This Is Our Time



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Sometimes I think, I wish I'd been born in a different time, so I wouldn't have to face all the twisted perversion and lies that make up the world we all live in today. Sometimes I think it would be so much nicer to have lived and died before the time of sodomite "pride," before sodomite so-called "marriage," before the purposeful indoctrination and grooming of young children into "transgenderism" — and pedophilia was "normalized." Before New World Order Globalist rulers had brainwashed so many of our population with lies about climate change, before the killing of innocent babies was seen as a perfectly acceptable method of "birth control," and a solution to "inconvenience." Before the United States had opened the flood gates at our southern border and invited hordes of noncitizens to feast on the fruits of our labor, before our country lost its patriotic identity and fully embraced Communism.

I understand that all generations, as they get older, look back on the past and long for the "good old days." Even though they probably weren't all that great. If you look at the big picture, every generation has had it's challenges to confront and overcome. Some fared better than others. My concern is that I don't think Americans today are up to the task at hand. I think most have become so accustomed to luxury and ease, they're now ready to just go along with whatever is thrust upon them — even abject slavery to the Almighty State.

The devil's team has been very successful with every single point of their agenda, while Christians — with the exception of a small remnant of "radicals," — have completely disengaged from the culture. So much so that we've literally handed the devil the keys to every institution in our country — including our churches, most of which have become good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled under the feet of men. Christians also handed the devil the ownership of our schools, colleges and universities, our government — local, state and federal — our news media, our entertainment media, our healthcare system, our economic system and everything else.

I'm frequently taken to task by well-meaning Christians who tell me I shouldn't be speaking about "political" things. "Just preach the Gospel," they tell me. "Stay out of politics," they tell me. But shouldn't Christians — of all people — be most educated on all the lies the enemy is perpetrating on the world today? Shouldn't Christians know the TRUTH about all these matters, being watchmen on the walls, warning others of the devil's schemes, lest they become prey to demonic forces they don't even acknowledge exist?

You know, "we wrestle NOT against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." I'm sure you've all heard that warning from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. But how many pastors today explain that to their people? How many pastors equip their people to wrestle? On the contrary, most pastors tell you NOT to engage in spiritual battle — and they shun, mock and ridicule those that do. Never before in history has that Scripture been so relevant as it is today. We absolutely ARE in a spiritual battle. We're up against unholy powers, rulers of darkness in this world, we're in a war against spiritual wickedness in high places — and those who claim to follow Christ remain oblivious to all this!

Sadly, the knowledge and understanding of most church-goers

today is no deeper than "Jesus loves me, this I know." And I'm told to "shut up" about the news and current world events, even as I shout from the top of the wall, warning of God's judgment on a nation of hypocrites. "Just preach the Gospel," I'm told. First of all, the "Gospel" that is being preached in the majority of churches in America today is an incomplete Gospel at best, and a false Gospel, most likely. This results in false converts who were never "saved" in the first place, or "carnal Christians" who continue to live as they please. No heart transformation, no repentance, no renewing of their minds.

Jesus dealt with the same situation when He walked the earth. The "church" leaders of His day were simply following the rules handed down by the "pastors" of His day and He was not pleased. In Mark 7, He said, "Well did Isaiah prophecy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'this people honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. In vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'" Jesus went on to talk about how these leaders were "making the Word of God of none effect through your tradition."

In other words, the churches of Jesus' day just kept on piously ignoring the weightier matters of the law, even as they rejected and chastised the Son of God standing right in front of them. Was Jesus just preaching the Gospel? Actually, He repeatedly warned the people that they were blind to the fact that they were living carnal lives and were defiled. He warned them of the "pastors" of His day, stating that they were "of their father, the devil." He warned them of "evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride and foolishness," just in this one chapter alone.

Jesus engaged the culture. He took it on, head on and He didn't mince words. If He were walking the earth today, do you think He'd just "shut up" about sodomy, "transgenderism,"

the sexual grooming and sexual abuse of our children, drug abuse, the weaponization of the government against the people, the "cotton candy," "feel good" churches, the cowardly pastors, the lies and brainwashing in our schools and colleges, the sorcery of the pharmakea of the jab, the rebuilding of Babylon through the New World Order? Do you think He would just preach "soft" things? Or do you think He just might have an opinion on every one of these matters, and speak about them boldly?

I guess there's really nothing new under the sun. Today's churches have become just as vain as the religious leaders Jesus confronted in His day. We're still in the midst of a spiritual battle against principalities and powers, rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places. I guess I'm just asking that you folks read your Bibles — and be DOERS of the Word and not hearers only.

