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# How To Avoid Being Among the Unaware

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INTRODUCTION: If you were to have only one word with which to describe the United States of America, what would that one word be? I believe I know the one word, because it has been impressed strongly upon my spirit by the Spirit of God. How I wish it were some other word. Sinful? Decadent? Immoral? Godless? No, although those words apply to many. The one word is "UNAWARE." It is a scary, frightening word, because it is the very opposite of spiritual readiness, of spiritual watchfulness. It doesn't just describe the unchurched. It also describes a great many who call themselves Christians. Hopefully, the word "UNAWARE" will not apply to you, but to make sure, listen to this message I believe I have received from God.

#### 1. SUDDEN DISASTER COMES TO THE UNAWARE.

I'm going to give you the words of Jesus as He makes this point. Please notice that disaster of the worst kind comes to those who are unaware.

Matt. 24:36-41 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

Matt. 24:42-44 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matt. 24:45-51 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

\*\*\*\* The people of Noah's generation were unaware that God was grieved that He had even made them. They were unaware that He had decided to sweep them all away with a cataclysmic judgment. They were planning weddings for their sons and daughters, and weddings and wedding receptions were planned for the very day that the earth was split apart by geysers of hot boiling water as God opened the fountains of the deep.

\*\*\*\* I've always heard preachers use this text to talk about the Rapture and say that two will be in a field together and one will be raptured and the other left behind. But if you examine this scripture you will see that Jesus is saying that one will be taken away in judgment and killed physically while the other one would be spared by angelic intervention. This becomes more obvious when you read a comparative portion of scripture from Luke 17:26-27

<u>Luke 17:26-29</u> "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

<u>Luke 17:30-36</u> "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left."

<u>Luke 17:37</u> "Where, Lord?" they asked. He replied, "Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather."

The disciples asked where the people who were taken would be taken to. Jesus said it would be a place of dead bodies where vultures gather. This has been twisted to say that we'll be taken to the sky where eagles gather. But notice this, Jesus did not say, "It will be just the opposite as it was in the days of Noah." If the righteous were caught away and the wicked left behind it would be just the opposite as in Noah's day. But Jesus said it would be just the same, meaning, that at the end of the age there will be sudden judgments as in Noah's day where millions die and some are spared, just as Lot was spared and just as Noah and his family were spared.

<u>1Th. 5:3</u> While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

\*\*\*\* I study Annie Schisler's visions and found one called "IMMOVABLE STONES."

"He showed me the earth as a large field. Scattered here and there were a small number of living stones that were specifically broken into many shapes, though I did not understand any reason for this. Although they were much like the living stones I had seen in the house above, they didn't have anywhere near the same brightness, fullness of life and light. Large, living and luminous, they were firmly rooted and they belonged to Him.

"Suddenly I saw floods of the terrible hordes of evil ones—apparently both men and devils—swarm upon those stones attacking them in great fury. Full of the blackness of evil, these dark ones tried until they were weary to cause those stones to move out of their places but the stones were immovable. No matter how hard the enemy tried, they couldn't even stir them.

"Jesus spoke to me saying that His stones were absolutely immovable and showed me that His sword was protecting them the whole time of the attack. Of terrible aspect, this sword of blazing fire whirled continually, covering, protecting and caring for His living stones. As the sword whirled around and above those that belonged to Him, those terrible hosts of evil ones with all their strength and fury could not even reach His people to hurt them. Because it was so impossible, it was ridiculous for them to even try, for it was so completely futile. Even their most frantic efforts were totally in vain.

"In an instant His flaming sword arose in great wrath and destroyed those evil hordes. Then I saw that surrounding those immense living stones was a great flood of blood—human blood.

"When I returned to my world, I was filled with fear and dread for all of this seemed so imminent. I wondered much, for it seemed that He was showing me things that were already upon His own. Each time of late I am more alerted in my spirit that some of these things have already begun." Page 19, of part two in the larger book, I SAW THE LORD.

