

**TELECAST SERMON FOR  
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"STEPS LEADING TO THE TRIBULATION"  
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Thank you, Melvin!

The greatest teacher I know is the Lord. Through the Holy Spirit we learn and accept His teachings without exceptions. Do you recall the simple fishermen, whom He pressed into His service?

They heard the Gospel, believed without reservations, repented of their sins, and were baptized in the name of Jesus. Then along with the Lord, they became fishers of men, whose primary goal was to bring souls to Jesus.

Thus, viewers, the main purpose of my TV sermon, **"STEPS LEADING TO THE TRIBULATION,"** is to bring Jesus to you and cause you to realize how serious and necessary His salvation is for every participant out there in our viewing audience.

The obvious message of the times is that Jesus is coming soon. Two events of global magnitude lie ahead for the Body of Christ and the world. The first event is the return of Jesus in clouds of glory to catch up the Bride of Christ.

The second event is the Tribulation Period, wherein those, who were not raptured and remained upon the earth, will suffer the wrath of God because of their unbelief.

The next anticipated event for the Body of Christ is the glorious meeting in the air, when Jesus returns to retrieve His Bride from the earth.

The Bride of Christ will number one hundred forty-four thousand, and it is very important that every member of the Body of Christ strive faithfully for the calling.

The Bride of Christ will have been identified with His name Jesus. They will be found pure and chaste, because they will never have left their first love, who is Jesus.

They will most certainly be worthy of eternal life because they will not have denied His name, even though they had been exposed to the severest of persecutions in the days leading up to the Rapture and the Tribulation Period.

On the other hand, those, who will not have been called up, will be subjected to the pain and suffering of the Tribulation Period. What is in store for those who will be left behind is briefly described as "unexampled trouble, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor shall ever be."

In other words, the sore displeasure of the Lord will be poured out upon the face of the earth and all that live upon it. The extent of the Tribulation Period will be of a global magnitude.

It will be similar to that of the days of Noah, when the entire earth was consumed in water, and all that had the breath of life was destroyed. During the Tribulation Period everything that has the breath of life will be affected.

Some continue to discount the severity of the Tribulation Period and the fact that Jesus is coming again.

They have consoled themselves with the accomplishments of the past. They cite how the world has recovered from two World Wars, and the lessons learned are being applied today in an effort to prevent future wars.

They boast of how the economy has recovered. For them, it is just another cycle, and though the great Depression of the 1900's did leave its mark on society, it too was overcome.

The great floods of the Midwest of the 1990's, hurricanes, tornadoes, and famines, and earthquakes have periodically occurred with catastrophic effects, but they remain confident because mankind recovered from that, as well.

Such unbelief, self-confidence, and self-reliance are signs that lead to the Tribulation Period. Yes, it is remarkable how the world has recovered, but God is to be praised and not man.

Because the events of the Tribulation Period are described as being "unexampled," the world should use the past events as a tool, to measure the magnitude of the catastrophes yet to come.

Let us read in Ephesians 5: 15-17, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

It is very obvious that many have expressed a deep concern for the future. A sign was posted on the news channel, "A new-year with no fear!" There are so many uncertainties that have caused many to be in confusion and derision.

People are living in fear for their lives, and secondly, their financial stability is of their next greatest concern. In their eyes the future is bleak, and does not offer the security it once did in the past.

God has purposed that the global landscape be changed, indicating that God is in control. The most recent events have caused people to think differently.

A complacent attitude is a thing of the past, and people now live cautiously and with alertness. People have become more aware about their surroundings.

They have become more vigilant and protective of their well-being. Families and loved ones have become a greater priority than they did previously. Many show a sense of insecurity that one's life can abruptly end, and not have any control over it.

In government laws have changed to combat situations that were once considered an improbability. Are these signs of His coming? They certainly are!

Paul instructed the congregation at Ephesus to be alert to the times that were at hand. Deceivers, false Messiahs and prophets, false doctrines, and gainsayers are credible indicators that the antichrist did exist.

Jesus spoke similarly to motivate the Apostles prior to His crucifixion, and Jesus speaks to us today, compelling souls to repent of their sins, and to His Saints, to keep the faith. Jesus further admonishes His Church to be not foolish and led by deceit, but to pray for a greater understanding of the scriptures because in them is eternal life.

