THERE IS HOPE

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The old world looks kind of shaky, doesn't it? There is political unrest everywhere on the globe, the economy for the most part is unstable to say the least, and many of the world's religions are being exposed as hypocritical, immoral, money-centered organizations. Life in the world for many people has drastically changed for the worse in the last year or so, especially with the cost of living escalating almost weekly, gas, groceries, etc. But you know what? There is hope! Not perhaps for the people of the world, but for those that are separate from the world and are a part of God's family.

II Corinthians 6:17

17 Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

I John 2:15-17

15 Do <u>not love the world</u> or <u>the things</u> in the <u>world</u>. If <u>anyone loves the world</u>, the <u>love of the Father</u> is <u>not in him</u>.

16 For <u>all that is in the world</u> - the <u>lust of the flesh</u>, the <u>lust of the eyes</u>, and the <u>pride of life</u> - is <u>not</u> of the <u>Father</u> but is of the <u>world</u>.

17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will

of God abides forever.

God's Kingdom is calm, peaceful, and well able to sustain its residents. The God that created the whole universe, including our earth, is the Head of His household and the King, the ruler, the Lord of His Kingdom, so it cannot fail, and neither will His household suffer any kind of permanent defeat. Does this mean that a Godly person will not suffer hardship? No, in fact, the children of God are targets of Satan and his people, but we win in the end.

I Peter 5:8-10

- 8 <u>Be sober</u>, be <u>vigilant</u>; because <u>your adversary the devil</u> walks about like a <u>roaring lion</u>, <u>seeking</u> whom <u>he may devour</u>.
- 9 <u>Resist him</u>, <u>steadfast in the faith</u>, knowing that <u>the same sufferings</u> are <u>experienced</u> by your <u>brotherhood in the world</u>.
- 10 <u>But</u> may the <u>God of all grace</u>, who <u>called us</u> to <u>His eternal glory by Christ</u> <u>Jesus</u>, <u>after you have suffered a while</u>, <u>perfect</u>, <u>establish</u>, <u>strengthen</u>, and <u>settle you</u>.

Satan will confront and accuse the citizens of the Kingdom of God, but the primary weapon used to defeat him is the blood of the Lamb as it satisfies the charges against them and keeps them joined to God who has already defeated the enemy.

II Corinthians 10:4

4 For the <u>weapons of our warfare</u> are <u>not carnal but mighty in God</u> (the blood of the Lamb and the Word we have faith in) for <u>pulling down strongholds</u>,

The world, for instance, has armed forces that defend the planet, but the Lord has legions of angels at His disposal. If you are a citizen of the Kingdom this is quite comforting, especially if you are in an area where the world is violently killing and warring against one another.

Psalm 91:11-12

11 For <u>He</u> shall give <u>His angels charge over you</u>, to <u>keep you in all your ways</u>.

12 <u>In their hands</u> they shall <u>bear you up</u>, lest <u>you dash your foot</u> against a stone.

As Head of His family, He will provide out of His riches, not the world's banking systems. Did you realize all the gold and silver belong to the Father?

Haggai 2:8

8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

Paul assures us in **Philippians 4:19**.

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Where there is a shortage of jobs in the world, and many people are out of work these days, in the Kingdom there is much to do. The whole earth must be restored as the Kingdom is established, and the people that the Lord has predestined and marked for His, must be shown how to become a part of His family and then taught Kingdom principles to become good citizens and valuable family members. Isaiah 61 gives us a prophetic picture of this time.

Isaiah 61:1-4

- 1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
- 2 <u>To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD</u>, and <u>the day of vengeance</u> of our God; <u>to comfort all who mourn</u>,
- 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."
- 4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former

<u>desolations</u>, and <u>they shall repair the ruined cities</u>, the <u>desolations of many</u> <u>generations</u>.

Jesus fulfilled part of Isaiah 61 and He will conclude the rest of the restoration through His body. Jesus in fact is fulfilling this scripture through His people today. We all have a part in this, there is plenty of work! The great thing about work in the Kingdom is that when His people seek the things of the Kingdom first and foremost as their career, their employment, all other things are added to them.

Matthew 6:31-33

- 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'
- 32 For after <u>all these things</u> the <u>Gentiles seek</u>. For <u>your heavenly Father knows</u> that <u>you need all these things</u>.
- 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 7:7-11

- 7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who

knocks it will be opened.

9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or <u>if he asks for a fish</u>, will he <u>give him a serpent</u>?

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

After all, the children of the Most High are His treasure, His gems, the apple of His eye, just as in any loving family, and Father God is truly a God of love. In fact, where the rulers of this world are self-seeking, power hungry leaders, the Lord is kind to His family, generous, full of grace and mercy, and so are His people.

I John 4:7-8

7 <u>Beloved</u>, let us <u>love one another</u>, for <u>love</u> is of <u>God</u>; and <u>everyone</u> who <u>loves</u> is born of God and <u>knows</u> God.

8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

In closing, here is a beautiful promise to those that belong to the Lord and are a part of His life and Kingdom that is soon to come about.

Revelation 21:3-5

- 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "<u>Behold</u>, the <u>tabernacle</u> of <u>God</u> is <u>with men</u>, and <u>He will dwell with them</u>, and <u>they shall be His people</u>. <u>God Himself will be with them and be their God</u>.
- 4 And <u>God will wipe away every tear from their eyes</u>; there shall be <u>no more</u> <u>death</u>, nor <u>sorrow</u>, nor <u>crying</u>. There shall be <u>no more pain</u>, for <u>the former</u> <u>things have passed away</u>."
- 5 Then <u>He who sat on the throne said</u>, "<u>Behold</u>, <u>I make all things new</u>." And He said to <u>me</u>, "<u>Write</u>, <u>for these words are true and faithful</u>."

Let the body of Christ pray, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." There really is hope.

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