\*\*\*\*Michael Boldea has posted a similar dream/vision on his web site called THE HOUSE THAT STOOD. In June of 2012 he posted this dream/vision on the web site, <a href="https://www.handofhelp.com">www.handofhelp.com</a>.

"The first day of the fast, I had picked my brother Sergiu up from the airport in Chicago, brought him home, and gone to bed, when I had a dream. I dreamt that I was walking down a street, but to the left and the right of me everything was utterly destroyed. If not for the foundations sticking out of the earth, one would not have known anything had once stood there. I have seen the aftermath of earthquakes while

living in California in the eighties, I have likewise seen the aftermath of tornadoes live and in person, and this looked like neither of the two. The best way I can describe it, is that the entire street seemed to have been razed. From trees, to homes, to fences, everything had been flattened and annihilated.

"The street curved to the left, and as I followed it turned the corner, I was surprised to see a house standing a couple hundred yards ahead of me on the right. There was nothing special about the house. A single story home, with a porch and a porch swing, once painted white by what I could gather, but having taken on a charred look. I quickened my pace, as even in my dream this seemed odd and surreal, and as I approached the house I heard what could only have been prayer coming from inside.

This was no typical prayer. It was passionate, and fervent, and the only time I remember having heard prayer like this, is when we would have prayer nights in our home in Romania during the Communist occupation. This was anything but a restrained prayer gathering, and the voices coming from inside the house were praising God, and giving glory to Him. I stood just short of the front step, and listened to the prayers coming from within the house, until in my dream, I woke up.

"As I awoke from my dream within a dream, the man I have grown accustomed to seeing was standing at the foot of my mattress.

"Do you understand what you've just seen? He asked without prelude.

"'I believe I do', I answered somewhat confidently. The man gave me a look one might give to a slowwitted individual and said, 'Perhaps, in part.' Then he reached out and touched my shoulder. Suddenly I was back on the same street, and I realized this only because of the house with the porch swing, now a pristine white. It was the only thing that was the same as in my previous dream, because now there were trees, and homes, up and down the block. It looked and sounded like a typical neighborhood, but above the din of chirping birds and barking dogs, I could hear prayer coming from inside the home with the porch swing. It was the same kind of fervent, passionate prayer I had heard on the previous occasion. I strained to hear what they were praying for, but I could only hear snippets from time to time. As I made to climb the first of three steps, I was back in my bed with the man standing patiently by my mattress.

'Now you understand, he said. 'Tell them not to fear, but to draw close to the Father in whom is shelter from the storm, and protection from destruction.' I then woke up, disoriented, wondering for a while if this was yet another dream within a dream. Realizing that it was not, I knelt beside my mattress and started to pray."

#### 2. GREAT PROMOTION COMES TO THE SPIRITUALLY AWARE.

Christ is coming back for His church, that is for sure. <u>But we must be aware that He doesn't have to come for the whole church to come just for you or me.</u> For nearly 2,000 years Christ has been coming individually for His people.

Some are found faithfully doing His will, taking care of His business, and living in a way that honors Him. These receive great spiritual promotion. Others are caught off guard. These are the ones who were unaware that Jesus didn't have to come for the whole church to come just for them.

These are the ones who thought they had the prophecy charts all figured out and that they had a pretty good idea what events would precede His coming and a pretty good idea of when that would be. They concluded, probably rightly, that the Master was staying away a long time. They said to themselves, "He won't come today. This is going to be a normal day just like every other day."

It might be a normal day, just like every other day, for all the other servants. But it could be a day when judgment comes swiftly and precisely to the one servant who thinks he or she can get away with mistreating other servants and fellowshipping with darkness. The attitude, "My master is staying away for a long time" infuriates the Master. Remember Jesus said that the disloyal servant would be cut in pieces and sent to hell to the fellowship of the damned where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

In a similar passage, Jesus said, "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose

master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him" (Luke 12:35-40).

