

Global Warning – November 2009

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I bring greetings to you in Jesus' name this morning. Brother Kevn mentioned in children's class this morning how the men who are called prophets were at that time called seers and was asked a question about what it meant by being a seer. Someone said it was someone who can see the future. Because of some of the things we've been exposed to, whenever we think that someone is seeing the future, our minds might go to some witch-looking creature, looking over a crystal ball, predicting the future. Or we might think of a telephone service where you can call and have your future predicted. Or something else along those lines. That isn't what a seer does. A seer is someone who can clearly see what the situation is, analyze it, and see what is going to happen. Prophecy isn't just someone predicting the future like a weather man would, it is a man being able to read the signs. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees in Matthew 16:1-3. He told them how is it you can discern the sky but you can not see the times and things going on around you?

This morning I was reading some of the things Jesus talked about concerning the end times and it's pretty interesting to see what things are going on and to see how man is responding to those things. Marcus and I were coming home on the bus the other night in Columbia, South America; it's about a twelve hour bus ride, and they usually have a movie going on all the time blaring and loud and usually it's just bombs going off and shooting and all kinds of things but one movie was about global calamities coming on the world. It was called, "Day After Tomorrow." It was trying to scare people about global warming so they could call their politicians and persuade them to act upon global warming. They blamed this on men causing it because they drive cars. They've labeled carbon dioxide a pollutant. A few years ago all we heard about was the ozone layer. A few years before that they were telling us the earth was going into a new ice age and we were all going to freeze to death. That was the headline all over about 30 year ago and they were trying to stir people up and scare them so the government could come in and take care of them. Thirty years later all the articles are about the world warming up and everybody is going to burn up now. They switched it around. This movie was on and showed how the ice caps were melting and New York was flooding and big tornados wiped out California and the border of Mexico and illegal aliens, but this time they were the *Americans* trying to flee to get away from what was happening in America. Then it showed the Mexicans were up screaming about illegal aliens entering their country. Then they showed politicians and the ones who were resisting a one world battling this thing together as the bad guys. In the next few days I came home and I read Luke 21:25 and thought that could have been the introduction to that movie they were showing on the bus. It kept going back to the terrible storms that were coming on and the roaring waves of the sea and water flooding and men scared to death and their hearts failing for fear.

This is what Jesus says will happen, but man has turned this to where people don't recognize this as signs in the bible - as a warning for Christ's soon return. They want to distract from the bible. They want you to feel you can do something to stop it, if you "go green" and recycle. There's nothing wrong in doing any of these things in themselves, what is wrong is the distraction and confusion to put the idea on men and their lifestyles instead of putting the blame on man because of their sin. God's judgment is coming on this world. The bible says as the time grows closer, the earth will groan under the weight of sin. In the earliest laws God gave, when a man shed blood, he was to shed his own because that ground would cry out for judgment. The offerings people gave were to satisfy justice, and as the world grows more and more unjust, the earth is crying out more and more under the weight of sin, and it's happening before our eyes. The conservatives say it's just the sun changing and it is and the liberals say man is causing this because of their lifestyle, but it is because men turned their back on their Creator and sinned. There is a global warming coming. The bible says the earth will be destroyed with a fervent heat. However God chooses to do that, He will. Man wants a diversion to take men's thoughts off their Creator and how they've offended Him. These things will happen. Jesus talked in several places about pestilence, earth quakes in divers places (Matthew 24)

Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Jesus said this several times; "*Take heed that no man deceive you.*"

When either side comes at us with all their figures, it's all a deception if God isn't weighed into the mix. Jesus is going to come destroy this earth. It's trembling and shaking, preparing to fall down. Men mock it but take heed that no man deceive you. It's real, it's happening, but we aren't thinking about it happening and watching these things. How many times do you hear about global warming; what do you think of? Your mind probably goes to one of two things: "I should save the environment," or "I should fight the ones trying to save the environment." But how many times does your mind go to "Jesus is coming back; that's a sign the Lord is coming." Jesus said, "*Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end*

is not yet."

