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Religious Opinion & Bible Commentary on Current Events

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## NEWS RELEASE

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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. Let's view some of this week's judgments from the proper perspective:

This week, coronavirus cases in the U.S. climbed to 5.6 million, and deaths rose past 176,000. Globally, there are over 23 million cases and 800,000 deaths. At least in the U.S., the number of weekly new cases and deaths are beginning to decline. Two airplane-related incidents this week highlight the bizarre and emotionally-charged nature of wearing masks in the U.S. during the pandemic. On Monday, before a flight from Las Vegas to Charlotte, NC lifted off, a woman refused to wear a mask. She was asked to deplane for violating airline policy, and in the process a brawl broke out with another passenger. On Wednesday, another woman in Florida was travelling alone with her six children, and her two-year-old daughter kept taking her mask off. Everyone on board had to deplane, and the woman and her children had to find other travel arrangements. These and similar incidents seem rooted in an abundance of pride, a lack of mercy, and a refusal to grasp that these matters of life and death are controlled by God, not, ultimately, mask-wearing. **"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." (Proverbs 16:32). "Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom." (Proverbs 13:10). "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." (Luke 6:36). "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand." (Deuteronomy 32:39).** Obey those who have earthly authority over you, and recognize there is no silver bullet that overrides God's sovereignty.

Between Monday and Wednesday, 11,000 lightning strikes in California caused 367 wildfires. As of Friday, that grew to 560 fires. These individual fires combined make up the LNU Lightning Complex and SCU Lightning Complex fire, which are the 2nd and 3rd largest wildfires in CA history. 100,000 people are under evacuation orders, 6 people have died, and nearly 1 million acres have been burned. Also, there are two storms forming near the Gulf of Mexico. Hurricane Marco is expected to land in Texas and Louisiana this upcoming Tuesday, and Tropical Storm Laura may make landfall at the same location on Wednesday, likely as a hurricane as well. In recorded history, double hurricanes in the Gulf have only happened in 1933 and 1959. This year alone, we have seen major unprecedented incidents ravage the world and the U.S. We see God in it all and thank Him for it. **"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; [...] For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:18-21).**

On Thursday, Joe Biden accepted the nomination of the Democratic Party for president. In his speech, he spoke swelling words about what he would do as president. He said, "I will be an ally of the light, not the darkness." "I will protect America. I will defend us from every attack – seen and unseen. Always. Without exception. Every time." He wrote checks he cannot cash. He and his party have no interest in turning to God and submitting to Him and obeying. **"Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? The LORD'S voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it." (Micah 6:7-9).** Seek help from God, not any man.

**Repent or Perish!**