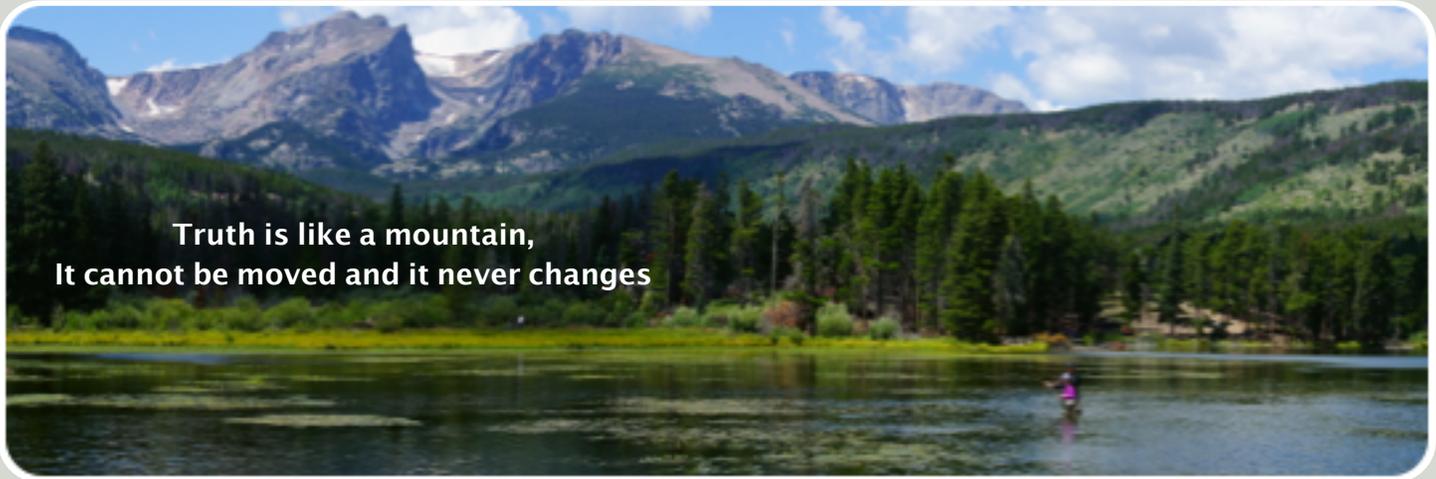


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



**Truth is like a mountain,
It cannot be moved and it never changes**

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UPDATE

COMING IN NOVEMBER

From time to time there are certain events which show us just how much hatred our world has for the knowledge of God. Just such an event happened back in the beginning of September when Hurricane Dorian nearly destroyed the islands of The Bahamas.

In our November issue of "TRUTH," we will share with you an amazing miracle that the whole world witnessed and yet no one was willing to make even one mention of it in the news. This is not because they didn't know about it. They did. But they refused to give God the glory for obviously answering the prayer of a godly man.

This will strengthen your faith and help you to be reminded that God is still in control. Even the winds must obey Him! Why don't you share our Truth newsletter with your friends and encourage them to subscribe so they don't miss the November issue.

FEATURE ARTICLE: "As It Was!"

WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not my goal. My goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness.

You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!

When we were still taking groups to Israel, we had a guide who became very dear to our hearts. He had a tremendous knowledge of both the Bible and the land of Israel, and when we were with him, I always felt like I was in the presence of greatness. We continued to use him until he fell ill with lung cancer about two years before his death. He meant so much to Miss Linda and I that just before his death, the two of us flew to Israel so we could spend a few precious hours with him. We loved him like a father.

Because we live in such a messed-up world, there were times when really bad things would happen while we were visiting in Israel. Usually the next day we would discuss these global events with our beloved guide, who had a response we learned to expect. With sadness he would say, **"It must be one day before the flood."** Where did our Jewish guide get this statement? Believe it or not, he got it from the teachings of Jesus in the book of Luke.

Luke 17:26-30 New International Version (NIV)

"Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

27 People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building.

29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

30 It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed."

In this passage Jesus refers to two of the greatest outpourings of God's judgments in the entire history of mankind. Why did our guide apply these words of Jesus to our modern world and were his observations right? To answer that question, I want to take you back to what the Bible says about why God poured His judgment out. We will start by looking at how things were in Noah's time.

Genesis 6:5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

"The Lord saw that the wickedness (depravity) of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination or intent of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually."

If you try to tell me that this verse does not also describe our world today, I will tell you that you and I must not be living on the same planet. The depth of wickedness and depravity that I see every day absolutely stuns me. Parents murder their own children and children their parents. We slaughter the unborn and at the same time commit ourselves to saving the life of an animal. Children are sold into the sex trade. High-ranking politicians cavort with those who recruit young girls to perform sex acts, and all this goes unpunished. This type of thing cannot be justified no matter what your political affiliation might be. I have observed that wild animals have more of a sense of what is right than do some humans.

I cannot totally expose the depravity of mankind in a single paragraph but I shouldn't need to. You and I both know how ugly our world has become. You can stick your head in the sand and refuse to acknowledge it, but you do so at your own risk.

