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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:

This week, the world once again gathered to celebrate the works of men through the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize. Such an award is presented as one of mankind's highest honors, yet we must ask: By whose standard are these works judged? The world praises those whom it deems worthy, but the approval of men is no indication of righteousness before God Almighty. Scripture warns us, **“For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” (John 12:43)**. Furthermore, no amount of charitable work, humanitarian effort, or worldly recognition can purchase salvation. The Apostle Paul plainly declares, **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9)**. Salvation is found through faith in Jesus Christ alone, not through the accomplishments of mankind, regardless of how noble they may appear in the eyes of the world.

What the world considers righteous is often contrary to the perfect Word of God. Mankind has established its own standards of goodness, frequently celebrating that which God condemns and rejecting that which He commands. As the prophet Isaiah warned, **“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20)**. The Lord does not judge according to the outward appearances or accomplishments of men, for **“the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)**. We must therefore be careful not to mistake worldly recognition for godly righteousness. Christ Himself warned, **“for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.” (Luke 16:15)**. How foolish it is for mankind to exalt its own understanding above the judgments of the Lord!

And what of the peace that this world so eagerly seeks to honor? Though men may labor to establish peace through governments, treaties, and international institutions, they cannot bring about the lasting peace that comes only through the Lord Jesus Christ. The prophet Isaiah declares, **“There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.” (Isaiah 57:21)**. How then can a world that continually rebels against its Creator expect to establish true peace apart from Him? Our Saviour Himself declared, **“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:27)**. While the world bestows its fleeting honors upon men, let us remember that true peace and everlasting salvation are found in Christ alone. May we seek not the praise of this rebellious world, but rather to hear those blessed words of our Lord: **“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” (Matthew 25:21)**.

Repent or Perish!