Do you think that for nearly 2,000 years it hasn't mattered if Christians lived like Christ could return at any moment? Do you think all their readiness was in vain? Do you think he will come at either the first watch or the second watch or the third watch of the night? I tell you, He has come at all these different times, individually for each of His servants right up until now.

Spiritual awareness and readiness has been rewarded in each generation. How greatly God will honor those who live in constant readiness for the Master to return. If they live their whole lives in that readiness and His main coming for the church in general still has not happened their readiness will not have been in vain. Jesus will have come for them individually all through the centuries since His resurrection. Each one who honored Him by constant availability to do whatever pleases Him will receive that great honor Jesus spoke of, where He, Himself will seat them at a feast and wait on them to serve them. This will not be fulfilled only by the last generation, but by EACH generation of those who are aware that He can come at any moment for any of them.

Do you think like that? "Jesus could come for me today, even if His coming for the church is a few years away. Today I must live to please Him every moment with every word, motive of my heart, attitude and action. He sees it all, He records it all, and He could come for me and demand an accounting at any moment. I want to make this day a masterpiece of obedience and devoted love."

## 3. THIS KIND OF AWARENESS COMES FROM FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD'S WORD.

People who are ignorant of God's word, who do not spend time in God's word, will never be spiritually aware. Lack of fellowship with God's word is an extremely dangerous habit. Daily fellowship with God's Word, where you listen deeply with the intent to apply it with God's grace, it the surest way to live in spiritual awareness.

<u>Jesus told this true story:</u> "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

- "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'
- "No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'
- "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." (Luke 16:19-31)

\*\*\*\* Why wasn't this rich man aware that the beggar had value? Why wasn't he aware that the beggar had some kind of prosperity he didn't have himself? Why didn't the rich man realize that this beggar's needs were an opportunity for him to show kindness to God Himself? Why didn't the rich man

realize that his own righteousness was insufficient to escape the fires of hell? Why was the rich man unaware of how terrible eternal damnation really is?

The answer: He didn't listen to the Bible. He ignored the Law and the prophets. You see, hearing from God by reading the bible is just as good as being visited by an angel. It is just as good as being visited by someone who has risen from the dead!

I will say it again: Hearing God by listening to the Bible is just as good as getting a word from God delivered by an angel.

Nothing could give you more spiritual awareness, not even a visitation from Christ Himself, who has risen from the dead!

If nothing could give you more spiritual awareness, why do you read the Bible so little? Why do you listen to it so rarely? Why do you study it so infrequently? Why are you so unfamiliar with it? Why are there books in the Bible you have never read or haven't read in years? Why are there books you avoid completely?

## 4. THOSE WHO TREMBLE AT GOD'S WORD WILL BE BLESSED. THOSE WHO IGNOR IT WILL BE CURSED.

<u>Is. 66:2</u> Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.

Now is a day and age when God is beholding mankind and is once again grieved that He made them. The whole world grieves God, as He watches them live in sin.

Gen. 6:5-6 The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

\*\*\*\* Jesus said that His coming would be like it was in the days of Noah. That generation grieved God continually. But who pleases God? The one who is humble and repents of sin and trembles at God's Word. It will pay off big time to be one of those who tremble at God's word.

\*\*\*\* After Joshua lead Israel to conquer the city of Jericho he pronounced a curse by the Spirit of God, saying, "Cursed before the LORD is the man who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: "At the cost of his firstborn son will he lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest will he set up its gates" Joshua 6:26).

For hundreds of years no one rebuilt Jericho because of this fearsome curse. But eventually, someone did rebuild it, a person who was unaware of the curse written on a scroll, stored on some shelf. But he paid a heavy price because of his neglect of scriptures. <a href="IKings 16:34">IKings 16:34</a> In Ahab's time, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of his firstborn son Abiram, and he set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, in accordance with the word of the LORD spoken by Joshua son of Nun.

