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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:

Media tycoon Ted Turner died this week at 87 years old. Mr. Turner was most well known as the founder of CNN, but had a wide array of businesses, property, and fortune. Proud sin defined the life of this fleshly man, but one of Turner’s most famous quotes tells the heart of the matter; **“Christianity is a religion for losers.” “This witness is true.” (Titus 1:13).** Oh, how great a proclamation **“that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” (1 Timothy 1:15).** **“For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. (1 Peter 1:24–25)** Not a single cent of Mr. Turner’s billions of dollars will serve him now. As Mr. Turner is now unalterably aware, this life **“is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” (James 4:14)** **“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” (Hebrews 9:27)** Every man will face that shelving brink of death at which point you will stand naked and defenseless before your Creator to give an account for every individual sin you committed. No money, no good works, nor any southern charm will purchase good will before the Almighty God you have offended with your every breath. **“Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.” (Proverbs 11:4),** **“Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun. For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it. Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked? (Ecclesiastes 7:11-14)** Mr. Turner lived to gain this life and lost his never-dying soul in the process. As followers of Christ, we will gladly lose this world to dwell eternally in the kingdom of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. **“And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:34–38)** Despite his vast riches and worldwide recognition he left this life the way he came into it. There is nothing for him now but eternal death. **“As he came forth of his mother’s womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?” (Ecclesiastes 5:15-16)** Mr. Turner spent his life mocking God’s holiness and Justice and now knows just what he is and who his Maker is. Do not be like him.

There is one way to peace with God – His Son – Christ, Jesus. **“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6).** We implore you, Repent. Or you will perish.

**“For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. ... Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches... Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image. ... For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works. (Psalm 73:3-28)**