic form. It's now a self-interest popularity contest called a **democracy**, and definitely not a God-dependent **Theocracy**. We are *not* "one nation under God". Those are mere words, no more meaningful than bumper stickers that demand, "God Bless America".

Do you see how low a form of earthly government a democracy is? For a time, it gives freedom for people to pursue their sin nature, to their ultimate destruction. A democracy doesn't make a nation great. It is symptomatic of prior generations that grew increasingly slack in correcting and training their children in the way of the Lord.

Now sin abounds. And, because of the stubbornness of heart of so many, "sin" isn't even recognized as such. Don't be one of the deluded!

Live with a "**Theocracy of Heart**". Let God rule you through His Spirit within you. As we've written in Lifebyte 33, **Do You See What God Sees?**, your Spirit-to-spirit connection makes all the difference in how you choose to live.

The demonic spirit of deceit controls the capitol of this nation. Nothing will change until this nation is brought to its knees. Only when this country is humbled on its knees will God intervene!

We who follow Jesus must lead the way in humility now. **Be repentant... be on your knees each day.**

Please use our video series, **Jesus In Your Home**, to train your family. Use our series, **Discussing How To Restore the Early Church**, to get yourself ready for the Dark Days of Chastisement. Both series are a free download at our website.

If you have any doubts that dark days are coming and that NOW is the time for you to prepare your family to trust our Lord Jesus when persecution comes, ask our Father to affirm this for you. Then respond with all diligence.

We'd like to close with an excerpt from a devotional, *God At Eventide*, edited by A. J. Russell. The speaker in this paragraph is our Lord Jesus:

There is never a time when a man cannot turn repentant to Me and, craving My pardon, receive it. But there is a time when I cease to be persistent in urging My follower to an action.

The human ear can hear a sound so often until it ceases to convey a meaning, to be heard with awareness.

So with the spirit-ear, unless the whole desire and effort is to carry out My plan. My servant may cease to hear, cease to be aware of My wish.

This is a grave spiritual danger, and I say unto you, watch and guard against it.

May our Father have mercy on all who follow His Son, Jesus, and walk in obedient trust through His Spirit.