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"WHAT TIME IS IT"

Hosea 10:12 *"it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you."*

We live in a time conscious world. Time pieces are everywhere. We wear them on our wrists, hang them around our necks and mount them on our walls. The current time is constantly displayed on our cell phones, in the corner of our television sets and on the dashboards of our cars, but the fact remains that this current generation of church goers doesn't have a clue what time it really is.

God's timepiece has been ticking for centuries and it continues today, but few are looking at it with any perception. One thing is certain; it's a lot later than most of us think it is and only God knows for sure the day and the hour that is set in His calendar. A large part of the modern day church has been lulled in to the notion that the "*day of the Lord*" is for some far distant generation and we have no need to prepare for it or be the slightest bit concerned about it today. On the other hand we have the present day false prophets who are setting exact times and dates when God's Word plainly tells us that no one knows the day or the hour. It's another example of the fact that multitudes will believe a dressed up lie faster than they will the naked truth.

Now some have the notion that the world will end on December 21, 2012 because the Mayan calendar stops there. Now we're being told that it won't completely end, but the world "*as we know it*" will end. Well, Hallelujah! I'll say "Amen" to that. The way the world is right now it would be a blessing for it to end "*as we know it.*" Every day that I pick up the newspaper, I read of the world "*as we know it*" and I'm not too impressed with the way things are going. It seems to me that we have allowed a bunch of monkeys to play with blowtorches in a room full of dynamite. When I look at the things that are happening with the leaders of the world in Washington and elsewhere, I am convinced that the baboons have taken over the zoo and the inmates are now running the asylum.

I watched a little of the revelry at Times Square on New Year's Eve on television. I must confess that I dropped before the ball did, but I saw enough to comment to my wife that if I were a Muslim or a Hindu living in some other part of the world and saw that shocking mess, I would have to conclude that America was a godless and corrupt place. I didn't make it to the performance of Gaga, (she's not a lady and I refuse to call her one) but I did see enough to conclude that the lifestyle of Sodom and Gomorrah didn't die in the fire and brimstone that destroyed the cities long ago. It's alive and well in America today.

What does all this say? What time is it anyhow? ***It is time to seek the LORD!*** The church must wake up to that fact or else we will suffer the same fate of those ancient cities. I fear that we are too much like Lot who, even though he was vexed with the filthy conduct of those cities, continued to sit in the gate with the elders and had to be dragged out by angels before the fire fell.

Make no mistake, God will judge this generation that has kicked Him out of every institution, (including many churches) laughed in His face, made vile jokes about Him and His Bride, denied His Word, disowned His Son and turned His Holy Days into a vile holidays of debauchery. The fact is that not only **WILL** God judge this generation, but He **IS** judging it right now! But, we refuse to see it; we're like blind guides who are trying to lead others when we don't know where we are going ourselves. We tend to believe that this could not be judgment from God because God just wouldn't do that to America. Don't kid yourself; if He judged His own chosen people for their idolatry and refusal to repent, He will certainly judge us. We are not exempt!

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"For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" 1 Peter 4:17

"...now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand... Romans 13:11-12

Keep praying.....