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DiscipleLiving In The Last Days Pt 2

Today we pick up on Part 2 of the message from July entitled DiscipleLiving in The Last Days Pt. 2.

We are almost through with our 2022 year long theme: Love : The Mark of a True Disciple. Next Sunday we have a special guest speaker from InnerFaith Prison Ministries, Rev. Russell Rosenberry. Then on Nov. 20 I will close out our theme with DiscipleThanks message.

Christians have been waiting and anticipating the 2nd coming of Christ for 2000 years. As the Bible states **Matthew 24:36... No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. It is rather confusing sometimes!**

But, one thing we can agree upon is, that it has never been closer than this moment. Even if we don't know the time, we do know HE IS COMING. We need to be prepared so that we will not be caught off guard

2 Peter 3:3-18...³ Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." ⁵ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. ⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. ¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. ¹⁶ He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. ¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

With that background in mind, let's switch over to the last book of the Bible, Revelation, and see what we as True Disciples, **WE MUST BE DOING IN THESE LAST DAYS**

(1). We Must Keep God's Word (Rev, 22:6-11,18,19)

¹Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ²in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; ⁴they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.⁷ "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." ¹⁸I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

(2) We Must Worshipping God (Rev. 22: 8,9)

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me. ⁹But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow slave with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

(3) We Must Keep our Lives Clean (Rev. 22:10-15)

¹⁰He also said to me, "Don't seal the prophetic words of this book, because the time is near. ¹¹Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy go on being made filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; and let the holy go on being made holy."¹² "Look! I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me to repay each person according to what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.¹⁴ "Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

(4) We Must Keep Calling 'Come to Jesus' (Rev. 22:17)

¹⁷Both the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Anyone who hears should say, "Come!" And the one who is thirsty should come. Whoever desires should take the living water as a gift.

(5) We Must Keep Trusting & Expecting Jesus (Rev. 22:17, 20-21)

²⁰ He who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen

Warren Wiersbe in his commentary on Revelation states “Heaven is more than a destination; it is a motivation. Knowing that we shall dwell in the heavenly city ought to make a difference in our lives right here and now. The assurance of heaven must not lull us into complacency or carelessness, but spur us on to fulfill our spiritual duties.

Revelation 20:11-15 ...Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

There is a Book of Life in Heaven, is your name there
Anyday now Jesus could come for you

Song ...Peace in the Valley

God's has provided a way for us to be restored and that is through Jesus.

Is your name written in the Book of Life

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Peace In the Valley (Sister Rosa Tharpe version)

Well, I'm tired and so weary
But I must toil along
Till the Lord comes and calls,
calls me away, oh yeah
Well the morning's so bright
And the Lamb is the light
And the night, is as black as the
sea, oh yes.

(There will be peace in the valley
for me, some day)
There will be peace in the valley
for me, oh Lord I pray
(There'll be no sorrow, no
sadness, no trouble, will be)
There will be peace in the valley
for me.

Well the bear will be gentle
And the wolf will be tame
And the lion shall lay down, by
the lamb, oh yes
And the beasts from the wild
Shall be led by a child
And I'll be changed from this
creature that I am, oh yes.

(There will be peace in the valley
for me, some day)
There will be peace in the valley
for me, oh Lord I pray
(There'll be no sorrow, no
sadness, no trouble, will be)
There will be peace in the valley
for me, [for me]

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