



The Lord's Mountain Mover's **NEWSLETTER**

"If you have the faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."
(Matt. 17:20)

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JESUS IS COMING...JESUS IS COMING!

Extra!... Extra! read all about it. Where? In the Bible. Jesus spoke to His disciples several times about His return, i.e. His second coming. Speaking about the signs preceding His second coming He said, *"There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory."* (Luke 21:25-27)

Outlining the sacrifices, a disciple must make in this life when following Christ, and their future rewards, He said, *"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS."* (Matthew 16:24-27)

Even in the Book of Revelation the Apostle John, writing to the seven churches in Asia, reminded them of Christ's second coming, *"BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So, it is to be. Amen."* (Revelation 1:7)

Jesus is coming! When, we do not know. In the conclusion of His teaching on the parable of the fig tree Jesus told His disciples concerning His return, *"But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."* (Mark 13:32)

There have been many false prophets and churches over the years that have proclaimed to know the hour and day of His coming, yet all have been wrong. The Bible teaches us that He will return. It also gives us things to watch for as His return draws near. I believe that these signs are not solely there to usher Him back, but also to reaffirm that the Bible is true, Jesus is real, and to strengthen our hope and resilience to push forward to the end. My friends, **JESUS IS COMING!**

Pastor Pete

In His service

Please feel free to contact us on our website, www.TheLordsMountainMovers.org. You can sign up to get the monthly newsletter free of charge. You can also place your prayer request on our website and join us in praying for our other brothers and sisters in the Lord. You can also contact us at The Lord's Mountain Movers, PO Box 1211, Boulevard, CA 91905-0311. We look forward to hearing from you.

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THE WORD IN MOTION message

When you think about Christ's second coming and the events that will follow, what concerns do you have. We know that He will be coming in judgment, eternal life for those who are saved, eternal punishment for the unbelieving. Two groups, two different destinations, both eternal without recourse. No mulligans, do-overs, retries, second chances, just final judgment.

When I think about this judgment I am reminded of an Old Testament passage where there was an impending judgment coming. There would be two groups from this mass of people, one group would escape this judgment and the other would be destroyed in this life. I am talking about the judgment on the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. More directly I want to focus on one man, his knowledge of the pending judgment, and what he did. That man was Abraham.

Three men appeared at Abraham's tent door. Once he saw them he invited them to rest, wash their feet, and have something to eat. They accepted. These men were there to tell Abraham that he would be a father and Sarah would bear him a son. As their visit draws to a close they arise and look toward Sodom and Gomorrah. Then we have one of my favorite passages in the Old Testament where the Lord says something to Himself. *"Then the men rose up from there, and looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham was walking with them to send them off. The LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed? For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.'"* (Genesis 18:16-19)

God was going to reveal, in advance, what He was going to do to these two cities for their sins. His reasoning for this was that He had chosen Abraham to be the father of many nations and that He wanted him to see how God feels about sin. God wanted Abraham to witness this judgment so that he would teach his children to follow the Lord by living righteous, to be just, so that God would accomplish His purpose in Abraham. Believing in God is linked to obedience to God. Just as James tells us that faith without works is dead, worthless, and non-saving. To believe in God is to obey God. Obedience is a direct byproduct of belief.

But I also think that God was checking Abraham's heart. What would Abraham do knowing what was about to happen. We have Abraham's response to this revelation in the following passage, *"Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before the LORD. Abraham came near and said, 'Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?'"* So the LORD said, *"If I find in Sodom fifty righteous*

within the city, then I will spare the whole place on their account. “And Abraham replied, “Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am but dust and ashes. Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, will You destroy the whole city because of five?” And He said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” He spoke to Him yet again and said, “Suppose forty are found there?” And He said, “I will not do it on account of the forty.” Then he said, “Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty are found there?” And He said, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.” And he said, “Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy it on account of the twenty.” Then he said, “Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy it on account of the ten.” As soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the LORD departed, and Abraham returned to his place.” (Genesis 16:22-33)

Abraham used this knowledge of an impending judgment and this God-given opportunity to plead for anyone who might be righteous within the cities. God had called Abraham and his future family to righteousness and justice, would God not also be righteous and just. Abraham’s conversation with the Lord helped him to realize that God would not destroy the righteous with the unrighteous, no matter what the ratio was. I personally believe that this whole ordeal was to help Abraham be strengthened and steadfast in what God had promised to him. That’s just my opinion but I know that it would affect me that way.

What I want us to glean from the front-page story and this Old Testament passage is that we have an opportunity very similar to Abraham’s. Jesus is coming again, and coming in judgment. What are we going to do about it? Are we going to live a righteous and just life? Are we going to teach our children to do the same? Are we going to take the knowledge of Jesus’ second coming and begin to plead for those who are entangled with the unrighteous? Will we do the work of evangelism and see if God might save some of those who are lost?

How will we answer God when He asks us to give an account of our opportunity and what we did with it? What excuses will we utter? I pray that we will all have the heart of Abraham.

In His Service

Pastor Pete

BE A BARNABAS

HAPPY IN-DEPENDENCE DAY!

“This is the Lord’s doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord, do save, we beseech You; O Lord, we beseech You, do send prosperity!” Psalm 118:23-25 NASB

The world or mankind has appointed many days for rejoicing. It seems that every month, almost every week, there is a different day that has been set aside for us to celebrate something. Be it Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, New Year's and the list goes on and on. It seems the list is growing longer each year and I hear almost daily on the radio the day set aside to name or celebrate something or someone. As we celebrate this year the independence of our country from England, and I am proud to be an American. I would like to remind Christians about our dependence day. The day we realized our dependence upon God for our everything.