During King Ahab's time almost no one read God's word. The people were busy serving their idols-- perusing prosperity, pleasure and the occult. The Scroll with Joshua's words, the Word of God, was regarded as a dusty relic of another time, a historical document, forgotten in some dusty library.

But the curse was active, powerful, and alive. Hiel of Bethel found out the hard way that we should all tremble at God's word. He didn't tremble at it, and so he trembled and shook with grief at the judgments that befell him.

Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Scriptures are alive!

 $\underline{2 \text{Tim. } 3:15}$  From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

What a difference between Timothy and Hiel of Bethel. One was made wise for salvation through the scriptures and one was brought to the poverty of bereavement. One trembled at the Word of God and was blessed. One paid no attention to God's word and suffered great loss.

God spoke through Micah, "Do not my words do good to him whose ways are upright?" (Micah 2:7)

Jesus said, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you" (John 15:7). What a benefit that is—to have unlimited favor with God because of loving His Word!

## 5. AMERICA'S ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IS UNDER AN ANCIENT CURSE.

This curse was spoken by Jesus, not Joshua. Jesus said, "But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea," (Matthew 18:6). America was made great during the vears when our schools all used the McGuffy Readers. The first grade Reader taught the alphabet by using Bible stories, A is for Adam, etc. "It is estimated that at least 120 million copies of McGuffey's Readers were sold between 1836 and 1960, placing its sales in a category with the Bible and Webster's Dictionary. The author of the Readers, William Holmes McGuffey, was born September 23, 1800, near Claysville, Pennsylvania, and moved to Youngstown, Ohio with his parents in 1802. McGuffey's family had immigrated to America from Scotland in 1774, and brought with them strong opinions on religion and a belief in education. Educating the young mind and preaching the gospel were McGuffey's passions. He had a remarkable ability to memorize, and could commit to mind entire books of the Bible. McGuffey became a "roving" teacher at the age of 14, beginning with 48 students in a one-room school in Calcutta, Ohio. The size of the class was just one of several challenges faced by the young McGuffey. In many oneteacher schools, children's ages varied from six to twenty-one. McGuffey often worked 11 hours a day, 6 days a week in a succession in frontier schools, primarily in the State of Kentucky. Students brought their own books, most frequently the Bible, since few textbooks existed."

But now the Bible is banned. Instead, our little ones are taught macroevolution, that there is no creator God, that you must decide for yourself what is right for you, and that you can choose not only your sexual orientation but also your sex! Oh, and of course, they are taught how to use condoms. Children are taught to celebrate "Turkey Day" instead of Thanksgiving. How many different ways the schools are causing little ones to sin. Joshua's curse affected one family only. This curse is from much more fierce, because it has the implied promise of everlasting hell and being cast into a lake of fire. In other words, it would be better to be cast into a lake to drown in water than to be cast into an everlasting lake of fire because of causing a little one to sin. It is also much broader in scope, applying to anyone and everyone who causes little ones to sin. But America's educational system is unaware because they do not tremble at God's word. No one brought their guns to school in the days when they were encouraged to bring their Bibles!

# 6. ONE DAY I MADE A LIST OF SOME THINGS MOST AMERICANS ARE UNAWARE OF.

- 1. They are unaware God even exists.
- 2. They are unaware that He is watching them and recording in everlasting records their every word, even the careless ones.
  - 3. They are unaware that He is examining their motives and recording that.
  - 4. They are unaware that He is examining their thoughts.
  - 5. They are unaware that He throws many human souls away.
- 6. They are unaware that to be thrown away by God is the ultimate and most unbearable sorrow and torment that does not end.
- 7. They are unaware that every good thing they have comes from God and that He deserves heartfelt thanksgiving.
- 8. They are unaware that He gets very angry and that while the Bible says God is love it also says "Our God is a consuming fire."