Anticipating the "Blessed hope" of the church is paramount to those that believe. The "Glorious Appearing" is the initial return of Jesus in clouds of glory. When He returns, He will rapture His saints, whether they are dead and or alive.

In order to be eligible and be a part of this significant event, one must be prepared! The most important question in this life is, "What must I do to be saved?"

Nicodemus of the third chapter of John, curiously approached the matter of salvation and was told, "You must be born again!" In the cover of night, Nicodemus sought to seek Jesus out, because his spirit could not rest!

The miracles he had been witness to and heard of, while Jesus toured Jerusalem, impassioned him to inquire about "The Gospel" Jesus preached. He accepted the authenticity of the miracles and that Jesus was certainly a man of God!

Let us read in John 3:1-7, "There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, the same came to Jesus by night and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus' response to Nicodemus cut straight to the heart of the matter, and made him aware of what must be done to obtain salvation. However, the statement given by Jesus, was not received well by Nicodemus.

The possibility of one returning to the womb of one's mother was absurd! Being a scholar, the message of salvation required an explanation.

Let us continue reading in John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

And in the 6 to 7<sup>th</sup> verse, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again!"

The natural man is incapable of "seeing" and is unable "to enter into" the Kingdom of God.

However gifted, moral, or refined a person may be, the natural man is absolutely barred from God's presence because of sin, unless he accepts the fact that he must be born again.

To be born of water is to be baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ. To be born of the Spirit simply means that one must be filled with the Holy Ghost, i.e. God's Spirit, as evidenced by speaking in an unknown tongue. The infilling of the Holy Ghost was demonstrated on the Day of Pentecost.

Everyone born into this world is born into sin, and therefore, one must be born again that he might be born into righteousness.

Follow along, as we read in Genesis 5:1-3, "This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and he called his name Seth."

Seth, meaning the "appointed," became the replacement for Adam's righteous son, Abel, who was killed at the hands of his elder brother Cain. Regardless of Satan's efforts to obstruct God's plan to provide a savior for sinful man, by killing Abel, God's plan nevertheless continued, through Seth.

Two points of interest are highlighted here. First, God's image rested upon Adam, who unfortunately sinned, thus losing the image, and inheriting death. Adam, having this frailty, thus passes on the sinful nature to all generations.

Secondly, through Seth, a righteous and a Godly lineage will continue, whereby Jesus Christ is born.

By reading in Luke 3:23-38, you will see the lineage of Joseph, the son of Heli, Mary's husband, and the mother of Jesus, leading all the way back to "Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God."

Therefore, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." As you can see, Jesus is the only answer, regarding the saving of the soul from the consequences of sin. John the Baptist called out to Jesus and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

The apostle Peter received the gift of the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. After receiving the Holy Ghost, his boldness and confidence in the Lord was very evident.

No longer ashamed of being associated with Jesus, Peter boldly revealed the keys to the Kingdom of God.

Let us read in Acts 2:36-38, "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Reading in Acts 2:38 says, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Through God's grace, salvation and eternal life have been made available to all men. We cannot earn or buy His grace, and yet, it was freely given to us as a gift from Him.

Therefore, in the Lord, intellectual, racial, income, and cultural discrimination do not exist. No matter who we are, we are all found in "want," when the Lord's judgment scales are set. Yet, because of God's love for mankind, He will accept all those who will believe in Him and come to repentance.

Repentance simply means Godly sorrow for sin. Before anyone can be saved, one must acknowledge one's self as a sinner. Being truly sorry for one's sins starts the journey to salvation and eternal life.

Let us read in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The overview of the "Born Again message" is this. The name of Jesus is the key that opens the door to the Kingdom of God and eternal life. Water baptism in the name of Jesus is essential to obtain salvation.

The Holy Ghost can only be verified by the speaking in an "unknown tongue." Without these being practiced, one has yet to find salvation!

Let us read in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." God reminds us daily, TV viewers "If you love me keep my commandments."

There is nothing superficial, deceptive or complicated about this born again message. Water baptism is not an option for any Clergy or Pastor to give you, because they do not have the authority to change God's plan of salvation.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, and no man cometh to the Father but by me!"

Let us read in Luke 21:25-28, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring;

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

The believer, though exposed to the toughest of times, will maintain his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that all things are purposed by God, and more so, in the last days.