We hear of wars all the time and there are two or three wars this country is into right now. All over this world there are wars; nation against nation and kingdom against kingdom. Famines all over the world, they're hungry. They don't have any food. It's going on all over the world. What is a pestilence? Ever hear of the swine flu? It's a disease that is passing all over the world. Everyone is scared. A few years ago it was Sars, bird flu. Pestilence, disease. What's the remedy? Get a shot. But they are afraid if the shot is dangerous or not. So where does the focus go? It goes on if you'll get sick getting a shot or because you didn't take a shot. What should we be thinking about? That's a promise and sign the Lord said would happen before He returns, and turn our hearts heavenward and think about God. That's the remedy. Takes a calamity sometimes to turn us to reality but woe when even the calamities can't turn us back to God.

I remember a family in a church I was with once and they had a little boy who got killed. You talk about a family changing. They changed. They saw. It woke them up. They saw little things as signs God was trying to get their attention. Their little boy was flying a kite, the dad was busy doing his business, and his kite got stuck in a tree and every day his dad would come home, he'd ask his dad to get his kite out of the tree. The dad said he was always too busy today. It went that way for a week or so. Then there was an accident and their little boy was killed, and as they were coming home, they found the kite on the ground because it had blown out of the tree. It woke him up for a little while and turned their minds to God. I've noticed things like that used to turn things to God but hardly anymore; there's a remedy or a cause for it now. They go to a doctor and they tell you why all that happened. You can find an engineer to tell you why and what happened. There's an answer. *'Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools'* the bible says in Romans 1:22. When man has an answer for all of his problems, he doesn't need to look to God and Christ returning because his answers are satisfied.

Earthquakes in divers places, typhoons, rampant fires. Every day we hear it happening somewhere and we get hardened to it. *"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many."* (Matthew 24:11) Many times people think of these false prophets as preachers and today they are in abundance, but a false prophet is only someone diverting you from the truth. Someone who can look through all that and see the signs can turn people to the Lord. Abomination of desolation Daniel talks about. Listen to a modern preacher and they are all watching Israel and ready for the temple to be built there again, waiting for the dome of the rock to fall. They all watch that, constantly waiting for it, and then they'll know the Lord will return soon ... instead of preparing and looking and watching and waiting and being ready for Him to return, they are waiting for this sign when it's right in front of their faces. They are looking for their own prophecies to be fulfilled. We tell people we don't get deeply involved in the prophecies and theologies of prophecies that says we can determine when and where and what. Our goal is to be ready because Jesus said He's coming back and He's given us things to look for so we can be ready for His return, to be watching with all diligence lest we be overtaken.

Luke 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

We think, "We are not a surfeiter or a drunk." Well, what is drunkenness? It is the lack of sobriety. The lack of seeing what is real, living in a delusional world. That's what drunkenness is – seeing things cloudy. Surfeiting is abundance – overdoing everything. We are to be sober. It doesn't mean you never laugh or enjoy yourself sometimes. Soberness is seeing things as they really are; being a seer. Being able to look at the signs and see what is coming. Back to Luke 21:25 – *there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations.* Distress of nations ... what do you think the banking crisis is? The national debt and global recession? Things like that. "Oh, we better raise taxes! Cut taxes ... that's the answer! Focus, we better do something to fix this economy!" How many people see that Jesus is coming when they hear something like that? "Jesus said something about distress of nations didn't He?" Shouldn't that remind us that He's on His way back? We see smoke then we see danger usually. I see smoke here, I see the Lord returning. *"...with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.* You redemption draweth nigh! When you see these things happening, don't get all stirred up trying to find answers and fix the problem! Lift up your head and look up! Your redemption is drawing nigh. This isn't our world, this world is not our kingdom. We are not sent here to fix it, patch it up, make it a better place ... it's damned! It's going to be destroyed. And when you see it begin to happen, lift up your head – look up! Your redemption is drawing nigh. It's getting close.

But ... then we get busy. Then we hear some bad news and see how we might fix it. Our eyes begin to fall down and look around us instead of looking up, and we get caught up in this world again.

Beware false prophets, be a seer. Let these things move you. *And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted ... full of*

grace? No! That you might be ... accounted *worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

May the Lord add His blessings on His words and may we take them to heart.