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"LET THE HEATHEN RAGE"
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Thank you, Melvin!

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We, born again Christians, believe that God's promises are yea and amen. Therefore, His promise to return in clouds of glory for His own, is not a question of if He's returning, but rather when is He coming back to translate us to our journey's end of eternal life in God's Kingdom!

God asks this question in Psalms 2:1, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?" God answers this question. He tells who the heathen are, why they rage, and His reactions and the consequences of their rage. According to Webster: "A heathen is an unconverted member of a people or nation that does not acknowledge the God of the Bible."

This fits with what the Lord says in the 2nd to the 6th verses, "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed (refers to the Lord Jesus Christ), saying, Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us. (Many today are rejecting the Messiah's authority by those who would not submit to it.) He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

(This was the prophecy of Jesus, who was to come to Jerusalem, be rejected, and then return to rule and reign upon this earth. In other words, the rage would be that of the people, against the truth of the Bible.) Peter tells us in II Peter 1:20-21, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. (Every prophecy must line up with God's Word.) For the prophecy came not in the old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

This is one of the most important passages of Scripture, showing that the Bible is not a man-inspired book, but the infallible Word of God. Every word of it came from God through men, who were guided and kept from error in their writing, by the Holy Spirit.

We read II Tim. 3:16-17 to confirm Peter's epistle, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

Note also that the prophecies which have been fulfilled in their every detail are wonderful proofs of the inspiration of the Holy Bible. And while, there are many more prophecies still to be fulfilled, there is no more to be added to the Scriptures, as we read in Rev. 22:18-19, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

There is room in the Book of Life for everyone who will accept Jesus as their personal Saviour, but those who refuse will not find their names written there. When the 70 came back from their mission, they boasted that even the devils were subject to the name of Jesus, but Jesus told them in Luke 10:20, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

In God's reaction to this rage and rebellion, there is an accurate picture and description of the world today, its present and recent experiences. God spoke in His wrath, vexing in His sore displeasure, pouring contempt upon kings and rulers, bringing the princes of the earth to do nothing, and making the judges of the earth as vanity. To Elijah, who was translated to heaven without dying, King Ahab said in I Kings 18:17, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" And Elijah replied in the 18th verse: "I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou has followed Baalim."

In another instance, God spoke to Samuel to rebuke King Saul for his disobedience and rebellion. King Saul was instructed to smite the Amalekites and all they possessed, but Saul spared King Agag, and the best of the sheep, oxen, etc. God was displeased, as we read in I Sam. 15:22-23, "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou has rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king."

Saul disobeyed God, but pretended that he had obeyed. He destroyed all that was of no use, but spared for himself the best of the sheep and oxen. Samuel, the Lord's messenger, heard them. (Sometimes there are bleating (crying) sheep and lowing oxen in

our lives. We put aside all that we do not want, but spare, or hold on to those worldly things that we like. In other words, we hold on to our besetting sins, which keep us from receiving the victory!) We read in Luke 16:31, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

Many modern and false prophets do not believe in the Virgin Birth, nor that Jesus rose triumphantly over death, hell and the grave. Many modern prophets don't hesitate to break the solemn vow they took when they were ordained. After nearly 2000 years, these prophets of doom, who are "highly esteemed among men," do not believe, in His wonder-working miracles and His saving of the lives of men, women, children and nations of every kindred, color and tongue.

The Bible: The Book of Books, has endured throughout the centuries and has borne the burden and heat of battles with the wise, kings, rulers, men and devils ever since the "serpent" lifted up its voice against it. Yet, it has come forth victorious over all and still stands to bless or curse mankind.

Listen to Psalms 119:89, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." His word is a "lamp unto our feet," and "a light unto our path." Paul tells us in Heb. 4:12, "For the word of God is quick (active and living), and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

You, my viewing audience, ought to read the Bible daily, and saturate your mind and heart with "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Search the scriptures; for in them you will find the way to eternal life; and from Genesis to Revelation they testify of Jesus. The promise and vow we made to God when we were baptized, in joining the body of Christ, was a very special and important one. God says of those who fail to keep his promise and vow, they pollute His name, Jesus, and take the name of the Lord in vain.

Today our land is defiled by bloodshed in murder, rape, drug and alcohol use etc., and it can only be cleansed by man shedding the blood of the murderer to make atonement! Is there any rage today against His Anointed? We make war on God and fight against Him when we substitute the precepts of man for the "Law of God."

Remember the "wisdom of wise men will fail." We read I Cor.1:19-21, "For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

The preaching of "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God," although thought to be foolish by man, carries the greatest message in the world today: those who believe are saved. Jesus tells everyone, you may have religion, position and power. But unless you are born again you can never see the Kingdom of God. A man in this world may have seen the

great sights of it. However, we read in John 3:3, "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."

What Kingdom was Jesus talking about? There is a mineral kingdom which encompasses all manner of stones and jewels. But God's kingdom outshines even that. There is a vegetable kingdom, which consists of exotic trees, plants, and flowers, but God's kingdom will be filled with beauty even beyond that. Then there is an animal kingdom, as well.

However, Jesus has the following to say unto you, as we read in John 3:5, "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 7th verse it reads, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye 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" means to speak in an "unknown tongue or language," which is the Bible's way of proving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now, you may have never heard anything like this before. When Jesus uses the word, "born" I'm sure your first thought was of a physical birth.

