

## Prepare the way

### Chapter 13

The Lord has been working on me about this for several months now. As I said, the Lord has been dealing with me about the upcoming year and what is going to happen and what to do. I am on several prophesy mailing lists and I search the WEB for what the Lord has been telling others or at least what they are saying about the Lord and what is to come.

More, lately, He has been showing me scriptures that all pertain to the end times and what He has said that He says is will happen. So on with it.

The Lord has been saying , "Be and/or get prepared for next year, war is going to happen, disaster is going to happen, get prepared for the worst. Riots, famine, disease, sickness, natural disasters (earth quakes, floods, draught, hurricanes, and the like) are going to happen soon."

I asked why is He going to cause all of this evil on us. The Lord said that how can He (pure, holy, good) do evil? I asked, "Isn't all of this bad stuff evil?" He answered, "What I do is never evil. Bad things happen but they are not all evil. What I do is punishment, chastisement, Holy vengeance, purification of My children. Since when is that evil?"

REV 3:14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

"These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. [15] I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! [16] So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth. [17] You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. [18] I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see."

REV 3:19 **"Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline.** So be earnest, and repent. [20] Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me.

REV 3:21 **"To him who overcomes,** I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. [22] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

So what I have learned is that bad things happen and God one way or another is the one who does it. But if He does it, it is not evil. Evilness is selfish, greedy, selfishly jealous, all of the things of the flesh as indicated in

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GAL 5:19 “The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

When we act on these, then is it evil, and since God cannot do this, His actions, even if we think they are bad and should be evil, cannot be because God cannot be evil.

The reason I am bringing this up is that I have been reading a lot lately about how God cannot do anything bad to us because all bad things are evil. Well God's wrath is not evil but when it happens many bad things are going to happen to those who receive His wrath.

And one of the things to come after Jan. 1, 2008 is God is going to pour out His wrath on everyone, the just and unjust alike. God's wrath is going to create a lot of damage, and if we are not prepared, we will be caught up in that wrath and we will suffer too.

That is not God's intention for His wrath to fall on His children and that is why He has been giving us ample warning (for warned is for armed—meaning if you are warned you have time to prepare and plan how to prevent it from happening to you) by the modern day prophets and the old time prophets. But we must be listening to God and do as He indicates.

All one has to do is open the bible and with Faith (believing, trusting and doing) follow the Holy Spirit's guidance and teaching according to John 14:25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. [26] But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

So the Father promises that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things and He will also remind us of all that He taught us. So trusting (acting on faith) the Lord that the Holy Spirit will do this, read the Bible and He will show the things to come and prepare you as to what to do, and then He will guide you when it is time to do it.

Another way to think of the up coming disasters is that God is removing His merciful protecting hand from the World. It is His strong hand that protects everyone, and now He is removing it. This will allow the fruits of the Flesh to be pushed, twisted, and controlled by the devil, and to be free to do as it wishes. God does not really have to do anything, because the enemy and the Flesh will do it all for Him. All He has to do is nothing, and they will do the rest. However this is not toward man, but toward nature, He will do. Revelations shows this in the breaking of the Seals. Do not these angels of disaster belong to God and are they not following His orders?

So what is the purpose of this? Well it is to show that God is in control and that even though His wrath is being poured out on everyone--He is not respecter of all persons but only of His family. So we (Christians) must be seen as His family, His bride, His children. But how are we to be this. Is just being saved (becoming a Christian) enough for it? Well He has been saying

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that we must be Holy and Pure because He is and therefore His family must be pure and holy or they are not His family.

Matthew 12:46 "While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. [47] Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." [48] He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" [49] Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. [50] For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Therefore His family are those who do the Will of the Father. So here is a few examples of the Lord's will that we be **pure**:

MT 5:8 "Blessed are the **pure** in heart, for they will see God."

2CO 11:1 "I hope you will put up with a little of my foolishness; but you are already doing that. [2] I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a **pure** virgin to him. [3] But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. [4] For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. [5] But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those "super-apostles." [6] I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way."

PHP 1:9 "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, [10] so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be **pure** and blameless until the day of Christ, [11] filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God."

PHP 2:14 "Do everything without complaining or arguing, [15] so that you may become blameless and **pure**, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe [16] as you hold out the word of life--in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. [17] But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. [18] So you too should be glad and rejoice with me."

PHP 4:8 "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is **pure**, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. [9] Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

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1TI 1:3 “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer [4] nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work--which is by faith. [5] The goal of this command is love, which comes from a **pure** heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. [6] Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. [7] They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.”

1TI 5:22 “Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself **pure**.”