Today it is as it was in the days of Noah!

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Now I want to look at what was happening in Sodom that caused God to destroy it. Although there are some who will try to convince us that homosexuality was not the issue, anyone seeking truth can read the Bible and easily see that it was.

Jude 1:7 New Century Version (NCV)

"Also remember the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the other towns around them. In the same way they were full of sexual sin and people who desired sexual relations that God does not allow. They suffer the punishment of eternal fire, as an example for all to see."

If we go to 2 Peter, we can observe something else that was happening that is terrifyingly similar to what we see today.

2 Peter 2:7-8 New Living Translation (NLT)

"But God also rescued Lot out of Sodom because he was a righteous man who was sick of the shameful immorality of the wicked people around him.

8 Yes, Lot was a righteous man who was tormented in his soul by the wickedness he saw and heard day after day."

The people of Sodom made no attempt to hide their perversion. They had no shame. This is why Lot was able to observe it every day. **This is the exact situation we have today, but today it is called Gay Pride.** If you go back to Genesis 18-19, you will find that this open immorality became a fowl stench in the nostrils of God that He could not and would not tolerate.

I fully realize that some will be offended by this kind of in-your-face approach and will counter by saying that God loves all sinners and that includes homosexuals. They will "lovingly" remind me that Jesus died for homosexuals. (You will get no argument from me.) But then they will continue by trying to convince me that the real problem today is the church's unwillingness to show homosexuals God's love and acceptance. Now they have

crossed a line that obviously needs to be re-established.

Let me explain something, cupcake. Every person who comes to Christ must come by confessing their sin and asking God to forgive them and cleanse them from their sin. This is how I came, and if you are a true born-again believer, this is how you came. There are no exceptions! So, the real issue is whether or not sinners (**homosexual or straight**) will acknowledge their sin, repent of it, and ask for God's forgiveness. Why do some have such a hard time understanding this? Why is it that this basic foundational truth of Christianity and sound biblical doctrine is being ignored today? Sinners need to acknowledge their sin and repent!

Unfortunately, this is not something the gay community is willing to do. They want to march in their gay pride parades and openly display their perversion in a desperate effort to convince themselves (and us) that their gay lifestyle is actually OK. **They may convince some, but they will never convince a holy God!**

If you doubt what I have said, I issue you a simple challenge. The next time you engage a homosexual in conversation, ask them one simple question, "Do you believe that homosexuality is an ugly, horrible sin, and that all homosexuals need to repent of it?" I assure you; my point will be proven.

Homosexuality is the sin that caused a loving God to completely destroy the city of Sodom. Sin is sin and God calls sinners to repent. **I repeat, the issue is not about whether God loves homosexuals; it is about whether homosexuals are willing to acknowledge that homosexuality is a vile, detestable, perverse sin, and then repent.**

Jesus warned us of coming judgments. He told us that the next time God's judgment falls, it will be **"as it was"** when His judgment fell in the past. Today, in spite of the fact that we see the same things Noah and Lot saw, many still refuse to believe that the day of judgment is near. Trust me, they are making a serious mistake. As my Jewish guide said,

"It must be one day before the flood."

AND THAT MY FRIENDS
IS THE TRUTH!



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“IT’S TIME TO WAKE UP!”

When we were first married, we lived in a mobile home. Winters in Minnesota were very cold and we depended on a coal/oil furnace for our heat. We were young and

did not realize that this type of furnace was prone to soot buildup. One night my husband suddenly woke to find our bedroom filled with smoke and carbon monoxide. He woke me and we quickly got outside to safety. Our furnace exhaust had become plugged with soot and had backed up. To this day we believe it was God who woke my husband and saved our lives.

What caused me to remember this dramatic night? It just seems to me there are a lot of Christians today who have fallen asleep, have become complacent, and are ignoring the times we are living in and the spiritual condition of our world. In fact, some refuse to acknowledge that the world we live in today is exactly as the Bible says it will be before the return of our Lord.

I have even heard people say, **“Oh, things have always been like they are today.”** They may not know it, but when they say this, they are fulfilling scripture.

2 Peter 3:3-4 KJV

“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
4 And saying, ‘Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.’”

Many times, I find myself wanting to scream, **“You need to wake up!”** What will it take for God’s people to wake up and realize that these are epic times and that our world is about to be plunged into chaos and darkness greater than has ever been experienced by mankind? There is something Paul wrote that has become more relevant than ever before.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (KJV)

“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.”

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"It's Time To Wake Up!"

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When we were pastors, we always felt a great need to try and keep our congregation from falling asleep spiritually. We applied to our lives and ministry what God said to Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 3:17 (NIV)

17 "...I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me."

For a soldier to fall asleep in the midst of battle is bad enough, but for the sentinel charged with the safety of the army to fall asleep is criminal. I fear this is an area where many pastors are falling short today. Pastors are to be watchmen, placed by the Lord on the walls to give the people warning. For them to sleep is treason.

