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A WATCHMAN WARNING!

TIME FOR YOU TO ACT!

No fear – God does not give us a spirit of fear. The Lord will never lose sincere believers in him. Remember that. Never.

Our *Sign of the Times* email a few days ago reported on amazing things that happened last week. Let's recap: A pope resigned! Shortly thereafter lighting hit the top of Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican twice! And then another sign from Heaven - a meteor flashed across Russia with the power of 20 atomic bombs, so the report says, injuring over a thousand, destroying windows and taking a roof off a building just by the power of its sound wave. That happened just shortly before an extraordinarily close passage of an asteroid by earth. And all the while we were witnessing a huge ocean liner with three and a half thousand people drifting out of control in the ocean, the people isolated and without any means to save themselves. Sounds pretty symbolic don't you think - the ship being turned and pushed whatever way the water and the wind chose. Reminds us all of how lost we are without God.

We certainly have long ago entered the birth pains Jesus talked about when describing the last of the last days. We are there, and the pace is picking up. I wondered a few weeks ago what would be the next big sign. We got that and then some last week.

Now here is the point: It is time for all people to focus on who Jesus is and all he did, who they are in him, their relationship with him, and the fact that he is coming back very soon. It would be wise to study the details of that as well. One book has all that – the Bible.

And all of you who go to a church building on Sunday and hear endless sermons about love and how to live more productive lives need to find somewhere else to go or just spend your time more wisely studying the Bible, praying, and maybe meeting with other serious Christians. Yes, God is love. Of course he is. I hope you know that by now. He is also truth. And justice. And judgment. Remember, vengeance is his. He is also a jealous God. He doesn't appreciate anything you put higher in your priorities than him, such as sports, or a car, or a home or boat or job, or even a spouse or child. You see, God is God, not someone to be taken lightly. Speaking of fear, now he really is someone to be feared, referring here to properly respecting who he is and his power and might. He is someone who determines your eternal future. No one has more power or authority. Why do so many speak so flippantly of God? Why so many disrespectful jokes and skits on television and elsewhere, about a God who created everything and could in an instant remove anyone from life and change the environment as He wishes. Why? Because they of course don't know God at all. They are lost. Most people evidently are lost.

What are you doing with your life anyway? Anything of any significance? For many I know the real answer. No. Nothing. Or maybe little.

Because of Jesus Christ we have the opportunity for life eternal with him and his father. We can be forgiven. We can be one with him. But we do have to know who he is. We need to change our past ways if we have not – to repent in other words – and to ask him to be Lord of our lives. That means you obey what he says. In the Bible he says he will love you if you obey his commands. He also says you are his friend if you obey his commands. What are they? How about all he said. Read the red words if you have a red letter Bible.

Yes, this past week was one eventful week. If you cannot see that, it is time to get by yourself and devote serious time to praying, to getting in touch with God. I suggest sitting quietly and reading and studying scripture. Isaiah is good. Also the books and chapters of the New Testament that pertain to the Lord's return – Luke 21, Mark 13, Matthew 24, and Luke 17:26-37; 1 Thessalonians 4 and 2 Thessalonians 2, Revelation, and more.

If you don't really know the depths of who Jesus is and all he did for us, then read all the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) over and over, again and again. Read them on your knees, asking God to show you great and hidden things you do not know about whatever perplexes you. If you have not received the power of the Holy Spirit, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, ask God for that; ask some spirit-filled believer to pray for you to receive as Peter and Paul did for others in Acts. Seek the gifts of the Spirit in fullness and strength, especially the gift of discernment which is especially valuable today. The Holy Spirit will show you the way to go. He will remind you of all truth and all that Jesus has said to you. He will even tell you of what is yet to come.

Yes, we are living in that time. Lots going on, isn't there. So many just don't know. But you do. You have been warned. You can never tell God you didn't read this.

May you and all reading this indeed live in the blessings of God and be prepared for all that is to come.

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

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