Where is our faith in God today? How small is the remnant of the faithful followers of Christ? Read the 11th chapter of Hebrews, where the writer offers just a small sampling of what it takes to do spiritual battle in this wicked world. There you'll read about Abel, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and others. Which of those men of old would you trade places with if you could? All were challenged and tested in their faith. All were despised by worldly men. Yet they held onto their faith, even through trials of cruel mockings and scourgings, bonds and imprisonment, they were stoned, sawn asunder, slain with the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented.

Does that sound like the "good old days" to you? This is the legacy of our forefathers of the faith we claim to hold dear. Not to mention, our Savior Himself, suffering and dying a cruel death on a Roman cross. There are plenty of other Christian soldiers I could mention. <u>Foxes' Book of Martyrs</u> has an extensive list. These faithful men and women of God gave their all for the Kingdom of Christ. What are we willing

to give for the faith we claim to have today? Christian "service" has become little more than babysitting the kids in "childrens' church" or handing out bulletins, or passing the collection plate on Sunday. Few dare to speak the truth or confront the wicked culture for fear of being viewed as a "fanatic," gaining a reputation as a trouble-maker or a "Jesus freak." How DARE we call ourselves "Christians" if we're not willing to sacrifice the tiniest of things for the sake of the truth in these dark days of deception? Know this: God doesn't want anything from you that doesn't cost you SOMETHING.

Getting back to my original thought in this message... when would I rather have lived than today? In Noah's day? Scripture tells me the world is very much the same right now as it was then. Would I have wanted to be Abraham? What would I have done if challenged by God to sacrifice my beloved son? Would I have passed that test? I'm sure I would have been in deep despair if I had lived the life of Joseph in Egypt. What about Moses? A "meek" man, yet he got involved in "politics," believe it or not — even courageous enough to challenge Pharaoh head on — because God told him to.

Would I have wanted to be one of the pilgrims who left their homeland and everything they ever knew or had behind, to sail to the New World and build a new, free nation — Under God? Would it have been better for me to be a pioneer in that New World, with not a single modern convenience to rely on? What about the start of the 20th Century and the first world war? Or the "roaring '20s," full of prosperity and luxury — until the "crash" of 1929? The 1940s and World War 2. The 1950s and the Korean War. The 1960s when we tossed God and His Word out of our public schools, and entered the Vietnam war. The 1970s when we legalized the murder of preborn children.

The thing is, there's never been a time in history that mankind has not been challenged by God to do exploits for the Kingdom — to obey His commands and to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit — to be the salt and light. We've always been

called into this spiritual battle against principalities and powers and against rulers of the darkness of this world. God created the world and everything in it in six days and called it "good." But ever since Adam and Eve sinned, we've been in a downward spiral. Are we circling the bottom of the drain in these dark days? Only God knows how long His patience with us will last.

No one knows the day or the hour of our Lord's return, but when He returns, He's coming as a Judge — an ANGRY Judge — and He will bring justice, along with eternal rewards for those who have stood strong, for those who have engaged in battle with the enemy, rather than running and hiding from it, for those who have been faithful to speak the truth, even if it made their face turn red with embarrassment and their voice tremble. I understand, even THOSE things are a lot to ask most professing Christians to do these days, as the Great Falling Away is well under way.

But you see, friends, you and I could have been born at *any* time in history. But God chose THIS particular time in history for *us*. This is OUR time. The faithful saints that went before us did their job well and served their King well in their time. Now is OUR time. How will we do with the challenges God has set before us? Will we be faithful? Will we be bold and strong and truthful? Or will we fail these tests and fiery trials because of cowardice? You should know that the cowardly and unbelieving are the first ones mentioned in Revelation 21:8 of all those who are consigned to the lake of fire.

Of course it's not easy and it's not going to be easy. It has never been easy following Almighty God or Jesus Christ, His Son, our Savior. It's a challenge. It's a test of our souls. It may well require us to forfeit everything for our Heavenly Father, including our very lives. There are many who TALK "big" — "Just wait til they come to my door," they say, "I'll be ready for 'em," they say. Or, "I'll never take that

digital currency shot. They can kill me if they want to, but I'm not taking the Mark of the Beast." Oh, really? Let me ask you this: did you wear a mask a couple years ago so you could go to Walmart? Did you pass that "test" or did you fail? Because things are about to get a lot more intense. I hope you're spiritually prepared. And by the way, don't rely on any pastor or preacher to get you through this. The coming trials and tests will be upon each and every one of us, individually.

And it's not a question of "if" these trials will come. a matter of when. We can observe the seasons and see that the harvest time is drawing near. The Bible doesn't say we will escape these trials and it doesn't say they'll be pleasant. In fact, they'll be horrible, I'm just warning you. us also remember, as true Christ-followers, we should consider it an honor and a blessing to serve our Savior in these ways. "Count it all joy," James 1 says, "...when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." We WILL be tested and tried. It WILL NOT be joyful. But as God's people, we can COUNT it all joy. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is our time and we've been placed here to do His will, in such a time as this.

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