Here is a quote from Dr. John E. Johnson, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Leadership at Western Seminary: "I wish I had shared some of these same warnings in my days as a campus director (as well as when I was a lead pastor!), but I am afraid I was too naive. I failed too often to warn that a passion for Jesus can be lost. You can't have it both ways. You can't coast!"

Is it possible for those in spiritual leadership to fall asleep? Life has taught me it is. There were times when I had to examine myself because I felt I was becoming too nonchalant, unconcerned, indifferent, and apathetic. What caused this did not matter; the only thing that mattered was what I was going to do about it. If I was going to lead the women of Rez.Church, it demanded that I guard my own spiritual life and constantly allow the Holy Spirit to give me some spiritual wake-up calls.

Just because we were pastors did not mean we didn't need a periodic wake-up call. To the contrary, during the 50 years we were in ministry, we always asked God to search our hearts and show us if we needed to make changes. If we were going to watch over the flock God had entrusted to us, we needed

to be awake ourselves. We needed to be aware of our own spiritual condition and make sure we were awake and watchful. Since retiring nothing has changed.

I will be the first to admit that I do not like to wake up to an alarm clock loudly jarring me out of a sound sleep. But I also know that when we are planning to catch an early morning flight, we will often set not just one, but two alarms, just to be sure we don't miss our flight. Our wake-up call may not be pleasant, but it is very important. **I ask you, what can be more important than getting a wake-up call from heaven so we don't miss the most important flight we will ever take?**

We must never forget, there is coming a day when a trumpet is going to sound and those who are ready and watching will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. How close are we to that wonderful day? I don't know, but I do know that many of the things the Bible says about that time period are happening today. I also know that many are asleep spiritually and I find this very troubling considering the words of Jesus.

Matthew 25:1; 5-6; 10 (TPT)

"At the time my coming draws near, heaven's kingdom realm can be compared to ten maidens who took their oil lamps and went outside to meet the bridegroom and his bride. 5When the bridegroom didn't come when they expected, they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. 6Then suddenly, in the middle of the night, they were awakened by the shout 'Get up! The bridegroom is here! Come out and have an encounter with him!'

10...Those who were ready and waiting were escorted inside with him and the wedding party to enjoy the feast. And then the door was locked."

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH

PROPHECY UPDATE

“HOW LONG O LORD?”

The first century of church history was defined by intense persecution and martyrdom. It started in Acts with the stoning of Stephen. However, the history of Christian martyrdom did not end with Stephen's death. During the first century, after Jesus' death, nearly all of his disciples suffered martyrdom for His sake. James, the son of Zebedee, was beheaded in approximately 44 A.D. Philip was crucified in 54 A.D. Matthew was killed with a halberd, an ax-like weapon, in 60 A.D. James, the brother of Jesus, was beaten to death, Matthias was beheaded, Andrew was crucified, Mark was torn to pieces, and Peter was crucified upside down. Jude, Bartholomew, and Thomas were also martyred. Paul suffered martyrdom in Rome where he was beheaded.

However, this was only the beginning. Many thousands more willingly gave their lives under Roman persecution. With this backdrop of history, and what we see happening in our world today, Revelation 6 becomes very relevant.

Revelation 6:10-11 (MOUNCE)

“And they cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, before you bring judgement and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’

11 Then a white robe was given to each of them and they were told to rest a little while until the number was reached of their fellow servants and their brothers who were to be killed just as they had been.”

I fear many believers have no idea how great the persecution of our brothers and sisters has become today. There is considerable debate as to how high the number of those giving their life for their faith might be, but most studies place that number between 7,000 and 90,000 per year. The reason there is such a huge difference in these numbers is because some studies refuse to include those who have died at the hands of fellow Christians. Yes,

there are some who claim to be Christians and think nothing of killing other Christians in the name of Christ. **Pardon my frankness, but in my world, they are not true Christians!**

We can argue about this issue, but the bottom line is close to 90,000 people gave their lives for their faith in the last year. That amounts to nearly 250 every day or 10 every hour. In the time it takes you to read this article, at least three people will die because they refuse to renounce their faith. Even if some insist that those being killed by so-called Christians should not be counted, still every day 20 people die for their faith.

Because we are living in the days when the prophecy of Revelation 6 is being fulfilled at a pace never seen before, we would be well-advised to consider that the rest of Revelation 6 will also soon come to pass.

Revelation 6:12-17 (CJB)

“Then I watched as he broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake, the sun turned black as sackcloth worn in mourning, and the full moon became blood-red. 13 The stars fell from heaven to earth just as a fig tree drops its figs when shaken by a strong wind. 14 The sky receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from its place. 15 Then the earth's kings, the rulers, the generals, the rich and the mighty — indeed, everyone, slave and free — hid himself in caves and among the rocks in the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us, and hide us from the face of the One sitting on the throne and from the fury of the Lamb! 17 For the Great Day of their fury has come, and who can stand?’”

Each day we get closer to the day when the number God has predetermined will be reached and the sixth seal will then be opened. So many signs point to the soon return of our Lord.

Live ready!