2TI 2:22 “Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a **pure** heart. [23] Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. [24] And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. [25] Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, [26] and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.”

HEB 7:26 “Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, **pure**, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. [27] Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. [28] For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.”

JAS 1:26 “If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. [27] Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted [**pure**] by the world.”

JAS 3:13 “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom [**purity**]. [14] But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. [15] Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. [16] For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.”

JAS 3:17 “But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all **pure**; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. [18] Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”

1JN 3:1 “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we

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will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. [3] Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is **pure**."

So as one of the preparations we need to do is to become one with the Lord. We do this by getting the Mind of Christ, and the nature of God in our heart and spirit. This only comes with filling our mind, heart and soul with the Word of God and by constantly praying, which is to practice being in the presence of God. Living our life with Him. Allowing Him to become our best friend. Someone that we would not go shopping without, or studying without, or eating without. You take Him with you to the movies. Some one who you share you most intimate secrets and times with. You go to sleep with Him, drive with Him, and you even bathe with Him. He is the first one you call when you need help or want to share something fascinating with. We become one with God when we learn to live with Him.

Another thing I have found out is that praising throughout the day keeps the devil away. When I need to talk to God, I get a very clear phone line to Him when I prepare the phone line with praise and thanksgiving, also, when I pray for others, for unselfishness paths the way to God. After this, oneness is easy. Sometimes it takes awhile to get the clear phone line so patience is necessary, which all of this could be looked at another way, and that is loving God.

1Corinthians 13 [4] "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

1. Kindness = praying for others
2. Patient = waiting on God
3. Not self-seeking = praise; repentant/obedient
4. No record of wrongs = forgiveness of others
5. Not proud = humble minded
6. Not rude = polite/respectful

Finally, to be prepared we need to obey God and all that He asks.

MT 28:16 "Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. [17] When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. [18] Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. [19] 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, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

LK 11:28 He replied, "Blessed rather are those who rather hear the word of God and obey it."

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JN 14:15 "If you love Me, you will obey what I command. [16] And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor (a Helper) to be with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. [18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. [21] Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him."

So He wants to spare us and all of Our family, but we must be prepared for Him to do this. He will protect His children who are one with Him. We must all hear the Lord's will for our lives, or we will receive His wrath because it will be poured out like the rain and anyone who is out in the rain will get wet no matter who you are. But if we are listening and are prepared, we will not be caught in the Lord's rain of wrath.

MT 24:42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. [43] 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. [44] So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

MT 24:45 "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? [46] It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. [47] I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. [48] But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' [49] and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. [50] 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. [51] He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

MT 25:1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish and five were wise. [3] The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. [4] The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. [5] The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. [6] At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' [7] Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' [9] 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' [10] But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. [11] "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' [12] But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' [13] Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

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Also Luke 12:35

LK 12:35 "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, [36] 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. [37] 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. [38] 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. [39] 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. [40] You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him."

LK 12:42 The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? [43] It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. [44] I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. [45] But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get drunk. [46] 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 unbelievers."

LK 12:47 "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. [48] But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

So we must always be watching. We must always be prepared for the Lord. And the place to watch is in our heart where He dwells.

Thus what are We saying? We are saying that we must be one with the Lord. For if we are one with Him, He will always dwell and live in our heart, and if we always look to Him in our heart we will know the will of the Father. If we know the will of the Father, we will know what is going on and He will lead us to safety and we will be prepared for what is to come. We will be ready to do what is needed.

Some will be called be Josephs and prepared for the Families future needs, others will be called out to the brook like Elijah waiting for the time to go to battle, others will be asked to stay where they are and be watchers preparing for the Elijahs to come with power and authority to pull down the enemies falseness (false gods, false religions, false lives, false truths). While others are called to run to a safe place and wait for the Lord, and others are called to stay, make a stand and try to help others in need. As Paul says:

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1 Corinthians 12 [14] "Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. [15] If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. [16] And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. [17] If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? [18] But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. [19] If they were all one part, where would the body be? [20] As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

[21] The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" [22] On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, [23] and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, [24] while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, [25] so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. [26] If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."

Each of us is a little different and not all of us are or can do the same thing. And so God deals with each one of us differently and we can do different things. So what is good for Joe might not be what George is to do. This is why everyone must listen to God and do what he/she is supposed to do as God leads. And this is why being pure and holy is necessary so that we can be the closest to God and be able to hear specifically what we are to do. There are healing or safety in His wings, but we must be under His wings to get it. We cannot do this if we do not know what He is doing.

He wants to protect us and to do this we must stay under His wings. We cannot control where He is going and what He is doing; all we can do is to follow Him.



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