

Spiritual Realities of the Last of the Last-Days!

LESSON INTRODUCTION:

- Last week we taught about Last of the “Last-Days” spiritual warfare, and how it has “RAMPED-UP” and some of the weapons the Lord has given us to fight against, and overcome this Spiritual assault from the enemy!
 - Tonight, we are going to “BUILD-UPON” those truths with what I am referring to as: **“Spiritual Realities” of the Last of the Last-Days!**
 - I am going to lay them out to us, one at a time, as the Lord has revealed them from His Word and from the Holy Spirit!
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I. **SPIRITUAL REALITY #1: Do Not Allow this to Be Viewed as Merely a Time of INCONVENIENCE!**

- a. One of the attacks of the enemy is to get the church to merely relegate this pandemic as an inconvenience, when in fact the Lord means this as a.....”**REBOOT**” of His Church, the Body of Christ!
- b. This “**REBOOT**” was first mentioned in Joel

Joel 2:25-32a NLT.

²⁵The Lord says, “I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts.

It was I who sent this great destroying army against you.

²⁶Once again you will have all the food you want, and you will praise the Lord your God, who does these miracles for you.

Never again will my people be disgraced.

²⁷Then you will know that I am among my people Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and there is no other. Never again will my people be disgraced.

²⁸“Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your old men will dream dreams,
and your young men will see visions.

²⁹ In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on servants—men and women alike.

³⁰ And I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth—
blood and fire and columns of smoke.

³¹ The sun will become dark,
and the moon will turn blood red
before that great and terrible day of the Lord arrives.

³² But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved,

for some on Mount Zion in Jerusalem will escape,
just as the Lord has said.

These will be among the survivors
whom the Lord has called.

c. Then we see its prophesized fulfillment in Acts 2:1-4; 14-16; & 39.

Acts 2:1-4

2 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Acts 2:14-16

14 Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. 15 These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. 16 No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

Acts 2:39

39 This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

d. The Church of Jesus Christ,MUST.....BELIEVE,.....and by Faith
RECEIVE,.....THE POWERFUL PROMISE OF GOD’S “REBOOT” FOR THE CHURCH,
.....WHICH IS THE POWERFUL INFILLING, BAPTISM, OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AS ON

THE DAY OF PENTECOST!.....WHY?Jesus HIMSELF told us the answer in Acts 1:8.....

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth!”

f. Any Church that tries to “**GO BACK**” to the way it was before this **MASSIVE** Gospel presentation online, will find itself dying a slow death!

i. IT CAN NEVER RETURN TO CHURCH BUSINESS AS USUAL,.....BECAUSE CHURCH BUSINESS AS USUAL WAS NOT GETTING THE JOB DONE!

g. Brothers and Sisters, Pastors and Ministers, we can NOT retreat from the Ground we have gained in the advancement of the Gospel and the Kingdom of God!

II. SPIRITUAL REALITY #2: Both Sin and Grace Will Increase!

a. The devil knows that his days are short, so he has reserved, as I shared last week, spiritual attacks of evil, which we have not experienced at this level before!

i. Listen to the Word of God.....

Revelation 12:12 NLT.

“Therefore, rejoice, O heavens! And you who live in the heavens, rejoice! But terror will come on the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you in great anger, knowing that he has little time.”

b. Evil and sin WILL increase, as people devise new ways to sin, and celebrates others who do the same (sometimes based upon their fallen nature, and sometimes based upon demonic influence).

Romans 1:28-32 NCV.

28 People did not think it was important to have a true knowledge of God. So God left them and allowed them to have their own worthless thinking and to do things they should not do. 29 They are filled with every kind of sin, evil, selfishness, and hatred. They are full of jealousy,

murder, fighting, lying, and thinking the worst about each other. They gossip 30 and say evil things about each other. They hate God. They are rude and conceited and brag about themselves. They invent ways of doing evil. They do not obey their parents. 31 They are foolish, they do not keep their promises, and they show no kindness or mercy to others. 32 They know God's law says that those who live like this should die. But they themselves not only continue to do these evil things, they applaud others who do them.

c. **BUT**.....Whenever and wherever sin and evil increases, **GRACE** increases at a rate that **OUTDISTANCES** the sin and evil!

i. Listen to the Word of God!

Romans 5:20-21 NLT.

²⁰ God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. ²¹ So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

III. SPIRITUAL REALITY #3---"The Church Must Begin to Practice a Daily Lifestyle of Repentance!"

a. Repentance is the VERY "heartbeat" of the Follower of Jesus!

i. It is NOT a mere act that one does, It is a LIFESTYLE that one lives!

b. For FAR-TOO-LONG, we have allowed the world to go to HELL and we haven't CARED!

i. As long as OUR needs are met!

ii. As long as OUR programs are advanced!

iii. As long as OUR songs are sung!

iv. As long as OUR comfort is being attended to!

v. As long as OUR people come to OUR church!

vi. As long as OUR few dollars we throw in a plate for Missions means that WE don't have to get involved with those dirty SINNERS!

c. If ALL of this happens,.....then we LOVE Church!

- i. But let ONE preacher,.....who TRULY Believes the Word of God,.....and if FULL of the POWER and ANOINTING of the Holy Spirit begin to PREACH the TRUTH, and SHAKE things up!.....WE BECOME UNHAPPY!
 - 1. And if left to our own self-absorbed ways,.....WE WILL RUN THAT PREACHER OUT OF TOWN!
 - 2. And call him/her a “**RADICAL-RABBLE-ROUSER!**”
 - a. Too too radical for OUR tastes!
 - 3. And that’s EXACTLY why the crowd that cried “HOSANNA” on Sunday,.....CRIED “CRUCIFY HIM” on Friday!
- ii. Listen to the Word of God.....

Amos 5:21-24 NLT.

21 “I hate all your show and pretense—

the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies.

22 I will not accept your burnt offerings and grain offerings.

I won’t even notice all your choice peace offerings.

23 Away with your noisy hymns of praise!

I will not listen to the music of your harps.

24 Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice,

an endless river of righteous living.

~~~AND OF COURSE~~~

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV.

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land!”

CONCLUSION: