

The Sky is Falling!

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I am sure many of you have heard the story of “Chicken Little.” It’s an old folk-tale about fearmongering. The title character, Chicken Little, is hit by a falling object, prompting the irrational fear: “The sky is falling!” Soon, Chicken Little is running around warning everyone about the coming disaster. After all, if the sky is falling, it must be the end of the world! Most of those whom Chicken Little warns believe her story without question. The moral of the story is summarized thusly: “Don’t believe everything you’re told.” It is a warning irrational against mass-hysteria.

There are some interesting lessons to be gleaned from this old folk-tale which have application to the actual end of the world. Before I proceed, I want to state for the record that this world will end at some point! Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away” (Mt.24:35; cf. Hb.1:10-12; 2Pt.3:10). This being true, there is no sense in us worrying about it or trying to stop it; it is going to happen! The best thing we can do is to be prepared (Mt.25:13; 1Th.5:1-6).

Nevertheless, over the years, I have heard many people “wring their hands” (metaphorically speaking) in worry over how the end will come. Will we destroy the world by nuclear war? Will we destroy the world by contributing to global warming? And if so, what can we do to stop it from coming? Should we ban all nuclear weapons? Should we lesson our “carbon footprint” to stave off global warming? Then, as with many things in our culture, these worries somehow become political issues, over which people disagree and fight. Some get very agitated if you don’t share their view!

As an evangelist (2Tm.4:5), I am not interested in the political aspect of this. You can believe whatever you want and still be my friend. But I am interested in helping the Christian to stop worrying about such things! In whatever manner the end comes, it is coming! We cannot stop it, no matter what we do! So, stop worrying, and start preparing to meet your Lord in the judgment (2Cor.5:10). If you want to worry about something, worry about being “found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless” (cf. 2Pt.3:11-14).

I could actually end this article right here, having said enough. But even though I don’t have to do this, I want to point out some things about the state of the world at the second coming of Christ, and then make some application to our topic. Please read and think about the following ...

When Jesus comes back, people will still be here, alive and well (1Cor.15:51-52; 1Th.4:16-17). People will be doing business as usual (Mt.20:1-16; cp. 24:36-39). Many will be thinking “all is well,” when it’s not (1Th.5:1-3). But others (faithful Christians) will be waiting, expecting, and prepared (1Th.5:4-6). Do you realize what all this means in the context of modern fears of nuclear war, global warming, or some other disaster?

First, it means that WE will not destroy the world by nuclear war, global warming, or some other disaster. (As an aside, I am old enough to remember when we were told that the world was going into another “ice age,” due to global cooling!) It also means that the world is not going to be destroyed by some “natural disaster” (disease, asteroids, alien invasion, etc.). Instead, GOD HIMSELF will destroy the world on a predetermined day which is out of our control (Ac.17:30-31). That day will come when it is least expected. We will not be able to see it coming, nor will we be able to stop it. So, cease all of this worry about “saving the planet” from disaster! The ultimate disaster will be delivered by God; and it is completely unavoidable!

None of this is meant to say that you cannot be “environmentally conscious” if you so choose. Nor is it meant to say that you cannot be in favor of denuclearization of the world. It is only meant to say that the threat posed by such things is nothing compared to the threat posed by being unprepared to face an angry God in the day of judgment. Are you ready for that day to come?

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 AM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium.

There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God’s Word

If you have something for the bulletin please contact Wayne Carter before noon on Friday.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Barb Oliver Word was received Thursday she suffered a heart attack and was in ICU at Memorial Medical Center. Let's pray for her, family members, friends, and the doctors and nurses taking care of her.

Marjorie Reed continues to recover at home.

Bill Kinney had successful heart procedure Sept. 28 and is home recovering. Please pray for Bill and also Kris as she ministers to Bill.

Denise Garlitz is undergoing treatment for difficulty with the muscles in her leg.

Sherry Carter is dealing with multiple health issues She begins infusions Oct. 19 to deal with one issue. She is scheduled for gall bladder surgery Nov. 5

Vicki Elder recently had a TIA. Let's pray things go well.

Lula Elder had cancer and was in remission but the cancer is now back. Let's pray for her.

Louella Hopkins requests our prayers as she ministers to Jean and family members.

Tony Grana Word was received recently he was placed under Hospice care as he is in the final stages of congestive heart failure. Let's pray for a peaceful and comfortable transition to his heavenly home.

Keith Marten had heart surgery Oct. 12.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother) is dealing with health issues.

Nicole, Charles Bennett's sister, is in Strong Memorial Hospital with pneumonia and is improving.

Jim Zachary (Amherst congregation) will have to go back to the Cleveland Clinic around December for tests.

Laverne, a neighbor of Linda Stine, has been diagnosed with cancer.

Walter Weiss, Denise Garlitz's boss's father, is home being treated for lymphoma.

Please keep our loved ones and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's pray for our shut-ins and call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries*.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House/Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Oct. 17 Today. Men's Business Meeting

Nov. 02 Election Day

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day

Nov. 21 Men's Business Meeting

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,517.00

Attendance Last Sunday 45

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back of the auditorium.

Zambia Mission Work

The LaSalle congregation has been encouraging and financially supporting the mission work in Zambia for many years. A check in the amount of \$900 was recently sent from several LaSalle individuals who contribute to the Zambia Mission. The funds are targeted toward assisting in the care of infants and orphans at the Namwianga Mission. This is the forty seventh child the LaSalle church family has supported. If you would like to help support the Zambia Mission, please place funds in the offering plate marked for Zambia. More information may be found at - www.zambiamission.org

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14

Caleb Callari's Radio Program - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for
Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism - Philippines

Please check the *"Mission Board"* in the back of the auditorium for a new report from the Philippines.



From Heather Bennett

Sign-up sheets will be posted soon.

Non-perishable items can be brought in anytime.

Perishable items should be brought in Nov. 21.

Baskets will be delivered on Nov. 21.

Thanks

Directory & Phone Tree

We want to update the *Directory* and *Phone Tree* soon.

Please see the paperwork posted in the back concerning updating the *Directory*.