

PREPARATION FOR THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD

“The preparations of the heart belong to man, but an answer of the tongue is from the Lord.” Proverbs 16:1

1. “ACKNOWLEDGE GOD IN ALL THINGS [GOOD OR BAD] AND HE WILL DIRECT YOUR PATH.” (Proverbs 3:6) Has your wife divorced you? **Acknowledge Him.** Have you received a new Caddy? **Acknowledge Him.** Does everything you do seem to come to nought? **Acknowledge Him.** As you turn to Him, He will begin to open your eyes to learn of Him — to learn His ways instead of you having your own way. Those set in their own ways become old fossils. And far be it from us to want that instead of Eternal Life.

2. **COME OUT** of any organized church and seek Him, and **THEN He will receive you and cleanse you.** (2 Corinthians 6:17)

3. Pray that you be led to a “family” where the atmosphere is conducive to “growth in Him” — an atmosphere where each can express himself, not bound by one ruler, where each member has a Godly jealousy over one another, exhorting, admonishing, encouraging, and loving one another until we all grow into the **FULL STATURE** of Christ. If one person in a “spiritual family” is seeking God, the entire family will continue to grow.

Remember, meeting Jesus and being reconciled to God are completely different experiences. Do not be deceived into thinking that if you met Jesus, that was it; or that if you were baptized in the Holy Spirit, that was it. That is just the beginning. Now there is a spiritual family prepared for you to grow in just as God prepared a natural family in which you grew up and were nourished. Is fear, pride or an independent spirit keeping you from joining yourself to the reproach of the cross experienced by the families set apart for God? That is where the action is. That is where the pain is.

That is where the eyes are being opened to behold Him. “HE WHO SEEKS TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT.” (Matthew 16:25)

4. Don't be afraid of getting into error. You are already buried in it. The whole world is buried in deception. We are just now coming out of the grave of deception. How we pride ourselves into thinking everyone else is in error, when in reality if the world weren't covered in, buried in, seeped in the illusion and error, the kingdom of God would be a reality on earth, and we would pray no more, “Thy kingdom come.”

5. The world is sensing that there is a great stirring on the earth today and is counseling people to store up food, ammunition, money, etc. At the same time, Jesus says, “**Decrease, Decrease, Decrease,** that I may increase.” (John 3:30) He says, “Do not store up treasures on earth, but store up treasures in heaven.”

6. Be prepared to “change your ways” of living, of thinking, of talking, of eating, of dressing, and yes, of breathing. As one author said, “Don't get too stuck in your ways. They won't be here long.” His ways are not our ways. **His kingdom is being established. He does not change. We must change!**

7. Be prepared to switch your loyalty from your **natural family to God's family**; from **your works to His works**; from **things of the world to the Lord of Heaven.** He is looking for a people who are of a different ingredient than the people of the world. Then you can be in the world but not of it. That added ingredient (God) makes you unable to mix with the elements of the world. Going out in the desert or to the mountain top will not accomplish this. Believe me, it is not that simple! We cannot run away to get away from

Him. We cannot hide in the shadows of the church or communism. He will find us, for His light is already exposing the darkness. The earth's umbilical cord is being snipped. No longer will she supply the people with energy, for the Lord shall be our strength and our supply.

8. "Not all who say Lord, Lord, will enter in." (Matthew 7:21) If the world as you know it today

should pass away, have you stored up your treasures in heaven? God doesn't recognize men's doctrines or men's ways of storing up treasures in heaven such as going to church, taking communion, lighting candles, etc. **THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY. HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. HE WHO HEARS HIS VOICE AND OBEYS SHALL FIND ETERNAL LIFE.**

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