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ARE YOU PREPARED?

In January 2020 the Lord gave me a word and it was “separation and preparation.” As I thought on these words at the time the COVID19 plague had not hit the entire world. It was gaining overnight, but nowhere near what it became – a worldwide plague. In thinking back, I know God wanted to warn us that this was coming. There were many prophetic words put out that it was going to be a year of 2020 vision and that there would be great victories. Instead of seeing the 2020 vision as a time of preparation and separation it became a year of slinging mud. It became a time of “I told you so’s” and I wish I had’s. It has brought great division in the body of Christ.

God tells us in Amos 3:7, **“Surely the LORD God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”** This holds true for today also. God always has “watchmen” that are given a word to prepare or warn His people for what is coming. Israel didn’t always listen, and many died, and the remaining ones ended up in captivity. Surely God has not changed his mind about revealing and warning. Separation and preparation simply meant that we were to separate ourselves unto God. We were to listen to what He had to say to each of us individually, and then prepare for whatever He told us.

Nothing happens without that nudge from Holy Spirit. We are told in John 16:13, **“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth...”** So, if we aren’t hearing, then perhaps we aren’t listening to the right voices. Prophetic words are great if they are from God. When they always give a sugary feel-good word, you can be sure it isn’t from God. Even in the New Testament God used prophets to warn. Agabus warned Paul what he would face.

That brings us to the here and now. I sense that we need to be prepared for very hard days ahead. In the natural there have been floods, droughts, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and this will result in the loss of the food supply. It is imperative if we are going to survive the days that are coming (read about them in the book of Revelation) that we must be prepared.

I believe we have entered the last of the last days. Many believe that we will be raptured out of here before the worst of the worst takes place. But what if we aren’t? Are you prepared to give your life for Christ? Are you prepared for hardships and lack? I suggest that you prepare and be ready for it. As I write this, I feel prompted to tell you there are very dark days ahead. There will be much more violence than we have ever seen. There will be lack and there will be many sudden deaths.

At the same time, we are the light that needs to shine into this darkness. I pray you have prepared to be the witness that God wants you to be in the season ahead. Don’t sit back and say, “I wish I had” when you can say, “I’m glad I did.” Be prepared!