Thus, the question arises, "How can these things be? I am an elderly person. Can I go back into my mother's womb and be born a second time?" Perhaps in spite of your religious background, you still do not understand spiritual truths. The second birth is a spiritual birth, as we read in John 3:8, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the spirit."

In other words, the work of the Holy Spirit in saving men is like the wind: it is from heaven; though it cannot be seen and its power and work can never be fully understood; it can be heard; it is very powerful, and finally it gives life. In fact, it was this breath of life, which made man a living soul. Thus, we see that baptism is essential to salvation.

Jesus charged His disciples with a "Great Commission." We read Mark 16:15-16, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Baptism means to dip, plunge, or immerse. Without proper baptism, it will be impossible to enter into the Kingdom of God.

Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection set the precedence for the salvation of mankind. The most essential element of water baptism is that it be consummated in the name of Jesus Christ, according to Acts 2:38, "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."

Without His name all water baptism is null and void; one who is born can't be unborn. I was born of my father and mother and I'll always be their child. And since I am "born of

water and of the spirit," I'll always be a child of God; after all he has the power to keep. Acts 4:12 declares, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." And, to you my friends in the TV audience, I say, "Nobody has been saved any other way." Have you been saved the Bible's way? I hope so!

There are so many "gems" from God in His Word, as we read in Psalms 19:7, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." We find that nature reveals God to a certain degree, so that man can see "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork," But it is in Scripture or His Word, that the true character (name) of God is revealed.

They reveal that the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Word in Him, dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily and in Him God's glory is seen. We read Psalms 138:2, "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

So, let us pray that the word of the Lord will have a free course, and be glorified. The greatest weapon ever forged is "The Word of God!" Jesus drove away the devil, when he was tempted in the wilderness. Every temptation was met and overcome with the Word of God, as we read in Matt. 4:7, "Jesus said unto him (Satan), It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

The next greatest weapon is the privilege of prayer. Too bad, our government by law has withdrawn these two great weapons from our schools. We read in Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

The raging against God's anointed and His followers is still going on today, as it was in the days of the apostles. We read John 16:1-2, "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service."

Jesus was warning the disciples of the soon coming persecutions, mocking and scoffing. He encouraged them to welcome persecutions, because more persecutions meant more power! They were commanded by the rulers, and the priests, not to preach, teach, or heal in Jesus' name!

We read in Acts 4:18-20, "And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

What did the apostles do when they were persecuted? Instead of praying that they would be protected from all evil, harm, and danger, the disciples prayed more earnestly for greater boldness and greater power to withstand the persecutions. Aren't we going through the same thing today?

Again they were warned by the leaders, high priests and rulers not to preach in His name, as we read in the 29-31 verses: "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and they spake the word of God with boldness."

And would to God, that He would shake the world upside down, so that people might come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved.

Yes, the leaders again reminded Peter and the apostles not to preach Jesus' name but Peter replied in Acts 5:29, "We ought to obey God rather than men." There's no question "orderly government" is part of God's provision, even in a sin-cursed, devil-may-care world. No ruler exercises control except as God permits. Daniel tells us, "The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the bases of men."

We read Roms. 13:1, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." Under normal conditions the "true born" Christian is to be obedient to the law of the land. This does not mean he is to obey regulations that are immoral or Anti-Christian. In such cases it is his duty to obey God rather than men.

Gamaliel, a lawyer and a Pharisee, stood up and said, as we read in Acts 5:38-41, "And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence, of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name."

Did not Jesus say, "And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake"? Peter tells us in I Peter 4:14, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."

And today the world is raging against the sign "Jesus Coming Soon." Why is it so hard for people to believe that He is coming soon? The Word of God prophesies and tells us of His coming. We read in Acts 1:9-11, "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

He went away in His glorified body, He will return in His glorified body. He went away as a Person, He will return as a person. The important thing is "true born-again" Christians shall be witnessing and watching until He comes in glory for His own. This is the hope of the true church.

Actually, it is not the sign that is bothering people, but the name of Jesus (the devil and the world hate that name.) Plus the message it brings to the world. The world is not ready or prepared to meet Him. One of these days the sign will read, "JESUS HAS COME ALREADY," and you will have to go through the tribulation period of seven years of Jacob's trouble.

Peter warns us of His return and we ought to be mindful of these things, as we read in II Peter 3:3-4, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 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."

Scoffers laugh at the truth of God's Word and the love we have for Jesus. One day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day with the Lord. Therefore, His soon is not our soon, and his time is not our time.

Jesus spoke about His second coming and He illustrated from it from various sources. He was continually warning and teaching the people about it. He warned: "Remember Lot's wife." Many times we have seen and heard the slogans, "Remember Pearl Harbor." "Remember the Alamo," and others, but Jesus cautioned us that we must not forget Lot's wife. There was a particular truth about this woman that Jesus want us to remember in relation to His second coming.

What then is this special lesson about her that we must never forget. Jesus said in Luke 17:28-33, "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it."

Lot's wife had her heart fixed upon the evil city, Sodom, and was therefore destroyed. This tells us that Lot's wife represents multitude of people who will not be ready for Him. They will perish in the coming judgments, as she perished in the destruction of Sodom, and for the same reason. And what was the reason? Lot, like Abraham was a wealthy man and his substance was great. With large possessions, she had set her affections on her "stuff" like the Sodomites and she looked back and turned into a pillar of salt.

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