

## **BE PREPARED! ANTICHRIST WILL REIGN**

When Lord Baden Powell commenced what became a worldwide youth movement we know as the "Boy Scouts" and the excellent motto adopted by them was "BE PREPARED". What better motto could be adopted by Bible believing saints who realise that dark days are just around the corner when the Antichrist will reign and totally dominate planet Earth. Please, dear friends, don't be taken in by the doctrine of demons that teaches the church will be wafted away before any tribulation begins. Yes, indeed, there are multitudes of teaching demons presenting diabolical doctrines in every corner of our earth n.b. *1 TIMOTHY 4 v 1 - Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.* Tribulation has already arrived for most of the Body of Christ in the majority of the countries of the world. For most believers, persecution, even to martyrdom, is the norm and surely "tribulation" for the neo-pagan west in the justice of a holy, righteous God, must come soon, for are we not worse than Sodom and Gomorrah. Having said all this, how can God's people "BE PREPARED". To aid us in this endeavour for preparedness we now offer three challenges.

### **BE PREPARED! CHALLENGE NUMBER ONE**

- A. *MATTHEW 24 v 42 WATCH THEREFORE; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.* This watching is utterly vital. World events clearly indicate that Antichrist will soon manifest himself to a welcoming world. The preparations to make this possible are well underway. As we read *2 THESSALONIANS 2 v 1 -3 - Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;* it is plain that two events must precede the coming of the Lord Jesus and its attendant rapture, Antichrist's manifestation and the apostasy, the great one (falling away is Apostasia in Greek), which is well under way and the second must soon follow. So beloved friends, WATCH.
- B. *MATTHEW 24 v 44 BE YE ALSO READY.* We will discuss this posture of readiness in more detail in BE PREPARED CHALLENGES NUMBERS TWO AND THREE.
- C. Please refresh your memories by reading *MATTHEW 25 v 1 -13.* The tragic story of the foolish virgins (n.b. they were virgins, not whores) but utterly unprepared for the coming bridegroom and shut out of the marriage feast which must refer to the *Marriage supper of the Lamb REVELATION 19 v 6 - 9* and by extension from Christ's glorious millennial kingdom. A question! How is your oil situation? Was it Billy Bray who pioneered assemblies in Cornwall (if you can get a copy of "The King's Son" by Haslam, it is a fantastic read) who said "The devil can do nothing by they that be filled with the Holy Ghost". Never forget that a baptism in the Holy Ghost is an immersion in the third person of the Godhead.
- D. Also spend time meditating on the end time parable of the talents. Hardly a day goes by without your writer, with the deepest longing, thinking of the possibility of hearing from his beloved Lord those precious words, "*Well done thou good and faithful servant.....enter thou into the joy of thy Lord*". *MATTHEW 25 v 21 - 23.* Faithfulness is God's success. The world's measure is something else.

## **BE PREPARED! CHALLENGE NUMBER TWO**

### **KEEP YOUR GARMENTS UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD**

A question! How can clean garments help in the preparation for the awful days that must surely come during the "Wrath of Satan", which is the tribulation? Much has been written about the armour of God (*EPHESIANS 6 v 13 - 18*) in relation to Christian warfare, but so little mention is made of the inestimable value of "*clean hands and a pure heart*". *PSALM 24 v 3 - 5*.

As the lovely old hymn poses the question, "Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?" A life that is pure and garments that are unspotted from the world are as valuable protection as the armour of God to make the believer proof against the fiery darts of the wicked one. The deceiving, demonic arrows of darkness cannot pierce and defile the blood washed believer. However, there is no doubt that filthy garments draw Satan's arrows like a magnet draws iron. Just three scriptures that need no further comment.

*JAMES 1 v 27*

*Pure religion ....is this....to keep himself unspotted from the world.*

*JUDE 23*

*And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

*REVELATION 3 v 1 - 6*

*Unto the Angel of the church in Ephesus write....I know thy works that thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead BE WATCHFUL....REPENT. If therefore thou shalt WATCH I will come on thee as a thief.*

*Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.*

*He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life....*

## **BE PREPARED! CHALLENGE NUMBER THREE**

### **DISCERN THE LITTLE LIES NOW! THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO DISCERN THE BIGGEST OF ALL LIES, THAT ANTICHRIST IS GOD AND ALL MUST WORSHIP HIM**

"Blithe Spirit" is not just one of Noel Coward's most famous plays but an apt description of so many of today's earth dwellers who would count themselves as Christian believers. There is an assembly that I pioneered and spent a goodly portion of life's ministry pastoring which is now led by others. One of its dominant and emphasised "mantras" is, "We do not judge other people's ministries", which has to be code for "Anything goes". The sad result is that no attempt is made to warn against the doctrines of demons that abound and are presented under the guise of Christian truth. A question! In your assembly, what is watched? What is read? What is listened to? What a tragedy! Even the hireling sees the wolf coming. Sadly, so many so called "Shepherds" go blithely on through the end-time demon deceit laden minefield, unaware of the maiming and destruction of believers taking place all around them. On the Mount of Olives our Lord Jesus warns of wars, pestilences, famines that would be the awful backdrop of the end days but, by far, his greatest warnings were in the realm of deceit.

*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.*

*And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.*

*Then, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.*

*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."*

*MATTHEW 24 v 4 - 5, 11, 23 - 24*

One of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit is the gift of DISCERNING OF SPIRITS (1 CORINTHIANS 12 v 10) without which the source of any spiritual manifestation cannot be discerned. Pity the poor bereft cessationist. "TRY THE SPIRITS". *Whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1 JOHN 4 v 1.* If the manifestation or teaching is discerned to have a demonic source, it must be avoided like the plague, for plague it is. DISCERN THE LITTLE LIE NOW and the BIG LIE will be easy meat when Antichrist prowls the earth.

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

*Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

*1 PETER 5 v 8 - 9*

So, dear friends, BE PREPARED! and pull out all the stops in your endeavours to prepare what could be the terminal generation of this world's order for all that is to come. Especially the young people so unready, because they have been presented with so many crooked paths by those who should have been their true and faithful Christian mentors. Please, dear ones, give them the pure water before they are inundated with the filthy. My last appeal from your aged brother - BE PREPARED!