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Signs of the Times: Shining Bible Light on Current Events

The Lord has wrought many blessed judgments in the world this week which can be seen plainly by any who have been given eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand by the gracious hand of God. **“Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house.” (Ezekiel 12:2)** This entire world is a rebellious house! Therefore, the Lord, the God of Israel, is punishing the people of it! Let’s view some of this week’s judgments from the proper perspective:

The great sinful delusion of the week was the gluttonous day of Thanksgiving, followed by the greed-driven day of Black Friday. There are indeed many things to be thankful for in this world. As the fire burning in California continues to blaze, with the death toll currently at 84 while another 475 are still missing, you should be thankful for your own life. You should be thankful for all that God has given you and the lot that you have in this life. **“The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.” (Psalm 16:5-6)** **“O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.” (1 Chronicles 16:34)** **“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:” (Psalm 92:1)** You are commanded to give thanks unto the Lord continuously and for all things. No matter what your lot in this life is, it is what He has seen fit to give you, which means it is exactly what you need because His knowledge is perfect. **“Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.” (Matthew 6:8)** God knows what you need before you ask because He created you and has command over everything in this creation. But above all that, you need to be thankful that a savior was provided for this doomed race. The angelic race was not given a savior, yet the Lord saw fit to send His son to this world to save some of this wretched creation. **“For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.” (Hebrews 1 & 2)** What more do you need? Come out from the world, seek refuge in your Savior Jesus Christ, fear God, repent of your sins, and seek forgiveness from the only true source of peace and deliverance: the Lord.

After this country was done being thankful for a few minutes, they then turned to serve their lusts and greed on the shopping day extravaganza known as Black Friday because they weren’t quite thankful enough for what they already have. **“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)** Set your eyes on the prize of heaven and eternal glory. **“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26)** Sanctify yourself from this world. That means not to entangle yourself with the affairs of this life because they are a distraction from serving your King. **“No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” (2 Timothy 2:4)**

This passage gives a proper view of both Thanksgiving and Black Friday: **“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.” (1 Timothy 6: 6-12)**

Woe to you who have hardened your hearts against the Lord and His word. The destruction of this world is imminent; you must believe on Christ, repent of your sins, and seek the Lord with humility. **“For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.” (Zephaniah 2:4-5)**

Repent or Perish!