When we study the Old Testament, we can note that God appointed seven days for the believer to celebrate. I know I've pointed this out before, but I always like to remind others to celebrate God's appointed days. We put a lot of emphasis on those days of man, but what about God's days? When we dig deeper into the scripture and see the types or shadows in the Old Testament of the Christ and things to come in the New Testament, do we realize how important they are for us? Now that we have Christ revealed in the New Testament it's easy to see the shadows and types that pointed toward Him when we look in the Old Testament. But how much thought do we give with those holy days of God? Three of those holy days have been fulfilled for the believing Christian, one is in the process of being fulfilled and three are yet to come. And they are all fulfilled in and by Christ!

Every time people around me start to get excited about certain days in sports or holidays that man has made up for his own remembrances, I think about what if people got just as excited for the things of God? How would the world be today? I am not talking about legalism, being under the law again. We know those of us who have been saved by Christ are no longer under the law. However, the days that God appointed to be set aside for the believing people, His people, are still important to current believers. Old Testament saints were saved by their faith and new testament saints are saved by their faith, there is no other way. Not everything in the Old Testament was given as Law. Many of the things were given to increase our faith. *"Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come."* (1 Corinthians 10:11)

I want to challenge us to remember the holy days of God, to know what they meant to the people of God and to know what they mean to His people in Christ today. That we would study the whole Bible and rejoice in the instruction written as examples for us, being an encouragement to those around us because we are so blessed.

Be blessed in Him,

Brother Daniel Rodney

We want you!

That's right; the Lord's Mountain Movers Ministry wants you to be a bigger part of what we are doing in God's kingdom. We have received several contributions for your newsletter and thank those of you who have taken the time to send your submissions. We hope that more of you will share some of the talents God has given to you through writing, drawing, etc. Keep them coming. If you send something you need to have back, we will be glad to return it to you, just let us know.



Our Prayer Requests for God's Children

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who receive our newsletter through the mail. Due to financial constraints, we have revised the way we do our prayer requests. We are currently posting and maintaining all prayers requested on the Internet so your brothers and sisters all over the world can continue to pray for your petitions and praise God for the ones He has already answered.

We are encouraged by the work that God has already done through so many people praying for the needs of those they do not even know. What a privilege we have, to go before the throne of God with our requests and the requests of others. Let us keep praying and seeking His will for our lives and the lives of others. If you have a prayer request you would like added to next month's newsletter and/or posted on the ministry website, please fill out the form below and mail it to us. Previous prayer requests are still there on the website for people to read. We are wondering if your prayer has been answered yet? We want to know and share it with everyone else who reads the newsletter, so keep us updated. We look forward to hearing from you and standing in the gap as a prayer warrior. Please note that we will be removing older prayer requests, especially when we do not hear about updates. The newest requests are at the top of the list and the oldest requests are at the bottom of the list. These will remain on our website prayer list.

June -July 2017 Prayer List

Roger CPrayer for him in his peace and strength as he moves forward with the challenges of his incarceration. Pray for him to be strong in the Lord.

Kenny J.Pray for my aunt Eulene she has cancer in her shoulder bone and lupus.

Kenny J.PRAISE REPORT: My son Jeffrey is doing great, clean and sober for 12 months and living with me.

David. GPray for children: Emily, Natalie, James, Brother Don and that they receive Salvation/Reconciliation and for the Ministry at Mule Creek.

Connie CShe has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Pray for her trusting in the Lord for a healing and restore her back into the life of Larry's K.

Tom MPray that prop. 57 helps get me out so I can take George L. fishing.

George LGeorge has been ill in the hospital; he is 89 years old. Pray that he survives and can go home. And that Tom M. may be able to take him fishing one last time. PRAISE
REPORT: **He is recovering and doing better.**

Rex S.....Pray for him and his family for strength and peace as he recovers from open heart surgery. He is doing better.

Gary B.....Needs prayer for his business and his health.

Chris CPrayer for a wonderful marriage.

Barbara MWas diagnosed with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. Prayer that she receives a long-term resolution to her health challenge, and that her and her husband's medical and financial needs might be met.

Winifred W. ...Pray for God's favor in an upcoming board review and that he remains healthy and that he will be released soon and that the attacks on our chapel & pastor get resolved and services are restored.

Richard DPray that the Lord will use him to help others in the Celebrate Recovery program.

Gabriel.....Prayer that chapel services to run smoother and for the KAIROS program to continue.

Robert M.Asks for prayer and healing for Rudy, Betsy & Maria (Valley fever and Carpel tunnel)

James.....Prayer for the program on the yard to change for the better for everyone.

MatlockRequests for prayer for a closer relationship with his son.

Joe SAsks for prayer for his family to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Geno.....For help with his soon-to-be-wife's family. To have them come visit him.

Pastor JackWe pray for his health to improve and to get instruments on the yard.

Pete C.....Keep him in prayer that he obtains better housing.

Daniel R.Pray that he stays patient with the business situation he is in right now, waiting for God to reveal His plan for his life.

This Ministry..Please pray for this ministry that we may be girded up with faith and strength to keep this ministry going to spread the Lord's word.

The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer _____

Pray for: _____

Nature of request: _____

Place request on Ministry website Yes No

Place request in Newsletter Yes No

(Use back of request if necessary. You can also use blank paper)

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