

GOD'S LAST MESSAGE TO EARTH

Jesus says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). This is a basic rule of life which, if violated, will cause one to be lost. God and His kingdom must be first; that is the only way we can ever hope to have eternal life.

Jesus is soon coming back to this world to get His people and when He does we are told it will be as it was in the days of Noah, when the world was destroyed by a flood (Matthew 24:37-39). At that time the people were given every opportunity to escape the coming destruction, but they were lost because they did not accept the message of truth from God. This will again be true when the last night on earth comes. All who are destroyed will be destroyed because they failed to accept God's last message of truth.

For 120 years Noah preached of the coming destruction. He was probably considered the most radical, narrow-minded preacher that ever lived. His message was very simple: "If you do not accept this call - if you do not and follow the Lord fully and come out of the world and into the ark; you are going to perish."

The people's reasoning was probably along these lines: "It is absurd to think that water will fall from the sky, it has never happened before (Genesis 2:5-6). Even if it did rain for forty days that would not produce enough water to cover the entire earth. God is love and thus it is preposterous to think that He would destroy everyone except those inside that ark."

One day, after 120 years, the animals came. "No big deal, he had over a century to train them" they probably reasoned. Then, after all had entered the ark, the door was mysteriously closed. Some people did not sleep well that first night, but after a few days it became a joke again. Suddenly it happened! The unthinkable, the unbelievable, the total destruction of those who mocked God's messenger and rejected His message of mercy. Then everyone knew that Noah was right, but it was too late. They had questioned, doubted, and hesitated until the flood came and carried them all away.

If, after the rain started, Noah had opened the door and invited everyone to come inside, how many do you think would have accepted the invitation? But the people had ignored their last chance and it was too late. Entering the ark before the rain began was an obedient act of faith; to enter after the rain would have been a pure act of self preservation, requiring no faith at all.

Today the door of salvation is open to us; but not for much longer. Once it closes it will never open again. If we are to enter through that door of salvation we must do it now. When we look up and see Jesus coming it will be too late, there will be no invitation then. The invitation is now. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2.

Soon Jesus will come and destroy those who have not surrendered their lives to God and obey not the gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Those who perish when Jesus comes will do so because they have not loved the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10).

Many who have professed to be His people, but have not been willing to submit their lives to the will of God will be lost (Matthew 7:21-23). Only those who are willing to heed the messages of the three angels of Revelation 14 will be delivered from the lake of fire. Revelation 14:6-11.

These three messages are: the judgment hour message, the fall of Babylon, and the mark of the beast. God's very last warning to His people is a call to come out of Babylon. Revelation 18:4.

Babylon has three divisions which are:

1. The dragon, which is paganism, or spiritism.
2. The beast, which represents the papacy, or Catholicism.
3. The false prophet, which refers to the apostate protestant churches. Revelation 16:19, 12-14.

Each of these are united in one thing, the rejection of God's holy Sabbath and the acceptance of

Sunday in its place.

The unclean spirits, or spirits of devils, which come out of the mouths of these three divisions indicate the devilish doctrines which they teach (1 Timothy 4:1). Some of which are: 1. The Bible is not the only rule of faith and practice for the Christian. 2. The Holy Spirit is given to those that disobey God. 3. There will be a "secret rapture", or coming of Jesus. 4. There will be a second chance of salvation, during a seven-year tribulation, after Jesus comes. 5. Man has an immortal soul and therefore never really dies. 6. The wicked will be tormented throughout the endless ages in an eternally-burning hell. 7. Baptism by immersion is not the only acceptable mode of baptism. 8. The Bible Sabbath has been changed from Saturday to Sunday. 9. The Ten Commandments have been abolished. 10. The world was not really created in six literal days. 11. There is no significance to Bible prophecy. 12. The Antichrist does not appear until after Jesus comes. 13. Churches should be willing to compromise Bible truth for the sake of unity. 14. Jesus, in His humanity, had powers that are not available to us. 15. Not all of the Bible is inspired, but one must be selective in what they accept. 16. The judgement does not take place until after Jesus come. 17. The "Beast" of Revelation is some sort of computer, etc., rather than the papal power. 18. The mark of the beast is some type of a tattoo, or other visible mark. 19. The millennium is a reign of peace and prosperity on this earth. 20. Miracles do not really happen. 21. The Jews are still God's chosen people. 22. The new earth is not the eternal home of the redeemed. 23. The ordinance of foot-washing can be disregarded today. 24. Man can not overcome sin through the power of the Holy Spirit. 25. The Old Testament has become obsolete. 26. There is no need for a resurrection from the dead since the righteous go directly to heaven, and the wicked to hell at death. 27. There is no cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary to take place before Jesus comes. 28. Satan will not be destroyed, but will be put in charge of hell throughout eternity. 29. Man is free to disregard the health principles as set forth in the Scripture.

These are but a few of the more than sixty-six devilish doctrines to be found in Babylon. It is because of all of these false doctrines that God has warned His people so frequently not to be deceived by them. Hebrews 10:35-39, 13:9; Colossians 2:4-8, 18; Ephesians 5:6; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 4:3, 4.

God's final call is for His people to come out of Babylon and her false religious teachings (Revelation 18:4) and to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11).

God recognizes only two churches in His Word. One is His "remnant", His "one fold", the other is "Babylon" and all of her harlot "daughters" (Revelation 12:17; Luke 12:32; John 10:16; Revelation 17:1-5). His final call to His people in Babylon is to "come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 18:4). When His people in Babylon hear this call they will respond and come out into His "one fold", His true church, which "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17; John 10:16, 27, 28).

Listen, listen with your heart, can you hear Jesus calling you? "Come out of her, my child. Come into My one true fold and stand faithful to Me and My Word, and receive the kingdom I have prepared for you." Listen, closely. Won't you respond to that loving call? Don't you want to become a part of that "little flock" that is to receive the kingdom of God?

Do not fear what others may say, or do, or think. Do not be fearful, simply move upon what Jesus says. "Come out of her, My people."

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32.