- 9. They are unaware that He alone determines what is right, just and fair for He is the Supreme judge that will judge every other judge and bring them to judgment! What sorrow awaits those earthly judges who do not tremble at His word!
- 10. They are unaware that every ruler, lawgiver, leader, priest, lawyer—every person, saint or sinner will give an account of their life to Him and receive a reward or a recompense.
  - 11. They are unaware of His love for them.
- 12. They are unaware of His offer to give them forgiveness, the seed of His very nature, and the power to grow up into a Christ-like child of God.
  - 13. They are unaware of His fury toward those who harm Israel.
- Obad. 15 "The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.

<u>Joel 3:1-2</u> In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.

Our President and his emissaries have stated that Israel must withdraw back to the 1967 borders. That would mean giving up Jerusalem. They are unaware that they are progressing into the teeth of catastrophic Divine Judgment. If they force a division of the land of Israel God will divide America, physically, with a continent splitting earthquake up the New Madrid Fault. As America does to Israel, it will be done to America.

- 14. They are unaware that their enemy, the devil, is out to devour them.
- 15. They are unaware that if they want a certain sin, the demon spirit that specializes in that sin has a legal right to oppress them.
  - 16. They are unaware that there is complete freedom from demonic oppression in Christ.
- 17. They are unaware that many enemies are plotting the destruction of this nation and that God is removing the hedge of protection given to those who honor Him.
  - 18. They are unaware that sin, not carbon dioxide, brings ecological disaster.
  - 19. They are unaware that national defenses are useless against an army of angels.
- \*\*\*\* Imagine people putting up a chain link fence on the sand of a beach and feeling safe because the fence keeps their families from the water. Yet they are foolishly unaware that it would not keep the high tide from coming through the fence to drown them! That's what our defenses are like. They give us a completely false sense of security.
- 20. They are unaware that in all homes where there is no prayer or thanksgiving there will soon be wailing and screaming.
- 21. They are unaware that the palace (The White House) won't just become a pile of rubble like the palaces of kings whose nations were judged long ago. There will be no pile of rubble from the White House. It will be sucked up into the sky and come down over a large area of land in tiny radioactive particles of nuclear fall out. Micah 1:6 "Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of rubble, a place for planting vineyards. I will pour her stones into the valley and lay bare her foundations. (Samaria was the capital city of the northern kingdom of Israel. It was destroyed by invasion.)
- Mic. 3:12 Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets. (Jerusalem was the capital of the southern nation of Judah, and was destroyed by Babylon. But Washington DC's judgment will be to become a crater, a hole, rather than a heap of rubble.

#### 7. REDISCOVER GOD'S WORD AND PROCLAIM IT.

The times we are living in and the days that are coming call us to do two things: 1. Become spiritually aware by abiding in God's word and 2. Proclaim and demonstrate God's Word to make as many others spiritually aware and ready.

1. Feel compassion for yourself. Do yourself a favor. Let the Word of God protect you.

Why be among the unaware? Get a Bible app for your smart phone. Get the Bible on audio CD. Saturate yourself with Scripture until you are fully spiritually aware with the awareness only friendship with God's word can bring.

Proverbs 2:1-22 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways, who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways. It will save you also from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words, who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God. For her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead. None who go to her return or attain the paths of life. Thus you will walk in the ways of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be torn from it.

<u>Josh. 1:8</u> Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

2. Proclaim God's word and demonstrate it. Make others aware.

Don't you feel sorry for all those who are unaware? Don't you want to do everything you possibly can with God's help to make them aware? Will you devote your life to this?

<u>2Tim. 4:1-2</u> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.** 

Matt. 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Psa. 68:11 The Lord announced the word, and great was the company of those who proclaimed it: Hab. 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

#### CLOSING: THERE WILL BE A TEST ON THIS MATERIAL.

Matt. 7:24-27 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

A storm of epic proportions is coming to America. Those who practice obeying the Word of God will find that their delight in God's word is going to cause them to stand and remain when the entire society that is built on sand collapses in an instant.

I love you. God bless you.