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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:

On Sunday, October 13th, the New York Times reported on a violent video that was displayed at the Trump National Doral Miami resort during a recent campaign event for President Trump. The video is a scene from the movie “Kingsman: The Secret Service,” edited so that it shows the President violently murdering people whose faces are covered with those of his political opponents: various celebrities, politicians, and news media logos, such as CNN and NBC. This created a collective panic in the media that the video would inspire violence against media organizations. Firstly, you should keep your violent fantasies to yourself; better yet, you should reject them and not let them take root in your mind. **“Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.” (Psalm 37:8)** Secondly, it is worth noting that the unedited scene from the film depicted a man killing a hyperbolized, inaccurate version of the Westboro Baptist Church. There was no similar media condemnation for that scene, because fantasizing about the murder of people who tell you the Truth of God is socially acceptable today. That is a sad state of affairs. **“I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.” (Psalm 120:7)** **“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” (Jude 14-15)**

On Thursday, October 17th, U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings died at the age of 68 due to complications from various health challenges. He represented the district that includes Baltimore, Maryland in Congress for nearly 24 years. He is being heralded across the political spectrum as a civil rights hero and a fierce advocate in particular for voting rights. Unlike a lot of people, he, a professed Christian, had an acute sense of how short life is, and is quoted as saying, "I'm here for a season and a reason. I don't know why I'm here, I don't know how long I'll be here, but I'm here. And I'm going to make the best of it." To President Trump, he has said, "I want to send a message that we have one life to live, Mr. President. There is no dress rehearsal." He also told the President, "Mr. President, you're now 70-something, I'm 60-something. Very soon you and I will be dancing with angels. The thing that you and I need to do is figure out what can we do - what present can we bring to generations unborn?" This is very true and something everyone should remember regardless of their age. **“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” (James 4:14)** Unfortunately, Cummings did not seem to wholly live his life that way, according to God's Word. **“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)** Instead, he committed adultery in the divorcing of his wife and remarrying (**Matthew 19:9**), and used his Congressional power to help raise the sins of abortion, sodomy, and others to the level of acceptance they enjoy in this country today. **“Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:19)** Everything else is meaningless fluff. Do not live your life that way, and hope that Christ will not say thusly to you when you quit this life: **“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matthew 7:22-23)**