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WHO ARE WE LISTENING TO?

In these days that we are living in there are many voices speaking. Some are from the world through the media, with so many different messages, that bring fear and confusion. The fear that is transmitted through the major networks has gripped the heart of the world with the recent "pandemic". This fear has been like a wildfire that has spread throughout the land.

On the other hand, there are many voices speaking for "the body of Christ", and many times they are odds with each other. One says that everything is going to be fine, while the other camp says we are under judgement.

How do we know who is speaking for God? The only way to know that answer is to know what God says through his word. The Word of God will never contradict itself. Prophets and preachers may be in contradiction, but not the word.

In II Thessalonians 2:2 Paul writes "***That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.***" Those in Thessalonica were concerned that the Lord had already come back and that they missed his coming. Then in vs. 3 Paul continues "***Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.***" Over the years many have said the "falling away" was the rapture, but it is not the rapture. That teaching is in error. The word falling away comes from the Greek word "apostasia" where our English word apostacy comes from. Apostacy means "defection from truth." This is a sign of the last days that Paul wrote about. ***Defection from truth does not mean the rapture.***

There is a great defection from truth in the "church." We have taken the blood of Jesus out of the hymnbooks. We have permitted homosexuals to be ordained and we have winked at abortion and divorce. There is no lack of sin in the Church from the pulpit to the pew. There is a falling away that is so evident. Christians argue over these things, and if you tell them they are "sinning" be accepting these things they tell you that you have no right to judge. Most refuse to change their minds.

So, who do we listen to? We listen to the Word of God. Are we living in the last days? Yes, according to all that I see in the natural and the spirit. The fire that once preached repentance in the pulpit has dimmed and almost gone out. Many so-called "Prophets" are saying everything will be fine, but this scripture says it isn't. Who do we believe? I say we should believe the word of God.

Another scripture that lets us know we are in the last days is that Jesus told us himself that when he returns it would be as in "the days of Noah."

What was it like in the days of Noah? In Genesis 6:5 it says, ***“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”*** From what I see, we are living in days like that now. It isn't safe for a woman to go to a store at night without someone. In our own community a man walked into a bank and murdered five innocent women point blank. Hatred is up. Violence is up. Crime is up. Drug abuse is up. Suicide is up. Pornography is up. Murder is up. We are deceived if we don't think we are living in those days.

When we rightly divide the word of truth, we find that all is not well in the earth anywhere. There are wars, rumors of wars, there are plagues, drought, earthquakes and tsunamis. The seas are roaring, and we are in lockdown.

Everything is ready for the antichrist to come on the scene. The Church has not been taught that we may go through the great tribulation, and those that preach that we won't are trying to make their doctrine fit in with what is happening, and it can't. We are in the last of the last days. God is sick of the sin my friends, and judgement is here. I do not see a great revival coming without a great repentance, and that is not happening.

Is your house in order? When your religious freedom is taken away do you have enough of the word in you to make it through the days ahead, or are you counting on a prophetic word that all will be okay? I suggest that you really take time to study the scriptures, and you will see that all is not well.

Judgement begins at the house of the Lord (I Peter 4:17). This is why the Church has been shut down in this coronavirus lockdown. God wants each of us from the pulpit to the pew to examine our hearts, and repent. The great falling away is here, and the Church is to blame for preaching feel good messages, and not preaching repentance. Is there hope? Yes, if godly sorrow that worketh repentance happens from the pulpit to the pew. Then and only then will mercy come. You may walk alone if you choose to walk the life of separation with God, but when you stand before Jesus you will hear the words “well done thou good and faithful servant.”