Though we may experience the toughest of times, the Lord tells us the end is not yet, but it is just the beginning of sorrows. The phrase, "powers of heaven shall be shaken," is of great significance.

In the last days all believers are encouraged to hold fast to righteousness and true holiness that is only found in Jesus Christ.

As with the parables regarding the preaching of "The Gospel", earth was referred to as the kingdom of heaven. So it is with these words of Jesus.

Here He refers to the foundations of the world that bring security and prosperity. Where man has found a safe haven, the Lord will shake that up, as well, and they will live in fear of insecurity.

As of late we have seen great strides to unite mankind on a global scale. Governments, religions, and economics have been changed to have a global effect upon the earth.

The universal language is English, and the establishment of the Euro-currency is one step closer to establishing the Global currency. The United Nations will take on a more global role in setting policy in an effort to establish peace and prosperity.

Global trade will grow, and that will bring an increase in tolerance towards racial and cultural differences. Is it a good thing that mankind will work to achieve a united world? Yes, it is, and the benefits will be tremendous.

However, this too, is a step towards the Tribulation Period and a signal of the Lord's coming.

This effort will pave the way for the son of perdition, to subtly deceive those, who remain behind after the rapture takes place into following him. How else can the son of perdition and the false prophet be successful, unless they are accepted by the world?

Let us read in Revelation 13:16-18, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads;

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of man; and his number is Six hundred three score and six."

In other words, to be accepted during the Tribulation Period, one must be identified with the number six hundred sixty six (666).

Most recently, TV viewers, proposals have been made by our government, for the sake of national security, to have all American citizens, bear an American Citizen Identification Card.

Having this card in your possession will verify that you are an American citizen no matter what your racial, cultural or ethnic background may be. It is unfortunate that it will diminish the significance of the United States Passport and the State issued drivers license and identification cards.

It can be used to control the buying and selling of all products that are manufactured, again for the sake of national security.

However, during the Tribulation Period, controlling commerce will be for a different reason. It will be to solidify the foundation of the anti-Christ government.

It will be preliminary steps to prepare for the final battle, and this time it will be the world against the Lord Jesus Christ.

Receiving the mark of the beast in the right hand and in the forehead bears great significance. To receive the mark of the beast in the right hand is an act of submission to a greater power.

To receive the mark of the beast in the forehead indicates one has pledged his loyalty and devotion to something, in this case, the son of perdition. Options will be given to those who will give their allegiance to the devil.

They will either have his mark or his name or the number of his name in their right hand or in their forehead. The Lord has blessed the faithful Saints with a discerning Spirit, such as to have eyes that see and ears that hear.

Let us read in Revelation 17: 13 & 17, "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

This scripture works with II Peter 2:9, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."

The decisions people make will determine their end. They will either end up with eternal torment or eternal life by the decisions they make in this life. The revelation given to John the Beloved of the days and events that "must shortly come to pass" prepare us for the coming of the Lord.

The believers should not be preparing for the Tribulation, but for the Kingdom of God. The scripture tells us that God's people have not been appointed to wrath, but unto redemption and salvation.

When Jesus comes, the saved will be redeemed from the earth and spared from the wrath to come.

Yes, men's hearts will be hardened because of unbelief, so as to fulfill God's purpose in bringing about new heavens and a new earth. Yes, the unification effort that is in process today is the preliminary step that will lead to the end times.

Let us read in Luke 21: 29-33, "And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily, I say unto, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."



The wonderful thing of being saved is that God gives the Church forewarning and foreknowledge. In essence, He has removed any excuse or reason for not believing in the scriptures.

The significance of parables is not only the message it portrays, but how it is told. In every parable Jesus delivered, the examples used were common knowledge to the hearers.

In this case, Jesus used the change of seasons as indicated by the change in the foliage.

I have heard many tourists who visit Hawaii, say how they enjoy the one and only season of the year: Summer. However, they comment that they do miss observing the beauty of each season of the continental United States that is, spring, summer, fall and winter. For them they know that months have passed.

So it is, with the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The signs are evident, but the unfortunate part is that they go unnoticed and unappreciated. The world, unknowingly, is preparing itself for the last days.

Jesus ended the parable with a statement of fact found in Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth shall pass away...", and in so doing, His Word and the Bride of Christ will be vindicated.

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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