

The Last of the Last Days (2 Timothy 3: 1-6)

Misinterpretation of the prophetic word of God related to end times has led many to confusion and doubt of the veracity of Scriptures. Peter in his first sermon on day of Pentecost declared that the days they were in were the last days prophesized by the prophet Joel. He said, This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams. Yes, and on My menservants also and on My maidservants in those days I will pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy (Acts 2:17-18). It is fitting for us to know the frame of time of Peter's words to understand where we are today. We are not only in the last days, as we all declared it, but we are in the last of the last days. There is quite a difference between in the last days and in the last of the last days' time frame.

According to Peter, the last days began on that Pentecost day after YAHSHUA'S resurrection. It has been two thousand years since the last days started, but we have not understood the concept of God's timing of the last days, because of erroneous translation of the Bible. So when every generation experienced trials that led them to believe to be in the last of the last days, when in fact it was just in the last days referred by Peter. One example of this is found in Paul's second letter to Timothy chapter three and verses one through five, concerning The Greek word eschatos which implies the last of the last days, not the last days. He then shows the people's characteristics of these days:

Perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear] (2) lovers of self (utterly) self-centered (3) lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate desire for wealth (4) proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters (5) abusive (blasphemous, scoffing) (6) disobedient to parents (7) ungrateful (8) unholy (9) profane (10) without natural affection (callous and inhuman) (11) relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); (12) slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers) (13) intemperate and loose in morals and conduct (14) uncontrolled and fierce (15) haters of good (16) treacherous [betrayers] (17) rash (18) inflated with self-conduct (19) lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God (20) They hold a form of piety (true religion) they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it.

Today, we witness these last of the last days behavior mentioned above confirming the time we are in. We are witnessing perilous and fearful days when violence is so extreme to the point of beheadings and videos being made of it and nothing is done about it. Our society lives in fear and is powerless facing these evil people. No government can touch them. The world is lame and intimidated with them. There is no country that can stop the forces of evil that is embracing the world. These are difficult days to bear. These are the last of the last days. Satan is dispatching his low level demons into our atmosphere. We are wrestling not with flesh and blood, but with principalities, powers, rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly sphere (Ephesians 6:12).

Satan has been defeated in spite of his fierce anger against humankind. He hates the human race because YAHSHUA bought us with His precious blood and freed us from him. In these last of the last days, Satan is doing what he can to deceive many of us called Christians, so to take them back. Sadly to say many have left the way to follow Satan. The true believer is dressed in God's armor. He has given us a measure of faith to fight against the evil one and be protected against his flaming missiles. We are fixed under God's shadow and no power can withstand His power. We will not be afraid of any terror from the enemy, neither of his arrows coming our way because we are secured in the inaccessible secret place of our heavenly Father. In these final days before we hear the trumpet of God calling us home, it is imperative for His word to be dwelling in us continuously. We must be submerged in it, breathing it and eating it. He has anointed us for this time to be prepared for His coming. These last of the last days are indicative of His soon return. These are days that will precede the rapture, followed sometimes later by His wrath which will be poured on the earth, called the great tribulation.

Peter said, But we look for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness is to abide. So, beloved, since you are expecting these things, be eager to be found by Him [at His coming] without spot or blemish and at peace (II Peter 3:13,14). Be not overwhelmed by the terrors surrendering us; YAHSHUA said, Be not fearful, but believer! Fear is the absence of faith in one's life. These are days for the believer exercise faith in the promise of YAHSHUA'S return. The believer should be looking for YAHSHUA'S promise of salvation to be fulfilled in these last of the last days and not to be looking for His wrath to be poured over them. Otherwise they will be found not ready for Him.

**God, you're such a safe and powerful place to hide!
You're a proven help in time of trouble
More than enough and always available
Whenever I need you.
So we will never fear
Even if every structure of support were to crumble away!
We will not fear even
When the earth quakes and shakes,
Moving mountains and casting them into the sea!
For the raging roar of stormy winds and crashing waves
Cannot erode our faith in you
God has a constantly flowing river whose sparkling streams
Bring joy and delight to his people!
His river flows right through
The city of God-Most-High,
Into his holy dwelling place.
God is in the midst of His city,
Secure and never shaken.
At daybreak His help will be seen,
With the appearing of the dawn.**

**When the nations are in uproar,
With their tottering kingdoms,
God simply raises His voice
And the earth begins to disintegrate before Him!
Here He comes!
The commander!
The mighty Lord of Angel-Armies is on our side!
The God of Jacob fights for us!**

**Everyone look!
Come and see the breathtaking wonders of our God.
For He brings both ruin and revival
And He's the One who makes conflicts to end
Throughout the earth,
Breaking and burning every weapon of war.
Surrender your anxiety!
Be silent and stop your striving
And you will see that I am God.
I am the God above all the nations,
And I will be exalted throughout the whole earth.
Here He stands!
The Commander!
The Mighty Lord of angel-Armies is on our side!
The God of Jacob fights for us!**

(Psalm 46 Translated by Dr. Brian Simmons)

May the words from this Psalm bring you strength to go through these days without losing faith in the Him Who has promised salvation and has called you to be faithful to the end! **Even so come Lord JESUS!**